

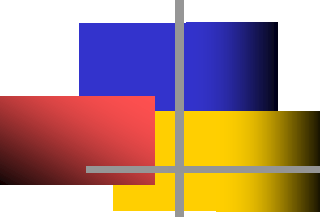


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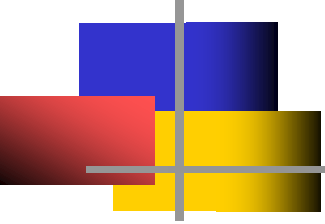
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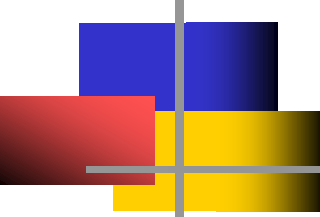
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Ezekiel 12 Outline

- Two symbolic actions performed (12:1-20)
 - The deportation of Judah (12:1-16)
 - The desolation of Judah (12:17-20)
- Two popular sayings corrected (12:21-28)
 - The Lord's word will not come to pass (12:21-25)
 - The Lord's word is for a time afar off (12:26-28)

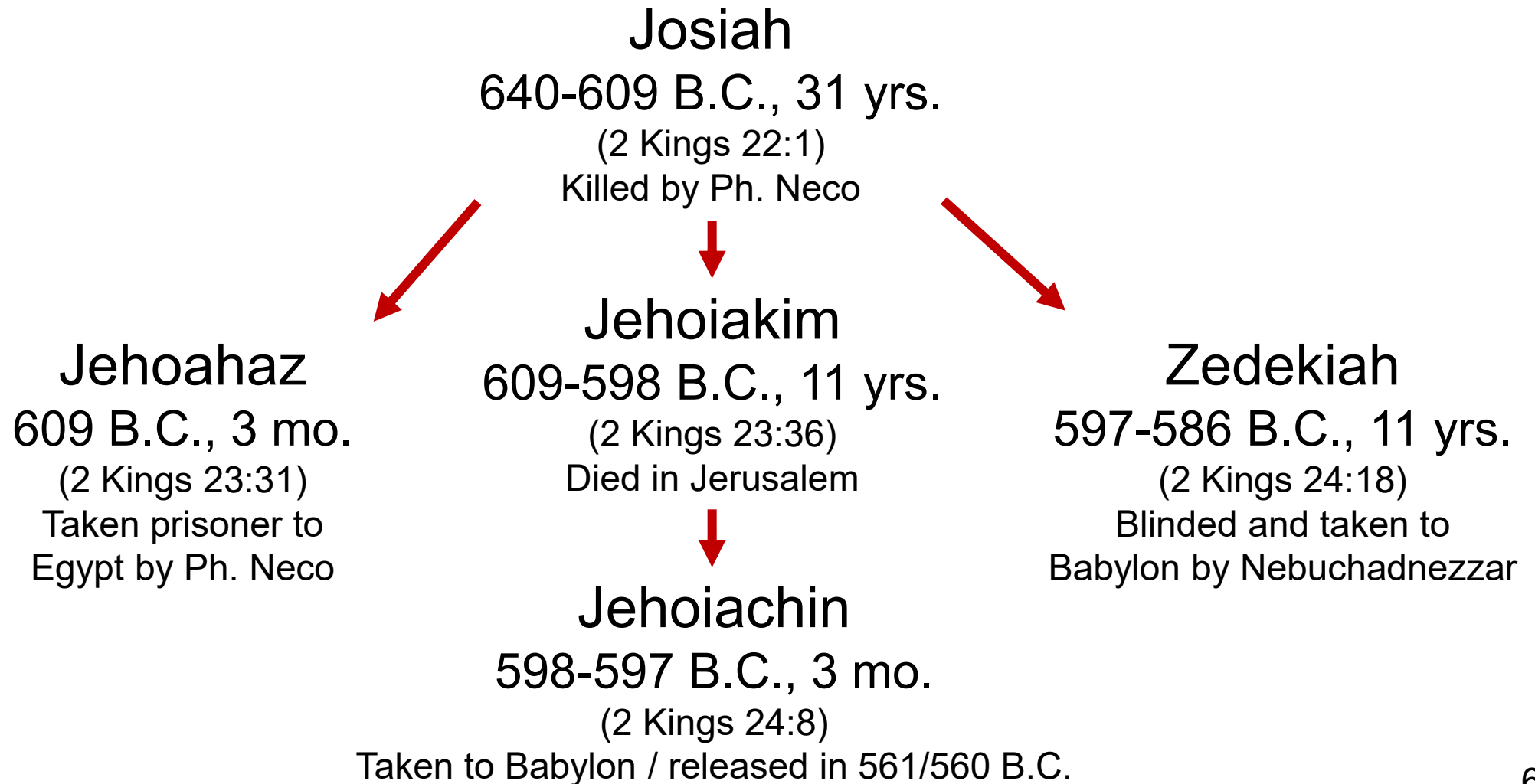


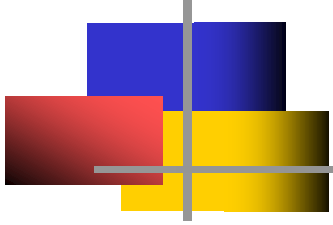
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- Ezekiel's **sign** of removing and digging: the exile of the people (12:1-7)
 - Zedekiah's removing and digging (12:8-16; see 2 K. 25:4-7; Jer. 39:4-7; 52:7-11)
- Ezekiel's **sign** of eating and drinking: the horror of the people (12:17-20)
 - The peoples' proverb and saying (12:21-28)

The Last Five Kings of Judah

(1 Chronicles 3:14-17)





Ezekiel - the Ministry

- The symbolic actions of his ministry:
 - Designed to illustrate the message
 - Designed to arouse interest in the audience
 - See 4:1-3; 4:4-6; 4:9-12; 5:1-4; 12:3-6; 12:17-20; 21:19-20; 24;16-17; 37:16-17

The Sign-Acts of Prophets

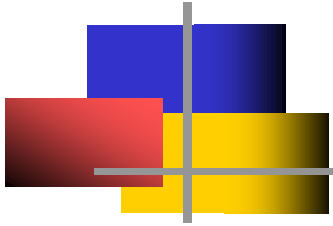
- Visual images to help illustrate God's truth in a clear, understandable, and memorable way
- Often strangely different or bizarre behavior
- Sometimes challenging to accomplish, or requiring great sacrifice by the prophet (Jer. 13:1ff; Ezek. 4:4-6)

The Sign-Acts of Prophets

