

Ezekiel 22

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The Sins of Jerusalem

- ¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- ² Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations.
- ³ Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself.
- ⁴ Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.
- ⁵ Those that be near, and those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art infamous and much vexed.
- ⁶ Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood.
- ⁷ In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.
- ⁸ Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.
- ⁹ In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness.
- ¹⁰ In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution.

11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

12 In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.

13 Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.

14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.

15 And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.

16 And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

23 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.

26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

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Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

Prophet — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

Law — תּוֹרָה (Torah)

Law, instruction

The Hebrew **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means law or instruction—God's revealed will for His people. The Law includes moral, civil, and ceremonial commandments, revealing God's character and humanity's need for a Savior.

Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

CROSS REFERENCES

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Ezekiel 22:3 **Blood:** Ezekiel 22:27

Ezekiel 22:4 **Creation:** 2 Kings 21:16. **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 16:57. **Blood:** Ezekiel 22:2

Ezekiel 22:6 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 1:23. **Blood:** Ezekiel 22:27

Ezekiel 22:7 **Light:** Deuteronomy 27:16. **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 20:9; Jeremiah 7:6; Zechariah 7:10; Malachi 3:5

Ezekiel 22:8 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 20:13; 20:21; 20:24; Leviticus 19:30; Malachi 1:12.
Holy: Ezekiel 22:26

Ezekiel 22:9 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 16:43; 18:6; 18:11; Hosea 4:10; 4:14. **Blood:** Leviticus 19:16; Hosea 4:2

Ezekiel 22:10 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 18:6; Leviticus 18:19; 20:11

Ezekiel 22:11 **Word:** Leviticus 18:15; 20:12. **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 18:11; Leviticus 18:9; 18:20; 20:17; 2 Samuel 13:14

Ezekiel 22:12 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 18:8; Deuteronomy 16:19; 23:19; 27:25; Psalms 15:5; Jeremiah 2:32. **References God:** Ezekiel 23:35; Psalms 106:21. **Blood:** Ezekiel 18:13

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Ezekiel 22:25 **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 13:19; Jeremiah 2:34; 11:9; Hosea 6:9

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Holy: Ezekiel 22:8; 36:20; 44:23; Leviticus 10:10. **Word:** Jeremiah 2:8; Malachi 2:8. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 2:22

Ezekiel 22:27 **Blood:** Ezekiel 22:6; 22:13. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 1:23

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Ezekiel 22:31 **References God:** Ezekiel 16:43. **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 9:10. **Judgment:** Ezekiel 7:3

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