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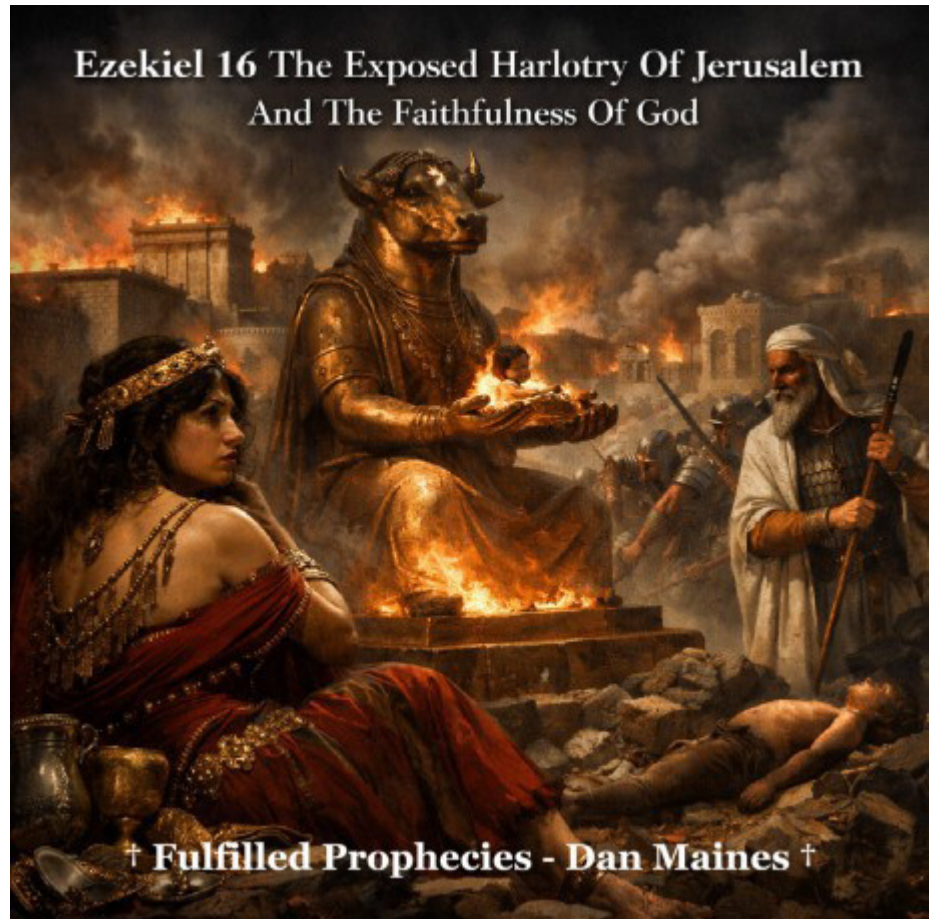
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## Ezekiel 16 The Exposed Harlotry Of Jerusalem And The Faithfulness Of God



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### Introduction

† This chapter lays everything bare, Israel's origin, her rise by God's mercy, her corruption, and her judgment, and it shows us that everything she became was because of God, yet everything she lost came from her own rebellion.

† Ezekiel 16 isn't symbolic fluff, it's a direct accusation against Jerusalem, exposing covenant unfaithfulness in the strongest terms Scripture uses.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this isn't just history, it leads directly to the judgment that came in AD 70, when the covenant-breaking city was finally destroyed just as Jesus said.

### **Ezekiel 16:1-5**

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations and say, This is what the Lord GOD says to Jerusalem: Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing; you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths. No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were thrown out into the open field, for you were loathed on the day you were born.

† God starts by showing Israel had nothing, no identity, no worth, no covenant, she was abandoned and unclean (Deuteronomy 7:7-8).

† This destroys the idea that Israel earned anything, everything begins with God's mercy, not their righteousness (Titus 3:5).

† From the fulfilled perspective, this reminds us that the Old Covenant system was never about their worth, it was about God's purpose, which they later corrupted (Romans 9:16).

### **Ezekiel 16:6-8**

When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your blood, I said to you while you were in your blood, Live! Yes, I said to you while you were in your blood, Live! I made you numerous like plants of the field. Then you grew up, became tall, and reached the age for fine ornaments; your breasts were formed and your hair had grown. Yet you were naked and bare. Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I

spread My garment over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine, declares the Lord GOD.

† This is covenant language, God chose her, covered her, and entered into covenant, pointing directly to Sinai (Exodus 19:5-6).

† The phrase spread my skirt over thee shows protection, marriage, and ownership, God made Israel His bride.

