

## Ezekiel 20

King James Version (KJV)

(Israel came to Ezekiel to inquire of God. God told them the truth)

**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 northern tribes came to Ezekiel in Jerusalem to enquire of the Lord. But whenever he told them what God said, they didn't obey. They were too set in their ways – just like people today)

<sup>2</sup> Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying,

<sup>3</sup> Son 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. (God will not answer them. They abandoned God for idol worship and perversion; so He abandoned them in return)

(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? They left Him a long time ago)

<sup>4</sup> Wilt 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) (Let them know why I will not hear them)

(Their idol worship of Jeroboam's golden calves was an insult to God)

<sup>5</sup> And 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; (the house of Jacob – all 12 tribes)

<sup>6</sup> In 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. God even cleared the way for them when they entered the Promised Land)

<sup>7</sup> Then 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. Yet they started worshipping the idols of the heathen tribes that they were supposed to wipe out)

(God judged the heathen tribes to death; because of the human sacrifices that they did; and because they mated with the fallen angels to bare giant hybrid offspring – Geeber)

(Today, they are in paradise awaiting judgment. They will be taught during the Millennium period, and then tested again by God)

<sup>8</sup> But 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. (Israel deserved to be destroyed for all of their blasphemies)

NOTE: (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 us bigots because we refuse to accept their perversions)

<sup>9</sup> 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. HE then guided Israel through the wilderness into the Promised Land)

<sup>10</sup> 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 do it. God parted the Red Sea and fed the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years. Moses didn't do any of that)

<sup>11</sup> 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 from God. They all knew that. God taught them many times)

<sup>12</sup> 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)

NOTE: (The early church turned Passover into Easter in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. The early church brought in these pagans to increase the membership and the tithes. It was all about money. Sadly, Christians still celebrate Easter today; instead of Passover)

1Corinthians-5:6-7 (Christ became our Passover <at His crucifixion>)

(Passover is 15 days after the spring equinox. It's on the same day every year)

<sup>13</sup> 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. (They rebelled time after time until they drew the wrath of God upon themselves. It got so bad that God wanted to destroy them. Moses intervened on their behalf. God had compassion on them because of Moses' plea. HE spared them again another time)

<sup>14</sup> 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 people to think that He was not able to save Israel)

(HE loves all his children, including all of the heathen tribes. HE wants all people to know that there is a God in Heaven; so that they might also change their ways and be saved)

<sup>15</sup> 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; (God let the generation that He freed from Egypt die out before entering into the Promised Land; because they had continually rebelled against Him. HE would later bring the next generation into the Promised Land)

<sup>16</sup> 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. They got what they deserved. That generation never got to see the Promised Land)

<sup>17</sup> Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness. (Their children entered the Promised Land 40 years later)

<sup>18</sup> 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. God re-educated them to do things right and they would be blessed)

<sup>19</sup> I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; (I am = Yah – a short version of Yahoveh – God's sacred name)

(Don't just learn the Ten Commandments, do them. They did things right for a generation or two; and then fell right back into idolatry)

(We see the same thing today. Most people have no idea what the Bible teaches, because they never read it. They follow the ways of the world. They ask "the universe" for blessings. That is an insult to God)

<sup>20</sup> 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 <Shalom>. Passover, not Easter, is our High Sabbath) 1Corinthians-5:7-8

<sup>21</sup> 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. (Here we go again. They did it time after time after time. Then they wondered why God doesn't bless them)

<sup>22</sup> 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, so that they might also wake up and be saved)

<sup>23</sup> 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 captive; and when Babylon took Judah and Benjamin captive)

(Finally Medial Persia conquered Babylon and Assyria. They freed the Israelites, who migrated over the Caucasus Mountains and settled Europe and America. We became known as Caucasians)

(God destroyed Israel <the nation>, not the people. HE is still here now for anyone who learns His Word and does it. Those who love and obey God can find Him anywhere in the world; regardless of what country they live in)

<sup>24</sup> 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 idol worship)

<sup>25</sup> Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live; (This is a Hebrew idiom <a saying>. It means - I allowed their heathen neighbors to give them false information, bad statutes and bad judgments – proper translation)

