

Bible Study Guide
Ezekiel 15-16
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Read Ezekiel 15.

1. In Ezekiel 15 the inhabitants of Jerusalem are compared to a vine. What comes to your mind when you hear about the imagery of a vine in the Bible?

2. According to 15:1-5, what is vine wood good for? With that in mind, what is going to happen to the inhabitants of Jerusalem (15:6-8)? What is the message to us today from this chapter?

Read Ezekiel 16

3. What is the purpose for the story of this chapter according to v. 2? What is your response to the graphic nature of this story?

4. What stands out to you regarding the description of the abandoned child in 16:3-5? What does this picture tell us regarding the people of Israel? How does this fit our spiritual condition?

5. What did the man telling the story do for the baby (16:6-14)? What one word would you use to sum up what he wants for her? What is this a picture of?

6. When Israel became an adult, God took her as his wife and entered into a covenant of marriage with her (v. 8). What blessings did he lavish on her (16:8-14)? How is this imagery fulfilled in the New Testament era?

7. How does the woman respond to the man? What does she do now with all the gifts he once gave her (16:15-19)? What are the spiritual realities behind the description of Israel's unfaithfulness?
8. Do you think of your sin as adultery and unfaithfulness to the Lord or do you think of it as breaking some rules? Explain.
9. How does the woman in the story treat their children (16:20-21)? Is this act literal or figurative?
10. Why is it significant that the people of Israel "did not remember the days of [their] youth" (16:22; compare 16:43)? What happens to us if we do not remember our past condition and God's grace in saving us?
11. How does Israel's spiritual prostitution exceed what we normally consider adultery and unfaithfulness (16:23-34)?
12. How does the husband respond to his wife's actions? (16:35-58)
13. Does this story have a happy ending or a sad one? What hope is there? (16:59-63)