

Ezekiel 20

King James Version (KJV)

20 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 enquire of the LORD, and sat before me. (The elders of the 10 tribes came to Ezekiel to enquire of the Lord, but when he told them what God said, they never obeyed)

²Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

³Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye come to enquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you. (They abandoned God for idols and perversion. It all started when Jeroboam made the two golden calves for them to worship, and it never ended after that. Why should God answer to them now?)

⁴Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers: (judge them = plead with them – better translation) (Idol worship of Jeroboam's golden calves)

⁵And 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;

⁶In 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: (God freed them from Egypt and gave them a fertile land so they could prosper)

⁷Then 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. (They had witnessed the many miracles, so they knew that there is a God in Heaven)

⁸But 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. (They deserved to be destroyed for all of their blasphemies)

(Like today in the US and Canada and western Europe – they bring in islam, homosexuality, pornography and all types off perversions, while they abandon their faith in God. They mock and ridicule Christians and call them bigots because they won't buy into perversions)

⁹ 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. (God loves all of His children. He changed His mind and did not destroy Egypt, but only corrected them to the point where they let Israel leave)

¹⁰ Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. (God defeated Egypt, Moses didn't)

¹¹ And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. (Doing what is right brings life and blessings)

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. (God gave them Passover. Jesus renewed it at His crucifixion. The church turned it into Easter in the 2nd century. Easter was a pagan fertility rite in the groves – an orgy at sunrise rolling eggs and worshipping Ishtar the pagan goddess of heaven and fertility)

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.

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. (God didn't want the heathen to think that HE was not able to save Israel. HE loves all his children, including the heathen tribes)

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; (He let the generation that He freed from Egypt die out before entering into the Promised Land, because they also rebelled against God. He would later bring their children into the Promised Land)

¹⁶ Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. (They turned their backs to God)

¹⁷ Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

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: (This is the next generation, which would enter the Promised Land)

¹⁹ I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; (They did for a generation or two and then fell back into idolatry)

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. (Today, Jesus Christ is our Sabbath – our rest. Passover, not Easter is our High Sabbath)

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.

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. (Again God gave them another chance to straighten up. HE also wanted the heathen people to realize that there is a God in heaven)

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; (This happened much later, when Assyria took the 10 northern tribes and Babylon took Judah and Benjamin)

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. (Generation after generation; second chance after second chance; they always fell short and went back to idolatry)

²⁵ Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live; (This is an idiom <a saying> I allowed their heathen neighbors to give them some misinformation, bad statutes and bad judgments – Proper translation) (What bad statutes? – Easter, rapture, denominations and many other traditions of men) (Even Satan tried this with Jesus in Mathew-4. He changed the scriptures that he recited to Jesus)

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. (Moloch worship – Human sacrifice of their own children through fire –This completely disgusted God) (Today, we kill our children in abortion clinics)

See Luke-12:49(Teach the Word of God to people so they can wake up and be ready when Jesus returns)

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.

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. (Offerings to false gods)

²⁹ Then I said unto them, What is the high place whereunto ye go? And the name whereof is called Bamah unto this day. (Bamah = a high place of worship – not for God but for worshipping idols)

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? (Generation after generation failed to do God's Word)

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 enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you. (Molochism – human sacrifice by fire) (Time after time, finally God has had enough and will not listen to them)

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. (Today this is denominations, secularism, socialism, islam, atheism; anything but following the Word of God)

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: (God created the universe. He owns everything, including all souls)

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.

³⁵ And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. (During the time of Jacob's trouble)

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.

³⁷ And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: (pass under the rod- as sheep are counted by the shepherd, as they enter their shelter or sheep cot for the night. Those that don't belong there do not make it in) (This is Judgment Day)

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.

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. (God doesn't want to hear from idol worshippers or fake Christians who practice traditions of men instead of learning the Word of God. They call themselves Christians yet they never learn God's Word)

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. (Our offerings today are our love for God)

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. (Choose – your fake religions or God)

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.

⁴³ And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have been defiled; and ye shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. Revelation-9 (They will pray for the mountains to fall on them, because they have been deceived by antichrist and have worshipped him. They will realize their mistake when Jesus returns as Messiah)

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.

⁴⁵ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, (A new thought or lesson)

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; (This must be the House of Judah)

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. (The fire is the truth of God's Word. It burns the wicked and warms the good) also see Luke-12:49

⁴⁸ And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched. (The flame is the truth of God's Word)

⁴⁹ Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak parables? (They're too stubborn to open their eyes and try to learn something, so they pass it off as parables and riddles)