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EZEKIEL 12-19

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Ezekiel 12

Ezekiel carries out prophetic, symbolic acts.

Ezekiel 13

Ezekiel prophesies against the false prophets.

Ezekiel 13:3, 16 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

ג כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה, הוּא עַל-
הַנְּבִיאִים הַנִּבְלִים, אֲשֶׁר הִלְכִים
אַחֲרֵי רוּחַם, וּלְבָלְתִי רָאוּ.

3 Thus saith the **Lord GOD**: Woe unto the
vile prophets, that follow their own spirit,
and things which they have not seen!

טז נְבִיאֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, הַנְּבִאִים אֵל-
יְרוּשָׁלַם, וְתַחֲזִים לָהּ, תִּזּוֹן שָׁלֵם;
וְאֵין שָׁלֵם, נָאֻם אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה.

16 to wit, the prophets of Israel that
prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and that
see visions of peace for her, and there is
no peace, saith the **Lord GOD**.

Ezekiel 14

At this point, even intercession like unto that of these three men would not avail.

Ezekiel 14:12-14 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

יב וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוֹה, אֵלַי לֵאמֹר.

12 And the **word of the LORD** came
unto me, saying:

יג בֶּן-אָדָם, אֶרֶץ כִּי תַחֲטָא-לִי
לְמַעַל-מַעַל, וְנָטִיתִי יָדִי עָלֶיהָ,
וְשָׁבַרְתִּי לָהּ מִטֶּה-לֶחֶם;
וְהִשְׁלַחְתִּי-בָּהּ רָעָב, וְהִכְרַתִּי
מִמֶּנָּה אָדָם וּבְהֵמָה.

13 '**Son of man**, when a land sinneth
against Me by trespassing grievously,
and I stretch out My hand upon it,
and break the staff of the bread
thereof, and send famine upon it, and
cut off from it man and beast;

14 though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.

וְהָיוּ שְׁלֹשֶׁת הָאֲנָשִׁים הָאֵלֶּה, בְּתוֹכָהּ--נֹחַ, דָּנִיֵּאל (דְּנִיֵּאל) וַיּוֹב: הֵמָּה בְּצַדִּיקְתָּם יִנָּצְלוּ נַפְשָׁם, נֹאֵם אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה.

Ezekiel 15

Israel is likened to the vine. For Israel, there can be no secular existence.

Ezekiel 16

God deals with Israel as His wife. He speaks of the early days of their relationship, how He found her and how He adorned her.

Ezekiel 16:6 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee wallowing in thy blood, I said unto thee: In thy blood, live; yea, I said unto thee: In thy blood, live;

וַאֲעֵבֶר עָלֶיךָ וְאָרָאֲךָ, מִתְבֹּסֶסֶת בְּדַמְיֶךָ; וְאָמַר לְךָ בְּדַמְיֶךָ חַיִּי, וְאָמַר לְךָ בְּדַמְיֶךָ חַיִּי.

This verse has been long known to stop bleeding.

I have personal experience with this phenomenon. The only explanation I can think of for this could be like the troubling of the waters as recorded in the New Testament when an angel went down and the first one to step in was healed. Perhaps it is something to keep healing and miracles alive in the minds of men.

Ezekiel 16:7-16 יְחִזְקֵאל JPS 1917

7 I cause thee to increase, even as the growth of the field. And thou didst increase and grow up, and thou camest to excellent beauty: thy breasts were fashioned, and thy hair was grown; yet thou wast naked and bare.

ז רָבַבְתָּ, כְּצֹמַח הַשָּׂדֶה נִתְתִּיד, וְתָרַבִּי וְתִגְדְּלִי, וְתִבְאִי בַעֲדֵי עֲדִיִּים: שְׁדִים נִכְנֹוּ וְשַׁעְרְךָ צִמָּח, וְאַתְּ עֶרְמָה וְעֶרְיָה.

8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, and, behold, thy time was the time of love, I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness; yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into

ח וַאֲעֵבֶר עָלֶיךָ וְאָרָאֲךָ, וְהִנֵּה עֵתָךְ עֵת דְּדִים, וְאֶפְרַשׁ כִּנְפִי עָלֶיךָ, וְאֶכְסֶה עֶרְוָתְךָ; וְאָשָׁבַע

לָךְ וְאָבֹא בְּבְרִית אִתְּךָ, נָא אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה--וַתְּהִי-לִי.

a **covenant** with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest Mine.

ט וְאֶרְחֹצֶךָ בַּמַּיִם, וְאֶשְׁטָךְ דְּמִיךָ מֵעַלְיֶךָ; וְאָסַכְךָ, בַּשֶּׁמֶן.

9 Then washed I thee with **water**; yea, I cleansed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

י וְאֶלְבִּישְׁךָ רֶקֶמָה, וְאֶנְעֹלְךָ תַּחֲשׁ; וְאֶחְבֹּשְׁךָ בַּשֵּׁשׁ, וְאֶכְסֹךָ מִשִּׁי.

