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Sunday Mornings Messages

May 1 – “Nothing Has Been Left Unpunished” (Ezekiel 7:1-27)

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

May 8 – “Full Scale Corruption” (Ezekiel 8:1-18)

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

May 15 – “Destruction and Salvation” (Ezekiel 9:1-14)

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

May 22 – “The Departure of the Divine King” (Ezekiel 10:1-22)

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

Sunday Evening Messages

April 24 – No PM Service

**May 1 – “If You Want the Blessing of God, You Must Obey”
(Joshua 23:1-16) Pastor Matthew Downs**

**May 8 – “The Choice to Serve God”
(Joshua 24:1-15) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“God Does Nothing in Vain”

April 24, 2022
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Ezekiel 5:5 – *“Thus says the Lord God, ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her. (6) But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes more than any lands which surround her; for they have rejected My ordinances and have not walked in My statutes.*

- Genesis 12:1 – Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; (2) And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;
- “Center of the Nations” - God’s People were supposed to be a _____ to the nations

Ezekiel 5:7 – *“Therefore, thus says the Lord God, ‘Because you have more turmoil than the nations which surround you and have not walked in My statutes, nor observed My ordinances, nor observed the ordinances of the nations which surround you.(8) therefore, thus says the Lord God, ‘Behold, I, even I, am against you, and I will execute judgments among you in the sight of the nations. (9) And because of all your abominations, I will do among you what I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again. (10) Therefore, fathers will eat their sons among you, and sons will eat their fathers; for I will execute judgments on you and scatter all your remnant to every wind.*

- Leviticus 26:29 – Further, you will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you will eat.
- Summary - You Have Violated My _____ and Committed _____, therefore I (God) am against you!

Ezekiel 5:11a – *‘So as I live,’ declares the Lord God, surely because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable idols and with all your abominations,*

- Yahweh is the ONLY _____ God

Ezekiel 5:11b - *therefore I will also withdraw, and My eye will have no pity and I will not spare. (12) ‘One third of you will die by plague or be consumed by famine among you, one third will fall by the sword around you, and one third I will scatter to every wind, and I will unsheathe a sword behind them. (13) ‘Thus My anger will be spent and I will satisfy My wrath on them, and I will be appeased; then they will know that I, the Lord, have spoken in My zeal when I have spent My wrath upon them.*

- “I will also withdraw” - better translation - “I myself will shave/cut you off”

- Isaiah 15:2 - “they have gone up to the temple and to Dibon, even to the high places to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba; Everyone’s head is bald and every beard **is cut off**.”
- “And my eye will have no pity”
 - Deuteronomy 7:16 – You shall consume all the peoples whom the Lord your God will deliver to you; your eye shall not pity them, nor shall you serve their gods, for what would be a snare to you.

Ezekiel 5:14 – *‘Moreover, I will make you a desolation and a reproach among the nations which surround you, in the sight of all who pass by. (15) ‘So it will be a reproach, a reviling, a warning and an object of horror to the nations who surround you when I execute judgments against you in anger, wrath and raging rebukes. I, the Lord, have spoken.*

- This is a temporary reversal of what Israel was supposed to be to the nations (a _____)

Ezekiel 5:16 – *‘When I send against them the deadly arrows of famine which were for the destruction of those whom I will send to destroy you, then I will also intensify the famine upon you and break the staff of bread. (17) ‘Moreover, I will send on you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you of children; plague and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the sword on you. I, the Lord, have spoken.’*

- The wrath that was supposed to be upon those who _____ Israel will now be upon _____

Leviticus 26:14 – *But if you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments, (15) if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant, (16) I, in turn, will do this to you; I will appoint over you a sudden terror, consumption and fever that will waste away the eyes and cause the soul to pine away; also, you will sow your seed uselessly, for your enemies will eat it up. (17) I will set my face against you so that you will be struck down before your enemies; and those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee when no one is pursuing you. (18) If also after these things you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. (19) I will also break down your pride of power; I will also make your sky like iron and your earth like bronze. (20) Your strength will be spent uselessly, for your land will not yield its produce and the trees of the land will not yield their fruit. (21) If then, you act with hostility against Me and are unwilling to obey Me, I will increase the plague on you seven times according to your sins. (22) I will let loose among you the beasts of the field, which will bereave you of your children and destroy your cattle and reduce your number so that your roads lie deserted. (22) And if by these things you are not turned to Me, but act with hostility against Me, (24) then I will act with hostility against you; and I, even I, will strike you seven times for your sins. (25) I will bring upon you a sword which will execute vengeance for the covenant; and when you gather together into your cities, I will send pestilence among you, so that you shall be delivered into enemy hands. (26) When I break your staff of bread, ten women will bake your bread in one oven, and they will bring back your bread in rationed amounts, so that you will eat and not be satisfied. (27) Yet if in spite of this you do not obey Me, but act with hostility against Me, (28) then I will act*

with wrathful hostility against you, and I, even I, will punish you seven times for your sins. (29) Further, you will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters you will eat. (30) I then will destroy your high places, and cut down your incense altars, and heap your remains on the remains of your idols, for My soul shall abhor you. (31) I will lay waste your cities as well, and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your soothing aromas. (32) I will make the land desolate so that your enemies who settle in it will be appalled over it. (33) You, however, I will scatter among the nations and will draw out a sword after you, as your land becomes desolate and your cities become water. (34) Then the land will enjoy its sabbaths all the days of the desolation, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. (35) All the days of its desolation it will observe the rest which it did not observe on your sabbaths, while you were living on it. (36) As for those of you who may be left, I will also bring weakness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a driven leaf will chase them, and even when no one is pursuing they will flee as though from the sword, and the will fall. (37) They will therefore stumble over each other as if running from the sword, although no one is pursuing; and you will have no strength to stand up before your enemies. (38) But you will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you. (39) So those of you who may be left will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them. (40) If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me -

These warnings are specific to the Old Testament follower of God right!? Maybe not...

Revelation 15:1 – Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished. (2) And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God. (3) And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! (4) “Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For all the nations will come and worship before You, For Your righteous acts have been revealed.” (5) After these things I looked, and the temple of the tabernacle of testimony in heaven was opened. (6) and the seven angels who had the seven plagues came out of the temple, clothed in linen, clean and bright, and girded around their chests with golden sashes. (7) Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. (8) And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

**In Jesus Christ there is Warning for the Those Who Reject God
and there is Endless Hope for Those Who Receive Him
as the Messiah, Sent from the Father**