

## Spiritually Sick from Head to Toe

### Judah's Spiritual State

The prophet Isaiah had said of Judah that it was spiritually sick “*from the sole of the foot even unto the head*” (Isa. 1:6). Ezekiel defined the sins of Judah from its king to its general population. Judah's **king** (Zedekiah) was termed “*O deadly wounded wicked one*” because of his wicked rule (Ezek. 21:25). Judah's **princes** (civil rulers) devised iniquity and gave wicked counsel (Ezek. 11:1-4). Judah's **prophets** were greedy for riches (Ezek. 22:23-25) and told lies of their own hearts (Ezek. 13:3). Judah's **priests** had perverted God's laws (Ezek. 22:26) and even worshipped the sun (Ezek. 8:16). Judah's **elders** practiced secret idolatry (Ezek. 8:7ff). Judah's **general population** vexed the poor and needy (Ezek. 22:29). They were rebellious and had a hard heart (Ezek. 2:3, 4; 3:7). Idolatry had become a way of life for Judah (Ezek. 6:1ff; 8:10; 22:4). Judah had defiled Jehovah's sanctuary with idolatry (Ezek. 5:11; 23:38). They stooped so low as to sacrifice their sons to Moloch (Ezek. 16:20-21; 23:37) and then turn around on the same day (the Sabbath) and offer worship to Jehovah. Judah was so deluded that they concluded that such conduct was acceptable (cf. Ezek. 23:38-39). They were lovers of money (Ezek. 7:19) and murderers (Ezek. 22:4; 23:45). Stated plainly; Judah had forgotten God (Ezek. 22:12; 23:35).

Ezekiel tells us that there are consequences to a people who forget God and do what they so desire. Judah was to be taken captive, robbed, stoned, killed with the sword, and have her houses burned down (Ezek. 23:46-47). Jerusalem would be placed under siege in such a horrific way that fathers would eat their own children to keep from starving to death (Ezek. 4:1-2; 5:10; 6:12). Those who did not die by famine, sword, and pestilence (Ezek. 5:12; 6:11; 12:16) would die by evil beast (Ezek. 14:21). When all of these events took place, the people would know that Jehovah is God.

### What about the Church of Christ Today?

What about the church of Jesus Christ today? When the church has wicked elders, deacons, preachers, and members who do what they want rather than following the authority of Jesus Christ, there is a spiritual sickness from head to toe. Said state of being comes with consequences to be meted out. Revelation 20:10-14 tells us that those who are not found written in the book of life will be thrown into the fires of hell to spend eternity with the devil and his servants. God's people have the ability to see the end from the beginning regarding judgment because He has revealed it to us. Why not make the proper changes in life now before its everlastingly too late? What does the Lord want to see from His people? Micah tells us that God “*hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?*” (Micah 6:8). God desires man's spirit to be willing to live in a just manner while being kind and humble. Why not submit to the Creator's request today by being baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38)?

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