10 I clothed thee also with richly woven work, and shod thee with sealskin, and I wound fine linen about thy head, and covered thee with silk.

יא וְאֶעֱדֶךָ, עָרִי; וְאֶתְּנָה צְמִידִים עַל-יְדֶיךָ, וְרֶבִיד עַל-גְּרוֹנֶךָ.

11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.

יב וְאֶתֵּן נֶזֶם, עַל-אַפֶּךָ, וְעִגְלִים, עַל-אָזְנוֹךָ; וְעֹטֶרֶת תַּכְפְּאֶרֶת, בִּרְאֶשֶׁךָ.

12 And I put a ring upon thy nose, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thy head.

יג וַתֵּעָדִי זָהָב וְכֶסֶף, וּמִלְּבוּשֶׁךָ שִׁשׁ (שֵׁשׁ) וּמִשִּׁי וְרֶקֶמָה, סִלָּת וְדִבֶּשׁ וְשֶׁמֶן, אָכַלְתִּי (אֶכְלָתִּי); וַתִּיפִי בְּמָאֵד מְאֹד, וַתִּצְלַחִי לְמַלּוּכָה.

13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and richly woven work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou didst wax exceeding beautiful, and thou wast meet for royal estate.

יד וַיֵּצֵא לָךְ שֵׁם בְּגוֹיִם, בְּיָפְיֶךָ: כִּי כָלִיל הוּא, בְּהֶדְרִי אֲשֶׁר-שָׂמַתִּי עָלֶיךָ--נָא, אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה.

14 And thy renown went forth among the nations for thy beauty; for it was perfect, through My splendour which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

But Israel was unfaithful and went after other gods.

טו וַתִּבְטַחִי בְּיָפְיֶךָ, וַתִּזְנִי עַל-שִׁמְךָ; וַתִּשְׁפֹּכִי אֶת-תִּזְנוּתֶיךָ עַל-כָּל-עוֹבֵר, לֹו-יָהּ.

15 But thou didst trust in thy beauty and play the harlot because of thy renown, and didst pour out thy harlotries on every one that passed by; his it was.

טז ותקחי מבגדיך, ותעשי-לך במות טלאות, ותזני, עליהם: לא באות, ולא יהיה. 16 And thou didst take of thy garments, and didst make for thee high places decked with divers colours, and didst play the harlot upon them; the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.

In spite of her unfaithfulness, God repeats and confirms His everlasting covenant relationship with Israel.

Ezekiel 16:60-63 יחזקאל JPS 1917

ס וְזָכַרְתִּי אֲנִי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אִתְּךָ, בִּימֵי נְעוּרֶיךָ; וְהִקִּמּוֹתִי לָךְ, בְּרִית עוֹלָם. 60 Nevertheless I will remember **My covenant** with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an **everlasting covenant**.

סא וְזָכַרְתָּ אֶת-דְּרָכֶיךָ, וְנִבְלַמְתָּ. בְּקַחְתְּךָ אֶת-אֲחוֹתֶיךָ הַגְּדֹלוֹת מִמֶּךָ, אֶל-הַקְּטָנוֹת מִמֶּךָ; וְנָתַתִּי אֶתְהֶן לָךְ לְבָנוֹת, וְלֹא מִבְּרִיתְךָ. 61 Then shalt thou remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder sisters and thy younger; and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not because of thy **covenant**.

סב וְהִקִּמַּתִּי אֲנִי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי, אִתְּךָ; וִידַעְתָּ, כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה. 62 And I will establish **My covenant** with thee, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD;

סג לִמְעַן תִּזְכְּרִי, וּבִשְׁתִּי, וְלֹא יִהְיֶה-לָּךְ עוֹד פֶּתַח־וֶן פֶּה, מִפְּנֵי כְלָמְתְּךָ--בְּכַפְרִי-לָּךְ לְכָל-אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ, נָא אֲדַנִּי יְהוָה. {פ} 63 that thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more, because of thy shame; when I have forgiven thee all that thou hast done, saith the **Lord GOD**. {P}

Jeremiah

Jeremiah, like Ezekiel, was a prophet to Israel before and during the Babylonian captivity.

The sages say that everything God does for Israel is based upon the faith she displayed when she followed Him into an "unsown" wilderness (Jeremiah 2:2), thus demonstrating her faith in Him. Israel's actions in Ezekiel 16:15 (and the verses that

follow it), were the very opposite of her early days. She trusted in her “own beauty,” rather than completely trusting Him. Consider what the Lord said through Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 2:1-3 KJV

Jer. 2:1 ¶ Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

Jer. 2:2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.

