

Ezekiel 33:21-33 **Report – Jerusalem Has Fallen – Reason for her fall** **Hypocrisy of the people**

The Fall of Jerusalem

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the month, that one who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me and said, "The city has been captured!"

22 Now the hand of Yahweh (the Lord) had been upon me the evening before the man came who had escaped. And He had opened my mouth; so when he came to me in the morning, my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute.

The Cause of Judah's Ruin

23 Then the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying:

24 "Son of man, they who inhabit those ruins in the land of Israel are saying, 'Abraham was only one, and he inherited the land. But we are many; the land has been given to us as a possession.'

25 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "You eat meat with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land?"

26 You rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and you defile one another's wives. Should you then possess the land?"

27 "Say thus to them, 'Thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "As I live, surely those who are in the ruins shall fall by the sword, and the one who is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and caves shall die of the pestilence.

28 For I will make the land most desolate, her arrogant strength shall cease, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that no one will pass through.

29 Then they shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord), when I have made the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed."

Hypocrisy of the people – Hearing and Not Doing

30 "As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, 'Please come and hear what the word is that comes from Yahweh (the Lord).'

31 So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.

32 Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.

33 And when this comes to pass — surely it will come — then they will know that a prophet has been among them."

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Facts Revealed:

The Fall of Jerusalem [Ezekiel 33:21-22]

- ☆ The report that Jerusalem had fallen came to Ezekiel in on the fifth day of the tenth month of the twelfth year of his captivity.
- ✧ As Yahweh had promised, Ezekiel was released from being mute when he heard the report that Jerusalem had fallen. [Ezekiel 24:26-27]

The Cause of Judah's Ruin [Ezekiel 33:23-29]

- ☆ Those who had escaped the Babylonians and remained in the land of Israel are boasting that it has been given to them as a possession.
- ✧ Yahweh said they shall not possess the land **because** of their uncleanness.
- ✧ They eat meat with the blood which was forbidden when flesh was allowed to be eaten and again in the dietary Laws. [Genesis 9:3-4, Leviticus 3:17, 7:26-27, 17:14, 19:26, Deuteronomy 12:16, 23, 27, 15:19-23]
- ✧ They look to their idols and shed blood in the land.
- ✧ They rely on their own sword for their security, commit abominations, and defile one another's wives.
- ✧ Because of their perversions, Yahweh will deliver the abominable remnant to the sword, to the beasts, and to pestilence.
- ✧ The land will be made desolate and her arrogant strength shall cease.
- ✧ Then they will know that Yahweh has done it.

Hypocrisy of the people – Hearing and Not Doing [Ezekiel 33:30-33]

- ☆ The People are asking what the Word of Yahweh is in pretense.
- ✧ They love to hear Ezekiel speaking the Word of Yahweh as entertainment like a lovely song.
- ✧ They express love with their mouth but pursue their own gain with their hearts.
- ✧ They hear your words but do not do as taught.
- ✧ When desolation comes upon the land they will know a prophet was among them.