

Ezekiel 14

- 14:1 The elders among the captives in Babylon were coming to see Ezekiel.
- 14:3 God has a message for these elders.
God says they have “idols in their hearts” and “put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces.”
- 14:4 God says that if an Israelite inquires of the Lord in this condition (“idols” and “blocks”) then “the Lord will answer him myself in keeping with his great idolatry.”
This means God will not answer the Israelite’s question but will tell him what he needs to hear. He will not tell him what he wants, but what he needs.
- 14:6 God tells them, “Repent!”
- 14:7 God will set his face against the man who comes to God for direction He will set his face against him
- 14:9 The Lord will “entice” the prophet who wants to give a pleasing answer and not the truth to the man enquiring of the Lord.
“Entice” is the Hebrew word “pathah”. The root means “to open”, “to be roomy”, “to be simple”, “to delude”. It means “allure, deceive, flatter, persuade.”
The New International Dictionary of OT says, “Scriptures speak of the Lord deceitfully inspiring false prophets” concerning this verse and 1 Kings 22:21-23
- 14:12 Beginning of the 5th message.
- 14:13 Cut of food, Send famine, kill men, kill animals. . . Economic Disaster
Noah, Daniel and Job could not save the land
- 14:15 Wild beast killing children. . . Uncontrolled Crime and Lawlessness
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- 14:17 The sword passes through the land. . . War within your borders
- 14:19 Plague through bloodshed upon the land . . .National collapse and take over
- 14:21 The four dreadful judgments are the same as Rev. 6:8 and Leviticus 26:14
- 14:23 Ezekiel is told that when he sees the behavior of the coming captives he will understand.