



# EZEKIEL

April 16<sup>th</sup> ,2023 / 25<sup>th</sup> Nisan 5783



# THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL: New Heart, New Spirit

For those of us who have grown complacent or cold in our walk with God, "A New Heart" outlines how God desires to bring us closer to him.

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2 Corinthians 3:15

## Ezekiel 23:1-49

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### The Prophecy of Ezekiel

- (1) The Preparation of Ezekiel—[Ch. 1-3](#)
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- (4) The Prophecies Concerning Restoration—[Ch. 33-48](#)

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(Ezek. 11:19-20)*

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## Sunday Night Series

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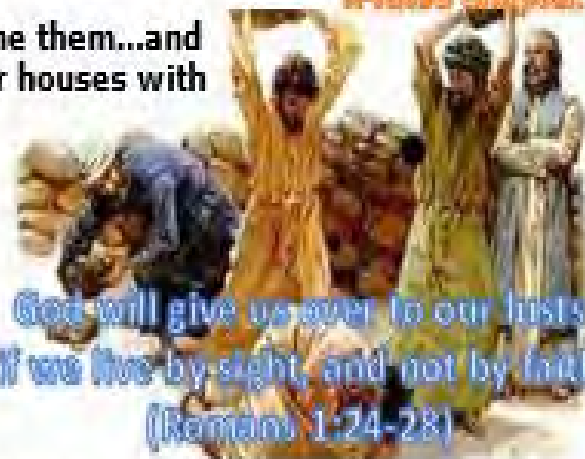
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Ezekiel 23:1 -21 KJV

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The political relationship between Samaria and Assyria is well documented in what is known as the **Black Obelisk** of Shalmaneser III. This **Obelisk**, a four-sided stone pillar dated about 841 B.C., has an engraving that shows King Jehu of Samaria bowing in submission to the Assyrian king.

When Samaria allied herself with Assyria, she also committed spiritual adultery by participating in its *false religions*.

When the people established relationships with unbelieving nations, they naturally came under the influence of both the wicked lifestyle and false religions of those nations.

After a treaty cemented her relationship with Assyria, Samaria gladly embraced the Assyrians' false gods.



# Outline of Ezekiel

**1-3 The Call of the Prophet**

**4-24 God's Judgment on Jerusalem**

*- Given before the siege of Jerusalem*

**25-32 God's Judgment on the Muslim Nations**

*- Given during the siege*

**33-48 The Restoration of the Jews**

*- Given after the siege*

**33-36 They return to their land**

**37 The Valley of Dry bones**

**38-39 They are protected from Gog and Magog**

**40-48 The Millennial Kingdom**

## PROPHECY OF JUDGMENT

*The LORD is not there*

**FATE**  
OF JUDAH  
Before the Siege

593-588 BC

**FOES**  
OF JUDAH  
During the  
Siege

587-586

7 YEARS  
OF PROPHECYING  
HORROR & NO HOPE

Ezekiel 1-3  
Ezekiel Sees  
the Glory &  
Receives the  
Call

Ezekiel  
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Judgments  
Against Judah

Ezekiel 25-32  
Judgments  
Against the  
Gloating  
Nations

## PROPHECY OF RESTORATION

*The LORD is there*

**FUTURE**  
OF JUDAH  
After the Siege

586-571

15 YEARS  
OF PROPHECYING  
HOPE

Ezekiel  
33-39  
Restoration of  
Israel to the  
LORD

Ezekiel  
40-48  
Visions of the  
Temple



Ezekiel 23:1-49 KJV

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The Overview of the Chapter: Ezekiel is given a parabolic message in this chapter which speaks of two sisters who represent the two parts of Israel's nation. Aholah speaks of the northern kingdom, Israel, and its capital, Samaria. Aholibah speaks of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its capital Jerusalem. In parabolic language the sisters' conduct is used as an analogy to portray the abominable wickedness of the two kingdoms. Judah is especially censured because she continued in her sin in spite of the fact that she saw the judgment that came upon Aholah (northern kingdom) for like sins. In fact, the parable shows that Judah, the southern kingdom, even sinned worse than Israel, the northern kingdom. The consequences that came to the two sisters because of their sins pictures the judgment that came to Israel and Judah. NEW HEART, NEW SPIRIT



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Ezekiel 23:1-4 KJV

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The analogy was given by God. He is doing everything He can to awaken His people to repentance. He shows them their sin and promised doom in this analogy to portray their situation.

