

August 24 Questions

- 1) The exiles refused to believe that God would cut off everyone from the holy city of Jerusalem. After all, the city had seen two _____ already (604 and 597 BC), and there were still princes, priests and prophets left. Surely the presence of a few _____ people would save the city. In reply, God said that a flashing _____ was poised to strike, and it would cut off both “the righteous and the wicked” (Ezek 21:2–4). The upright people who remained could not save the city from God’s avenging sword. They, like Daniel and Ezekiel, would be _____ from Jerusalem, and the city would sit forsaken and alone (Lam 1:1). This teaches us that there comes a time when the sins of a city or nation must be punished, and the righteous can no longer _____ back the tide of judgment. How important it is to be _____ and _____ while there is still time! Ezekiel told the story of Oholah (Samaria) and Oholibah (Jerusalem), two sister-cities who “played the _____ in their youth.” The graphic depiction of their wickedness teaches us that idolatry is like _____. When we _____ God for something else, we commit spiritual prostitution, and when we _____ ourselves to unbelievers, we commit spiritual whoredom (Ezek 23:14–17). We must strive to make sure that we never join Christ with _____ (2 Cor 6:14–15)!