

STAND IN THE GAP

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:23-31

A) The Problem

- The Princes vs 25 & 27

The leaders of the people have betrayed their trust. They are guilty of robbery, violence & bloodshed

- The Priests vs 26

They have profaned the holy ordinances.

- The Prophets vs 28

They have prophesied falsely. Proclamation of pure word is substituted by wishful thinking. They cover people's sin with whitewash (Ezekiel 13:10-16)

- The People vs 29

Like leaders, like people.

The Result vs 24

No showers nor rain. Rain is a symbol of divine grace. Jerusalem & Judah are compared to a spiritual desert.

B) The only solution: Intercessor (vs 30)

- God looked for a man

One righteous person could have checked the moral collapse & literal collapse of the nation. Job 22:30

C) The Result (vs 31)

- Pour out my wrath on them
- Consume them with my fiery anger
- Bringing down on their heads all they have done