

Ezekiel 24:1-27 **The day Babylon began the siege against Jerusalem**

The day the siege of Jerusalem began by the Babylonians

1 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, write down the name of the day, this very day — the king of Babylon started his siege against Jerusalem this very day.

Symbol of the Cooking Pot (cf. Jeremiah 1:13-19)

3 And utter a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them, 'Thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God):

"Put on a pot, set it on, And also pour water into it.

4 Gather pieces of meat in it, Every good piece, The thigh and the shoulder. Fill it with choice cuts;

5 Take the choice of the flock. Also pile fuel bones under it, Make it boil well, And let the cuts simmer in it."

6 'Therefore thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God):

"Woe to the bloody city, To the pot whose scum is in it, And whose scum is not gone from it! Bring it out piece by piece, On which no lot has fallen.

7 For her blood is in her midst; She set it on top of a rock; She did not pour it on the ground, To cover it with dust.

8 That it may raise up fury and take vengeance, I have set her blood on top of a rock, That it may not be covered."

9 'Therefore thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God):

"Woe to the bloody city! I too will make the pyre great.

10 Heap on the wood, Kindle the fire; Cook the meat well, Mix in the spices, And let the cuts be burned up.

11 "Then set the pot empty on the coals, That it may become hot and its bronze may burn, That its filthiness may be melted in it, That its scum may be consumed.

12 She has grown weary with lies, And her great scum has not gone from her. Let her scum be in the fire!

13 In your filthiness is lewdness. Because I have cleansed you, and you were not cleansed, You will not be cleansed of your filthiness anymore, Till I have caused My fury to rest upon you.

14 I, Yahweh (the Lord), have spoken it; It shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not hold back, Nor will I spare, Nor will I relent; According to your ways And according to your deeds They will judge you," Says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God)."

The Prophet's Wife Dies

15 Also the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying,

16 "Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down.

17 Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet; do not cover your lips, and do not eat man's bread of sorrow."

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died; and the next morning I did

as I was commanded.

19 And the people said to me, "Will you not tell us what these things signify to us, that you behave so?"

20 Then I answered them, "The word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying,

21 'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): 'Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, your arrogant boast, the desire of your eyes, the delight of your soul; and your sons and daughters whom you left behind shall fall by the sword.

22 And you shall do as I have done; you shall not cover your lips nor eat man's bread of sorrow.

23 Your turbans shall be on your heads and your sandals on your feet; you shall neither mourn nor weep, but you shall pine away in your iniquities and mourn with one another.

24 Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you; according to all that he has done you shall do; and when this comes, **you shall know that I am Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).**"

25 'And you, son of man — will it not be in the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters:

26 on that day one who escapes will come to you to let you hear it with your ears;

27 on that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped; you shall speak and no longer be mute.

Thus you will be a sign to them, and they shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord)."

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Facts Revealed:

Beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians [Ezekiel 24:1-3]

✧ The ninth year of the captivity of Ezekiel on the tenth day of the tenth month the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem began.

✧ Yahweh commanded Ezekiel to record the day.

Symbol of the Cooking Pot [Ezekiel 24:4-14]

✧ Cooking Pot filled with boiling water and choice cuts of meat set to simmer.

✧ It is the symbol of Jerusalem the bloody city, for her blood is on a rock in her midst that it should not be covered..

✧ Yahweh warned that He too will heap on the wood, kindle the fire, and throw in meat and spices, and let it be burned up, then leave the pot on the fire till the bronze is burned away and the scum is consumed in the fire of His wrath.

✧ In their filthiness is lewdness.

✧ Yahweh has punished them many times before to cleanse away their filthiness but they refused correction and would not be cleansed.

✧ Now they will be judged according to their ways.

Ezekiel's Wife Dies as a sign to the people [Ezekiel 24:15-27]

✧ Yahweh told Ezekiel his wife will die, but do not go into mourning over her death.

✧ Ezekiel spoke to the people in the morning and his wife died in the evening.

✧ Ezekiel did as Yahweh had instructed.

✧ The people asked about his behavior.

✧ It is a sign that Yahweh will profane His Sanctuary and all they hold dear will be killed by the sword and they will do as Ezekiel has done.

✧ Then they **shall know that I am Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).**

- ✧ One who escapes will come from Jerusalem with the news and they will hear with their own ears that Jerusalem has fallen.
- ✧ On that day Ezekiel will no longer be mute, and will speak to the people.
- ✧ Yahweh said: "**Thus you will be a sign to them, and they shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord).**"