Two women, sisters, with loose morals are used to represent the two kingdoms, Judah and Israel.

## A. (1-4) Two symbolic sisters, Oholah and Oholibah.

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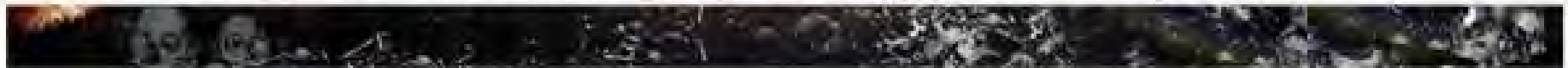


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God warns us against committing spiritual adultery by forsaking Him. Far too many people have turned away from the LORD to seek the pleasures and possessions of this world.

Think of how many people have professed the LORD but then turned away from Him. Think of how many people have forsaken the LORD's church. Sadly, probably more people have turned away than have remained faithful.

The pull of the world is so strong that many just cannot resist its temptations. As a result, they forsake the LORD and give themselves to the false gods of the world. God strongly warns us not to forsake Him for false gods.



Israel  
oh HOH Iuh  
"tent dweller"

## Ezekiel 23:1 -6 KJV

Judah  
oh HAHL uh buh  
"tent worshiper"

- 1 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother:  
**THE DAUGHTERS OF THE SAME CONNECTION, vv. 1-4**
- 3 And they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.
- 4 And the names of them were **Aholah the elder** and **Aholibah** her sister: and they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters. Thus were their names; **Samaria is Aholah** and **Jerusalem Aholibah**.
- 5 And Aholah played the **harlot** when she was mine; and she **doted** on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbours,
- 6 The word translated "**doted**" means a strong desire, and wish for disordinate love. She had a desire for filthy conduct.

**THE DOTING OF THE SENSUAL  
COURTESAN, vv.5-9**



([Isa. 51:17, 22](#); [Jer. 25:15-29](#); [49:12](#); [Lam. 4:21](#); [Hab. 2:16](#); [John 18:11](#); [Rev. 14:10](#)). The cup He hands them will be large and deep and filled with the wrath of the Lord, and they will have to drink it.

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Ezekiel 23:5-8 KJV

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## 2. The adultery of Samaria (Oholah): a picture of God giving one over to her sinful ways (vv.5-10).

The history of Samaria is a clear picture of God giving people over to their sinful ways. Samaria had lusted after Assyria, seeking to establish a relationship with that unbelieving nation. No matter how many prophets the LORD sent to Samaria (the Northern Kingdom) or how much He appealed to the Samaritans to return to Him, they refused. They continued to lust after the unbelieving nations and false gods of the world. Thus the LORD had no choice. He had to give Samaria up to her lovers. So it is with us. If we continually reject the LORD by giving ourselves to the pleasures of this world, the LORD will give us over to them. He will allow us to live worldly, fleshly, immoral lives. If we choose to love idols and unite ourselves with unbelievers, God will give us over to our choices. Yet we will reap exactly what we sow. If we sow to the flesh—if we give in to the desires of the flesh—we will reap the corruption of the flesh. If we sow to the false gods of this world, we will reap only what false gods can give, which is absolutely nothing (Gal. 6:7-8). God longs for us to remain faithful to Him, the only true and living LORD. But if we choose to reject Him, He will let us go our own way and reap the consequences.

**The commencement of her defilement.** "Neither left she her whoredoms brought from Egypt" (Ezekiel 23:8). Ezekiel informs us that all this wickedness began in Egypt. The murmuring and complaining by the Israelites when being led by Moses was a hangover of the wickedness in Egypt. Egypt had influenced them to idolatry and its corresponding conduct.

### 3. The adultery of Jerusalem (Oholibah): a picture of false trusts (vv.11-35).

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**The sentence for the doom.** "I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers" (Ezekiel 23:9). God sentenced the northern kingdom to be conquered by Assyria.

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**C. (9-10) Judgment upon Oholah.**

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## Ezekiel 23:7 -11 KJV

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7 Thus she committed her **whoredoms** with them, with all them that were the chosen men of Assyria, and with all on whom she

**In summarizing Samaria's spiritual adultery, Ezekiel emphasized three sins in particular:**

⇒ Samaria turned completely away from the LORD by submitting politically to Assyria **(v.7)**.

