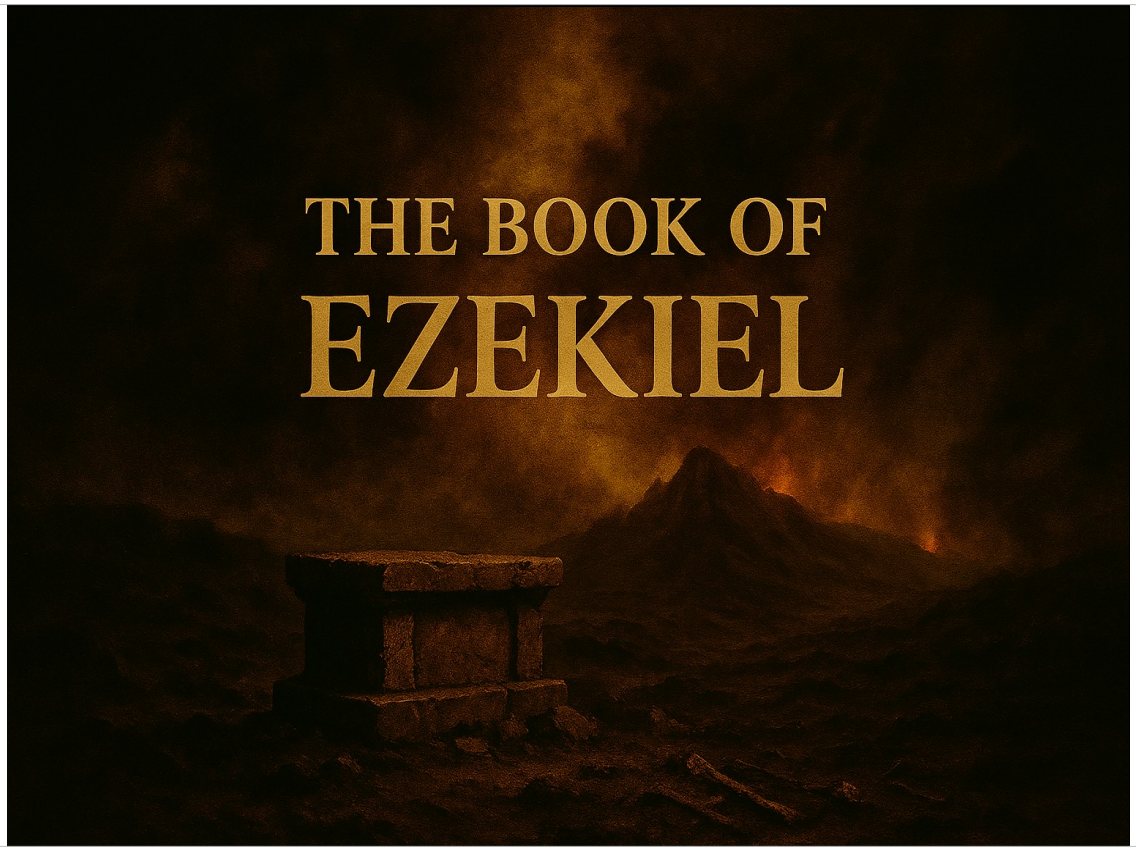
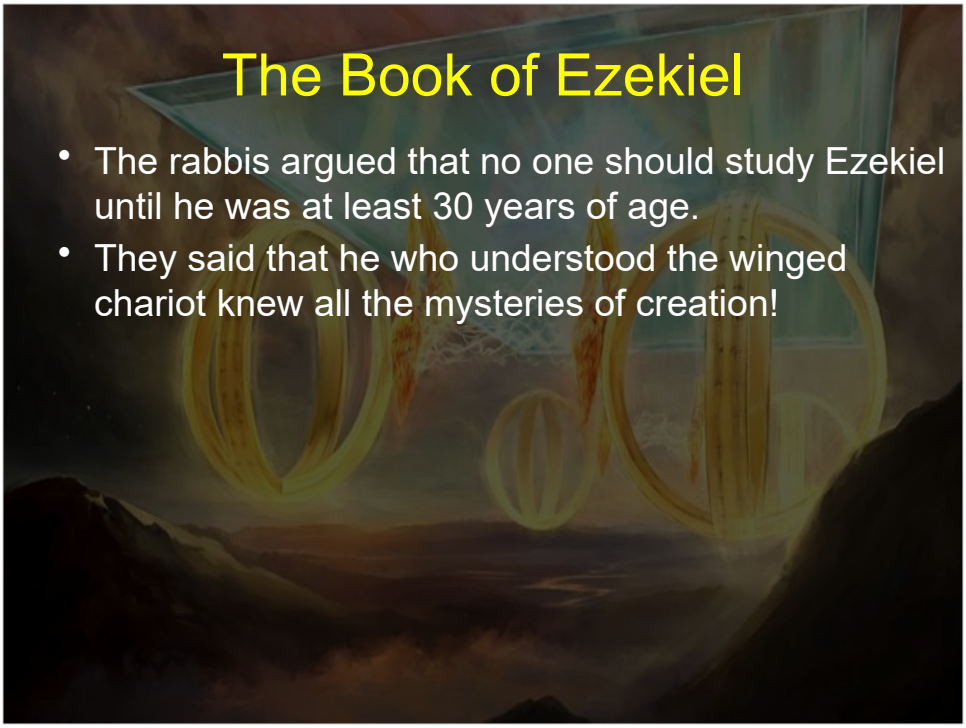
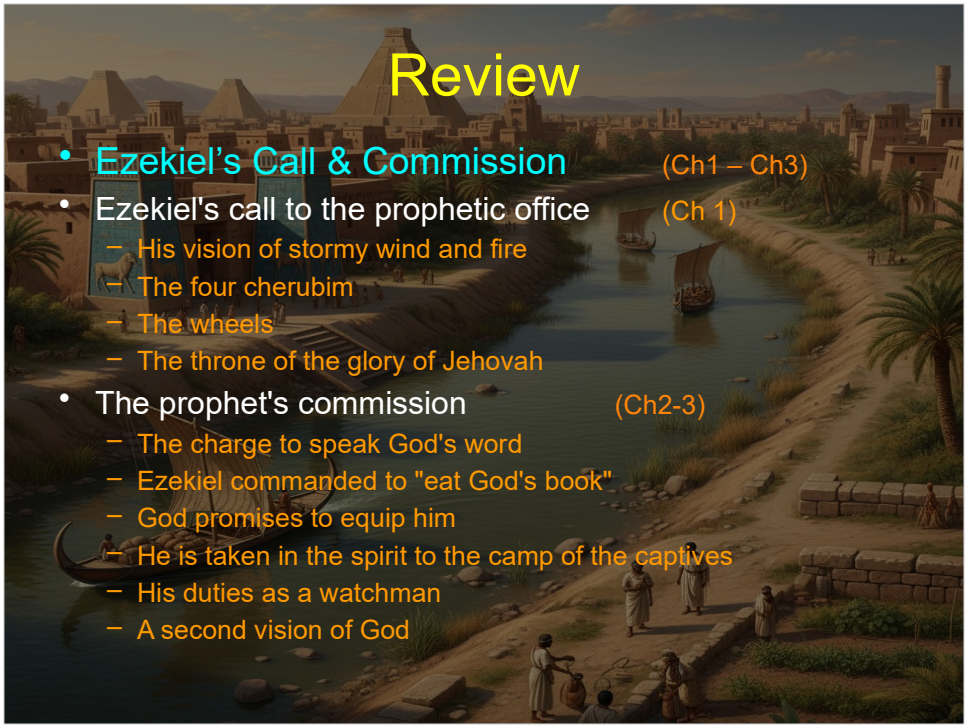