- Hosea – take a wife of harlotry (1:2-9), buy her back (3:1-5)
- Isaiah – go naked and barefoot (20:1-4)
- Ezekiel – shut yourself up (3:24-27), draw a picture of Jerusalem on a brick (4:1-3), lay on your side and eat bread (4:4-17), cut your hair (5:1-4), clap your hands (6:11-12), be mute (24:25-27; 33:21-22), etc.

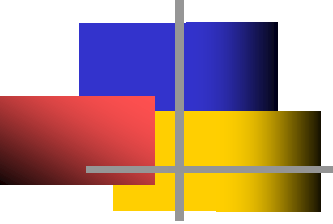
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- Zechariah – make an ornate crown of silver and gold and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak (6:9-15)
- Jeremiah - buy a linen girdle (13:1-11), buy a potter's vessel (19:1-13), make a yoke (27:1-11), buy a field (32:6-15), offer wine to the Rechabites (35:1-11), and take great stones and hide them in the mortar (43:8-13)



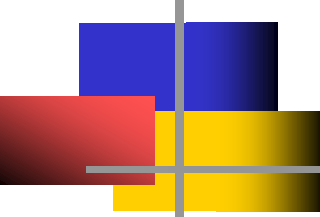
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1. **Sketching a besieged city:** punishment will be coming (4:1-3)
2. **Laying down on the side:** punishment will be for iniquity (4:4-8)
3. **Eating polluted bread:** punishment will be severe (4:9-17;
12:17-20)
[Smite with the hand, 6:11; Make the chain, 7:23]
4. **Shaving and dividing the hair:** punishment will be varied (5:1-4)
5. **Digging through the wall:** punishment will come after escape (12:1-16)



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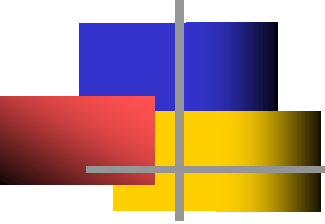


The First Five Messages of Hope Preached by Ezekiel

1. A remnant will remember the Lord (6:8-10)
2. A remnant will have a new heart (11:14-21; 12:16)
3. A remnant will be ashamed of their sin (16:60-63)
4. A remnant will be blessed by a Messiah (17:22-24)
5. A remnant will serve the Lord in holiness
(20:33-44)