Jer. 2:3 Israel *was* holiness unto the Lord, *and* the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 2:1-3 ESV

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

“Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem,

Thus says the Lord,

“I remember the devotion of your youth,

your love as a bride,

how you followed me in the wilderness,

in a land not sown.

Israel was holy to the Lord,

the firstfruits of his harvest.

All who ate of it incurred guilt;

disaster came upon them,

declares the Lord.”

Ezekiel 17

The parable of the great eagle describes the punishment of Zedekiah's treachery in breaking his covenant with Nebuchadnezzar, and in making an alliance with Egypt in his rebellion.

Ezekiel 18

Jehovah vindicates Himself against the charge that He was punishing the present generation for the sins of their fathers.

Ezekiel 19

Ezekiel is to lift a lamentation over the fall of the house of David.

Ezekiel 19:1 ESV And you, take up a lamentation for the princes of Israel ...

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

Yechezkel is to sing a ... dirge, for the princes of Israel.

In quick succession the reigns of Yoshiyahu's [Josiah's] two sons and grandson had ended in disaster ...

Yehoachaz and Yehoyachin had been dragged to Egypt and Babylon respectively.
Yehoyakim's body had been torn limb from limb by the Babylonians. ...

In a few short years Zidkiyahu was to be ... captured and the final agony of the Land
would be ended. ...

And so, Yechezkel is to mourn Yoshiyahu's royal house. ...²¹

Hebrew Vocabulary

יְהוָה	<i>Yehovah</i>	
אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה	<i>Adonai Yehovah</i>	
בְּרִית	<i>berit</i>	covenant
בְּרִיתִי	<i>beriti</i>	My covenant
בְּרִית עוֹלָם	<i>berit olam</i>	everlasting covenant
דָּם	<i>dam</i>	blood
יְרוּשָׁלַיִם	<i>Yerushalayim</i>	Jerusalem
מַיִם	<i>mayim</i>	water

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²¹ Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 304.

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EZEKIEL 8–11 ADDENDUM

The Glory Returns

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*Fast Forward to the Future
and Chapters 40, 43, 44, and 48*

Ezekiel 40

Ezekiel 40:1–2 JPS 1917

א בְּעֶשְׂרִים וְחֲמִשׁ שָׁנָה לְגָלוּתֵנוּ 1 In the five and twentieth year of our
בְּרֵאשׁ הַשָּׁנָה בְּעֶשְׂרִי לַחֹדֶשׁ, captivity, in the beginning of the year,
בְּאַרְבַּע עָשָׂרָה שָׁנָה, אַחֵר, אֲשֶׁר in the tenth day of the month, in the
הַכְּתָה הָעִיר--בְּעֶצֶם הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה, fourteenth year after that the city was
הָיְתָה עָלַי יָד-יְהוָה, וַיָּבֵא אֹתִי, smitten, in the selfsame day, **the hand**
שָׁמָּה. **of the LORD** was upon me, and He
brought me thither.

ב בַּמְּרָאוֹת אֱלֹהִים, הֵבִיאֲנִי אֶל- 2 In the visions of God brought He me
אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַיְנִיחֵנִי, אֶל-הָרֹם into the **land of Israel**, and set me
נֹכַח מָאֵד, וְעָלָיו כְּמִבְנֵה-עִיר, down upon a very high mountain,
מִנֵּיב. whereon was as it were the frame of a
city on the south.

Yechezkel received this vision twenty years after his first one. The vision is of earthly Jerusalem rebuilt.

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

Near the Temple Mount upon which Yechezkel was placed in his vision was the rebuilt city of Jerusalem (*Radak*).²²

The Millennial Temple described here is probably built by the King Messiah. **The Glory returns, never to depart.**

²² Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 608.

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

“A very high mountain”

In Messianic times the Temple Mount will be very high (Rashi, based on Isaiah 2:2).²³

Ezekiel 40:3–4 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

3 And He brought me thither, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of copper, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate.

4 And the man said unto me: 'Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thy heart upon all that I shall show thee, for to the intent that I might show them unto thee art thou brought thither; declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.'

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

Yechezkel 40:4 ... Relate all that see to the family of Israel.

Yechezkel is exhorted to pass his vision on to the people. It is necessary that they be made aware of God's undying love for them, in order that they be stimulated to a true repentance. This idea is amplified at 43:10–11.²⁴

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

Yechezkel 40:3, 5

Yech. 40:3 Now He brought me there and behold! A man whose appearance was like that of copper with a linen cord in his hand and a measuring rod, as he stood by the gate.

Yech. 40:5 And behold! There was a wall outside the House, surrounding it. And in the man's hand was a measuring rod of six cubits — each of a cubit and a handbreadth — and he measured the width of the building ... and the height ...²⁵

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Ibid., 609.

²⁵ Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 609, 611.

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"Outside the house, surrounding it."

