

Class # 11 - Signs, Proverbs, & Prophets

Objectives:

- Recall the two signs that Ezekiel performs in the sight of the exiles.
- Explain the proverbs going around the people related to God's prophecies.
- Describe the message and motivation of the false prophets in Israel.

Dramatic Performances (Ezekiel 12:1-20)

- Ezekiel again told to communicate to a _____ house, a people who have eyes but don't see, ears but don't hear. (12:1-2; see Isaiah 6:9 & Jeremiah 5:21)
- He is told to act out someone going into _____, then to dig a hole through the wall and go out at _____, covering his _____. (12:3-6)
- When asked, Ezekiel is to say that he is depicting the _____ in Jerusalem, who will try to _____, but will be caught and taken to Babylon. (12:8-13)
 - Fulfillment: Jeremiah 39:1-7
 - Who is the "prince"? How does he die in Babylon but never see it?
- More than that, the sign represents all who will be taken from Jerusalem and _____ among the nations. (12:14-16)
- Next, Ezekiel is told to eat bread and drink water with _____ and _____, representing the people of Jerusalem. (12:17-20)
- The end result of all of this? (see 12:15,16,20)

Two Proverbs (Ezekiel 12:21-28)

- What's the first thing the people have been saying about prophecies? (12:21-22)
 - What is God's response? (12:23-25)
- What's the second thing the people have been saying? (12:26-27)
 - God's response? (12:28)

False Prophets (Ezekiel 13:1-16)

- God calls out the prophets of Israel who claim to speak for _____, but are really speaking from their own _____, and are telling _____. (13:1-7)
 - What does it mean they are “foxes among ruins”? (13:4)
 - What should they have done? (13:5)
- Specifically, these false prophets are proclaiming _____, which God compares to putting _____ over an unsound wall. (13:8-10)
- What will God do to the wall (and the prophets)? (13:11-16)

Discussion

What “proverbs” and “visions of peace” are we tempted to trust in or proclaim?

False Prophetesses (Ezekiel 13:17-23)

- God also rebukes the women who prophesy falsely using _____.
 - What is motivating this behavior? (13:19)
 - How are they “disheartening the righteous” / “encouraging the wicked”? (13:22)