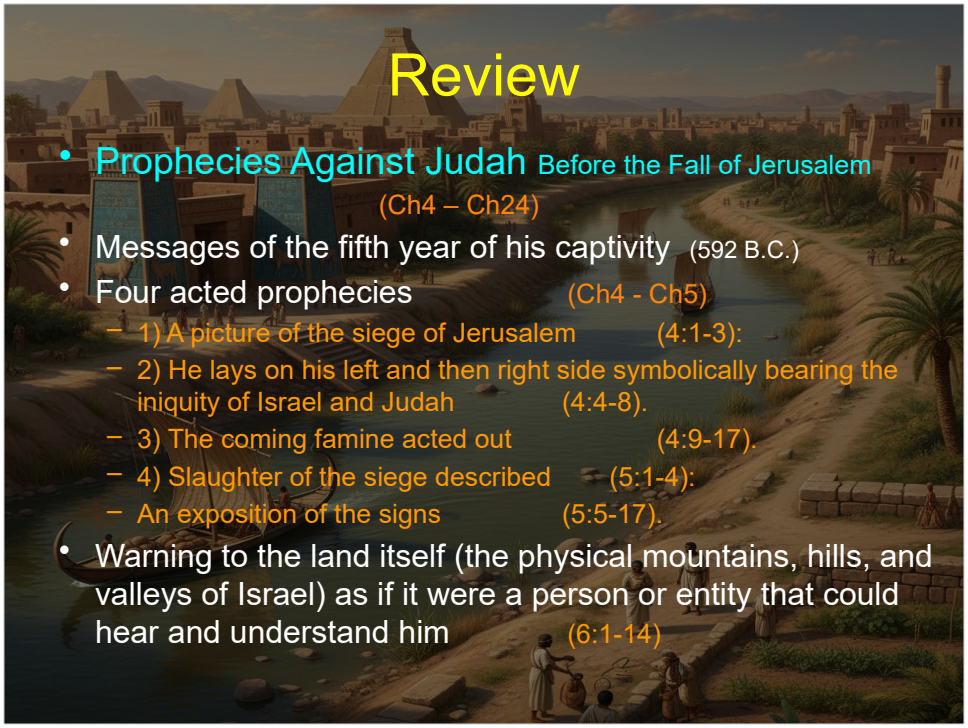
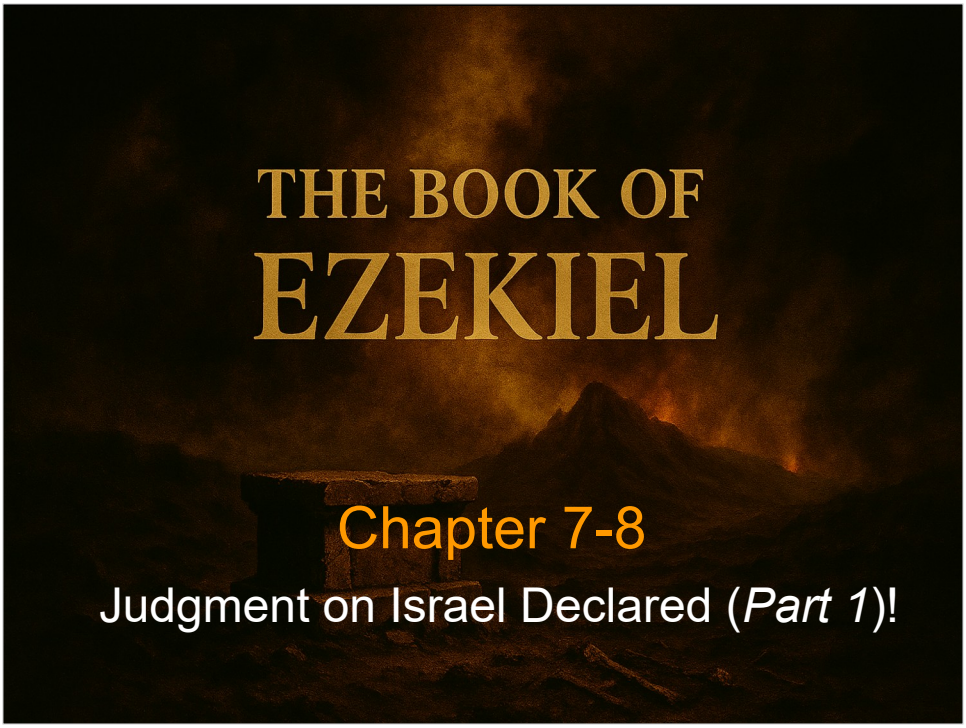

