

72. The Sign of the Cooking Pot

Ezekiel 24:1-13 NLT

On January 15, during the ninth year of King Jehoiachin’s captivity, this message came to me from the Lord: “Son of man, write down today’s date, because on this very day the king of Babylon is beginning his attack against Jerusalem. Then give these rebels an illustration with this message from the Sovereign Lord:

“Put a pot on the fire, and pour in some water.

Fill it with choice pieces of meat—the rump and the shoulder and all the most tender cuts.

Use only the best sheep from the flock, and heap fuel on the fire beneath the pot.

Bring the pot to a boil, and cook the bones along with the meat.

“Now this is what the Sovereign Lord says: What sorrow awaits Jerusalem, the city of murderers! She is a cooking pot whose corruption can’t be cleaned out.

Take the meat out in random order, for no piece is better than another. For the blood of her murders is splashed on the rocks.

It isn’t even spilled on the ground, where the dust could cover it!

So I will splash her blood on a rock for all to see, an expression of my anger and vengeance against her.

“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: What sorrow awaits Jerusalem, the city of murderers!

I myself will pile up the fuel beneath her.

Yes, heap on the wood!

Let the fire roar to make the pot boil. Cook the meat with many spices, and afterward burn the bones.

Now set the empty pot on the coals. Heat it red hot! Burn away the filth and corruption.

But it’s hopeless; the corruption can’t be cleaned out. So throw it into the fire. Your impurity is your lewdness and the corruption of your idolatry.

I tried to cleanse you, but you refused. So now you will remain in your filth until my fury against you has been satisfied.



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ATTACK	FILTH	ORDER
AWAITS	FIRE	PILE
BABYLON	FUEL	RANDOM
BENEATH	FURY	ROCK
BOIL	HEAP	SORROW
BONES	IDOLATRY	SOVEREIGN
CAPTIVITY	IMPURITY	SPICES
COALS	LEWDNESS	SPLASHED
COOK	MEAT	VENGEANCE