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Ezekiel 16

Verses 1-5

- What was Ezekiel supposed to make known to Jerusalem?
- The picture here is of a cast-off infant child rescued and adopted by God.

Verses 6-7

- If the LORD says “Live”, will you live?

Verses 8-14

- Spreading a skirt over a woman is a picture of promise, of espousal, of marriage, and of protection. See the book of Ruth for an example.
- Who is the husband here? Who is the bride?
- In regard to the culture, from what were the bride’s sandals made?
- How was her jewelry worn?
- What did she eat?
- What does all of this picture?

Verses 15-22

- This passage starts with a contrast word, “but”. But what did she do and why?
- This is a picture of adultery. Idolatry is adultery against God.
- What did they do with their sons and daughters?
- Did they remember where they had come from and who had blessed them and protected them?

Verses 23-29

- With which nations had Israel played the harlot?

Verses 30-34

- Was she ashamed for her sin?
- In what way were her harlotries different?

Verses 35-43

- The “lovers” are her idols. What would the LORD do with them?
- What would the lovers do with Israel?

Verses 44-52

- Did you know the proverb in verse 44 was in the Bible?
- What was the guilt of Sodom?
- Then what did Sodom do when she got arrogant against God?
- God is saying the sins of Jerusalem made Sodom and Samaria look righteous.

Verses 53-59

- What does verse 59 say she had done?

Verses 60-63

- Who will remember and establish His covenant?
- What does the last verse say God will do in the future regarding her sin?

Ezekiel 17

Verses 1-6

- If you were to title the parable, what would you call it?
- What happened?

Verses 7-10

- Will it thrive, or will it wither and die?

Verses 11-21

- This is about Zedekiah's rebellion against Babylon.
- What will happen?
- What will they know in verse 21?

Verses 22-24

- God doesn't forget His covenant, men do. The unbelief of mankind doesn't nullify the promises of God. The whole world was supposed to be blessed through Israel as she acted as priest and prophet to bring the nations to God, but she failed in this service; yet God is not finished with Israel and He is still bringing salvation to the nations through Jesus Christ our Lord.

See you tomorrow.