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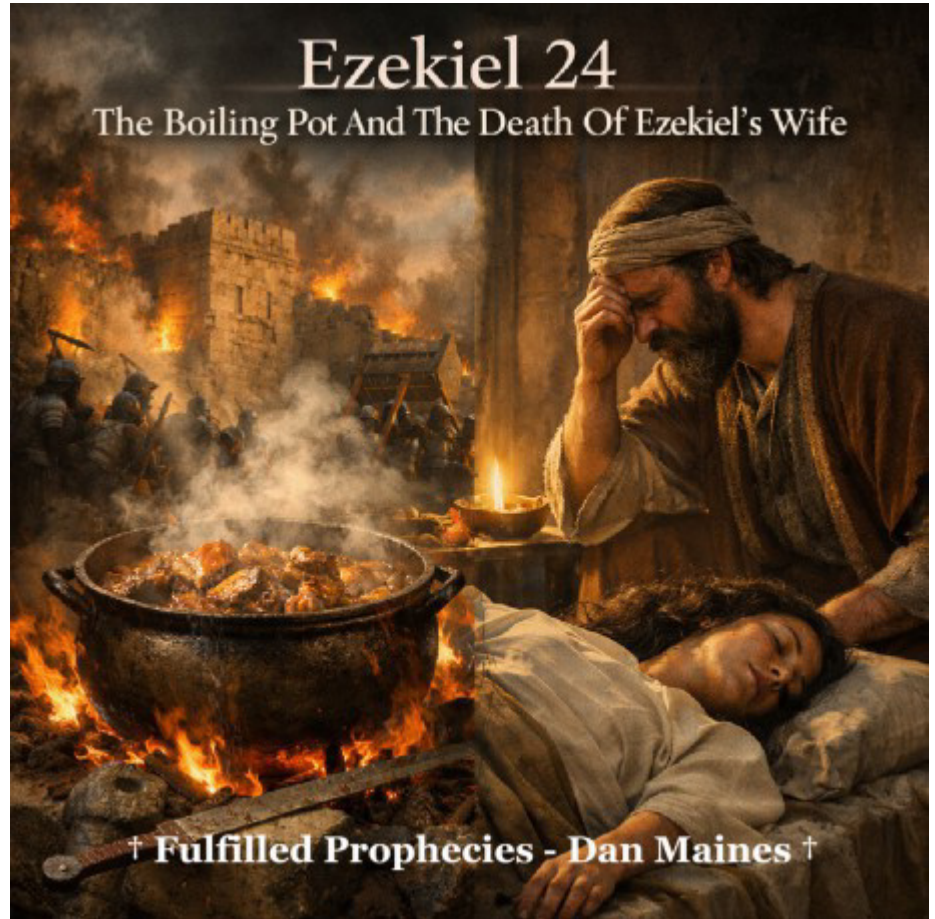
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Introduction

† Ezekiel 24 brings us to the exact day the siege of Jerusalem began, this is a real historical moment tied directly to covenant judgment (Ezekiel 24:1-2)

† God gives two signs, the boiling pot and the death of Ezekiel's wife, showing judgment is certain, complete, and unavoidable (Ezekiel 24:3-27)

† From the fulfilled perspective, this points to the covenant

judgment that reached its full expression in the first century

Ezekiel 24:1-2

In the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, write down the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon has laid siege to Jerusalem this very day.

† God anchors this prophecy to an exact day, proving this is not symbolic speculation but real historical judgment (Ezekiel 24:2)

† This marks the beginning of the siege, showing God declares events before they happen and brings them to pass (Isaiah 46:10)

† It shows God's timing is precise, nothing happens outside His control (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Ezekiel 24:3-5

Speak a parable to the rebellious house and say to them, This is what the Lord God says: Put on the pot, put it on and also pour water in it; put in it the pieces, every good piece, the thigh and the shoulder. Fill it with choice bones. Take the choicest of the flock, and pile wood under the pot. Make it boil vigorously. Also seethe its bones in it.

† The pot represents Jerusalem, and the people are the contents inside, trapped in the coming judgment (Ezekiel 24:3)

† What they trusted in, the city, becomes the place of their destruction (Ezekiel 11:3-7)

† The boiling shows intense and unavoidable judgment, nothing escapes the fire (Malachi 4:1)

Ezekiel 24:6-8

Therefore, this is what the Lord God says: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot in which there is rust and whose rust has not gone out of it. Take out of it piece after piece, without making a choice. For her blood is in her midst; she placed it on the bare rock; she did not pour it on the ground to cover it with dust. So

that it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have put her blood on the bare rock, that it may not be covered.