THE BOOK OF
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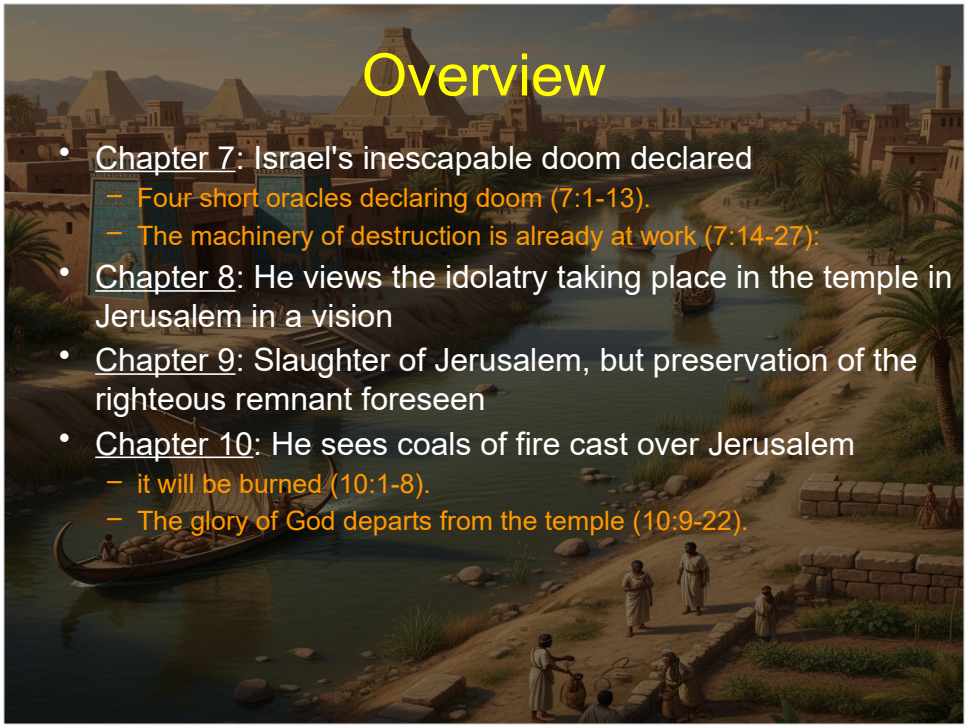