Chapter 45 (vs. 1-4) describes a piece of land which is to be set aside as a gift sacred to God to the north of the city. In its exact center lies a piece of land, measuring 500 rods by 500 rods, that is to be called the **הַר הַבַּיִת** [Har HaBayit], *Temple Mount*. At six cubits to the rod, this gives us an area of 9,000,000 square cubits. By contrast the Temple Mount of the Second Temple was only 250,000 square cubits, as recorded in *Middos* 2:1.²⁶

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

*Yechezkel is brought back to the eastern gate to witness the high drama of the Shechinah's return. ...*²⁷

Ezekiel 43

Ezekiel 43:1-7 יְחִזְקְאֵל JPS 1917

- 1 Afterward he brought me to the gate, א וַיּוֹלֵכֵנִי, אֶל-הַשָּׁעַר--שָׁעַר, even the gate that looketh toward the east; אֲשֶׁר פָּנָה דֶרֶךְ הַקְּדִים.
- 2 and, behold, the **glory of the God of Israel** ב וַהֲנֵה, כְּבוֹד אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, came from the way of the east; בָּא, מִדֶּרֶךְ הַקְּדִים; וְקוֹלוֹ, and His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth did shine כָּקוֹל מַיִם רַבִּים, וְהָאֲרֶץ, with **His glory**. הָאֵרָה מִכְּבוֹדוֹ.
- 3 And the appearance of the vision ג וּכְמֵרָאָה הַמֵּרָאָה אֲשֶׁר which I saw was like the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; רָאִיתִי, כְּמֵרָאָה אֲשֶׁר-רָאִיתִי בָבֶלַי לְשַׁחַת אֶת-הָעִיר, and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell וּמֵרָאוֹת, כְּמֵרָאָה אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתִי אֶל-נְהַר-כְּבָר; וָאֶפַל, אֶל-פָּנָי. upon my face.
- 4 And the **glory of the LORD** ד וּכְבוֹד יְהוָה, בָּא אֶל-הַבַּיִת, the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. דֶּרֶךְ שָׁעַר, אֲשֶׁר פָּנּוּ דֶרֶךְ הַקְּדִים.

²⁶ Ibid., 609.

²⁷ Ibid., 667.

5 And a **spirit** took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the **glory of the LORD** filled the house.
 ה ותשאני רוח--ותבאני אל-
 הקצר הפנימי; והנה מלא
 כבוד-יהוה, הבית.

6 And I heard one speaking unto me out of the house; and a man stood by me.
 ו ואשמע מדבר אלי, מהבית;
 ואיש, היה עמד אצלי.

7 And He said unto me: 'Son of man, this is the **place** of My **throne**, and the **place** of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the **children of Israel** for ever; and the **house of Israel** shall no more defile My holy **name**, neither they, nor their kings, by their harlotry, and by the carcasses of their kings in their high places;
 ז ויאמר אלי, בן-אדם את-
 מקום כסאי ואת-מקום כפות
 רגלי, אשר אשכן-שם בתוך
 בני-ישראל, לעולם; ולא
 יטמאו עוד בית-ישראל שם
 קדשי המה ומלכיהם, בזנותם,
 ובפגרי מלכיהם, במותם.

Ezekiel 44

Ezekiel 44:1-4 JPS 1917

1 Then he brought me back the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh toward the east; and it was shut.
 א וישב אתי, דרך שער
 המקדש החיצון, הפנה, קדים;
 והוא, סגור.

2 And the LORD said unto me: 'This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it, for the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut.
 ב ויאמר אלי יהוה, השער
 הזה סגור יהיה לא יפתח ואיש
 לא-יבא בו--כי יהוה אלהי-
 ישראל, בא בו; והיה, סגור.

3 As for the prince, being a prince, he shall sit therein to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.'
 ג את-הנשיא, נשיא הוא ישב-בו
 לאכול- (לאכל-) לחם--לפני
 יהוה; מדרך אולם השער
 יבוא, ומדרך יצא.

4 Then he brought me the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and, behold, **the glory of the**
 ד וביאני דרך-שער הצפון,
 אל-פני הבית, וארא, והנה מלא

כְּבוֹד-יְהוָה אֶת-בֵּית יְהוָה; LORD filled the house of the LORD; and
וַאֲפֹל, אֶל-פָּנַי. I fell upon my face.

