

Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked?  
declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not  
pleased when they turn from their ways and live?

**"A LESSON IN RIGHTEOUSNESS"  
Ezekiel 16:1 - 18:32**

1. What was interesting to you from last week's lesson?

**DAY 1 - READ Ezekiel 16:1-34**

- 2.a. What was Jerusalem's ancestry and birth?
  - b. Why was she thrown into the open field?
3. What did God do for Jerusalem in vs. 6-13?
4. Why did Jerusalem's fame spread among the nations?
5. She had trusted in \_\_\_\_\_. What did that lead her to become?
6. What was done to her sons and daughters?
7. With which neighboring countries did Jerusalem commit adultery?
- 8.a. Paul dealt with physical adultery in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. According to 1 Corinthians 6:13, the body was not meant for what?
  - b. Our bodies are members of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. If we unite with a prostitute, what do we become?
  - d. If we unite with the Lord, what happens to us?
  - e. What are we admonished to do?
  - f. How do you think spiritual adultery is committed today?
9. According to Ezekiel 16:33-34, how was Jerusalem unlike a prostitute?

**DAY 2 - READ Ezekiel 16:35-63**

10. Summarize what God was going to do to calm His fury in vs. 36-42?
- 11.a. What proverb would be quoted about her?
  - b. What had her mother done?
  - c. Who were Jerusalem's older and younger sisters?
- 12.a. What was the sin of Sodom?
  - b. If measured by the same yardstick, how do you think the United States would compare to Sodom?
- 13.a. What was the amount of sins Samaria committed in comparison to Jerusalem?
  - b. How did Jerusalem make her sister appear?
14. What was foretold in vs. 55?
- 15.a. How is God's faithfulness seen in vs. 60?
  - b. How is God's love seen in vs. 63?



**DAY 3 - READ Ezekiel 17:1-24**

Ezekiel presented an allegory in chapter 17:1-10. It is interpreted in vs. 11-24. The first eagle is the King of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar); the second eagle is Egypt.

16. What did the first eagle (Nebuchadnezzar) do in vs. 12-14?
- 17.a. What had the vine (King Zedekiah) done according to vs. 15?
  - b. What would be his fate?
  - c. . . . the fate of his troops/choice men?
- 18.a. What did God say He would plant on the high mountain of Israel?
  - b. What would it become?
  - c. What would nest in it?
19. (IN-DEPTH) Compare vs. 22-24 with Mark 4:30-32. What do you think the "birds of the air" represent? Explain your answer.

**DAY 4 - READ Ezekiel 18:1-20**

- 20.a. The old proverb in vs. 2 indicated that what the father does effects the children who follow. What is the statement of personal responsibility in vs. 4?
  - b. What are some of the excuses you have heard (or made) regarding accepting personal responsibility in today's society?
  - c. How would these verses be a good witnessing text for those raised in "good" homes?
- 21.a. Ezekiel 18:5-18 compares a righteous man, his son and his grandson. This is not a statement of "good works" versus "bad works" bringing salvation, but a statement about individual responsibility. What do we know from these Scriptures about actions and salvation?  
Galatians 2:16  
  
Ephesians 2:8-9
  - b. What does James 2:17 say about living out the Christian life after receiving the righteousness of Christ as our own at the time of salvation?
22. What is God's statement on individual responsibility in vs. 20?

**DAY 5 - READ Ezekiel 18:21-32**

- 23.a. If a wicked man turned from his sins (repented), what did God promise?
  - b. Write Ephesians 1:7.
- 24.a. What is God's desire for the wicked man?
  - b. Write Psalm 49:7-8.
25. How was the house of Israel to be judged in vs. 30?
- 26.a. How is spiritual renewal stated in vs. 31?
  - b. Write the following Scriptures:  
Romans 12:2

2 Corinthians 5:17

27. What examples of God's grace did you find in this lesson?