

Jerusalem's Sins - Ezekiel 22:1-31

Topics: Anger, Consequences, Death, Deceit, Dishonesty, Guilt, Holiness, Idolatry, Immorality, Injustice, Judgment, Lying, Murder, Oppressed, Parents, Power, Purity

Open It

- * 1. In your opinion what are the conditions that contribute to the moral decline of a nation?
- 2. How would you describe the way you feel about the suffering of the innocent versus the suffering of the guilty?

Explore It

- * 3. What, according to Ezekiel, had made Jerusalem guilty and defiled? (22:1-4)
- 4. What consequences had Jerusalem brought upon herself by her sin? (22:4-5)
- 5. What accusation did Ezekiel bring against the princes of Israel? (22:6)
- 6. What direct contradictions of God's laws were taking place in Jerusalem? (22:7-12)
- 7. What was the chief thing Israel had "forgotten"? (22:12)
- 8. What did God predict about the courage and strength of Judah in the face of His judgments? (22:13-16)
- 9. What image did God use to illustrate how He would purify Israel? (22:17-22)
- * 10. What particular sins did God hold against the civil and religious leaders of the people? (22:23-29)
- * 11. Before He decreed the destruction of Jerusalem, for whom did God look? (22:30)
- 12. Whom did God hold responsible for the destruction of Jerusalem? (22:31)

Get It

- * 13. What are the potential benefits and potential dangers of the presence of believers in morally dark places?
- 14. Why would someone claim that God had said something He didn't say?
- * 15. If God had found a person to "stand in the gap," what do you think that person would have done about the rampant sin of the people?
- 16. How do Christians sometimes rationalize behavior contrary to God's commands?
- 17. Why is injustice to our fellow human beings contrary to proper worship of the living God?

Apply It

- * 18. How might you be a light in a morally dark place not far from you?
- 19. How can you speak up for oppressed groups who might not be able to speak for themselves?