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EZEKIEL 22:1-19

Some congregations read Ezekiel 20:1-20

Chapter 22

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² Further, O mortal, arraign, arraign the city of bloodshed; declare to her all her abhorrent deeds! ³ Say: Thus said the Lord God: O city in whose midst blood is shed, so that your hour is approaching; within which fetishes are made, so that you have become unclean! ⁴ You stand guilty of the blood you have shed, defiled by the fetishes you have made. You have brought on your day; you have reached your year. Therefore I will make you the mockery of the nations and the scorn of all the lands. ⁵ Both the near and the far shall scorn you, O besmirched of name, O laden with iniquity!

⁶ Every one of the princes of Israel in your midst used his strength for the shedding of blood. ⁷ Fathers and mothers have been humiliated within you; strangers have been cheated in your midst; orphans and widows have been wronged within you. ⁸ You have despised My holy things and profaned My sabbaths.

⁹ Base men in your midst were intent on shedding blood; in you they have eaten upon the mountains; and they have practiced depravity in your midst. ¹⁰ In you they have uncovered their fathers' nakedness; in you they have ravished women during their impurity. ¹¹ They have committed abhorrent acts with other men's wives; in their depravity they have defiled their own daughters-in-law; in you they have ravished their own sisters, daughters of their fathers. ¹² They have taken bribes within you to shed blood. You have taken advance and accrued interest; you have defrauded your countrymen to your profit. You have forgotten Me — declares the Lord God.

¹³ Lo, I will strike My hands over the ill-gotten gains that you have amassed, and over the bloodshed that has been committed in your midst. ¹⁴ Will your courage endure, will your hands remain firm in the days when I deal with you? I the Lord have spoken and I will act. ¹⁵ I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you through the lands; I will consume the uncleanness out of you. ¹⁶ You shall be dishonored in the sight of nations, and you shall know that I am the Lord.

¹⁷ The word of the Lord came to me: ¹⁸ O mortal, the House of Israel has become dross to Me; they are all copper, tin, iron, and lead. But in a crucible, the dross shall turn into silver. ¹⁹ Assuredly, thus said the Lord God: Because you have all become dross, I will gather you into Jerusalem.

Haftarah for Kedoshim

Amos 9:7-15

Sepharadim read [Ezekiel 20:1-20](#)

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7 To Me, O Israelites, you are
Just like the Ethiopians

— declares the Lord —

True, I brought Israel up
From the land of Egypt,
But also the Philistines from Caphtor
And the Arameans from Kir.

8 Behold, the Lord God has His eye
Upon the sinful kingdom:
I will wipe it off
The face of the earth!

But, I will not wholly wipe out
The House of Jacob

— declares the Lord —

9 For I will give the order
And shake the House of Israel —
Through all the nations —
As one shakes [sand] in a sieve,
And not a pebble falls to the ground.

10 All the sinners of My people
Shall perish by the sword,

Who boast,

"Never shall the evil

Overtake us or come near us."

11 In that day,

I will set up again the fallen booth of David:

I will mend its breaches and set up its ruins anew.

I will build it firm as in the days of old,

12 So that they shall possess the rest of Edom

And all the nations once attached to My name

— declares the Lord who will bring this to pass. 13 A time is coming

— declares the Lord —

When the plowman shall meet the reaper,

And the treader of grapes

Him who holds the [bag of] seed;

When the mountains shall drip wine

And all the hills shall wave [with grain].

14 I will restore My people Israel.

They shall rebuild ruined cities and inhabit them;

They shall plant vineyards and drink their wine;

They shall till gardens and eat their fruits.

15 And I will plant them upon their soil,

Nevermore to be uprooted

From the soil I have given them

— declares the Lord —