

**Introduction.** I love Israel and the United States and it is not easy to confront people when you love them. On the other hand, there is tough love that seeks the best for others.

### 1. God Pronounces Judgment

The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, set your face against Jerusalem and preach against the sanctuary. Prophecy against the land of Israel

and say to her: 'This is what the LORD says: I am against you. I will draw my sword from its sheath and cut off from you both the righteous and the wicked. Because I am going to cut off the righteous and the wicked, my sword will be unsheathed against everyone from south to north. Then all people will know that I the LORD have drawn my sword from its sheath; it will not return again.'

Ezekiel 21:1-5, NIV

### 2. Reasons for God's Judgment

"See how each of the princes of Israel who are in you uses his power to shed blood. In you they have treated father and mother with contempt; in you they have oppressed the foreigner and mistreated the fatherless and the widow. You have despised my holy things and desecrated my Sabbaths. In you are slanderers who are bent on shedding blood; in you are those who eat at the mountain shrines and commit lewd acts. In you are those who dishonor their father's bed; in you are those who violate women during their period, when they are ceremonially unclean. In you one man commits a detestable offense with his neighbor's wife, another shamefully defiles his daughter-in-law, and another violates his sister, his own father's daughter. In you are people who accept bribes to shed blood; you take interest and make a profit from the poor. You extort unjust gain from your neighbors. And you have forgotten me, declares the Sovereign LORD."

Ezekiel 22:6-12, NIV

There is a conspiracy of her princes within her like a roaring lion tearing its prey; they devour people, take treasures and precious things and make many widows within her. Her priests do violence to my law and profane my holy things; they do not distinguish between the holy and the common; they teach that there is no difference between the unclean and the clean; and they shut their eyes to the keeping of my Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. Her officials

within her are like wolves tearing their prey; they shed blood and kill people to make unjust gain. Her prophets whitewash these deeds for them by false visions and lying divinations. They say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says'—when the LORD has not spoken. The people of the land practice extortion and commit robbery; they oppress the poor and needy and mistreat the foreigner, denying them justice.'" Ezekiel 22:25-29, NIV

Since 1973, the United States has murdered 61 million innocent and helpless human beings. God cannot let this go unanswered. If we repent, God will forgive. If we persist, His judgment will fall. If we love Israel and the United States, we must intercede for them *now*.

### 3. God's Call for an Intercessor

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one.

So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD." Ezekiel 22:30-31, NIV

#### **Conclusion:**

This passage of Scripture applies equally to Israel and the United States.

God is holy and God is love. His holiness is his primary attribute. Sin, such as described in Ezekiel above, is destructive and God cannot allow it to continue. However, if Israel repents, she will be spared and if the United States repents, she will be spared. *These principles are within God Himself and He never changes!*

God allowed Satan to use Babylon as a sword in the era of Ezekiel. God is allowing Satan to use Islam and other nations in our present time.

## Israel and the United States Judged

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Will you join others and me in interceding for Israel and the United States? God is calling for us to pray for them.

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