

## Bible Study – Outline

### EZEKIEL

The Prophet who saw the Glory of God

#### Time Period

Ezekiel was born 622BC – exiled to Babylon in 597BC

He prophesied for the first 20 – 25 years of the 70-year captivity in Babylon.

Written – approx. 571BC

#### Time Line

605BC	Nebuchadnezzar takes the temple treasures to Babylon; Daniel is captured.
597BC	Ezekiel taken captive to Babylon (age 25)
593BC	Ezekiel called to ministry (age 30)
592BC	Ezekiel's vision of the temple in Jerusalem
591BC	Ezekiel interprets Israel's history (Ezek. 20)
588BC	Siege of Jerusalem begins
587-585BC	Ezekiel's message against Egypt and Tyre
586BC	Jerusalem destroyed by the Babylonian army
585BC	News comes to Ezekiel of Jerusalem's destruction
573BC	Visions of Israel's glorious future
571BC	Ezekiel's message that Babylon will defeat Egypt

#### **Major Theme(s)**

The Glory of God

God's Holiness

Restoration – to those who remain faithful to God

Sin

**Key Phrase– “I am the Lord” repeated 57 times (NIV) - Jehovah Adonai**

Meaning - Lord of Lords or Sovereign Lord

## Overview

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### Key Scriptures

Ezek. 1	The vision of Ezekiel – a whirlwind from the north.
Ezek. 2:3-4	Children of Israel a rebellious nation, impudent and stiffhearted.
Ezek. 3:7	But the people of Israel are not willing to listen
Ezek. 3:10	“.....take to heart...”
Ezek. 3:16	Ezekiel is made a watchman
Ezek. 5:1-4,12	A third to die of pestilence, a third by the sword, a third to be scattered
Ezek. 5:7	“You have not even conformed to the standards of the nations around you.”
Ezek. 6:7	“and the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”
Ezek. 7:4,9,27	Then you will know I am the Lord
Ezek. 7:19	Wealth won’t save them - it caused them to sin
Ezek. 8:6	See the detestable things that will drive me far from my sanctuary
Ezek.9:8, 11:13	“will you completely destroy the remnant of Israel?”
Ezek. 11:17-21	Remnant to be gathered back and the people given a new heart
Ezek. 12:1	Eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear
Ezek. 13: 9-10	The fate of false prophets
Ezek. 14:3	* “set up idols in their hearts..”
Ezek. 16:15	“ <u>But</u> you trusted in your beauty and used your fame to become a prostitute.”
Ezek. 16:60	* “Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you....”
Ezek. 18:4	The one who sins is the one who will die.
Ezek. 18:32	“Repent and live!”
Ezek. 20:20	Sabbaths to be a sign between God and Judah
Ezek. 20:43	“Then you will remember your conduct...”
Ezek. 21:24	“Because you have done this you will be taken captive.”
Ezek. 21:26	The lowly will be exalted

Ezek. 24:2	Siege of Jerusalem (588BC)
Ezek. 24:16	Ezekiel's wife dies – “the delight of your eyes”
Ezek. 24:24,27	Ezekiel to be a sign to Israel
Ezek. 28:13-19	Prophecy of satan's fate
Ezek. 33:7	Ezekiel to warn Israel.
Ezek. 33:16	“... they shall surely live.”
Ezek. 34:10	“... I will rescue my flock”
Ezek. 34:24-31	“And I the Lord will be their God...” (see also Hosea 3:5)
Ezek. 36:24	“I will take you from among the heathen...”
Ezek. 36:26	“I will give you a new heart”
Ezek. 36:28	“... and you shall be my people and I will be your God.”
Ezek. 37:4	“...prophesy upon these bones...”
Ezek. 37:12	“ I will open your graves and cause you to come up ..”
Ezek. 37:14	“I shall put my Spirit in you and you shall live...”
Ezek. 37:26	An everlasting covenant of peace
Ezek. 39:25-29	The Lord has compassion on His people and will pour out His Spirit on them.
Ezek. 47:1-9	The river flowing from the Temple.
Ezek. 48:35	“And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE”

\* see note about this verse in the Life Application Bible

## Discussion Questions

1. Ezekiel's vision – how would we describe this same vision using what we know about the technology of today in comparison to the time of Ezekiel?
2. What hope do you have as a result of this vision?
3. Ezekiel was asked to eat a scroll. What did it represent? What did it taste like?
4. What does it mean to be a watchman? What are the tasks? Are we to be watchmen today?
5. Jesus Christ fulfilled what prophecy described in Ezekiel chapters 10 and 11?
6. Why was it necessary for God to have repeated so many times the phrase “I am the Lord” throughout this book? Is it applicable today?
7. Ezek. 14:1-6 what did the elders of Israel do to displease God? What does it mean to set up an idol in your heart?
8. Ezek. 18:1-4. What did the people of Judah misunderstand?
9. Ezekiel 28 (also compare to Isa. 14:12-15) – Prophecy of the King of Tyre. Does this prophecy refer to another person or being today?
10. Ezek. 33:30-33 How does this passage compare to today?
11. What was the reason God restored Israel? Ezek. 36:16-28
12. Ezek. 37:1-14 – the valley of the dry bones. This passage is one of hope, revival, and restoration of Israel. It can also speak to us in our personal lives. Are there “dry bones” in our live? A situation or feeling of hopelessness?
13. What does the river from the Temple represent? (chap. 47)
14. How does the Book of Ezekiel reinforce the value and necessity of worship?

## Resources Used

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