# EZEKIEL LESSON 6: MERCY AND CHOICES

# **God's Justice Defended**

#### INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE GOD

- ♦ Blaming our parents (18:1-4)
- ♦ Individual accountability (18:5-20)
- ♦ Change your ways! (18:21-32)

#### A FUNERAL FOR THE PRINCES OF ISRAEL:

- ♦ A dirge for the fall of the Kings (19:1-9)
- A dirge over the destruction of Judah (19:10-14)

#### **ISRAEL'S HISTORY OF REBELLION**

- ♦ Dabbling in Egyptian Idolatry (20:1-9)
- $\diamond$  Rebellion in the wilderness (20:10-26)
- ♦ The high places in Canaan (20:27-29)

#### THE FUTURE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

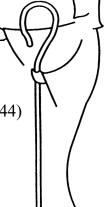
- ♦ Don't Ask—Don't Tell (20:30-32)
- $\diamond$  Refiners Fire (20:33-39)
- ♦ Promise of restoration and salvation (20:40-44)

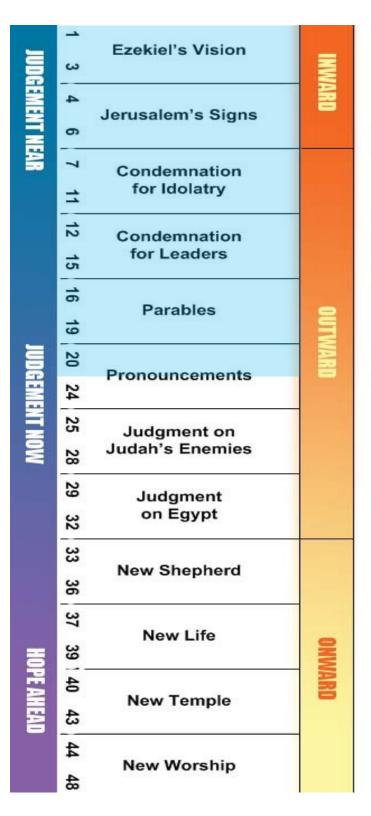
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# Here are all the words God spoke. He said,

2 "I am the LORD your God. I brought you out of Egypt. That is the land where you were slaves.

3 "Do not put any other gods in place of me.

4 "Do not make for yourself statues of gods that look like anything in the sky. They may not look like anything on the earth or in the waters either. 5 Do not bow down to them or worship them. I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God. I cause the sins of the parents to affect their children. I will cause the sins of those who hate me to affect even their grandchildren and great-

grandchildren. 6 But for all time to come I show love to all those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 "Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will find guilty anyone who misuses his name.

8 "Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy. 9 Do all your work in six days. 10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to honor the Lord your God. Do not do any work on that day. The same command applies to your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and your animals. It also applies to any outsiders who live in your towns. 11 In six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea and everything in them. But he rested on the seventh day. So the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12 "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long time in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

13 "Do not murder.

14 "Do not commit adultery.

15 "Do not steal.

16 "Do not be a false witness against your neighbor.

17 "Do not want to have anything your neighbor owns. Do not want to have your neighbor's house, wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey."

## **Questions:**

- What does the prophet urge Israel to do once that they know the truth? (18:31-32)
- "The soul that sins, it shall die." Is this physical, spiritual or eternal death? (Ezekiel 18:20)
- Who or what is represented by the lush and fruitful vine? (19:10-11)
- How does Ezekiel "judge" the elders of Judah? (20:5-32; and reference Acts 7:51-53)

## **Reflection:**

 Compare Ezekiel 18:23,32 with the story of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15:11-32. What comparisons can be made regarding the nature and mercy of God?

## **Biblical References:**

Ezekiel	See and Compare
18:19-20	Romans 2:6,9
18:21-23	2 Peter 3:9
19:1-4	2 Timothy 4:17 ; Hebrews 11:33
19:11	Psalm 23:4
20:1-5	Matthew 13:15
20:10-17	Psalm 95:8-10
20:18-26	Psalm 81:12; Romans. 1:24; 2 Thessalonians 2:11