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## **Sunday Mornings Messages**

### **August 14 – “Taking Responsibility” (Ezekiel 18:1-20)**

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

### **August 21 – “God of Mercy” (Ezekiel 18:21-32)**

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

### **August 28 – “Security Is in God Alone” (Ezekiel 19:1-14)**

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

### **September 4 – “Do You Question God?” (Ezekiel 20:1-31)**

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

## **Sunday Evening Messages**

**August 7 – “Doers of the Word, #2,  
Two Kinds of Wisdom”  
(James 3:13-18) PIT Tom Croke**

**August 14 – Gospel Music Concert**

**August 21 – “Doers of the Word, #3,  
Conflict from Envy and Evil Desire”  
(James 4:1-3) Pastor Matthew Downs**

# “The Tree the Lord Planted”

August 7, 2022  
Pastor Anthony Whitlatch

Ezekiel 17:1 – *Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, (2) “Son of man, propound a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel, (3) saying, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “A great eagle with great wings, long pinions and a full plumage of many colors came to Lebanon and took away the top of the cedar. (4) “He plucked off the topmost of its young twigs and brought it to the land of merchants, he set it in a city of traders, (5) “He also took some of the seed of the land and planted it in fertile soil. He placed it beside abundant waters; he set it like a willow. (6) “Then it sprouted and became a low, spreading vine with its branches turned toward him, but its roots remained under it. So it became a vine and yielded shoots and sent out branches. (7) “But there was another great eagle with great wings and much plumage; and behold, this vine bent its roots toward him and sent out its branches toward him from the beds where it was planted, that he might water it. (8) “It was planted in good soil beside abundant waters, that it might yield branches and bear fruit and become a splendid vine.””*

- **Episode 1** (vs 3-4) - Eagle #1 and the \_\_\_\_\_
- **Episode 2** (vs 5-6) - Eagle #1 and the \_\_\_\_\_
- **Episode 3** (vs 7-8) - \_\_\_\_\_ and the vine

Ezekiel 17:9 – *“Say, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, so that it withers – so that all its sprouting leaves wither? And neither by great strength nor by many people can it be raised from its roots again. (10) “Behold, though it is planted, will it thrive? Will it not completely wither as soon as the east wind strikes it – wither on the beds where it grew?””*

- Pattern is one \_\_\_\_\_ and three \_\_\_\_\_ - back to back

Ezekiel 17:11 – *Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, (12) “Say now to the rebellious house, ‘Do you not know what these things mean?’ Say, ‘Behold, the King of Babylon came to Jerusalem, took its king and princes and brought them to him in Babylon.*

- **Episode 1** - Eagle #1 - \_\_\_\_\_ - Sprig of Cedar - \_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 17:13 – *‘He took one of the royal family and made a covenant with him, putting him under oath. He also took away the mighty of the land, (14) that the kingdom might be in subjection, not exalting itself, but keeping his covenant that it might continue.*

- **Episode 2** - Eagle #1 and the Vine - \_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 17:15a – *‘But he rebelled against him by sending his envoys to Egypt that they might give him horses and many troops.*

- **Episode 3** - Eagle #2 - \_\_\_\_\_ and the Vine

Ezekiel 17:15b – *Will he succeed? Will he who does such things escape? Can he indeed break the covenant and escape? (16) ‘As I live,’ declares the Lord God, ‘Surely in the country of the king who put him on the throne, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, in Babylon he shall die. (17) ‘Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company will not help him in the war, when they cast up ramps and build siege walls to cut off many lives. (18) ‘Now he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and behold, he pledged his allegiance, yet did all these things; he shall not escape’” (19) Therefore, thus says the Lord God, “As I live, surely My oath which he despised and My covenant which he broke, I will inflict on his head. (20) “I will spread My net over him, and he will be caught in My snare. Then I will bring him to Babylon and enter into judgment with him there regarding the unfaithful act which he has committed against Me. (21) “All the choice men in all his troops will fall by the sword, and the survivors will be scattered to every wind; and you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken.”*

- God will be faithful to \_\_\_\_\_

How can God destroy Jerusalem and remove the King and stay faithful to the Davidic Covenant?

## **Episode 4** - Season Finale

### **Jesus Christ is the Fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant**

Ezekiel 17:22 – *Thus says the Lord God, “I will also take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and set it out; I will pluck from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.*

- “Lofty top of the cedar” represents \_\_\_\_\_
- “Young twig” - \_\_\_\_\_ - “tender” - \_\_\_\_\_
- “High and Loft Mountain” is \_\_\_\_\_

Ezekiel 17:23 – *“On a high mountain of Israel I will plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit and become a stately cedar. And birds of every kind will nest under it; they will nest in the shade of its branches.*

- John 12:23 – *And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (24) “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (25) “He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. (26) “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.*
- To be “planted is to \_\_\_\_\_, be \_\_\_\_\_, and raise to life

Ezekiel 17:24 – *“All of the trees of the field will know that I am the Lord; I bring down the high tree, exalt the low tree, dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will perform it.”*

- Immediate context is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Final context is \_\_\_\_\_ death, burial, and resurrection from the dead

**GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES**  
**NOW AND IN THE FUTURE**  
**DO NOT WAVER ON BELIEVING OR TRUSTING**  
**IN THE PROMISES OF GOD**

**Promises for NOW**

- Discipline (believer who is sinning) - Hebrews 12:7-8
- Forgive (repentant old believer and new believer) - 1 John 1:9 and Romans 10:9
- Mature and Teach (believer who is humble and teachable) - John 14:26
- Turn the rebellious over to his or her sin (the unbelievers who refuses to acknowledge God and/or turn to Jesus Christ and/or accept His morality) - Romans 1:26-32

**Promises for the Future**

- Heaven and the return of Jesus Christ - John 14:1-3
- Hell - Revelation 20:15