

Ezekiel Study 3. (God's judgment)

Do you think God can be angry? If so, how angry do you think he can get?

Read Chapter 8 & 9.

Chapter 8

What did the people do that were so offensive to God?

8:5-6

8:9-13

8:14-15

8:16

8:17-18



Explore Historical Background.

Just before entering the promised land many centuries earlier, the Israelites agreed to renew their covenant (contract) with God. Since God had been so loving and kind to rescue them from slavery in Egypt and to give them the land, the people agreed to worship God with all their hearts and minds and soul. God however knew that their hearts would go astray so he warned them about worshipping idols. Read Deut 30:11-20.

What options did God give them? What were they meant to choose (see Deut 30:19-20)?

How did the people fail in terms of living up to their promise (see Ezekiel 8:5-6) ?

What is God's response?

Read Ezekiel 8:18 to 9:11

What did Ezekiel see in his vision?

9:1&2 – how were they different? What were their roles and functions?

six men?

Other man?

Who did God destroy and who did God preserve (V4-5)?

How did God explained his actions (V7-10)?

What is shocking about this vision?

What is your view of God after reading this story?

Remember keep in perspective:

God had warned his people for a very long time before acting in judgment. God does not punish everyone. Sin and idolatry is very serious.

Remember that the story does not end here, it is making us look forward to the time God is saving his people. It helps us understand that God is not just saving us from bad things happening to us but saving us from his anger.

