

Failure Theatre

Exploring Ezekiel, Amir Tsarfati

Chapter 5

EZEKIEL 15-19

1. What illustration does the author use to describe the cliché, “A picture is worth a thousand words”?
2. God is going to lay out the extent of Israel’s sin. The author notes that some people might say, “Isn't this a little overboard for a loving God?” (86) What do they fail to understand about this sin before the Lord?

Israel's Great Blessings

3. In Romans 9:3-5, a sevenfold blessing for Israel is itemized. What are these 7 blessings?

Good Only to Burn (15)

4. What is the first picture that God gives to Ezekiel in Ezekiel 15:2-3?
5. The author states, “Israel was created and gifted to produce the most amazing grapes ever grown.” (90) What was the problem that the consequences in Ezekiel 15:6-7?

An Unbreakable Love (16)

6. With what picture is Israel described in Ezekiel 16?

7. How many times is this word or a form of this word used in this chapter alone? (91)
8. How many times is the word, abomination used?
9. With what other notorious city is Samaria compared to?
10. The author instructs, "Whenever we find a strong word against Israel, we won't have to look too far to find a balancing message of hope." (92)

What is this hope described in Ezekiel 16:60-63?

11. Isaiah 54:5-8 is described as the words of the "forgiving and redeeming Lord" (93). How does the author tell us the Lord is described in the Ezekiel passage (above)?

Riddle Me a Riddle (17)

12. "Son of man, pose a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 17:2). What is the Basic Plot that the author gives in one paragraph on page 94?
13. In the short explanation given in Ezekiel 17:12-15, the author gives us numbers for, how many kings, covenants, and rebellions?
14. Who are the kings?
15. Ezekiel 17:24 says that God will make the dry tree flourish. When does the author state that we see this begin to happen? (96)

16. When does the author state that, “all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD ... have done it.”

Individual Accountability (18)

17. “Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?’ says the Lord God, ‘and not that he should turn from his ways and live?’” (Ezekiel 18:23). How does God answer this in Ezekiel 33:11?

18. “It is in the final sentence of Jeremiah's quote (Jeremiah 31:29-30) that we find the point of Ezekiel's prophecy.” (98) What ultimately, are people judged for?

19. What does God say of the righteous person in Ezekiel 18:9?

20. What does God say about the righteous person's son in Ezekiel 18:13?

21. And finally, what about the righteous person's grand son in Ezekiel 18:17?

22. What was Samuel admonition to King Saul in 1 Samuel 15:22?

23. What does God want from all of us according to 1 Timothy 1:5?

A Worthless Monarchy (19)

24. In Chapter 19, God gives another illustration. What is it?

25. Who is represented by the lioness?

26. Who is the cub who is trapped?

27. What was the Lord's estimation of this king, according to 2 Kings 23:32?

28. There is “one more tale to tell, and this one was targeted right at King Zedekiah (Ezekiel 19:10-14).” Instead of a mother lion, how is this king represented?
29. In the last paragraph on page 101, the author lists all the illustrations of the depths to which Israel had fallen. What are they?