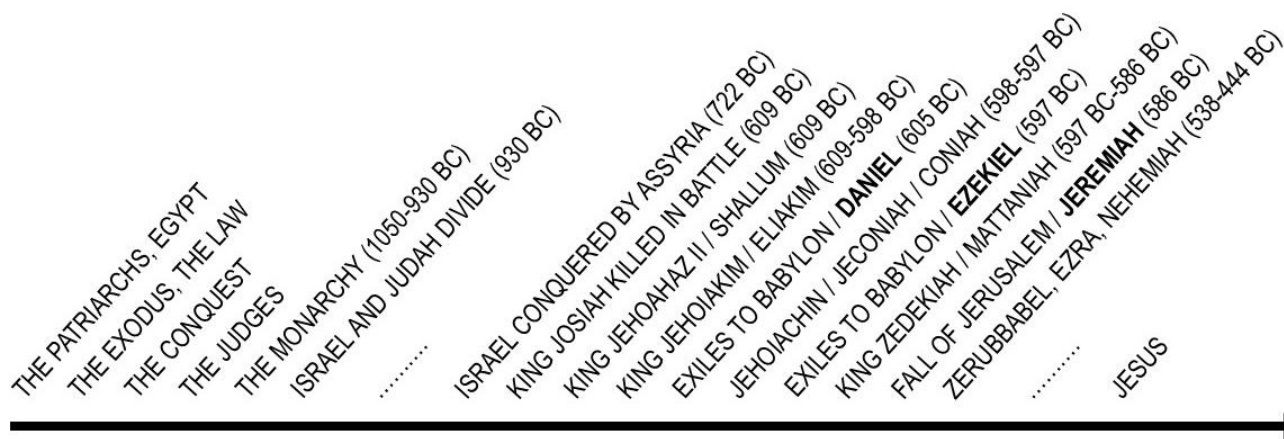




EZEKIEL 20:1-49

¹ In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me. ² And the word of the LORD came to me: ³ "Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD, Is it to inquire of me that you come? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. ⁴ Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge them? Let them know the abominations of their fathers, ⁵ and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob, making myself known to them in the land of Egypt; I swore to them, saying, I am the LORD your God. ⁶ On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands. ⁷ And I said to them, 'Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.' ⁸ But they rebelled against me and were not willing to listen to me. None of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. "Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. ⁹ But I acted for the sake of my name, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, in whose sight I made myself known to them in bringing them out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ So I led them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. ¹¹ I gave them my statutes and made known to them my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live. ¹² Moreover, I gave them my Sabbaths, as a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them ... ³⁰ "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: Will you defile yourselves after the manner of your fathers and go whoring after their detestable things? ³¹ When you present your gifts and offer up your children in fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols to this day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. ³² "What is in your mind shall never happen — the thought, 'Let us be like the nations, like the tribes of the countries, and worship wood and stone.'" (Ezekiel 20:1-49)



Introduction

- On the tenth day of the fifth month in the seventh year – summer 591 BC – a group of exiled Jewish elders came to Ezekiel in order to “inquire of the LORD” (Ezekiel 20:1).
- These elders were seeking _____ and _____ from the LORD apart from genuine devotion to the LORD, which is why the LORD _____ to be inquired (Ezekiel 20:2-3, 20:31 ... Jeremiah 29:10-14).

The Big Idea of Ezekiel 20:1-49

- God is determined to _____ and _____ a sinful people for the glory of his _____ (Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22, 39, 44).

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- The LORD graciously and sovereignly called Israel into existence and saved them from slavery Egypt so that they might be his _____ and he might be their God (20:4-7).
- Israel consistently and stubbornly refused to worship the LORD, choosing instead to worship the idols (gods) of the nations. This continued even during the _____ (20:8-31).
- The LORD _____ to let his chosen people continue in idolatry. The wicked in Israel would face judgment, while a remnant would be saved by grace (20:32-49).

Application

- If you know God, it is only because God _____ and _____ saved you.
- If you _____ in unrepentant sin, your life proves that you do not know God.
- God wants his saved, sanctified people to live for the glory of his _____.