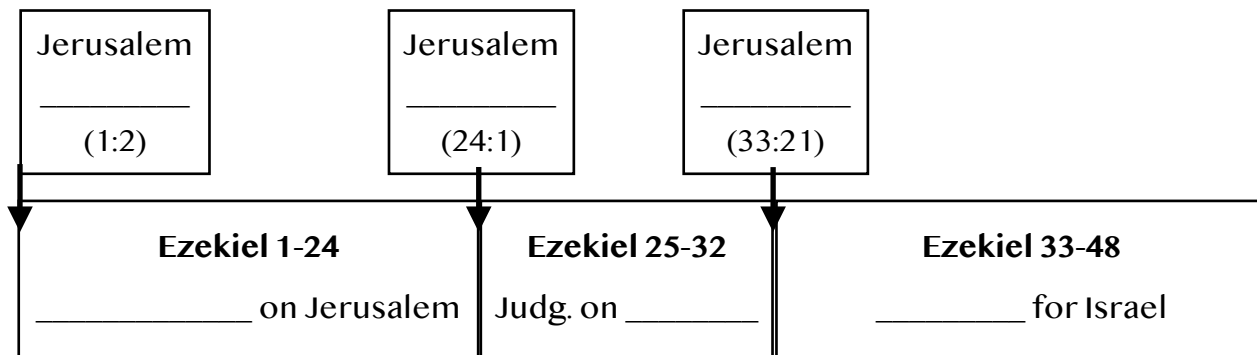


## Class #8 - Idols in the Temple

### Objectives:

- Match the early chapters of Ezekiel with their summaries/highlights.
- Recall two abominations taking place in the temple in Ezekiel's vision.
- Identify the crime worse than all the idolatry that Ezekiel witnessed.

### Review



Match each section of Ezekiel with the appropriate summary or highlight:

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| • ch.1 _____   | A. Ezekiel is called by God as the watchman of Israel. |
| • ch.2-3 _____ | B. Devastation of Israel's economy, religion, & gov't. |
| • ch.4 _____   | C. A sword coming on Judah—in famine, plague, & exile. |
| • ch.5-6 _____ | D. Ezekiel sees the likeness of the glory of God.      |
| • ch.7 _____   | E. Ezekiel builds a model of the siege of Jerusalem.   |

### Opening Discussion (Ezekiel 8)

Try to get into the head of the people of Judah—how could this have happened?

### The Trip and First Abomination (Ezekiel 8:1-6)

- This passage is dated, and takes place \_\_\_\_\_ months after Ezekiel's call (see 1:2)
  - He would have been bearing the iniquity of \_\_\_\_\_ (see 4:6)
- Interestingly, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Judah have come to his house. Why?

- Once again, Ezekiel sees a vision of God (?) and is “transported” to the entrance of the inner court of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem.
- He sees there an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ set up, while the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord stands by in His temple.
  - see 2 Kings 21:5 - a practice carried out in the days of \_\_\_\_\_, and though \_\_\_\_\_ had cleansed idols from the land, here they are again.

### **The Second Abomination (Ezekiel 8:7-13)**

- Then, Ezekiel is told to \_\_\_\_\_ through the wall into the \_\_\_\_\_.
- There he sees the walls covered in \_\_\_\_\_ images of \_\_\_\_\_, with the seventy \_\_\_\_\_ of Judah each worshipping one of these images.
  - He recognizes Jaazaniah, son of Shaphan, a man from a \_\_\_\_\_ family (see 2 Kings 22:3ff; Jeremiah 26:24; 29:33; 36:10-12; 39:14)
- Their rationale for doing this? “Jehovah does not \_\_\_\_\_; Jehovah has \_\_\_\_\_ the land.” (8:12) What do they mean?

### **The Third Abomination (Ezekiel 8:14-15)**

- Next, Ezekiel is taken to the entrance of the temple, where women are weeping for Tammuz, a \_\_\_\_\_ god of the seasons / fertility.

### **The Fourth Abomination (Ezekiel 8:16-18)**

- Finally, he is taken back into the inner court, where he sees twenty five men facing east ( \_\_\_\_\_ to the temple of Jehovah) – bowing down to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - again, see 2 Kings 21:5, the altars built in the temple for the host of heaven
- And yet, God tells Ezekiel that these are \_\_\_\_\_ offenses, compared to the fact that they have filled the land with \_\_\_\_\_.