Chapter 18 Individual Responsibility

**Summary:** The effects of sin affect others [Ex. 20:5], but God holds only the individual responsible for his sin (1-4). He gives 3 illustrations: a righteous man (5-9), a wicked son (10-13), and a righteous grandson (14-20). The wicked repents and lives (21-23); the righteous does wickedly and dies (24). Repent and turn from sin and live (25-32).

**Lesson:** Rebellion brings death, while repentance brings life.

Chapter 19 Israel's Fall

**Summary:** Ezekiel's lament in 592 B.C. is for Israel's leaders. The lioness/mother is Israel, who set up her kings, saw them destroyed, and will now go into captivity. The cubs/kings are Jehoahaz (3-4), Jehoiachin (5-9), and Zedekiah (10-14). God will uproot and deport her to Babylon.

**Lesson:** Israel will have no king until Jesus reigns during the millennium.

Chapter 20 Israel's Rebellions And Restoration

**Summary:** God relates Israel's past rebellions: in Egypt (1-9), in the wilderness with the first (10-17) and second (18-26) generations, and in the land (27-32). God will restore Israel [in the millennium] (32-44). But first He will destroy her by fire [of judgment] (45-49).

**Lesson:** Rebellion brings chastisement; repentance brings restoration.