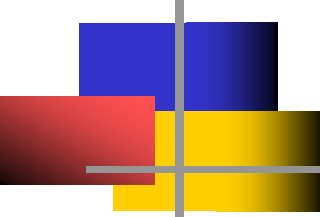
The Four Prophetic Viewpoints

1. Present-Day Viewpoint “Pageview”	2. Near-Future Viewpoint “Hillview”	3. Distant-Future Viewpoint “Bird’s-eye view”	4. Far-Distant Future Viewpoint “Mountain view”
God’s people (and nations) are in sin and need to come back to God’s law and covenant.	God’s people (and nations) will be judged for their wickedness and refusal to repent.	God’s people will be brought back to their land after a period of punishment.	God’s people will be granted many “new” blessings in the future days of the Messiah.
Hint: Look for language speaking of various sins, law, or covenant.	Hint: Look for language speaking of coming judgment, desolation, or captivity.	Hint: Look for language speaking of returning, restoring, or a remnant.	Hint: Look for language speaking of “in that day”, “in those days”, or “David their king”



Ezekiel 12 Lessons for Today

1. Do not be a rebellious people (12:2; Tit. 3:3).
2. Hard headed people see and hear without seeing and hearing spiritually (12:2; Mt. 13:14-15).
3. Obey what God commands you to do (12:7; Lk. 17:10).



Ezekiel 12 Lessons for Today

4. Sin was Judah's problem, not military weakness (12:16, 19; Mt. 24:12).
5. When God speaks, he will remember his word and it will come to pass (12:21-28; 1 Pet. 1:23-24; 2 Pet. 3:4-9).

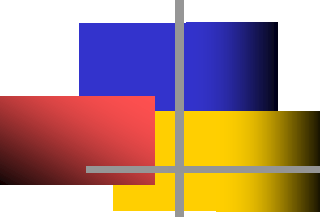


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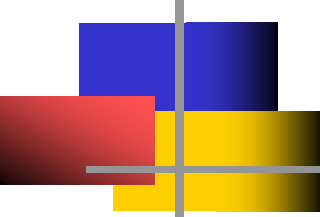
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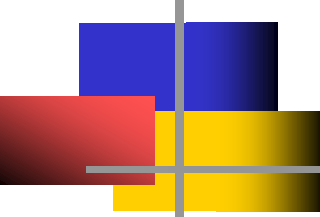
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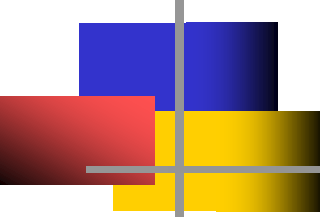
Ezekiel 13 Outline

- False prophets denounced (13:1-16)
 - Their false message (13:1-7)
 - Their final judgment (13:8-16)
- False prophetesses denounced (13:17-23)
 - Their false works (13:17-19)
 - Their final judgment (13:20-23)



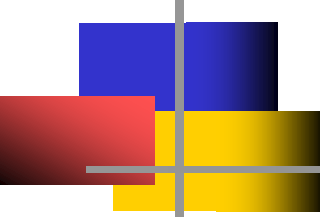
The Bad Character of the False Prophets

- They speak their words, not God's word (13:1-7)
- They weaken others, not build them up (13:8-16)
- They look out for themselves, not others (13:17-19)
- They pervert right and wrong, not treat others fairly (13:20-23)



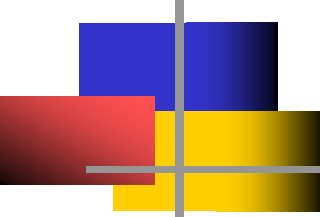
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- They are selfish (13:2-3, 17)
- They are foolish (13:3)
- They are elusive and destructive (13:4)
- They do not help you in time of need (13:5, 10-15)
- They are liars (13:6-9, 22)
- They give false hope (13:6)



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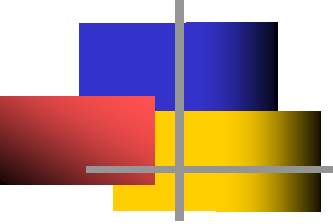
- They are judged by God (13:8, 20)
- They are not in fellowship with God (13:9)
- They are seductive and positive – peace (13:10, 16)
- They are attractive (13:18, 21)
- They are hunters and souls are their prey (13:18-19)
- They are unjust (13:18, 22)