The Book of Ezekiel
• The rabbis argued that no one should study Ezekiel until he was at least 30 years of age.
• They said that he who understood the winged chariot knew all the mysteries of creation!


Review
Ezekiel's Call & Commission (Ch1 – Ch3)
Ezekiel's call to the prophetic office (Ch 1)
His vision of stormy wind and fire
The four cherubim
The wheels
The throne of the glory of Jehovah
The prophet's commission (Ch2-3)
The charge to speak God's word
Ezekiel commanded to "eat God's book"
God promises to equip him
He is taken in the spirit to the camp of the captives
His duties as a watchman
A second vision of God


Review
Prophecies Against Judah Before the Fall of Jerusalem (Ch4 – Ch24)
Messages of the fifth year of his captivity (592 B.C.)
Four acted prophecies (Ch4 - Ch5)
1) A picture of the siege of Jerusalem (4:1-3):
2) He lays on his left and then right side symbolically bearing the iniquity of Israel and Judah (4:4-8).
3) The coming famine acted out (4:9-17).
4) Slaughter of the siege described (5:1-4):
An exposition of the signs (5:5-17).
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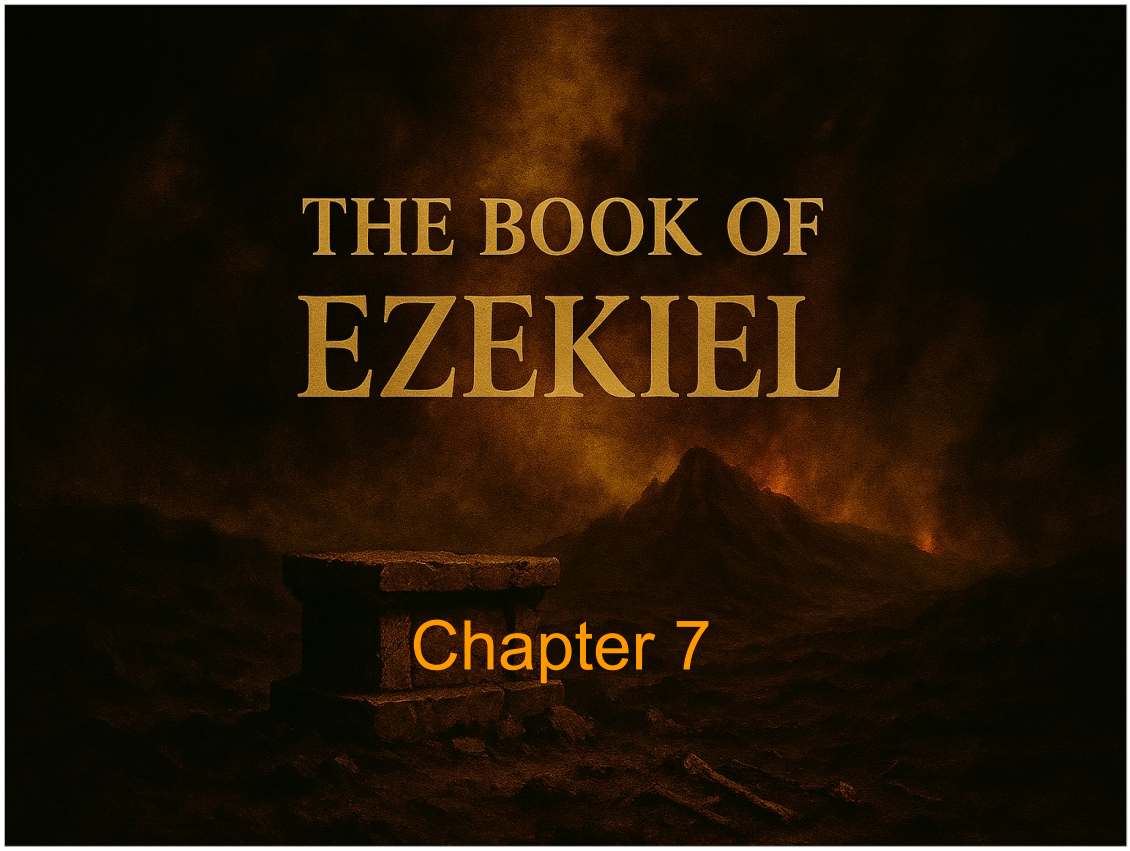