⇒ Samaria committed spiritual adultery against the LORD by giving herself to the false gods of Assyria.

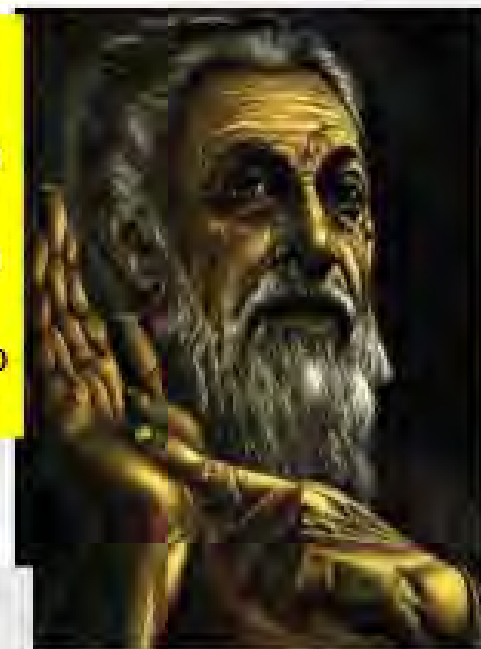
⇒ Samaria refused to give up the adulterous ways she had begun to practice while in Egypt **(v.8)**.

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among women; for they had executed judgment upon her.

11 And when her sister Abolibah saw this, she was more corrupt. The southern kingdom was so bad it was incapable of learning lessons from the fall of the northern kingdom so went zealously after idols and its evil.

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## Ezekiel 23:12 -16 KJV

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12 She **doted** upon the Assyrians *her* neighbours, captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 The word translated "**doted**" means a strong desire, and wish for inordinate love. She had a desire for filthy conduct.

14 And *that* she increased her **whoredoms**: for when she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion,

15 Girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to, after the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity:

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



E. (14-16) Oholibah (Jerusalem) *surpasses* the sins of Oholah (Samaria).

*The people of Judah sinned even more than Samaria did ( Ezek. 23:14-21).*

**a. She increased her harlotry:** It was bad enough that Jerusalem imitated the sins of Samaria; it was far worse that she **increased** her rejection and rebellion.

**b. She looked at men portrayed on the wall:** The media of that day gave the people of Jerusalem the enticements to go after the morals, customs, and idols of the Babylonians. The **images of Chaldeans** seduced them to follow their sins, even as they had previously done with the Assyrians ([Ezekiel 23:12-13](#)).

**First, the pictures in the affections.** "She saw men portrayed upon the wall... to look to... as soon as she saw them with her eyes, she doted upon them" (Ezekiel 23:14 -16).

Satan still uses the lust of the eye to defile today.

**Second, the passion in the affections.** "She doted upon them" (Ezekiel 23:16). Her passions were great for evil.

**Third, the pursuit in the affections** . "Sent messengers unto them into Chaldea" (Ezekiel 23:16) She pursued evil which really condemns her.

**Fourth, the pollution from the affections** . "Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her" (Ezekiel 23:17). Her conduct was defiling conduct. Immorality is defiling.

**Fifth, the penalty for her affections.** "She discovered her whoredoms... nakedness; then my mind was alienated from her" (Ezekiel 23:18). Shame from the sin and separation from God are very stiff penalties.

**Sixth, the persistence of her affections.** "Yet she multiplied her whoredoms" (Ezekiel 23:19). Like a drunk buying more booze Judah stupidly sinned more and more in spite of the penalties. She was utterly persistence in her sin. Reminds of Revelation 2:20, 21 and 16:10, 11.

**Seventh, the poverty of her affections.** "She doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses" (Ezekiel 23:20). Her wish was for things that had little value. Sin goes after stuff that isn't worth it. The drunk goes to bed with a tramp.

**Eighth, the past in the affections.** "The days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt... the lewdness of thy youth... by the Egyptians" (Ezekiel 23:19, 21). The wickedness of the Hebrews was evident as far back as the time of the Egyptian bondage.

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Ezekiel 23:14-16 KJV

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<sup>21</sup> Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth.

F. (17-21) The disgusting idolatry and immorality of Jerusalem.



The consequences of cheating on God are often longlasting, destructive, and ultimately difficult to resolve.

After cheating occurs in a relationship it can seem almost impossible to rebuild trust, respect, love, and intimacy.

**How do I overcome unfaithfulness to God?  
How do you stop cheating on God?**

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