**Faith Foundations 2023-2024**

**The Book of Ezekiel**

**Session 16—Ezekiel 25-26**

**A significant shift in Ezekiel’s oracles occurs in these two chapters of his book. Whereas almost all of the previous chapters consisted of God’s Word to His own people, He now turns His attention to the other nations that surround them. God did indeed use these nations to punish His people; nevertheless, they were also sinful, and they also deserved His wrath. Over the next several sessions, we will see what He has to say to some of these nations and the specific reasons He has for condemning them.**

**1.) Read Ezekiel 25:1-7. What nation is Ammon? Where was it located in the days of Ezekiel?**

**2.) What does God threaten to do to Ammon, and why (according to verse 2)?**

**3.) What will God make the Ammonites understand by His punishment of them?**

**4.) Read Ezekiel 25:8-11. What nation is Moab? Where was it located in the days of Ezekiel?**

**5.) What does God threaten to do to Moab, and why (according to verse 8)?**

**6.) What will God make the Moabites understand by His punishment of them?**

**7.) Read Ezekiel 25:12-14. What nation is Edom? Where was it located in the days of Ezekiel?**

**8.) What does God threaten to do to Edom, and why (according to verse 12)?**

**9.) What will God make the Edomites understand by His punishment of them?**

**10.) Read Ezekiel 25:15-17. What nation is Philistia? Where was it located in the days of Ezekiel?**

**11.) What does God threaten to do to Philistia, and why (according to verse 15)?**

**12.) What will God make the Philistines understand by His punishment of them?**

**13.) Read Ezekiel 26:1-6. What nation is Tyre? Where was it located in the days of Ezekiel?**

**14.) What does God threaten to do to Tyre, and why (according to verse 2)?**

**15.) What will God make the Tyreans understand by His punishment of them?**

**16.) Read Ezekiel 26:7-14. Who will be the instrument of God’s vengeance against Tyre?**

**17.) What kinds of things will happen to Tyre? According to verse 14, how long will this punishment last?**

**18.) Read Ezekiel 26:15-18. How will the creation itself react to the fall of Tyre?**

**19.) How will the peoples of the sea react to the fall of Tyre? What will they say about it?**

**20.) How will God’s punishment of Tyre be a complete reversal of the city’s fortunes?**

**21.) Read Ezekiel 26:19-21. What does God threaten to do to Tyre in this passage? How is this punishment even worse than anything God ever threatened to do to Israel?**

**22.) How does God contrast the fate of Tyre with “the land of the living?” What does this imply about Tyre’s fate?**

**23.) Will Tyre ever rise again?**

**God delivers some harsh words to various nations that had set themselves against His people over the centuries, and especially during the current Babylonian invasion. It may seem strange that God would punish the nations who are punishing His people in accordance with His wrath against their sin. However, it is important to note that God did not raise up these particular nations to punish Israel; He only authorized Babylon to do this. And besides, Israel was His chosen people, so anyone who took glee in their suffering would in turn be punished. Fathers are allowed to discipline their own children, but they typically protect their children from anyone else who tries to do the same without authorization.**

**In the next two chapters, we will hear even more of what God has to say to Tyre and to its rulers.**