

## Judgment and Restoration for Israel - Ezekiel 19:1-20:44

**Topics:** Acceptance, Anger, Beauty, Blasphemy, Children, Covenant, Evil, Expectations, Fear, Fruit, Gifts, Grace, Honor, Idolatry, Image, Judgment, Law, Leadership, Life, Listening, Mourning, Obedience, Parents, Punishment, Purity, Rebellion, Rejection, Rest, Sacrifice, Serving, Strength, Swearing, Unfaithfulness

### Open It

- \* 1. What do you think determines whether a person will learn from his or her mistakes?
- 2. When would a fresh start have been very timely for you? Why?

### Explore It

- 3. What picture did Ezekiel use to portray Judah's princes in his lament? (19:1-9)
- 4. How did Ezekiel use the image of a vine to sketch a "before and after" picture of Judah? (19:10-14)
- 5. What was God's reaction to the elders' request? (20:2-3)
- 6. What was the first instance of His love and favor with which God confronted the elders of Israel? (20:4-7)
- \* 7. How did Israel respond when God delivered them out of Egypt? (20:8)
- 8. How did God bless Israel in spite of their unfaithfulness? (20:9-12)
- 9. Even after they had been delivered from Egypt, how did Israel treat God and His law? (20:13)
- \* 10. What was God's concern for His name? (20:14)
- 11. What punishment did the generation of the Exodus suffer for their sin? (20:15-16)
- 12. How did God show His pity to the elder generation and offer a new start to the younger generation? (20:17-20)
- 13. What was to be the punishment for the second generation's rebellion? (20:23)
- 14. To what pagan practice did God "give them over"? (20:25-26)
- 15. Once they had taken possession of the Promised Land, how did Israel continue to rebel against God? (20:27-29)
- \* 16. What practices of the current generation led God to swear that He would not allow their elders to inquire of Him? (20:30-31)
- 17. Why did God say that they would never worship "wood and stone" as they seemed to desire? (20:32-38)
- 18. What would be different about the Israel that God would gather from their exile in the future? (20:39-42)
- 19. What would Israel realize about God and about themselves when He accomplished His final deliverance? (20:43-44)

### Get It

- 20. What events in the recent history of Judah were portrayed in Ezekiel's lament of the lioness?
- 21. According to the lament of the vine, what was left of Israel following God's judgment?
- \* 22. Why did the elders who came to Ezekiel need a history lesson?
- 23. How often did Israel get everything she deserved in terms of punishment?
- 24. Why did God not allow Israel to go her own way in the long run, serving gods of wood and stone?
- \* 25. Like Israel, what do we need in order to assess rightly our condition before God and to obey Him?

### Apply It

- \* 26. When in the next week or two can you take an hour for a historical overview of your life and God's working in it?
- 27. What spiritual issues should you always take care of before you come to God asking for favors or insight?

