



"A Nation that Sheds Innocent Blood!"

Ezekiel 22:1-31

- Verse 2 – "Are you ready to judge this city of murderers (Shedding Innocent Blood)?"
- Verse 2 – "Publically denounce her detestable sins..."
- Verse 4 & 25 – "You are guilty because of blood shed!"

### 1. What DEFILES a people, city or nation?

- It ALL starts with the WRONG worship! Verse 4!
- It ALL goes back to Exodus 20:3-6 (God set this in place for a reason for everyone!)
- Psalm 135:15-18 – A person becomes just like them! Spiritually dead!
- So, the person begins to spread death!
- Jeremiah 17:9 – 10 – The heart is wicked!
- Proverbs 4:23 – "Above ALL else guard..." (A person can change...unless they continue to love evil)

### 2. MURDER comes from the Heart! (Shedding Innocent Blood comes from an Evil Heart!)

- Matthew 15:19 – "For from the heart...Murder"
- Genesis 6:5 – How bad the human heart can get! "Evil all the time!"

### 3. The result of the Blood Shed of the Innocent:

- Ezekiel 22:4 - 5 – The END of that nation and that nation will be mocked by the world!
- Verse 6 – The total corruption of leaders and the people!
- Verses 12 – How? "THEY never think of God!" ...just themselves and evil...blood of the innocent!
- What is the result? God says ENOUGH! Verse 13 (A nation that sheds innocent blood will not be declared innocent! So, that nation does not know when God says enough...but the day will come! Please know this...from the very first person that is murdered in a nation and innocent blood is shed...God has already said enough!

- When Cain murdered Abel, the Bible says that his BLOOD cried out to God from the ground! (Genesis 4:10!)
- Verses 20-22 – **Judgment and Fire!** Not just physical but for Eternity!

#### 4. This reminds us TODAY of the FUTURE in 2 Peter Chapter 3 with Judgment coming...

- 2 Peter 3:1-14 – People DO NOT believe! Verse 7 – “destruction of the ungodly!” (Judgment / Fire)
- **Key** – verse 14 – **Godly people make THE difference!** “Waiting for it **TO** happen...”
- Ezekiel 22:30 – Just **ONE PERSON** would have changed it all! **Just ONE!** (On the flip side of this...just ONE person not standing up for what’s right...not voting for what’s right...EVIL WINS! (**Your VOICE and your VOTE counts for Righteousness!**))
- Ezekiel 22:31 – The result of people NOT living for the Lord!

#### 5. Can a wicked City and Nation change?

- As long as a people turn to God and repent! Acts 17:30-31
- *People ONLY have a choice of Salvation or Judgment! They can only choose ONE!*

**\*\*Look at the length that God went to SAVE an entire city and people!\*\***

- Jonah 1:2-3 & 17
- Jonah 3:2-3, 4-6, 7-9
- Jonah 3:10 – **WOW!**
- **Why?** Jonah 4:2 – “You are eager not to destroy people!” “You are merciful and compassionate!” This is the HEART of God!

#### Closing: Our God wants people to Repent & Change! He wants Nations to honor Him!

- 2 Corinthians 5:17!
- A nation can change IF the people choose to be **PURE!** Matthew 5:8 – “They will **SEE** God!”
- **Purity** = Not defiled by this world or living the way of the world! Repentant!
- **What’s at stake here in MO? Our Nation?** To absolutely be DESTROYED if our state and nation craves the blood of the innocent!
- **The only way to stop this from happening is if YOU do your part!**
- You PRAY for people! You SPEAK UP for the innocent! You VOTE by choosing what’s right Biblically!
- **Please remember today: By not voting at all...YOU are giving a vote for the evil to continue!**

**\*\*Will you be the rebuilders of the Wall of Righteousness in our time?**

**\*\*Will you be the someone that God is looking for to STAND in the gap?**

**\*\*Your NO vote on Amendment 3 is ONE BRICK back to rebuilding the Wall of Righteousness in Missouri!**

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