

Destruction and Hope

Daniel Israel – 10.2.2022

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1. Preaching in silent language!

Ezekiel 4:1-3

1 “Now you, son of man, get yourself a brick, place it before you, and inscribe a city on it—Jerusalem.

2 Then lay siege against it, build a siege wall, pile up an assault ramp, set up camps, and place battering rams against it all around.

3 Then get yourself an iron plate and set it up as an iron wall between yourself and the city and direct your face toward it so that it is under siege and besiege it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel***.

Ezekiel 4:4-8

4 “Then you are to lie down on your left side and put the wrongdoing of the house of Israel on it; you shall bear their wrongdoing for the number of days that you lie on it.

5 For I have assigned you a number of days corresponding to the years of their wrongdoing, 390 days; so you shall bear the wrongdoing of the house of Israel.

6 When you have completed these days, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side, and bear the wrongdoing of the house of Judah; I have assigned it to you for forty days, a day for each year.

7 Then you shall direct your face toward the siege of Jerusalem with your arm bared, and prophesy against it.

8 Now behold, I will put ropes [a]round you so that you cannot turn from your one side to your other until you have completed the days of your siege***.

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2. The diet of famine!

Ezekiel 4:9-12

9“But as for you, take wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel and make them into bread for yourself; you shall eat it according to the number of the days that you lie on your side, 390 days.

10Your food which you eat shall be twenty shekels a day by weight; you shall eat it from time to time.

11The water you drink shall be a [b]sixth of a hin by measure; you shall drink it from time to time.

12 You shall eat it as a barley cake, having baked it in their sight over human dung.”***

3. Message through Ezekiel’s hair!

Ezekiel 5:1,2

1“As for you, son of man, take a sharp sword; take and [a]use it as a barber’s razor on your head and beard. Then take scales for weighing and divide [b]the hair.

2 A third you shall burn in the fire at the center of the city, when the days of the siege are completed. Then you shall take a third and strike it with the sword all around [c]the city, and a third you shall scatter to the wind; for I will unsheathe a sword behind them.

4. Prophecy against the idolatrous mountains.

Ezekiel 6:1-4

1Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

2“Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them

3and say, ‘Mountains of Israel, listen to the word of the Lord GOD! This is what the Lord GOD says to the mountains, the hills, the ravines, and the valleys: “Behold, I Myself am going to bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places.

4 So your altars will become deserted, and your incense altars will be smashed; and I will make your slain fall in front of your idols. 5I will also lay the dead bodies of the sons of Israel in front of their idols.

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5. God will keep a remnant for Him!

Ezekiel 6:8-10

8 “However, I will leave a remnant, in that you will have those who escaped the sword among the nations when you are scattered among the countries.

9 Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations to which they will be taken captive, how I have [e]been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes which committed infidelity with their idols; and they will loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations.

10 Then they will know that I am the LORD; I have not said in vain that I would inflict this disaster on them.”

6. God will not be always patient!

Ezekiel 7:5-6

5 “This is what the Lord [d]GOD says: ‘A disaster, a unique disaster, behold, it is coming!

6 An end [e]is coming; the end has come! It has awakened against you; behold, it has come! 7 Your [f]doom has come to you, you inhabitant of the land. The time has come, the day is near panic rather than joyful shouting on the mountains.

7. Secretive sin exposed!

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Ezekiel 8:12-13

12 Then He said to me, “Do you see, son of man, what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each man in the rooms of his carved images? For they say, ‘The LORD does not see us; the LORD has abandoned the land.’”

13 And He said to me, “Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing!”

Ezekiel 8:16

16 Then He brought me into the inner courtyard of the LORD’S house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs to the temple of the LORD while their faces were toward the east; and they were [f]prostrating themselves eastward toward the sun.

8. Mark of the righteous.

Ezekiel 9:3-5

3 Then the glory of the God of Israel ascended from the cherub on which it had been, to the threshold of the [c]temple. And He called to the man clothed in linen at whose waist was the scribe’s kit.

4 And the LORD said to him, “Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and make a mark on the foreheads of the people who groan and sigh over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst.”

5 But to the others He said in my [d]presence, “Go through the city after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity and do not spare.

9. Prophecy against evil leaders and advisors

Ezekiel 11:1-3

1 Now the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the LORD’S house which faced eastward. And behold, there were twenty-five men at the entrance of the gate, and among them I saw Jaazaniah son of Azzur and Pelatiah son of Benaiah, leaders of the people.

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2 Then He said to me, “Son of man, these are the men who devise wrongdoing and give evil advice in this city,

3 who say, ‘The time is not near to build houses. [a]This city is the pot and we are the meat.’

4 Therefore, prophesy against them, prophesy, son of man!”

10. Promise of redemption to the obedient ones

Ezekiel 11:17-21

17 Therefore say, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: “I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you from the countries among which you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.”’

18 When they come there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations from it.

Ezekiel 11:17-21

19 And I will give them one heart and put a new spirit within [i]them. And I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh,

20 so that they may walk in My statutes, and keep My ordinances and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.

21 [j]But as for those whose hearts go after their detestable things and abominations, I will [k]bring their conduct down on their heads,” declares the Lord GOD.

Conclusion

1. Preach through actions
2. Be vicarious like Christ.
3. God gives you a new beginning!
4. All things are new!