

Redeemer C.S.I Church Kansas Bible study on 03/7/2024 (7 P.m. to 8 P.m.)

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The main points from Ezekiel chapter 4

1. Symbolic Actions:

In Ezekiel 4, God instructs Ezekiel to perform several symbolic actions to represent the impending judgment against Jerusalem and Israel.

2. Building a Model:

Ezekiel is told to build a model of Jerusalem and lay siege against it, representing the siege that will come upon the city.

3. Lying on His Side:

God instructs Ezekiel to lie on his left side for 390 days to symbolize the punishment of Israel for their sins and then on his right side for 40 days to symbolize the punishment of Judah.

4. Limited Rations:

During this time, Ezekiel is also instructed to eat limited rations of food cooked over dung, representing food scarcity during the siege.

5. Symbolic Meaning: These actions dramatically illustrate the seriousness of the people's sin and the consequences they will face if they do not repent.

6. Warning of Judgment:

The chapter serves as a warning to the people of Israel and Judah about the judgment that will come upon them if they disobey God's commands.

7. God's Faithfulness:

Despite the impending judgment, there is also a message of hope in God's faithfulness to fulfill His promises and eventually restore His people.

The practical applications of Ezekiel chapter 4:

1. **Awareness of Consequences:** Just as Ezekiel's symbolic actions were meant to illustrate the consequences of disobedience; we should be mindful of the potential consequences of our actions. It's a reminder to take responsibility for our choices and consider their long-term effects on ourselves and others.

2. **Repentance and Obedience:** The chapter calls us to repentance and obedience to God's commands. We should heed warnings, seek forgiveness for our sins, turn away from disobedience, and align our lives with God's will.

3. **Symbolism of Sacrifice:** The imagery of limited rations and cooking over dung reminds us of the sacrifices and hardships that may come with following God faithfully. It encourages perseverance and trust in God's provision, even in difficult times.

4. **Hope in Restoration:** Despite the impending judgment, there is a message of hope in God's faithfulness to His promises. We can find encouragement in knowing that God is merciful and willing to restore His people if they return to Him.

5. **Hospitality and Fellowship:** Suresh's invitation to dinner and celebration with his friend demonstrates the importance of hospitality and fellowship within the community of believers. It's a reminder to cultivate relationships and support one another in both joyful occasions and challenging times.