*For now, we move forward to the glorious words
which end the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel:*

Ezekiel 48:35 יְהוָה שָׁמָּה JPS 1917

35 It shall be eighteen thousand reeds round
about. And the name of the city from that day
shall be, The LORD is there.' {P}
יְהוָה שָׁמָּה. {ש}

The Lord is There = Jehovah Shammah

Hebrew Vocabulary

אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל	<i>Eretz Yisrael</i>	Land of Israel
בֶּן-אָדָם	<i>ben adam</i>	son of man
בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל	<i>bet Yisrael</i>	House of Israel
בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל	<i>benei Yisrael</i>	sons of Israel children of Israel
הָר	<i>har</i>	mountain
כְּבוֹד-יְהוָה	<i>kavod Yehovah</i>	Glory of the LORD
כְּבוֹד אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	<i>kavod Elohei Yisrael</i>	Glory of the God of Israel
יַד יְהוָה	<i>yad Yehovah</i>	Hand of the Lord
יְהוָה שָׁמָּה	<i>Yehovah Shammah</i>	the LORD is There
מָקוֹם	<i>makom</i>	place
שֵׁם	<i>shem</i>	name

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EZEKIEL 20

God's Plan to Reveal and Sanctify His Name to the Nations Through Israel

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Certain elders of Israel sat before the Prophet, and He was instructed of the LORD to say unto them ...

Ezekiel 20:5-9 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

5 and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up My hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand unto them, saying: I am the LORD your God;

ה וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם, כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, בַּיּוֹם בָּחַרְתִּי בְיִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָשָׂא יָדִי לְזֶרַע בֵּית יַעֲקֹב, וְאָנֹכִי לָהֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם; וְאָשָׂא יָדִי לָהֶם לֵאמֹר, אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

6 in that day I lifted up My hand unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had sought out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the beauty of all lands;

ו בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא, נָשָׂאתִי יָדִי לָהֶם, לְהוֹצִיאָם, מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם: אֶל-אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-תָּרַתִּי לָהֶם, זֹבַת חֶלֶב וְדִבְשׁ--צִבִּי הִיא, לְכָל-הָאֲרָצוֹת.

7 and I said unto them: Cast ye away every man the detestable things of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.

ז וְאָמַר אֲלֵיהֶם, אִישׁ שְׁקוּצֵי עֵינָיו תִּשְׁלִיכוּ, וּבִגְלוּלֵי מִצְרַיִם, אַל-תִּטְמְאוּ: אֲנִי, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.

ח וַיִּמְרוּ-בִּי, וְלֹא אָבוּ לִשְׁמָעַי 8 But they rebelled against Me, and
 אֲלֵי--אִישׁ אֶת-שְׁקוּצֵי עֵינֵיהֶם לֹא would not hearken unto Me; they did
 הִשְׁלִיכוּ, וְאֶת-גִּלּוּלֵי מִצְרַיִם לֹא not every man cast away the
 עָזְבוּ; וְאָמַר לְשַׁפֹּךְ חַמָּתִי did they forsake the idols of Egypt;
 עָלֵיהֶם, לְכַלּוֹת אִפִּי בָהֶם, בְּתוֹךְ, then I said I would pour out My fury
 אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם. upon them, to spend My anger upon
 them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

ט וַאֲנִי שָׂמָּה לְמַעַן שְׁמִי, לְבִלְתִּי 9 But I wrought for My name's sake,
 הִחַל לְעֵינֵי הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר-הָמָּה that it should not be profaned in the
 בְּתוֹכָם--אֲשֶׁר נִוְדַעְתִּי אֲלֵיהֶם sight of the nations, among whom
 לְעֵינֵיהֶם, לְהוֹצִיאֵם מֵאֶרֶץ they were, in whose sight I made
 מִצְרַיִם. Myself known unto them, so as to
 bring them forth out of the land of
 Egypt.

The phrase, "I lifted up mine hand," means that God figuratively lifts up His hand to swear something.

This chapter speaks of the prime directive of Israel: that this separated nation would bear His Name throughout her history. And His Name is to be Sanctified.

"God wrought" or God worked for His Name's sake in the sight of the nations. Israel was the only vehicle in the earth for the revelation of God to the nations.

The Aaronic Blessing

Numbers 6:22-27 KJV

Num. 6:22 ¶ And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

Num. 6:23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them,

Num. 6:24 The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

Num. 6:25 The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

Num. 6:26 The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Num. 6:27 And they shall put My name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

For His Name's Sake

When God was ready to wipe out Israel and begin again with Moses, the only "leg to stand on" in Moses' great intercession for the people, was God's Name and honor (Numbers 14:13–20). The same idea is taught in Deuteronomy 32:26.

Judgments | Purging | Survival (verses 10–39)

