

## Book of Ezekiel Chapter 20

26\_EZE\_20\_01 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth [month], the tenth [day] of the month, [that] certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

26\_EZE\_20\_02 Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

26\_EZE\_20\_03 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye come to inquire of me? [As] I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you.

26\_EZE\_20\_04 Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge [them]? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers:

26\_EZE\_20\_05 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I [am] the LORD your God;

26\_EZE\_20\_06 In the day [that] I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which [is] the glory of all lands:

26\_EZE\_20\_07 Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I [am] the LORD your God.

26\_EZE\_20\_08 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

26\_EZE\_20\_09 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they [were], in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

26\_EZE\_20\_10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness.

26\_EZE\_20\_11 And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which [if] a man do, he shall even live in them.

26\_EZE\_20\_12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I [am] the LORD that sanctify them.

26\_EZE\_20\_13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which [if] a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

26\_EZE\_20\_14 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

26\_EZE\_20\_15 Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given [them], flowing with milk and honey, which [is] the glory of all lands;

26\_EZE\_20\_16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

26\_EZE\_20\_17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

26\_EZE\_20\_18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols:

26\_EZE\_20\_19 I [am] the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them;

26\_EZE\_20\_20 And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I [am] the LORD your God.

26\_EZE\_20\_21 Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which [if] a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

26\_EZE\_20\_22 Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

26\_EZE\_20\_23 I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries;

26\_EZE\_20\_24 Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

26\_EZE\_20\_25 Wherefore I gave them also statutes [that were] not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

26\_EZE\_20\_26 And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through [the fire] all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I [am] the LORD.

26\_EZE\_20\_27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me.

26\_EZE\_20\_28 [For] when I had brought them into the land, [for] the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering: there also they made their sweet savour, and poured out there their drink offerings.

26\_EZE\_20\_29 Then I said unto them, What [is] the high place whereunto ye go? And the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day.

26\_EZE\_20\_30 Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?

26\_EZE\_20\_31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? [As] I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you.

26\_EZE\_20\_32 And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

26\_EZE\_20\_33 [As] I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

26\_EZE\_20\_34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

26\_EZE\_20\_35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to

face.

26\_EZE\_20\_36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.

26\_EZE\_20\_37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

26\_EZE\_20\_38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD.

26\_EZE\_20\_39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter [also], if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

26\_EZE\_20\_40 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.

26\_EZE\_20\_41 I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

26\_EZE\_20\_42 And ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country [for] the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.

26\_EZE\_20\_43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

26\_EZE\_20\_44 And ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.

26\_EZE\_20\_45 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

26\_EZE\_20\_46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop [thy word] toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field;

26\_EZE\_20\_47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.

26\_EZE\_20\_48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.

26\_EZE\_20\_49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables?