

Lesson 18: The Parable of the Two Sisters

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Reading the books of the Prophets during the time of the division and captivity of the Kingdom of Israel (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, etc.), we get a better understanding of how God really felt about the division of His people. God had married only one wife - Israel, but because of her sin and unfaithfulness, she divided herself into two sisters - Jerusalem and Samaria.

Eze 23:1-35 (ESV)

The sisters left their Husband and became harlots with the Egyptians, Assyrians, and the Babylonians of Chaldea. They became like Sodom and Gomorrah.

Isa 1:21-23 (MKJV)

Eze 16:44-52 (ESV)

Jer 3:6-11 (CEV)

Hos 2:1-13 (GW)

Eze 16:15-32 (ESV)

Jerusalem was under the control of the house of Judah and Samaria was under the control of the house of Israel. Both cities and their kings were unfaithful and eventually were besieged and destroyed. The people of Samaria were brought into bondage under the king of Assyria, and the people of Jerusalem were brought into bondage under the king of Babylon.

2Ki 18:9-12 (ESV)

2Ki 24:7-16 (ESV)

2Ki 20:16-18 (ESV)

Lam 2:15 (ESV)

Ezr 5:12 (ESV)

Both daughters of Israel eventually became the captives of the king of Babylon, but the prophets foretold of a new King of Israel that would come to save and redeem them, uniting them together again.

Jer 50:17 (GW)

Jer 3:12-14 (GW)

Jer 32:30-36 (GW)

Isa 44:1-6 (GW)

Jer 3:1 (KJV)

Isa 1:24-27 (GW)

Jer 28:2 (GW)

Jer 32:37-44 (GW)

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King Jesus, the new King of Israel, came to set free His wife from all bondages in this world (review Baptized in His Name, Given Power and Protection), redeeming her by making her new, whole, and healthy.

Isa 62:11-12 (ESV)

Psa 149:2 (GW)

Zec 8:12-13 (LITV)

He is now preparing a new home for her, but just like Israel, the city of Jerusalem has once again been divided into two - heavenly and earthly. One is a house of freedom and the other is a house of bondage.

Luk 6:47-49 (ESV)

Gal 4:3-7 (ISV)

Gal 4:22-31 (ISV)

The New Testament clearly states in Galatians that there are two Jerusalem's – one here on Earth and one above in Heaven. The one here on Earth is in bondage according to the flesh and the one in Heaven is free according to the Spirit. The Spiritual Jerusalem, or New Jerusalem, is in the process of being built in Heaven, and pieces of it are growing inside of believers. So, believers in Jesus should be citizens of the free Jerusalem, not the Jerusalem on Earth that is in bondage. Believers are also to rebuild their part of the New Jerusalem in their bodies while here on Earth with the power of the Holy Spirit. Citizens of New Jerusalem, the Bride of the King, have the task of rebuilding the house of the Lord on His holy mountain, Mount Zion.

Isa 65:9 (MKJV)

Heb 12:22-24 (MKJV)

Eph 2:19-22 (ISV)

King Jesus came to unite the two sisters, or daughters, making them one wife again.

Zec 9:9 (ESV)

Joh 12:12-15 (ESV)

Joh 17:20-21 (MKJV)

Judgment will come upon the line of the Bride - the daughter of Zion, though, if she joins herself to the body of a harlot, the daughter of Babylon (spiritual Babylon), going back to

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the darkness and captivity from where she was delivered. The earthly city of Babylon will be rebuilt by the daughter of Babylon, but the city and its people will be destroyed.

Eze 23:43-49 (ESV)

Rev 17:1-18 (ESV)

Isa 28:14-18 (ESV)

Isa 47:5 (GNB)

Zec 2:7 (ESV)

Isa 13:19 (LITV)

Psa 137:1-9 (ESV)

Rev 18:2-10 (LITV)

Isa 52:1-6 (ESV)

Rev 18:21 (ESV)

Jer 50:41-42 (ESV)

You see, we have played the harlot and have left King Jesus for other gods. We have overindulged and have misused the gifts that God has given to us so that we have become “rich”, “fat”, and “sleek” (see Jer 5:28), too lazy and slick to open the door to our Husband (see Son 5:2-6) so that He can dine with us (see Rev 3:13-20). I believe we have left Him because we don’t understand how we are “married” to Him and we have forgotten who He really is - our Husband. We don’t understand the marriage covenant that we have through Jesus and how to really love Him completely, as a wife should. Our generation is now confused on how to even define marriage! This should not be so!! A small part of the Church has remained faithful to her Husband, but the majority has left Him and does not accept Jesus as King of their lives - just like Samaria. The heart and soul of the King’s wife has become divided, just like the division of the kingdom of Israel.

Hos 10:1-3 (JPS)

The King of Israel has been rejected, so a vile king has risen to power in this world and he is seizing the land with intrigue and corrupting the wife of King Jesus with flattery. She has slowly let this deceitful king steal the affection of her heart instead of giving it all to her Husband. The king of Babylon has taken her captive again and has purposed to kill her this time and make himself god over all.

Dan 11:21-23 (MKJV)

Dan 11:32-36 (ESV)