

I. Problem of the First Vision

- A. Judgment is coming on Jerusalem
- B. God is pictured as being with the Babylonians
- C. How could the glory of God which dwells in the temple be with the heathen Babylonians?

II. Ezekiel is Given Two Assignments Before the Fall

- A. Join Jeremiah in making clear that judgment will come
- B. Explaining the reasons for the judgment

III. God's Kindness to Israel (Ezekiel 16)

- A. Israel pictured as a baby which had been exposed to die
- B. The Lord not only takes the baby in but raises it to be His wife
- C. The best of everything is given
- D. Israel uses the blessings to lure other men into harlotry
- E. Therefore, judgment is to come

IV. Second Vision of the Glory of God (Ezekiel 8-11)

- A. Ezekiel was brought in a vision to Jerusalem
- B. The true heart of the temple worshipers - *they were putting a twig to their nose*
 - 1. Idol of jealousy (8:5-6)
 - 2. Elders in the temple (8:7-13)
 - a. Picture of the true prayers of the heart - incense to abominations

Assignment:

Read Ezekiel 33-37

3. Women weeping for Tammuz (8:14-15)
 - a. Longing for sensual experiences
4. Worship of the priests
 - a. On the porch of the temple
 - b. Their backs are to the holy place while they worship the sun
- C. The search for exceptions to the case
 1. To the scribe - Mark everyone who groans because of these things
 - a. Equivalent to the statement in 22:30 - *I searched for a man among them to build up the wall and stand in the gap*
 2. To the executioners - Slay everyone who is not marked
- D. The withdrawal of the glory of God
 1. The glory of God leaves the Holy Place and moves to the threshold of the temple (Ezekiel 10:4)
 2. The glory of the Lord moves from the threshold to the East gate of the temple (Ezekiel 10:18-19)
 3. The glory moves from the gate across to Mt. Scopus (Ezekiel 11:22-23)
 - a. This is the place where invading armies always set up headquarters when they attacked Jerusalem
- E. Temple was not a lucky charm but a place to meet with God
 1. Israel did not want God
 2. The glory of the Lord departed