† This sets up the severity of what follows, because their sin isn't just rebellion, it's adultery against covenant love (Jeremiah 31:32).

### **Ezekiel 16:9-14**

Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you, and anointed you with oil. I also clothed you with embroidered cloth and put sandals of fine leather on your feet; and I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk. I adorned you with jewelry, put bracelets on your wrists and a necklace around your neck. I also put a ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. So you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour, honey, and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced to royalty. Then your fame spread among the nations on account of your beauty, for it was perfect because of My splendor which I had bestowed on you, declares the Lord GOD.

† Everything Israel had came from God, her beauty was His glory on her (Deuteronomy 4:6-8).

† This shows the temple, priesthood, law, and blessings were all gifts, not achievements.

† From the fulfilled perspective, this exposes why judgment was so severe, they took what was God's and turned it into idolatry

(Romans 1:21-23).

### **Ezekiel 16:15-19**

But you trusted in your beauty and played the prostitute because of your fame, and you poured out your obscene practices on every passer-by to whom it might be due. You took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of various colors, and played the prostitute on them, which should never come about nor happen. You also took your beautiful jewels made of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images so that you could play the prostitute with them. Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them, and offered My oil and My incense before them. Also My bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil, and honey with which I fed you, you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it happened, declares the Lord GOD.

† They took what God gave and used it for idolatry, this is the definition of covenant betrayal (Hosea 2:8).

† Their sin wasn't ignorance, it was willful corruption of God's blessings.

† This directly parallels the first century, where the leaders corrupted the temple system for profit and power (Matthew 21:13).

### **Ezekiel 16:20-22**

Furthermore, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne to Me and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured. Were your obscene practices so insignificant? You slaughtered My children and offered them up to idols by making them pass through the fire. And besides all your abominations and your obscene practices, you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare and squirming in your blood.

† Child sacrifice shows how far they fell, from being saved by God to killing their own children in idolatry (2 Kings 21:6).

† God calls them my children, showing covenant ownership, they sacrificed what belonged to Him.

† This level of corruption explains why judgment was unavoidable (2 Chronicles 36:16).

### **Ezekiel 16:35-43**

Therefore, you prostitute, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Lord GOD says: Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered through your obscene practices with your lovers and with all your detestable idols, and because of the blood of your sons which you gave to idols, therefore, behold, I am going to gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, even all those whom you loved and all those whom you hated. So I will gather them against you from every direction and expose your nakedness to them so that they may see all your nakedness.

† Judgment comes through the very nations they trusted in, showing God's control over history (Isaiah 10:5-6).

† This is exactly what happened, foreign powers came and destroyed Jerusalem repeatedly, culminating in AD 70.

† Jesus confirms this judgment language when He says their house would be left desolate (Matthew 23:38).

### **Ezekiel 16:60-63**

Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant. So I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the LORD, so that you may remember and

be ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done, declares the Lord GOD.

† Even after judgment, God promises a new covenant, this points directly to Christ (Jeremiah 31:31).

† This everlasting covenant isn't the Old Covenant restored, it's the New Covenant fulfilled in Christ (Hebrews 8:6-13).

† From the fulfilled perspective, this was fully established by the end of the Old Covenant system in AD 70.

### **Historical References**

† Josephus records the corruption and destruction of Jerusalem in detail, confirming the judgment described here, Wars of the Jews Book 5-6.

† Eusebius notes that the church understood Jerusalem's fall as divine judgment for rejecting Christ.

† Irenaeus wrote that Israel's unfaithfulness led to covenant transition, not continuation.

### **How it applies to us today**

† God is the one who gives life, identity, and purpose, we don't create that ourselves (James 1:17).

† If Israel fell after receiving everything, it shows that outward religion without faithfulness means nothing (Matthew 15:8).

† We don't return to a system that God judged, we live in the established covenant through Christ (Hebrews 12:28).

† This chapter warns us not to take what God gives and turn it into something for ourselves.

### **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** What does Jerusalem represent in this chapter?

**A** The covenant people under the Old Covenant who were unfaithful, Ezekiel 16:2, Jeremiah 31:32

**Q** Why is Israel called a harlot?

**A** Because of covenant unfaithfulness and idolatry, Ezekiel 16:15, Hosea 2:5

**Q** What does the marriage imagery mean?

**A** God entered covenant with Israel like a husband with a wife, Ezekiel 16:8, Exodus 19:5-6

**Q** When was the judgment fulfilled?

**A** In the destruction of Jerusalem, Matthew 23:36-38, Luke 21:20-22

**Q** What is the everlasting covenant mentioned?

**A** The New Covenant established through Christ, Ezekiel 16:60, Hebrews 8:6-13

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† Ezekiel 16

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