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Sunday Mornings Messages

**July 10 – “Do Not Be Unfaithful”
(Ezekiel 15:1-8)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**July 17 – “Our Desperate Need for Grace”
(Ezekiel 16:1-14)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**July 24 – “Misusing the Gifts of God”
(Ezekiel 16:15-43)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

**July 31 – “Our Shame and Forgiveness”
(Ezekiel 16:44-63)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)
PIT Nathan Pipe (11:00 Upper Room)

Sunday Evening Messages

July 3 – No PM Service

**July 10 – “Partiality Is Against the Royal Law”
(James 2:1-9) PIT Stephen Tunncliff**

**July 17 – “How to NOT Judge the World”
(James 2:10-13) Pastor Matthew Downs**

“Comforted by Calamity”

July 3, 2022

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Ezekiel 14:9 – “But if the prophet is prevailed upon to speak a word, it is I, the Lord, who have prevailed upon that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel.

- **Is This Divine Deceit?**

- Reference 1 Kings 22

- The Voice of _____ is not God
- God is in control even of the _____ prophets

- Do not confuse _____ and _____

- God does not _____ false prophets to speak falsely and there is no false prophet outside of His _____

Ezekiel 14:10 – “They will bear the punishment of their iniquity; as the iniquity of the inquirer is, so the iniquity of the prophet will be,

Ezekiel 14:11 – in order that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me and no longer defile themselves with all their transgressions. Thus they will be My people, and I shall be their God,” declares the Lord God.

- None of the Punishment of God is in _____
- None of the Workings of man/spirit are outside of His _____

Look for 4 Punishments from Leviticus 26 (bread the staff of bread [sword], famine, wild beast, plague)

Ezekiel 14:12 - Then the word of the Lord came to me saying,

Ezekiel 14:13 – “Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast,

Ezekiel 14:14 – even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves,” declares the Lord God.

Ezekiel 14:15 – “If I were to cause wild beasts to pass through the land and they depopulated it, and it became desolate so that no one would pass through it because of the beasts,

Ezekiel 14:16 – though these three men were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Lord God, “they could not deliver either their sons or their daughters. They alone would be delivered, but the country would be desolate.

Ezekiel 14:17 – “Or if I should bring a sword on that country and say, ‘Let the sword pass through the country and cut off man and beast from it,’

Ezekiel 14:18 – even though these three men were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Lord God, “they could not deliver either their sons or their daughters, but they alone would be delivered.

Ezekiel 14:19 – “Or if I should send a plague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it to cut off man and beast from it,

Ezekiel 14:20 – even though Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Lord God, “they could not deliver either their son or their daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.”

Ezekiel 14:21 – For thus says the Lord God, “How much more when I send My four severe judgments against Jerusalem; sword, famine, wild beasts and plague to cut off man and beast from it!

False Prophets are saying #1 - The City will have _____ (13:10) because it looks “righteous” on the outside

- **Logic is flawed**

- The _____ can only deliver themselves (_____)

- **Foundation is flawed**

- There is no one _____ in Jerusalem (the righteous are in _____)

Plot twist...

Ezekiel 14:22 - "Yet, behold, survivors will be left in it who will be brought out, both sons and daughters. Behold, they are going to come forth to you and you will see their conduct and actions; then you will be comforted for the calamity which I have brought against Jerusalem for everything which I have brought upon it.

- *The last wave of exiles will prove the _____ of Ezekiel's message*

How will the remnant in exile be "comforted" by the final group of exiles coming to Babylon?

1. There is a true _____ of God in Babylon – Ezekiel
2. God has NOT _____ His people even in Babylon
3. The _____ of God is _____ Unwarranted

Ezekiel 14:23 - "Then they will comfort you when you see their conduct and actions, for you will know that I have not done in vain whatever I did to it," declares the Lord God.

- **The punishment of God is never _____**

We Must Become Aware of These Things Before Judgment Day

1. God is in _____ of all things and we can never _____ Him for our own _____
2. Those who trust in their own righteousness can only _____ themselves temporarily
3. The Punishment of God is never _____ or _____