

BkEze 15 GIVEN TO THE FIRE - THEY HAVE COMMITTED A TRESPASS

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Book of Ezekiel: prophecies of the Babylonian captivity and the Apocalypse						
Scope	The Lord GOD, "ye shall know that I am the LORD"					
Focus	Ezekiel Commissioned		Judgment Warnings		The day of the LORD	
	to Speak the Word		Israel	Gentiles	Restoration of Israel	
Divine	Commission the Committed		Sanctify the obedient Remnant;		Manifest the Glorious appearing	
Plan	to Declare the Word of God		Judge the Disobedient and Rebellious		of the LORD Jesus Christ	
Reference	1	2	4	25	30	40 48
	Ezekiel	Ezekiel equipped	Dramatic and	Judgment	Tribulation	Kingdom and
Division	sees the	to warn with the	objective signs	Warnings to	and Israel's	visions of
	Glory	Word without fear	of Judgment	Gentile Nations	Salvation	the Temple
	Type: Christ ($\underline{\text{De } 18:18-19}$) to the Church ($\underline{\text{John } 20:21-22}$) "so send I you" — Rapture \rightarrow 2 nd Advent \rightarrow Millennium / Eternity \rightarrow					
Spiritual	Israel: a rebellious nation, impudent children, stiffhearted					
Condition	Remnant: Ezekiel: committed and separated unto God; divinely chosen and equipped					
Location/Time	Babylon 592 – c.570 BC					

WRONG CHOICES HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

- Eze 15:1 And the word of the LORD (John 1:1-2) came unto me, saying,
- **Eze 15:2** Son of man, What is the vine tree more than any tree, *or than* a branch which is among the trees of the forest?
- **Eze 15:3** Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will *men* take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?
- **Eze 15:4** Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for *any* work?
- **Eze 15:5** Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work: how much less shall it be meet yet for *any* work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?
- **Eze 15:6** Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- **Eze 15:7** And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire shall devour them; and <u>ye shall know that I am the LORD</u>, when I set my face against them.
- Eze 15:8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord GOD.

SCRIPTURE REVEALS GOD, HIS NATURE, AND HIS WORKS (Jer 9:23-24).

THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL, extremely important, often overlooked.

- **1Pe 1:3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
- **1Pe 1:4** To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
- **1Pe 1:5** Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- **1Pe 1:6** Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
- 1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
- **1Pe 1:8** Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:
- **1Pe 1:9** Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. (1Pe 1:10-25)

SALVATION: BY FAITH ONLY, OR BY FAITH WITH WORKS?

Saved by His life - new man - walking in the light (1Jo 1:1-7)

- **Ro 5:1** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- **Ro 5:2** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
- **Ro 5:3** And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
- **Ro 5:4** And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
- **Ro 5:5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
- Ro 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
- **Ro 5:7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
- **Ro 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- **Ro 5:9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- **Ro 5:10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Little known Truth: full understanding of what saved by His life means;

How to literally live above sin; how bad is sin after receiving Christ? (Romans 7-8)