

## **Ezekiel 24**

### **Hope for the Hopeless - A devastating blow**

<sup>5</sup>See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>6</sup> Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' <sup>7</sup> What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup> Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

*Deuteronomy 4:5-9*

<sup>23</sup> Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden. <sup>24</sup> For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

<sup>25</sup> After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time – if you then become corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes of the LORD your God and arousing his anger, <sup>26</sup> I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed. <sup>27</sup> The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which the LORD will drive you.

*Deuteronomy 4:23-27*

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### **1. A message of utter hopelessness [vv20-21]**

**The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness.**

*Romans 1:18*

**But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.**

*Romans 2:5*

**All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one.**

*Romans 3:12*

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- 2. A messenger of utter hopelessness**
- 3. The God behind this utter hopelessness**