A Prophet Has Been Among Them

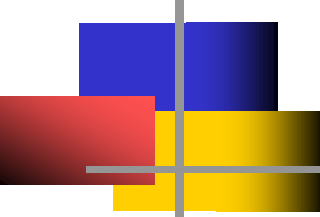
Jeremiah 1:5; Ezekiel 2:5; 33:33

- False prophets in the time of Jeremiah (5:31; 6:13; 8:10; 20:6; 23:9-40; 27:15; 29:9, 23)
- False prophets in the time of Ezekiel (7:26; 12:24; 13:1-23; 14:7-10; 22:23-31)



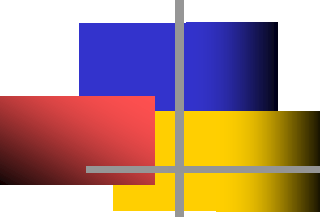
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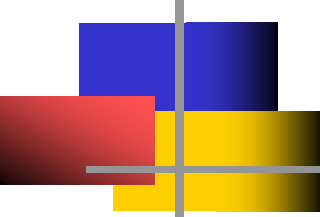
Ezekiel 13 Lessons for Today

1. False prophets and teachers speak their own words, not God's words (Jer. 13:1-7; 2 Pet. 1:20 – 2:1).
2. Test everything that is preached and taught with the word of God (Jer. 13:1-7; 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 Jn. 4:1; Rev. 2:2).



Ezekiel 13 Lessons for Today

3. Beware of false prophets and teachers who will lead you astray (Jer. 13:8-23; Mt. 7:15; 24:11, 24; 2 Cor. 11:13; 2 Peter 2:1-22).
4. False prophets and teachers are popular, but don't be misled by them (13:10; Jer. 5:31; Mic. 2:11; Lk. 6:26).



Ezekiel 13 Lessons for Today

5. False prophets and teachers will be judged by God for leading others astray (Jer. 13:8, 20; Acts 13:6; Rev. 16:13; 19:20; 20:10).

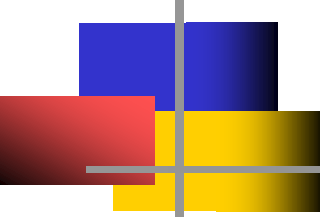


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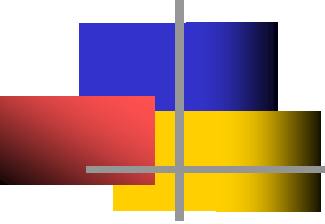
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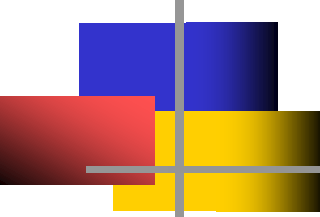
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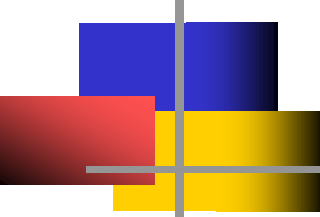
The “Twos” of Ezekiel 12-14

- Two signs performed: 12:1-16 and 12:17-20
- Two sayings answered: 12:21-25 and 12:26-28
- Two rebukes preached: 13:1-16 and 13:17-23
- Two misconceptions corrected: 14:1-11 and 14:12-23



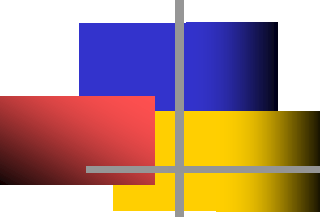
Ezekiel 14 Outline

- **The first misconception:** You can inquire of the Lord with idols in your heart and still be heard (14:1-8)
 - The false prophet will be judged (14:9-11)
- **The second misconception:** You can be sinful and still be saved if there are righteous people among you (14:12-20)
 - The wicked remnant will be judged (14:21-23)



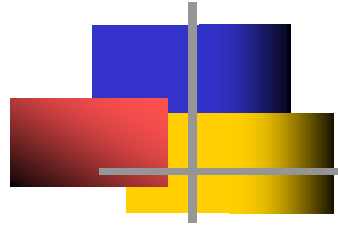
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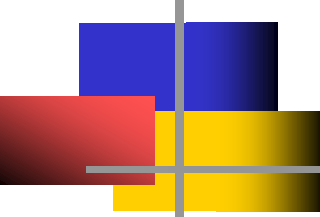
The Wicked Remnant of 14:21-23

- Their “way and doings” are wicked (see 20:43-44; 24:14; 36:17, 19, 31)
- Their “comfort” is related to God’s judgment (evil)
- Their coming to Babylon was proof of God’s just cause or reason in what he had done to them