For His Name's Sake

Ezekiel 20:33–44 JPS 1917

- 33 As I live, saith the **Lord GOD**, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, will I be king over you;
- 34 and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out;
- 35 and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I plead with you face to face.
- 36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the **Lord GOD**.
- 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;
- אֲנִי חַי-אֲנִי, נֹאֵם אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה: אִם-
לֹא בְּיָד חֲזָקָה וּבְזְרוּעַ נְטוּיָה,
וּבְחֵמָה שְׂפוּכָה--אֶמְלֹךְ עֲלֵיכֶם.
- לֵךְ וְהוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם, מִן-הָעַמִּים,
וְקִבַּצְתִּי אֶתְכֶם, מִן-הָאֲרָצוֹת אֲשֶׁר
נְפוּצְתֶם בָּם--בְּיָד חֲזָקָה וּבְזְרוּעַ
נְטוּיָה, וּבְחֵמָה שְׂפוּכָה.
- לֵךְ וְהִבֵּאתִי אֶתְכֶם, אֶל-מִדְבַּר
הָעַמִּים; וְנִשְׁפַּטְתִּי אֶתְכֶם שָׁם, פָּנִים
אֶל-פָּנִים.
- כַּאֲשֶׁר נִשְׁפַּטְתִּי אֶת-אֲבוֹתֵיכֶם,
בְּמִדְבַּר אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם--כֵּן אֲשַׁפֵּט
אֶתְכֶם, נֹאֵם אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה.
- לֹא וְהַעֲבַרְתִּי אֶתְכֶם, תַּחַת הַשֶּׁבֶט;
וְהִבֵּאתִי אֶתְכֶם, בְּמַסְרַת הַבְּרִית.

38 and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against Me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

לח וּבָרוּתֵי מַקָּם, הַמִּרְדִּים וְהַפּוֹשְׁעִים בִּי--מֵאֶרֶץ מְגוּרֵיהֶם אוֹצִיא אוֹתָם, וְאֶל-אֶדְמַת יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא יָבוֹאוּ; וִידַעְתֶּם, כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה.

39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD: Go ye, serve every one his idols, even because ye will not hearken unto Me; but My holy name shall ye no more profane with your gifts, and with your idols.

לט וְאַתֶּם בֵּית-יִשְׂרָאֵל כֹּה-אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה, אִישׁ גִּלּוּלָיו לָכֵן עֲבֹדוּ, וְאַחֲרָי, אִם-אֵינְכֶם שֹׁמְעִים אֵלַי; וְאַת-שֵׁם קָדְשִׁי לֹא תַחֲלִילוּ-עוֹד, בְּמִתְנוּתֵיכֶם וּבִגְלִילֵיכֶם.

The Promise of Return

40 For in My holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them, serve Me in the land; there will I accept them, and there will I require your heave-offerings, and the first of your gifts, with all your holy things.

מ כִּי בְהָר-קָדְשִׁי בְהָר מְרוֹם יִשְׂרָאֵל, נֹאֲם אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה--שָׁם יַעֲבֹדֵנִי כָל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּלָה, בְּאֶרֶץ: שָׁם אֲרַצֶּם--וְשָׁם אֲדְרוֹשׁ אֶת-תְּרוֹמַתֵיכֶם וְאֶת-רֵאשִׁית מִשְׁאֹתֵיכֶם, בְּכָל-קָדְשֵׁיכֶם.

41 With your sweet savour will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the sight of the nations.

מא בְּרִיחַ נִיחֹחַ, אֲרַצָּה אֶתְכֶם, בְּהוֹצִיאִי אֶתְכֶם מִן-הָעַמִּים, וְקִבַּצְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מִן-הָאֲרָצוֹת אֲשֶׁר נִפְצַתֶם בָּם; וְנִקְדַּשְׁתִּי בְכֶם, לְעֵינֵי הַגּוֹיִם.

42 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which

מב וִידַעְתֶּם כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה, בְּהִבִּיאִי אֶתְכֶם אֶל-אֶדְמַת

יִשְׂרָאֵל--אֶל-הָאָרֶץ, אֲשֶׁר נָשָׂאתִי
אֶת-יָדִי, לָתֵת אוֹתָהּ, לְאֲבוֹתֵיכֶם. I lifted up My hand to give unto your fathers.

מִגּוֹ וּזְכַרְתֶּם-שֵׁם, אֶת-דִּרְכֵיכֶם
וְאֵת כָּל-עֲלִילוֹתֵיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר
נִטְמַאתֶם, בָּם; וְנִקְטַתֶם, בְּפָנֵיכֶם,
בְּכָל-רָעוֹתֵיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתֶם. 43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have polluted yourselves; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

מִדָּ וַיֵּדְעֻם כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה,
בַּעֲשׂוֹתִי אִתְּכֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמִי: 44 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have wrought with you **for My name's sake**, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.' {P}

Verse 40 looks beyond the return of the Southern Kingdom from the Babylonian captivity to the return of "all the house of Israel, all of them": both the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judea.

All prophecy regarding the end of days points to a sanctification of the Name of God in the eyes of the nations.

Hebrew Vocabulary

אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה

Adonai Yehovah

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יְחֶזְקֵאל YEchezkel

EZEKIEL 21-23

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Ezekiel 21

The Sharpened Sword

The human sword is Nebuchadnezzar (verses 23-24), but the decree of judgment that allows its use came from the LORD (verses 8-9).