† The rust represents sin that remains, their corruption has not been removed (Ezekiel 24:6)

† Their guilt is exposed before God, nothing is hidden or covered (Genesis 4:10)

† Judgment is impartial, piece after piece, no one escapes accountability (Romans 2:6)

Ezekiel 24:9-14

Therefore, this is what the Lord God says: Woe to the bloody city. I will also make the pile great. Heap on the wood, kindle the fire, boil the flesh well and mix in the spices, and let the bones be burned. Then set it empty on its coals so that it may be hot and its bronze may glow and its filthiness may be melted in it, its rust consumed. She has wearied Me with toil, yet her great rust has not gone from her; let her rust be in the fire. In your filthiness is lewdness. Because I would have cleansed you, yet you are not clean, you will not be cleansed from your filthiness again until I have spent My wrath on you. I, the Lord, have spoken; it is coming and I will act. I will not relent, and I will not pity, and I will not be sorry; according to your ways and according to your deeds I will judge you, declares the Lord God.

† God gave opportunity for cleansing, but they refused, now only judgment remains (Jeremiah 6:29-30)

† The fire represents complete purification through destruction, nothing is left untouched (Isaiah 1:25)

† God's judgment is according to their deeds, exactly as warned in the covenant (Deuteronomy 32:35)

Ezekiel 24:15-18

And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, behold, I am about to take from you the desire of your eyes with a blow; but you shall not mourn and you shall not weep, and your tears shall not come. Groan silently; make no mourning for

the dead. Bind on your turban and put on your shoes on your feet, and do not cover your mustache and do not eat the bread of men. So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. And in the morning I did as I was commanded.

† Ezekiel's wife represents the desire of the people, just as Jerusalem was the desire of their eyes (Ezekiel 24:16)

† The command not to mourn shows the overwhelming shock of the coming destruction (Ezekiel 24:17)

† This sign shows judgment would leave them speechless and unable to respond normally (Lamentations 2:10)

Ezekiel 24:19-24

The people said to me, Will you not tell us what these things that you are doing mean for us? Then I said to them, The word of the Lord came to me, saying, Speak to the house of Israel, This is what the Lord God says: Behold, I am about to profane My sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes and the delight of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword. You will do as I have done; you will not cover your mustache and you will not eat the bread of men. Your turbans will be on your heads and your shoes on your feet; you will not mourn and you will not weep, but you will rot away in your iniquities and you will groan to one another. Thus Ezekiel will be a sign to you; according to all that he has done you will do. When it comes, then you will know that I am the Lord God.

† The temple, which they trusted in, would be destroyed, proving their confidence was misplaced (Jeremiah 7:4)

† Their grief would be so overwhelming that normal mourning would stop (Ezekiel 24:23)

† This shows outward religion without obedience cannot prevent judgment (Isaiah 29:13)

Ezekiel 24:25-27

As for you, son of man, will it not be on the day when I take from them their stronghold, the joy of their pride, the desire of their eyes and their heart's delight, their sons and their daughters, that on that day he who escapes will come to you with information for your ears? On that day your mouth will be opened to him who escaped, and you will speak and be mute no longer. Thus you will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the Lord.

† A survivor would confirm the destruction, showing the certainty of the prophecy (Ezekiel 33:21)

† Ezekiel's silence ending shows the transition from warning to fulfillment (Ezekiel 3:26-27)

† When it happens, they will know the Lord has spoken, judgment proves His word is true (Numbers 23:19)

Historical References

† Josephus records the siege and destruction of Jerusalem, showing the horror and silence that followed

† Eusebius connects these events with the fulfillment of prophetic warnings about Jerusalem

† Tacitus describes the devastation of the city, confirming the completeness of the judgment

How It Applies To Us Today

† God is patient, but when judgment comes, it comes exactly as He said, we can't ignore His warnings (2 Peter 3:9-10)

† Trusting in outward religion without obedience leads to destruction, just like those who trusted the temple (Matthew 7:21-23)

† We now live in the fulfilled kingdom, not waiting for this judgment, but understanding it has already been completed (Hebrews 12:28)

Q & A Appendix

Q What does the boiling pot represent

A It represents Jerusalem under judgment, where the people are trapped and consumed (Ezekiel 24:3-5)

Q Why was Ezekiel not allowed to mourn

A To show the overwhelming shock and silence that would come upon the people (Ezekiel 24:16-17)

Q What is the rust in the pot

A It represents persistent sin that would not be removed (Ezekiel 24:6)

Q What happens to the temple in this chapter

A God declares it will be profaned and destroyed (Ezekiel 24:21)

Q When was this judgment fulfilled

A It was fulfilled in 586 BC when Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and the temple (2 Kings 25:9)

Q What does this teach us about God

A That He judges according to deeds and fulfills His word exactly (Ezekiel 24:14)

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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