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Overview

- Chapter 7: Israel's inescapable doom declared
  - Four short oracles declaring doom (7:1-13).
  - The machinery of destruction is already at work (7:14-27):
- Chapter 8: He views the idolatry taking place in the temple in Jerusalem in a vision
- Chapter 9: Slaughter of Jerusalem, but preservation of the righteous remnant foreseen
- Chapter 10: He sees coals of fire cast over Jerusalem
  - it will be burned (10:1-8).
  - The glory of God departs from the temple (10:9-22).


THE BOOK OF
EZEKIEL
Chapter 7

Introduction to Chapter 7

Many Jews thought that Jerusalem would never be conquered. Ezekiel announced with certainty that the city would fall.

God had been longsuffering and merciful, and had saved the city many times, but the people stubbornly refused to repent.

Now the time for God's judgment had come (7:1-4).

One disaster would follow another, till the wicked city was destroyed (5-9).

Introduction to Chapter 7

As a tree blossoms, so Jerusalem's sin was full-grown. The city was about to fall; rich and poor were about to lose everything.

Therefore, a buyer was not to rejoice in a good deal he had made, nor a seller mourn because he had lost his property. Neither was the seller to hope that one day he would regain his property (10-13).

The citizens of Jerusalem might prepare for battle, but all such preparation would be useless. Jerusalem was doomed (14).

Introduction to Chapter 7

People trapped in the besieged city would die of starvation. Those in the fields and villages outside would be killed by enemy soldiers. Any who managed to escape would only face a miserable existence in their mountain hiding places (15-16).

Everywhere there would be a feeling of hopelessness.

The money that the Jerusalemites had unjustly gained would be of no use to them when there was no food to buy. In despair they would throw their money away (17-19).

Introduction to Chapter 7

Their idols, richly ornamented and expensive, would be stolen by the invaders, and God's 'precious place', the Jerusalem temple, would be profaned as irreverent Babylonian soldiers invaded, plundered and, in the end, destroyed it (20-22).

Terrified by the violence of the attack, people would look on helplessly as the invaders seized their houses (23-25).

Neither religious nor civil leaders would be able to save Jerusalem from being overrun. The calamity would be a fitting judgment on the city for its religious rebellion and moral waywardness (26-27).

1 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God unto the land of Israel; An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.
3 Now is the end come upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.

Ezekiel 7:1-3

- God's judgment is not unjust.
- It is in response to their disobedience

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Ezekiel 7:1-3

- The parallels with the coming time of Tribulation are staggering!

4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have
pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and
thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye
shall know that I am the Lord.
5 Thus saith the Lord God; An evil, an only evil, behold,
is come.

Ezekiel 7:4-5

- *"The great, the sovereign, the last exterminating evil, is come: the sword, the pestilence, the famine, and the captivity".*
  - Adam Clarke

6 An end is come, the end is come: it watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.
7 The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again of the mountains.

Ezekiel 7:6-7

- *"The hostile troops are advancing! Ye hear a sound, a tumultuous noise; do not suppose that this proceeds from festivals upon the mountains; from the joy of harvestmen, or the treaders of the wine-press. It is the noise of those by whom ye and your country are to fall".*
  – Adam Clarke

8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and
accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee
according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all
thine abominations.
9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have
pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and
thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and
ye shall know that I am the Lord that smiteth.

Ezekiel 7:8-9

10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone
forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.
11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness: none of
them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of any
of theirs: neither shall there be wailing for them.
12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the
buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath is upon
all the multitude thereof.

