I. Review of our Introduction to Lamentations and Ezekiel

 A. The juncture of two OT prophets occurs in these two books.

 1. One is a Home Missionary – Jeremiah

 a. The heart of Jeremiah’s report is Lamentations 3:22ff.

 (1) The lyrics of the hymn, “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

 are taken from this report.

 2. One is a Foreign Missionary – Ezekiel

 B. Romans 11:22 offers the necessary perspective on these two books.

 1. With this theological perspective a foundation is laid for all of scripture.

 2. Without it, one’s Biblical worldview has a cracked foundation.

 3. “Note well both the kindness and the severity of God.”

II. Ezekiel offers a Foreign Mission Report from Babylon.

 A. Chapters 1-3 offer the introduction to this great prophet’s report.

 1. When awareness of God’s purpose and presence are lost, what is needed?

 a. Ezekiel’s report answers that question. We need a vision.

 (1) Always remember Proverbs 29:18.

 (a) This is one of the Bible’s most misunderstood verses.

 2. What does a person, a family, a nation need in time of peril? Truth only?

 3. What does our nation need? Ezekiel says that we need a vision (of God).

 a. We elect/select leaders with vision not heeding this one in Ezekiel.

 B. The message of this watchman deals with the location of God’s “headquarters.”

 1. Where is God’s headquarters located on Earth, in Virginia, in Williamsburg?

 2. How many churches are there in Hampton Roads?

 3. To date, how many churches have missionaries built in Africa?

 4. Where was God when Joseph was sold into slavery?

 5. Where was God when Irma hit? (Lot’s wife?)

 C. Consider the vision of Chapter One.

 1. Note the elements of what Ezekiel saw.

 a. A windstorm comes from the north with lightening and light.

 b. Four living creatures are in the center of the fire.

 (1) Each had four faces and four wings.

 c. Wheels were on the ground with intersecting wheels.

 d. A figure of a man seated on a throne above with a rainbow

 surrounding him was above it all.

III. Note that the comparison of Revelation 4 with this passage reveals the timelessness of

 the vision given to Ezekiel and its relevance to us today.

**Thou Art Worthy**

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| Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy,Thou art worthy, O Lord.Thou art worthy to receive glory,Glory and honor and power. | For Thou hast created, Hast all things created,For Thou hast created all things.And for Thy pleasure they are created;Thou art worthy, O Lord. |