(What bad statutes? – Easter replacing Passover; rapture theory instead of learning the prophesies of Revelation; denominations instead of one church under God; and many other traditions of men)

NOTE: (Satan even tried that with Jesus. He changed the meaning of the scriptures that he recited to Jesus. Jesus showed us how to deal with Satan. Don't argue with him. Just tell him to be gone – in the name of Jesus Christ) see Mathew-4

<sup>26</sup> 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. (This was Moloch worship – They practiced human sacrifice of their own first born children through fire. This completely disgusted God)

(Today, we murder our children in abortion clinics. That may be legal to the government, but it's still murder to God)

<sup>27</sup> 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.

(They were enquiring of God for help, but meanwhile, they were still worshipping idols in their high places. Did they expect God to help them?)

(Today, we need to teach the Word of God to people; so they might wake up and be ready when Jesus returns. Those who do not learn now will be deceived by antichrist's false doctrine. They will be at risk of losing their souls) See Luke-12:49

<sup>28</sup> 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. (These were offerings to the false gods of the surrounding heathen tribes)

(Or just as bad – today, they make offerings to God in churches that teach traditions of men instead of God's Word – chapter by chapter, verse by verse. The people learn nothing of what God says. They are as lost as the heathen)

<sup>29</sup> 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 – but not to God. It was for worshipping idols)

<sup>30</sup> 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, they failed to learn and to do what God's Word teaches us)

<sup>31</sup> 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, until finally, God has had enough; He will not listen to them anymore)

<sup>32</sup> 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)

(The result is that, as a country, we have lost God's blessings. There is poverty, debt, crime, drugs, social unrest and mass riots. We did it to ourselves)

(But, even in the middle of a heathen nation, one good Christian can still receive God's blessings if he or she remain loyal to Him and lives by His Word. Nothing is impossible for God)

<sup>33</sup> 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)

<sup>34</sup> 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. (Those who love and obey God will be gathered and blessed by Him)

<sup>35</sup> And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. (After the time of Jacob's trouble – when antichrist will be ruling the world – for a period of 5 months; then God will plead with each of us, face to face)

<sup>36</sup> 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.

<sup>37</sup> 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- the way that sheep are counted by the shepherd, when they enter their shelter or sheep cot for the night. Those that don't belong there are pulled out by the shepherd's staff. They do not make it in)

(This is Judgment Day; when God will separate the good from the bad)

<sup>38</sup> 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. (God will judge. HE decides who will make it to Paradise and who won't)

(Crooked judges and politicians who steal from the citizens to enrich themselves will have no place in Heaven. Violent, hateful criminals who abuse others will have no place in Heaven)

<sup>39</sup> 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. (Go worship your idols for all the good it will do. God will rebuke those who teach traditions of men and call it Christianity. Crooked preachers who do not teach God's Word, chapter by chapter will not make it to Heaven)

(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)

<sup>40</sup> 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) Hosea-6:6

<sup>41</sup> 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 false religions or choose God)

<sup>42</sup> 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. (God gave the Israelites the Promised Land and they defiled it. HE gave Christians the Christian nations of Western Europe and North America, and we are defiling them also. We never seem to learn)

(During the Millennium, God will gather up all of the faithful people and return them to their own land)

<sup>43</sup> 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. (They will pray for the mountains to fall on them; because they will have been deceived by antichrist and will have worshipped him. They will only realize their mistake when Jesus returns as the true Messiah) Revelation-9

<sup>44</sup> 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. (At

the end of this Age, everyone will know that there is a God in Heaven. HIS name is Yahoveh)

<sup>45</sup> Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, (A new thought; a new teaching)

<sup>46</sup> 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 <Judah and Benjamin>. It was located south of the House of Israel <the 10 tribes>)

<sup>47</sup> 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 but it only warms the good)

See Luke-12:49 (God expects the Christians to kindle the flame of Christianity; and to keep it burning down through the years)

(In Ezekiel's days, the king of Babylon was Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of this Age, the king of Babylon will be Satan, coming as antichrist) (Babylon – babble = confusion, misdirection)

<sup>48</sup> 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. It will never go out)

<sup>49</sup> 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 the truth; so they pass it off as parables and riddles)