Ezekiel 7:10-12

13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold,
although they were yet alive: for the vision is touching
the whole multitude thereof, which shall not return;
neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of
his life.
14 They have blown the trumpet, even to make all
ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is
upon all the multitude thereof.

Ezekiel 7:13-14

- The trumpet would sound to prepare people for battle… but no one hears the sound!

15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.
16 But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.
17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water.

Ezekiel 7:15-17

- *"Rather, like mourning doves הגאיות haggeayoth, chased from their dove-cotes, and separated from their mates."* - Adam Clarke

18 They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and
horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all
faces, and baldness upon all their heads.
19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their
gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall
not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of
the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill
their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their
iniquity.

Ezekiel 7:18-19

The Gold That Perishes!

1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.

2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.

3 Your gold and silver is cankered...

James 5:1-3

The Gold That Perishes!

16 Alas, alas, that great city,
that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet,
and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!
17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought.

Revelation 18:16-17

20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in
majesty: but they made the images of their
abominations and of their detestable things therein:
therefore have I set it far from them.
21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for
a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and
they shall pollute it.
22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall
pollute my secret place: for the robbers shall enter into
it, and defile it.

Ezekiel 7:20-22

23 Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes,
and the city is full of violence.
24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and
they shall possess their houses: I will also make the
pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall
be defiled.
25 Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and
there shall be none.

Ezekiel 7:23-25

26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall
be upon rumour; then shall they seek a vision of the
prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and
counsel from the ancients.
27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed
with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land
shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way,
and according to their deserts will I judge them; and
they shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 7:26-27

‘Full of Violence’

- An estimated 458,000 intentional murders occur worldwide each year.
- This averages out to approximately 52 people killed every hour, or about 1,255 victims per day
  - Africa recorded the highest absolute number of victims, with an estimated 176,000 homicides (Annual).
  - The Americas recorded over 154,000 homicides but had the highest rate of intentional killing per capita (Annual).
  - Asia accounted for 109,000 homicides, with Europe and Oceania having significantly lower counts (Annual).

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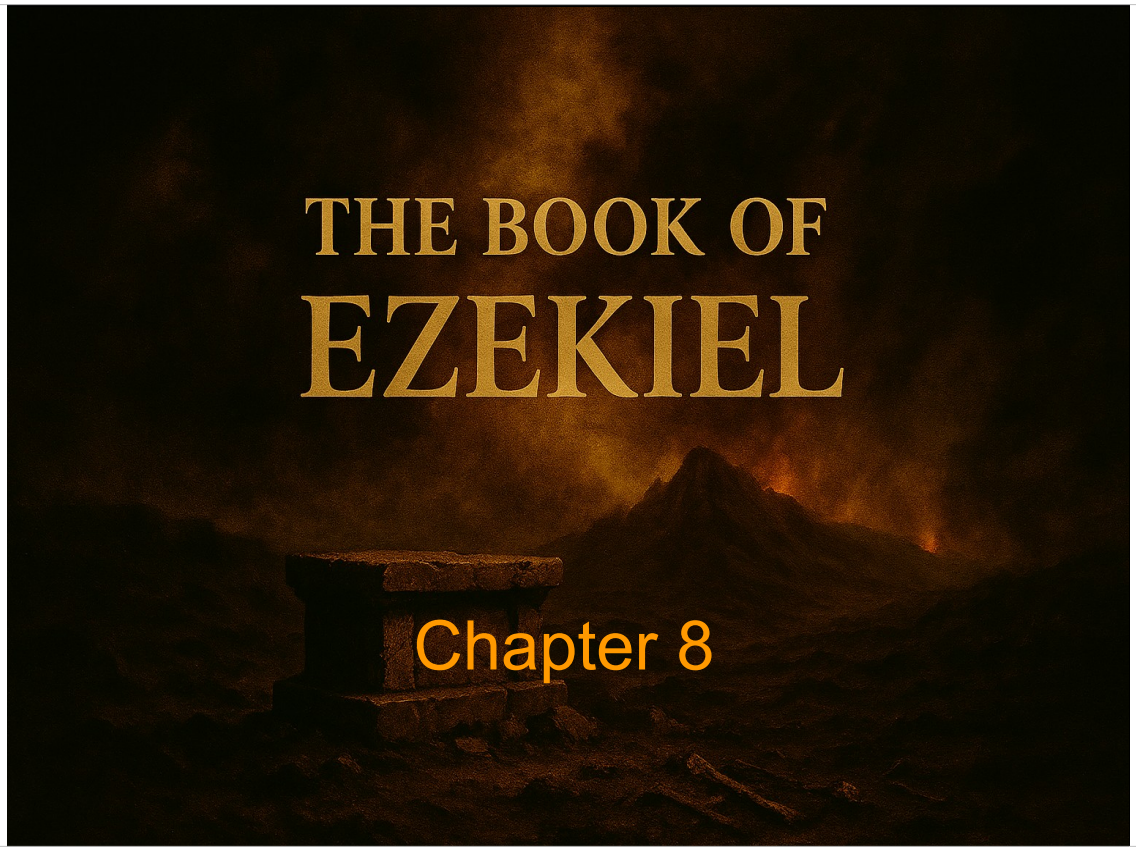
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- An estimated **73 million** induced abortions occur worldwide each year / **c.200,000** abortions per day