Ezekiel 21:8-9, 23-24 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

- ח וְאָמַרְתָּ לְאַדְמַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, כֹּה אָמַר
יְהוָה, הִנְנִי אֵלֶיךָ, וְהוֹצֵאתִי חֶרְבִּי
מִתַּעֲרָה; וְהִכֵּרְתִּי מִמֶּנּוּ, צַדִּיק וְרָשָׁע.
8 and say to the land of Israel: Thus
saith the LORD: Behold, I am against
thee, and will draw forth My sword out
of its sheath, and will cut off from thee
the righteous and the wicked.
- ט יֵעַן אֲשֶׁר-הִכֵּרְתִּי מִמֶּנּוּ, צַדִּיק
וְרָשָׁע; לָכֵן תֵּצֵא חֶרְבִּי מִתַּעֲרָה, אֶל-
כָּל-בָּשָׂר--מִנֹּגֵב צָפוֹן.
9 Seeing then that I will cut off from
thee the righteous and the wicked,
therefore shall My sword go forth out of
its sheath against all flesh from the
south to the north;
- כג וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה, אֵלַי לֵאמֹר.
23 And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying:
- כד וְאַתָּה בֶן-אָדָם שִׁים-לָךְ שְׁנַיִם
דְּרָכִים, לָבוֹא חֶרֶב מִלְּךָ-בִּבְלָ--
מֵאֶרֶץ אֶחָד, יֵצְאוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם; וְיָד בָּרָא,
בְּרֹאשׁ דֶּרֶךְ-עִיר בָּרָא.
24 'Now, thou son of man, make thee
two ways, that the sword of the king of
Babylon may come; they twain shall
come forth out of one land; and mark a
signpost, mark it clear at the head of the
way to the city.

Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel*

The bitter denunciation of Jerusalem in this chapter is unparalleled in Scripture. ...
The greatest falls occur from the greatest heights.²⁸

Ezekiel 22

Ezekiel 22:1-2 יְחִזְקְאֵל JPS 1917

1 Moreover the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying:

2 'Now, thou, son of man, wilt thou
judge, wilt thou judge the bloody
city? then cause her to know all her
abominations.

Gross sins are named. Idolatry. Shedding of blood. Offerings of children to idols.
Murder. Sexual sins explicitly named. Incest. Greed. Bribery. Dishonoring of parents.
Oppression of and wrongdoing against strangers, widows and orphans. Despising of
holy things. Profaning of Sabbath. Forgetfulness of God.

Kings, Priests, and Prophets marked out

Ezekiel 22:25-28 יְחִזְקְאֵל JPS 1917

25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets
in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion
ravaging the prey; they have devoured
souls, they take treasure and precious
things, they have made her widows
many in the midst thereof.

26 Her priests have done violence to My
law, and have profaned My holy things;
they have put no difference between the
holy and the common, neither have they
taught difference between the unclean

²⁸ Rabbi Moshe Eisemann, *Yechezkel—The Book of Ezekiel: A New Translation with a Commentary Anthologized from Talmudic, Midrashic and Rabbinic Sources*, 3rd edition (Brooklyn, NY: Mesorah Publications Ltd, ArtScroll, 1988), 371.

וּמִשְׁבֹּתוֹתַי הֶעְלִימוּ עֵינֵיהֶם, וְאָחֵל
בְּתוֹכָם.
and the clean, and have hid their eyes
from My sabbaths, and I am profaned
among them.

כז כְּזֵר שָׂרֵיָהּ בְּקִרְבָּהּ, כְּזֹאֲבִים טֹרְפֵי
טָרֶף--לְשַׁפֵּךְ-דָּם לְאַבֵּד נַפְשׁוֹת,
לְמַעַן בִּצְעַת בִּצְעָה.
27 Her princes in the midst thereof are
like wolves ravening the prey: to shed
blood, and to destroy souls, so as to get
dishonest gain.

כח וּנְבִיאֶיהָ, טָחוּ לָהֶם תָּפֶל--
חֲזִים שָׂוָא, וְקִסְמִים לָהֶם כְּזָב;
אֹמְרִים, כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה,
וַיִּהְיֶה, לֹא דָבָר.
28 And her prophets have daubed for
them with whited plaster, seeing
falsehood, and divining lies unto them,
saying: Thus saith the Lord GOD, when
the LORD hath not spoken.

Brim Note: Yet in the midst of such gross sin, God looked for an intercessor.

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ל וְאֶבְקַשׁ מֵהֶם אִישׁ גִּדֵּר-גִּדֵּר
וְעֹמֵד בַּפֶּרֶץ לִפְנֵי, בְּעַד הָאָרֶץ--
לְבַלְתִּי שְׁחַתְתָּהּ; וְלֹא, מָצָאתִי.
30 And I sought for a man among them,
that should make up the hedge, and
stand in the breach before Me for the
land, that I should not destroy it; but I
found none.

