

The WordSeekers : XtremeXplorationSundays Bible-Study Notes

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“Acting On God’s Word”
Or, “P.R.A.C.T.I.C.E. What You Read” Or, “Values—Part 2”

Ezekiel 12:1 – 17:24

FOCAL VERSES: Ezekiel 12:17 – 28; 14: 4 - 6

Observation ‘Satellite-Level’ Ezekiel Chapters: 12 – 17: A flyover

Chapter 12: Portrayal of the Exile to Babylon

Ezekiel was to act like one going on a trip with his luggage on his back.
He was to ‘dig through a wall and carry his luggage through the wall to the other side.’

The next day he was to explain to the people of the impending exile.

1st Focal Verse section...(17 – 28)

God is saying, ‘Be aware and be frightened.’
He says, ‘Listen to my prophecies.’
He will ‘end the false teachings and divination (astrology).

Chapter 13: Denunciation of False Prophets

The Lord promised to bring ‘a whirlwind, drenching rain, and hailstones to those uttering the false statements

God assured these people that He was against them and would expose them, take away their livelihood so that ‘they would know that He was Lord.’

Chapter 14: Condemnation of Idolatry & Certainly of Judgment, but hope b/c of the Remnant to be preserved

2nd Focal Verse section ... (4 – 6)

Elders of the church placed their trust in their idols yet claimed they wanted to consult the Lord.

God commanded them to ‘repent and turn away from the your idols...’

Chapters 15 – 17: God’s Judgment through Analogies

A worthless vine

An abandoned baby

A treasured bride that committed spiritual adultery

A parable of the two eagles: 1st eagle represented Nebuchadnezzar; 2nd eagle represented the people of Israel

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Life Application:

LAST WEEK: Living By the Lord's Values

THIS WEEK: Acting on God's Word

So, when are we to act on God's Word and,

Just What Does His Word Say & Just What Does It Mean?

1. Is the rapture imminent?
1 Peter 4:7 2 Peter 3: 8 - 11
2. Will we be held accountable for what we do here on earth?
Romans 14: 11, 12
3. Are we given spiritual gifts by God?
1 Cor. 12: 4 - 11
4. Are we to spread God's Gospel to others and be 'salt and light'?
Matt. 28: 19, 20 Luke 24: 46, 47 Matt. 5: 13 - 16
5. Whom should we trust first?
Matt. 6: 33
6. Should we love others more than ourselves?
Matt. 22:39 John 15: 12, 13
7. Should we always give mercy to unbelievers?
Matt. 10:16
8. Should we know God's Word in order to defend it?
Col. 4: 5, 6
9. Are we to care for others?
1 Thess. 5:11
10. Should we do good deeds or just talk the talk?
James 2: 26

Eight Values to Help Us to 'Act on God's Word'

P. R. A. C. T. I. C. E. (Phil. 4:9)

"... whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me [Paul]—put it into practice..."

PURPOSE	Proverbs 16:9	RELATIONSHIPS	Phil. 2: 3
ACCOUNTABILITY	Romans 14: 12	CHARACTER	Job 27: 5b, 6
TRUST	Proverbs 12:17	INSIGHT	James 1: 5, 6
COURAGE	1 Chron. 28: 20	ENDURANCE	2 Tim. 4:7