‘Full of Violence’

- Based on the most recent data published by Open Doors, the documented and estimated number of Christians killed worldwide for faith-related reasons in recent years are:
  - 2024: 4,476 Christians killed
  - 2023: 4,998 Christians killed
  - 2022: 5,621 Christians killed
  - 2021: 5,898 Christians killed
  - 2020: 4,761 Christians killed
- The Center for the Study of Global Christianity (CSGC) has historically published a much larger annual average, sometimes reaching 90,000 or more.


THE BOOK OF
EZEKIEL
Chapter 8

Introduction to Chapter 8

A year and two months had now passed since God called Ezekiel to be a prophet. By this time people recognised him as a prophet, and leaders among the exiles came to discuss their affairs with him (8:1; cf. 1:1-2).

While the leaders were sitting talking with him, Ezekiel was suddenly caught up by the Spirit of God and taken, as it were, to Jerusalem (2-3).

Ezekiel knew immediately that these visions were from God, because the first thing he saw was a vision of the glory of God similar to that which he had seen earlier (4; cf. 1:1-28).

Introduction to Chapter 8

In this vision Ezekiel was taken to the temple where, as he was about to enter the inner court, he saw an idol that stirred God to jealousy (5-6).

From there Ezekiel went by a secret door into a hidden room (7-9).

There he saw a gathering of Jerusalem's leaders, who were secretly worshipping pictures of animals painted on the walls. Foolishly, they thought God could not see them (10-13).

Introduction to Chapter 8

In another part of the temple Ezekiel saw women carrying out ritual mourning as part of their worship of the foreign god, Tammuz (14-15).

Finally, Ezekiel came into the inner court of the temple, where he saw a group of priests who had turned their backs on the temple and were worshipping toward the east, this was an offensive insult to God (16-18).

1 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth
month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine
house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the
hand of the Lord God fell there upon me.
2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of
fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward,
fire; and from his loins even upward, as the
appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber

Ezekiel 8:1-2

3 And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.
4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

Ezekiel 8:2-4

- Ezekiel is now transported in a vision to Jerusalem to see just how bad the situation really was…

5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.
6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations.

Ezekiel 8:5-6

7 And he brought me to the door of the court; and
when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.
8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the
wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.
9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked
abominations that they do here.
10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of
creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the
idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall
round about.

Ezekiel 8:7-10

11 And there stood before them seventy men of the
ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them
stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man
his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense
went up.
12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen
what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark,
every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they
say, The Lord seeth us not; the Lord hath forsaken the
earth.

Ezekiel 8:11-12

13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou
shalt see greater abominations that they do.
14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the
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Ezekiel 8:13-15

