

"A Boiling Pot and a Dead Wife"
Ezekiel 24

The Boiling Pot Parable

v. 1 Q. What historical dating do we receive?

A.

v. 2 Q. What is Ezekiel commanded to do?

A. Something _____ is taking place on this day, that will be proof of Ezekiel's voice.

Note: This took place in January of _____ B.C., two years before the fall of Jerusalem.

The Parable

v. 3 Q. What is the parable?

A.

1. Put on the _____ pot and pour water into it.

v. 4 2. Put into it all the pieces of _____

3. All the _____ pieces – the leg and the shoulder

4. Fill it with the best of these _____

v. 5. 5. Take the _____ of the flock (best)

6. Pile _____ beneath it for the bones

7. Bring it to a _____

8. And _____ the bones in it

The Parable Explained in Metaphor (#1)

v. 6 Woe! = particle of interjection = something really _____ is coming

The city of bloodshed = the pot = _____

The pot is encrusted, whose deposit will not go away =
_____ damaged = to make holy

Empty it piece by piece = _____ and in _____
(siege)

Without casting lots for them = _____ of status

v. 7 The blood shed was on the _____ rock not the ground =
_____ for all to see = where the dust would not cover it up.

v. 8 She _____ did this violence and so the Lord shall
_____ display His wrath.

The Parable Explained in Metaphor (#2)

v. 9 Woe to the city of _____ (repeated from verse 8)

I will pile the wood high = make the _____ fire red hot

Note: The word "pile" is translated "_____" in Isaiah 30:33 –
funeral language. Referring to the burning of _____ in the
Valley of Hinnom.

v. 10 _____ on the wood and kindle the fire = get the judgment
started

Cook everything _____ until it is all disintegrated =
thorough judgment

v. 11 Set the empty pot on the coal until it _____ = an attempt to burn off the remaining _____ and any food burned away = nothing left

v. 12 It has _____ all efforts; its heavy deposit remains, even with the intense heat = deep, deep, unrepentant

v. 13a Q. How does the Lord describe the impurity of Israel and what does it mean?

A.

"Lewdness" refers to immoral and _____ behavior, particularly of a sexual nature (physical or spiritual fornication/adultery). It encompasses actions driven by _____ lust and shamelessness, often linked to wickedness and moral _____.

v. 13b Q. What two things does God reveal?

A.

1. _____ punishment per their obstinance.
2. _____. God's wrath will subside.

v. 14 Q. What are the five declaratives?

A.

1. _____: "I have spoken"
2. _____: "The time has come"
3. _____: "I will not hold back"
4. _____: "I will not have pity or relent"
5. _____: Judged according to your conduct and actions.

Another Sign...

vv. 15-16a Q. What divinely horrible thing is God going to do?

A. _____ was going to _____ his wife.

vv. 16b-17 Q. If that wasn't bad enough, what did God tell him not to do/to do?

A. You can grieve _____, but do not participate in any culturally expected _____ associated with mourning the death of a loved one.

v. 18 Q. What happened?

A.

1. Ezekiel's wife _____.

2. He _____ the Lord's command.

v. 19 Q. How did the people respond?

A. They connected his lack of mourning as a _____ to them.

vv. 20-21a Q. What does the Lord say?

A.

1. God has taken away that delight of my eyes (_____) just as he will take away the delight of your eyes (the _____).

2. Those _____ will die by the sword.

vv. 22-23 Q. What does Ezekiel say to them?

A. As you experience the death of your _____, so you will not practice the customary _____ of grieving.

v. 24a Q. What does God call Ezekiel?

A. A _____ of their future actions.

v. 24b Q. What is the common reason?

A.

vv. 25-26 Q. What will God do for Ezekiel?

A. God will send Ezekiel an _____ from Jerusalem to _____ his message.

v. 27 Q. What will God do for Ezekiel?

A. God enables him to speak (_____ as opposed to only prophetically). _____ the fulfilled sign and recognition formula.

Application Questions:

Q. What is the power of parable to teach?

A.

1. Sometimes we learn better with a _____.
2. Sometimes we learn better by pointing to something _____ and _____.

Q. What is the theological difficulty of Ezekiel's wife dying for a prophetic point?

A. It's hard to see the _____ of God in this or his personal _____.