לא וְאֶשְׁפֹּךְ עֲלֵיהֶם זַעַמִּי, בָּאֵשׁ
עֲבָרְתִּי כִלְיָתִים; וְדָרְכָם בְּרֹאשָׁם
נָתַתִּי, נֶאֱמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה.
31 Therefore have I poured out Mine
indignation upon them; I have consumed
them with the fire of My wrath; their
own way have I brought upon their
heads, saith the Lord GOD.'

Ezekiel 23

The two kingdoms are presented as two idolatrous sisters—harlots.

Aholah	The Northern Kingdom—Samaria (Shomron): Sometimes identified as Israel
Aholivah	The Southern Kingdom—Identified by its capital, Jerusalem: Sometimes called Judah or Judaea

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ד 4 And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholivah her sister; and they became Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. And as for their names, Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholivah.

וּשְׁמוֹתָן, אֶהְלָה הַגְּדוֹלָה וְאֶהְלִיבָה אֲחוֹתָהּ, וַתְּהִינָה לִי, וַתֵּלְדֶנָּה בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת; וּשְׁמוֹתָן-- שְׁמֵרוֹן אֶהְלָה, וִירוּשָׁלַם אֶהְלִיבָה.

ה 5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was Mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians, warriors,

וַתִּזְנֶה אֶהְלָה, תַּחְתִּי; וַתַּעֲנֹב עַל-מֵאֵהָבֶיהָ, אֶל-אַשּׁוּר קְרוּבִים.

ט 9 Wherefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.

לָכֵן נָתַתִּיהָ, בְּיַד-מֵאֵהָבֶיהָ-- בְּיַד בְּנֵי אַשּׁוּר, אֲשֶׁר עָנְבָה עֲלֵיהֶם.

יא 11 And her sister Aholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her harlotries more than her sister in her harlotries.

וַתִּרְאֵהָ אֲחוֹתָהּ אֶהְלִיבָה, וַתִּשְׁחַת עֲנֻבָתָהּ מִמֶּנָּה; וְאֶת-תַּזְנוּתֶיהָ--מִזְנוּתֶיהָ, אֲחוֹתָהּ.

יב 12 She doted upon the Assyrians, governors and rulers, warriors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them handsome young men.

אֶל-בְּנֵי אַשּׁוּר עָנְבָה פָחוֹת וּסְגָנִים קְרָבִים, לְבָשִׁי מְכָלֹל, פָּרָשִׁים, רֹכְבֵי סוּסִים--בַּחוּרֵי חָמֵד, כָּלָם.

יד 14 And she increased her harlotries; for she saw men portrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermillion, בשָׁשָׁר.

וַתוֹסֶף, אֶל-תַּזְנוּתֶיהָ; וַתִּרְאֵהָ אַנְשֵׁי מִחֻקָּה עַל-הַקִּיר, צִלְמֵי כַשְׁדִּיִּים (כְּשָׁדִים), תְּקָקִים בַּשָּׁשָׁר.

15 girded with girdles upon their loins, with pendant turbans upon their heads, all of them captains to look upon, the likeness of the **sons of Babylon**, even of Chaldea, the land of their nativity.

טו חגורֵי אֶזֶר בְּמַתְנֵיהֶם, סְרוּיֵי טְבוּלִים בְּרֹאשֵׁיהֶם-- מִרְאֵה שְׁלֹשִׁים, כָּלָם: דְּמוּת בְּנֵי-בָבֶל כְּשָׂדִים, אֶרֶץ מוֹלְדָתָם.

16 And as soon as she saw them she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.

טז וַתַּעֲנֹב (וַתַּעֲנֹבָה) עֲלֵיהֶם, לְמִרְאֵה עֵינֶיהָ; וַתִּשְׁלַח מַלְאָכִים אֲלֵיהֶם, כְּשָׂדִימָה.

17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their lust; and she was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from them.

יז וַיָּבֹאוּ אֵלֶיהָ בְּנֵי-בָבֶל לְמִשְׁכַּב דֹּדִים, וַיִּטְמְאוּ אוֹתָהּ בְּתִזְנוּתָם; וַתִּטְמָא-בָם--וַתִּקַּע נַפְשָׁהּ, מֵהֶם.

31 In the way of thy sister hast thou walked; therefore will I give her cup into thy hand. {S}

לא בְּדֶרֶךְ אֲחוֹתְךָ, הִלַּכְתָּ; וְנָתַתִּי כוֹסָהּ, בְּיָדְךָ. {ס}

32 Thus saith the Lord GOD: Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup, which is deep and large; thou shalt be for a scorn and a derision; it is full to the uttermost.

לב כֹּה אָמַר, אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה, כּוֹס אֲחוֹתְךָ תִּשְׁתֶּה, הָעֲמֻקָּה וְהָרַחֲבָה; תִּהְיֶה לְצֶחֶק וּלְלַעַג, מְרֻבָּה לְהַכִּיל.

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