

**The Book of Ezekiel**  
**Lesson 11: The Glory Has Departed- Part 2**  
**“The People Are Doomed”**  
**October 18, 2020**  
**Ezekiel 9:1-10:22**  
**Answers**

**Recap from Session 10:**

- The **Gentile** nations had their temple, priests, religious laws, and sacrifices, but only the nation of **Israel** had the glory of the **True** and **Living** God dwelling in their midst. **(Rom. 9:4)**
  - o The people are **Identified** by the **Presence** of God.
- 1. **The Temple is Defiled (8:1-18)**
  - a. **The Glory of God was Revealed (Vss. 1-2)**
  - b. **The Idolatry of the People was Exposed (Vss. 3-16)**
  - c. **The Divine Judgement is Announced (Vss. 17-18)**
    - i. When people **Lose** their **Fear** of God, they do as they please and do not **Worry** about the **Consequences**.
    - ii. The Lord had presented the evidence and announced the verdict, and now He declared the sentence: **He would Obey His covenant and severely Punish His People for their multiplied Sins.**

**Session 11**

- This is the **Heart** of Ezekiel’s message, and it must have broken his heart to deliver it. Read the Book of Lamentations to see how thoroughly the Lord “Dealt in fury” with His people.
  - o Jeremiah was an eyewitness of the destruction of Jerusalem, and what Ezekiel predicted, Jeremiah saw **Fulfilled**.
- 1. **The Remnant Spared (9:1-4)**
  - a. In his vision, Ezekiel was still in the temple in Jerusalem when he heard the Lord summoned six **“Men”** (Angels)
    - i. These angels were appointed to execute God’s **Judgment** in the city. But with the six angels was a seventh person bearing equipment of a scribe, clothed in linen as though he were a priest. **(Dan. 10:5; Rev. 1:13)**
    - ii. These seven angels congregated at the altar of burnt offering, the place where the fire of God’s holy judgment consumed the sacrifices.
    - iii. The fire declared the **Holiness** of God, but the blood sacrifice on the altar declared the **Grace** of God.
  - b. At this point, the **“Shekinah”** glory that had been on the “Chariot throne,” moved from the throne, to the **Threshold** of the temple, in preparation for leaving the temple. **(Ezek. 8:2)**
    - i. The Jewish people who had God’s glory dwelling among them did not seek to glorify Him by **Obeying** His will, so He received glory by **Punishing** their sins.

- c. The scribe-angel was commanded to go through the city and mark the people who lamented and grieved because of the sins of the city.
    - i. No matter how dark the day, God has always had His faithful remnant who obeyed His will and trusted Him for deliverance. (**Ezek. 6:11; Ps. 12:5; Isa. 66:2; Jer. 13:17**)
    - ii. The Marking of people will also be a feature of the end times. (**Rev. 7:3; Rev. 9:4**)
    - iii. Believers today are “Marked” by the Spirit of God. (**Eph. 1:13-14**)
2. **The Rebels Judged (9:5-10:7)**
- a. The other six angels were to follow the scribe-angel and Kill everybody on whom he did not put the mark, and Nobody was to be spared because of sex and age.
  - b. The angels see to it that God’s plans are fulfilled for the individuals and nations, but they perform their duties Invisibly, unseen by the people whose lives they Affect.
  - c. (**Ezek. 9:6**) “**Begin at my sanctuary**”
    - i. This seems like a strange order, but it was the Idolatry in the temple that had roused the anger of the Lord.
    - ii. Often in Scripture you find God sending judgment, not because Unbelievers have sinned, but because His own people have Disobeyed His law.
    - iii. God’s people are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (**Matt. 5:13-16**). If there were more Salt in this world, there would be less Decay, and more light would mean less Darkness.
  - d. A Corpse was an unclean thing to a Jew, so corpses in the temple would defile the house of God.
    - i. These people had defiled God’s house by their wicked lives, and now they would defile it further in their terrible deaths. The idolaters would be as Dead as the idols they Worshipped (**Ps. 115:8**)
    - ii. When the prophet Ezekiel saw this scene, he fell on his face to Intercede for the remnant God had promised to protect. This Attitude is the mark of a true shepherd. (**Ezek. 4:14; 11:13**)
    - iii. God informed Ezekiel that the land was defiled by Innocent blood and the city was full of Injustice, and the time had come for the people to reap what they had sown.
  - e. In Response to Ezekiel’s concern and prayer, the Lord revealed His Glory once again.
    - i. The Lord commanded the scribe-angel to enter between the Wheels and take Coals from the fire that was there and to scatter the coals over the city of Jerusalem.
    - ii. This was Not a fire of Purification, such as Isaiah’s experience (**Isa. 6:5-7**) but a fire of Condemnation. (**2 Ki. 25:8-9**)
3. **The Glory Revealed (10:8-22)**
- a. Ezekiel described the vision of God’s glory that he had seen on the day of his ordination. (**Ezek. 10:15; 20:22**)
    - i. One new feature is the face that the living creatures were “Full of eyes” even as the wheels were, which suggest God’s omniscience (**Ezek. 1:18**).

- ii. Another feature is the identifying of the wheels as **“The whirling wheels.” (Vs. 13)**
    - iii. One problem that this new description presents relates to the description of the **Faces** of the cherubim.
  - b. God’s glory departed from the threshold and stood over the chariot throne, which was on the **Right** side of the house (**Vs. 3**), as though the Lord were calling His glory **Back** to His throne.
    - i. At the same time, the chariot throne **Arose** and **Stood** at the door of the **East** gate of the temple.
  - c. Ezekiel was learning that the most important part of the nations’ life was to **Magnify** the glory of God. The presence of God in the sanctuary was a great **Privilege** for the people of Israel, but it was also a great **Responsibility**.
- The glory of God cannot **Dwell** with the sins of God’s people, so it was necessary for the glory to leave the sanctuary and the people to be judged.

