

## Ezekiel 33

King James Version (KJV)

(The chapter of the watchman)

**33** Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

<sup>2</sup> Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: (man = ish, not Adam; God expects His faithful to be watchmen – even today. Taking a heathen person as your watchman is not going to end well for you) (This message is to the people of Judah)

<sup>3</sup> If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; (We watch the seasons to be warned when the antichrist shows up, pretending to be God)

<sup>4</sup> Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. (It's up to everyone to read God's Word and not be ignorant of what's coming. If the warning comes and they ignore it, they are responsible)

<sup>5</sup> He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. (We choose our fate, by our actions)

<sup>6</sup> But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. (It is up to us to warn others; especially teachers or preachers that lead a flock. In verse 2, they chose any man <ish> not an adamic man <Adam>)

<sup>7</sup> So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. (Ezekiel, a prophet, was told to warn the others of what is coming) see Ezekiel-24:24

<sup>8</sup> When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. (We are required to also warn those that are headed the wrong way. If they are warned, they may change their evil ways)

<sup>9</sup> Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? (Get off of your guilt trips, repent and straighten your life so you can be useful to God. We all sin and God forgives upon repentance)

<sup>11</sup> Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (God asks all people to repent; but not all people will turn back to Him)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. (You can be a good Christian, and then in the end, be fooled and worship antichrist; you will lose your salvation. It is where you end up that counts, not where you begin)

<sup>13</sup> When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it. (Self righteousness)

<sup>14</sup> Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; (If he repents)

<sup>15</sup> If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. (Because he repented, repaid what he stole, and became righteous)

<sup>16</sup> None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. (You sins are forgotten after you repent)

<sup>17</sup> Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. (God is fair to everyone; people are not)

<sup>18</sup> When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. (Good people who become evil)

<sup>19</sup> But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. (Bad people, who repent, get rid of their ill gotten gains and become good people)

<sup>20</sup> Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways. (God judges by what we do. It is fair) (Man's court judges by precedent. It is not fair)

<sup>21</sup> And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten. (Babylon had taken Jerusalem)

<sup>22</sup> Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. (He could begin to prophecy to the people. In the future, this will happen at the 6<sup>th</sup> trump when antichrist shows up to deceive the world. The Elect will testify against him, with the words of the Holy Spirit in their mouth) see mark-13, Mathew-24

<sup>23</sup> Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

<sup>24</sup> Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance. (They didn't have to earn it, like Abraham did)

<sup>25</sup> Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? (They do what God told them not to do – idolatry, perversion, greed, etc...)

<sup>26</sup> Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land? (No. They lost that gift from God)

<sup>27</sup> Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. (God took an oath in His own name) (This will happen when the 7 vials of God's wrath are poured out)

<sup>28</sup> For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through. (Antichrist will be in Jerusalem at this time, claiming to be God. He will deceive the whole world)

<sup>29</sup> Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed. Mathew-24 (God said He will not leave one stone standing atop another in Jerusalem)

<sup>30</sup> Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD. (against= about – bad translation) (They will begin to wake up and ask about what the Lord says)

<sup>31</sup> And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. (Hearing is not doing; they can't give up their self-serving ways)

<sup>32</sup> And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. (Preach to them anyway, even if they won't do what God asks)

<sup>33</sup> And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them. (This is Ezekiel)