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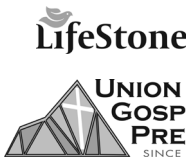
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Dear Juniors,

Welcome to *Junior Bible Class*⁺! We hope it helps you get excited about learning and applying God's Word!

Here are some of the features:

- The **Big Idea** highlights the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are interjected within the lesson to help you interact with the topic.
- The main ideas are **bold** in the lesson to help you see them at a glance.
- The **Big Question** addresses some doubts, fears, or concerns you may have about God, His Word, or life in general.
- **Next Steps** give you ways to be doing what the lesson is teaching throughout the week.
- **Christ Focus** shows how every lesson points to Jesus.
- **Talk About It** gives you ideas on things to discuss with trusted Christian adults in your life.

GOD WILL JUDGE SIN

Lesson 1
March 1, 2026

Lesson Text: Ezekiel 22:17-31

"Ye shall know that I the Lord have poured out my fury upon you" (Ezekiel 22:22).

BIG IDEA: Israel's leaders led the people away from God's law, bringing His judgment.

EZEKIEL 22:17 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, the house of Israel is so become corrupt: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore will I gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.

20 As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger, and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you.

21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.

22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the Lord have poured out my fury upon you.

23 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

24 Son of man, say unto her, Thus saith the Lord that is not deceived, nor raised up in the day of indignation.

25 There is a conspiracy like a roaring lion in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravaging the prey; they have devoured souls, they have taken the treasure and precious

things; they have made me many widows in the midst thereof.

26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have have profaned between the holy and profane, neither have they discerned difference between the unclean and the clean, and have seen the unclean and the clean, and I am hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravaging the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

28 And her prophets have dashed them, and with untempered speech, seeing vanity, and with untempered speech, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken.

29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have vexed the stranger wrongfully.

30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make to the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

31 Therefore have I poured out mine anger with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord God.

BIBLE LESSON

Do you know what a judge does? A judge decides what happens to people who break the law. When someone is guilty of breaking the law, a judge decides what person will be punished in the world, so it's all His. He gave His people rules to live by. When they did not obey, He judged and punished them. He did that so that they would learn to do what was right.

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God would judge and punish His people. He explained to them why by comparing them to metal. Silver is valuable, but not if it has other metals mixed in. The way to refine the silver is to melt it in fire. When the silver is very hot, the less valuable metals float to the surface and are scooped out. That makes the silver pure, good about His people. They didn't learn their lesson. They just kept sinning. God said He would judge their sin. He would remove all their sin. The leaders hadn't been obeying God either. They stole from the people. They were bad examples. They made up lies about God and His laws. He found no one. All His away into exile. He warned His people to learn from their mistakes and obey going through fire.

Why would the leaders be in more trouble for not obeying God?

God's people were guilty of sin. Sin ruins people and brings death, God's judgment, even when it is difficult, gives people a chance to turn from sin and have new life.

Everyone disobeys God and sins. God judges sinners. God sent Jesus to take away the punishment for sin. He is perfect and pure. He died for us on the cross.

What would happen if we never learned from our mistakes and continued disobeying God?

When you trust in Him, you never have to fear God's judgment.

ARE BAD THINGS IN MY LIFE ALWAYS A PUNISHMENT FOR SIN?

No. Bad things happen in our lives for all kinds of reasons. We live in a world that is not perfect because of sin. Bad things happen, and it doesn't always have to do with the bad things we do. Sometimes, however, bad things happen because of a time-out. God may allow those things to happen to lead us back to Him.

There is good news, Long ago, Jesus took the punishment for your sin. If you trusted in Jesus, you no longer have to fear God's punishment. If you haven't follow Him each day of your life to thank Him!

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+ CHOICES

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NEXT STEPS

The most important step to take is to believe and trust in Jesus as your Savior. If you're a Christian already, God wants to show you any sin in your life. Pray that He would show you any sin that is keeping you from living as you should for Him.

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UNIT 1:

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