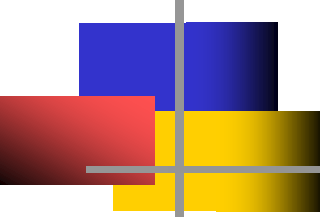
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21“Now this is what the Sovereign LORD says: How terrible it will be when all four of these dreadful punishments fall upon Jerusalem—war, famine, wild animals, and disease—destroying all her people and animals. 22Yet there will be survivors, and they will come here to join you as exiles in Babylon. You will see with your own eyes how wicked they are, and then you will feel better about what I have done to Jerusalem. 23When you meet them and see their behavior, you will understand that these things are not being done to Israel without cause. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!” (NLT)



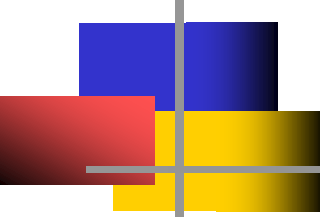
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1. God's people need to remove idols from their life (14:1-8; Acts 15:20, 29; 21:25; 1 Cor. 5:11; 6:9; 10:7, 14, 19; 2 Cor. 6:16; Gal. 5:20; Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5; 1 Pet. 4:3; 1 Jn. 5:21; Rev. 2:14; 21:8; 22:15).
2. God looks at your heart, not just your outward religious actions (14:1-8; Mt. 15:8; Mk. 7:6).



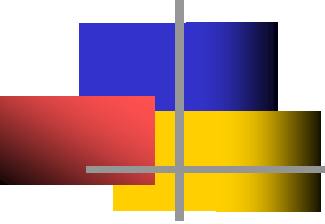
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3. God's people who have sin in their life need to repent and turn away from the sin and turn back to God (14:6; 1 Pet. 3:11).
4. Do not follow false prophets and false teachers (14:9-11; Mt. 7:15; 24:11, 24; 2 Cor. 11:13; 2 Peter 2:1-22; 1 Jn. 4:1-6).



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5. As God's people, we are to live a life apart from sin (14:11; 2 Cor. 6:14 – 7:1).
6. We are not saved or made righteous by the righteous proxy of others (14:12-20; Mt. 5:20; 1 Jn. 2:29; 3:7-12)



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7. Noah, Daniel, and Job were righteous men because of their obedience, courage, and patience (14:14, 16, 18, 20; Heb. 11:7; Heb. 11:3; Jas. 5:11).
8. God does not act without cause; he always acts with a sovereign purpose (14:23; Eccl. 3:17).

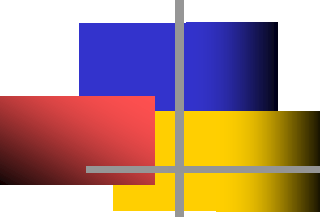


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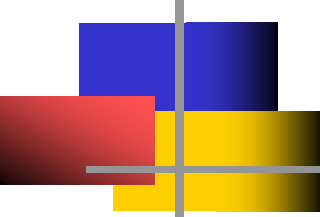
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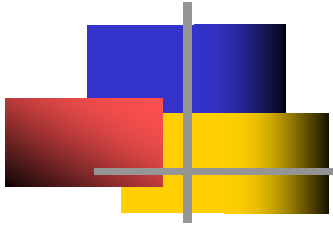
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- The wood of a grapevine is useless (15:1-5)
- Jerusalem is like a useless grapevine (15:6-8)



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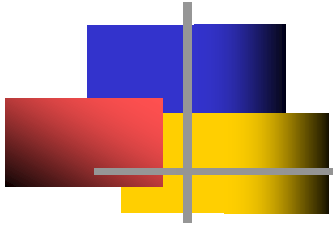
Psalms 80:8-16 – a vineyard in trouble

Isaiah 5:1-7 – a blessed vineyard, but producing wild grapes

Isaiah 34:9-15 – a vineyard overtaken by thorns

Hosea 2:8-13; 10:1-3 – a vineyard producing idolatry

Joel 1:5-12 – a vineyard laid waste

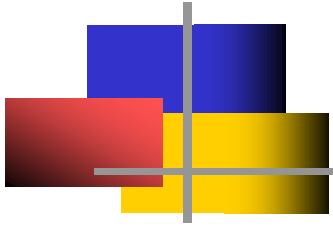


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Jeremiah 2:20-25 – a vineyard that is defiled