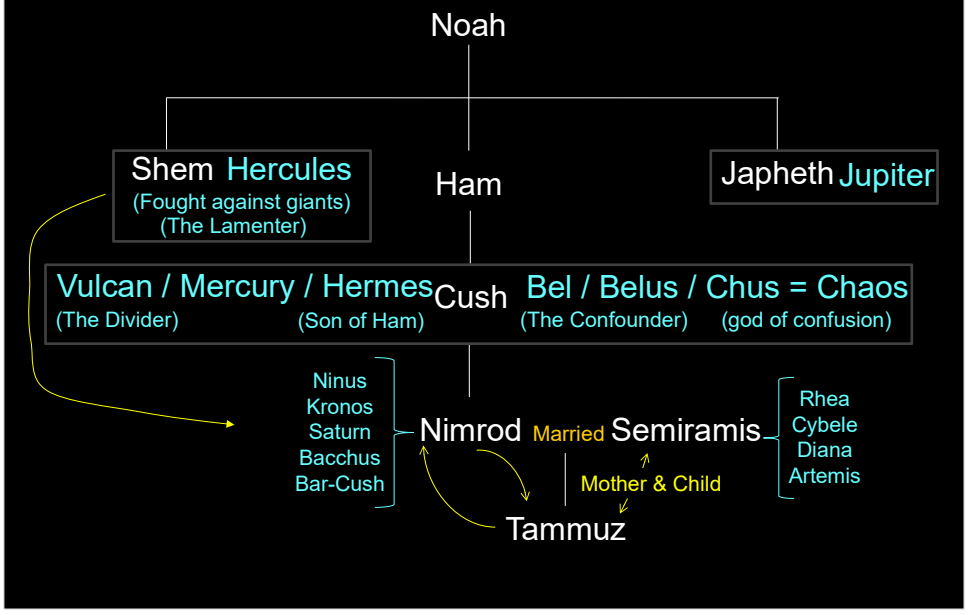
Tammuz

- *"Come and I'll show you something that's really disturbing. See those women, they're weeping for Tammuz. Not weeping for the desolation that was coming, not weeping because the sin that was rampant in the land, not weeping because they had come into such a moral decay, but weeping for Tammuz, the Babylonian god of resurrection".* - Smith

Tammuz

- *"Tammuz was a Phoenician deity, known as Adonis by the Greeks. Originally he was a Sumerian or Babylonian sun god, the husband of Ishtar, who corresponds with Aphrodite of the Greeks.*
- *The worship of these gods was introduced into Syria in very early times under the designation of Tammuz and Ashtarte. They appear in the myths of the Greeks as Adonis and Aphrodite and as Osiris and Isis of the Egyptians. The Babylonian Tammuz was represented as a beautiful shepherd slain by a wild boar, the symbol of winter. Ishtar long mourned for him and descended into the underworld to deliver him from the embrace of death"* - Dake

The Origin of Myth & Idolatry



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Ezekiel 8:13-15

Greater Abominations…

- *"The greater abominations than the women weeping for Tammuz was the worship of the sun by men who turned their backs on the holy of holies and the ark and faced the east like the fire worshippers. The image representing the sun was set up and worshipped by the elders of Israel"* - Dake

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Sarah Mullally named as new Archbishop of Canterbury



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Greater Abominations…

- *"King Charles III*
  - *has congratulated Dame Sarah on her new role, "which is of such importance in the UK and across the global Anglican Communion", Buckingham Palace said"*
- **Same-Sex Blessings:**
  - Archbishop Mullally's close involvement in and support for the introduction of **'Prayers of Love and Faith'**—which allow clergy to bless same-sex couples—is arguably a greater concern for some conservatives than her gender.
- Regarding abortion, she stated:
  - "I would suspect that I would describe my approach to this issue as pro-choice rather than pro-life, although if it were a continuum I would be somewhere along it moving towards pro-life when it relates to my choice and then enabling choice when it related to others."

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Anger over ‘sacrilegious’ graffiti art installation at Canterbury Cathedral

Responses to the project on display at the historic building have been mixed

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ARE THERE YOU
IF YOU
STOP?


SIN?
ARE THERE?
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WHY ALL THE SUFFERING?
?
do you
EVER
regret your
decisions?


HOW?
Why did you
create hate when
LOVE
is by far more
powerful?
Why?
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- “I think it’s sacrilegious” was one person’s response to graffiti-style artwork inside Canterbury Cathedral, with not all visitors to the Unesco world heritage site appearing to appreciate the new installation.
- Brightly-coloured writing asking questions like “Are you there?” and “God, what happens when we die?” have been plastered on pillars and walls of the 579 AD-founded building, just days after Dame Sarah Mullally was revealed as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.
- And by the cathedral’s own admission, the artwork, called “Hear Us”, hasn’t gone down well with everyone.

This is Alex Vellis.
The Canterbury Cathedral 'Artist'.



a collaborative project led by poet Alex Vellis and curator Jacquiline Creswell.

Alex Vellis, who describes himself as ‘non-binary’ a ‘queer vegan’ and an ‘agender goblin’ and also uses They/Them pronouns, sparked global outcry from Christians for the art project which has been described as “blasphemous.” JD Vance said the exhibit made the “beautiful historical building really ugly.”

16 And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's
house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord,
between the porch and the altar, were about five and
twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the
Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they
worshipped the sun toward the east.

Ezekiel 8:16

17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of
man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they
commit the abominations which they commit here? for
they have filled the land with violence, and have
returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the
branch to their nose.
18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not
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mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

Ezekiel 8:17-18