

Class #23 - So It Begins (Ezekiel 24)

Objectives:

- Identify the key event that is marked at the beginning of Ezekiel 24.
- Describe the parable of the boiling pot and what it represents.
- Explain God's strange command for Ezekiel regarding his wife.

Opening Review

- What event took place five years before the Book of Ezekiel begins? (See 1:2)
- Where is Ezekiel? (see 1:1-3) Who is his primary audience?
- What has been Ezekiel's message concerning the fate of the city of Jerusalem?
- What is the outlook among those in Jerusalem? (see 11:2-3; 12:22, 27; 13:15-16)

The Boiling Pot (Ezekiel 24:1-14)

- God tells Ezekiel to mark the current day—on this day the Babylonians are _____ the city of Jerusalem. (1-2)
- In light of that “breaking news,” God has Ezekiel tell another _____. (3)
- Jerusalem is a _____, and God puts it on to _____ and puts all the pieces of meat inside. (3-5)
- But the pot is covered in _____, so all the meat is taken out. (6)
- This defilement is a result of the _____ poured out in the city, for which God is taking His vengeance. (7-8)
- The pot will not be _____, so God turns up the heat to _____ it. (9-13)
- His wrath is coming, He will not _____, or _____, or be _____. (14)

Make No Mourning (Ezekiel 24:15-27)

- God tells Ezekiel that his _____ is going to die, but he is not supposed to _____ her publicly in the customary way. (15-17)
- Ezekiel _____, and the people ask him what this means. (18-19)
- God is going to profane the desire of their eyes (meaning _____), but they will imitate Ezekiel in not mourning. (20-24)
 - Why will they not mourn?
- When this comes to pass, then Ezekiel will no longer be _____ as he had been commanded. (25-27; see 3:26)

Closing Discussion

Is there anything instructive for us about God's command to Ezekiel?