Jeremiah 12:10-11 – a vineyard that is destroyed

Ezekiel 15:1-8 – a vineyard that is not profitable for anything

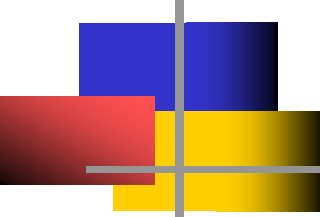


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Matthew 20:1-16; 21:28, 33-46 – a vineyard that is to be worked in

Luke 13:6-9 – a vineyard that is to be producing fruit

John 15:1-8 – a vineyard that is to be connected to Christ and producing fruit



Ezekiel 15 Lessons for Today

1. Are you connected to the true vine – Jesus (Jn. 15:1-8) and producing good fruit (Rom. 7:4; 2 Cor. 9:10; Gal. 5:22; Eph. 5:9; Phil. 1:11, 22; 4:17; Col. 1:6, 10; Heb. 12:11; 13:15; Jas. 3:17-18)?
2. Are you useful, or useless (2 Tim. 2:21; 4:11; Philemon 11; Heb. 6:7)?

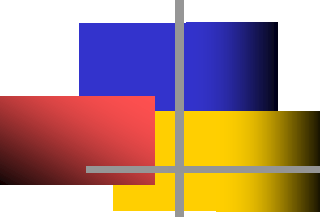


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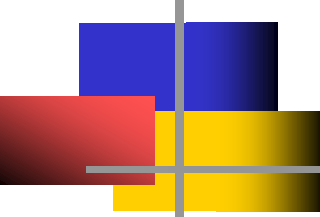
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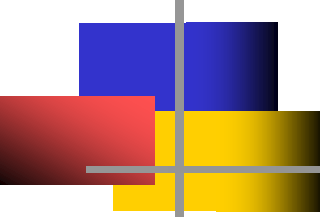
God's Love Story With Israel

- An unwanted newborn (16:1-5)
- A beloved bride (16:6-14)
- An adulterous wife (16:15-22)
- A judged harlot (16:23-43)
- A wicked sister (16:44-52)
- A restored offender (16:53-59)
- A forgiven youth (16:60-63)



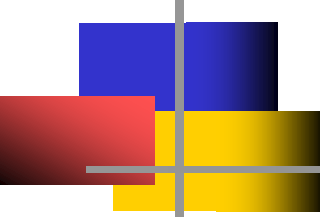
Ezekiel 16 Lessons for Today

1. The Lord cares for his people and he wants to them to have life (16:6; Jn. 10:10).
2. The Lord loves all mankind and especially his people (16:8; Jn. 3:16; 1 Jn. 4:7-16).
3. The Lord makes a covenant with his people, and they are to keep it (16:8, 60, 62; Jer. 31:31; Heb. 8:8-13).



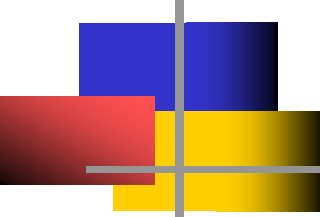
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4. The Lord's people are supposed to be like a beautiful bride; let's remain faithful to the Lord (16:10-14; 2 Cor. 11:2; 21:2, 9; 22:17).
5. Let us not commit spiritual adultery against the Lord (Mt. 12:39; 16:4; Jas. 4:4).



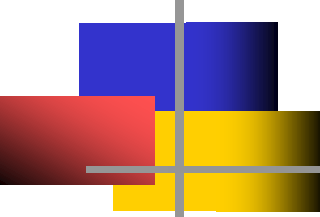
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6. Don't take the good blessings that the Lord has given you and use them for sinful things (16:15-22; Rom. 14:16).
7. Don't forget all the good that the Lord has done for you in the past (16:22, 43; Psa. 103:2).
8. Don't forsake the Lord for worldly associations (16:23-29; 1 Jn. 2:15).



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9. A weak heart and a hard head can lead to sinful activities (16:30-34; Heb. 3:13).
10. The Lord will judge all adulterers, both physical and spiritual (16:35-43; Mk. 8:34; Heb. 13:4).
11. Sometimes the Lord's people act more abominable than the world around them (16:44-52; 1 Cor. 5:1).



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12. Beware of being proud, prosperous, and pitiless (16:49, 56; 2 Tim. 3:1-5).

13. It is shameful for God's people to break God's covenant (16:53-59; Heb. 10:26-31).

14. God will make an everlasting covenant with his people to remove their shame and provide forgiveness (16:60-63; Heb. 13:20).