

Ezekiel



Study Outline

Main Point: As part of the second wave of Jews deported from Judah to Babylon, Ezekiel's ministry occurred among a small community of about 10,000 Jewish exiles. During this time many false prophets were falsely telling the people God would allow them to return to the land soon and what they had just experienced was the extent of God's judgment. God commissioned Ezekiel to combat this false pretense on two main fronts. First, God's judgment would get worse before it became better. He had already warned the people of this truth. Secondly, Ezekiel

emphasizes the spiritual reality that repentance must precede restoration. If the people wanted to return to Jerusalem they had to first return to God. Aside from the context of the events surrounding his prophecies, the overarching theme of Ezekiel's colorful ministry was the Glory of the Lord. Beyond revulsion over sin, repentance from sin, and a personal desire for renewal, the appropriate response to sin should include a longing for the restoration of God's Glory! **Scriptural Placement:** 2 Kings 24:10-16 [Jeremiah & Daniel]

Historical Placement: (597-587 B.C.)

Ezekiel was part of the second wave of Jews deported to Babylon (597 B.C.)

GLORY OF THE LORD (Displayed by His Prophet)

Ezekiel 1-3

Glory of the Lord Displayed (1)

Calling, Commission & Preparation of Ezekiel

GLORY OF THE LORD (Displayed by His Righteous Judgment)

Ezekiel 4-24

Events Before Destruction of Jerusalem:

Siege of Jerusalem Portrayed (4: Theatrics)

Sword Against Jerusalem (5: Shaving Hair)

Prophecies Predicting Judgment

Presence of God Departs (10)

Coming Captivity of Judah (12: Digging)

Sermon: The Adopted Child (16)

Sermon: Riddle of the 2 Eagles (17)

Sermon: Two Harlot Sisters (23)

Bad News & A Tough Sermon (24)

GLORY OF THE LORD (Displayed by His Holy Justice)

Ezekiel 25-32

God will Judge the Nations & Satan

GLORY OF THE LORD (Displayed by His Faithful Promises)

Ezekiel 33-39

Events Following Destruction of Jerusalem:

Recommission of Ezekiel

God the True Shepherd

Restoration of Israel (37: Dry Bones)

Repudiation of Gog & Magog (38 & 39)

GLORY OF THE LORD (Displayed by His Coming Kingdom)

Ezekiel 40-48

Descriptions of a Post-Tribulational Age:

Rebuilt Temple, Kingdom Age, Presence of God



Day 1: Honey & Sweetness....

Ezekiel 2:1-3:4 // THINKING POINTS: (1). In what way do you see our love for God and our love for His Word interconnected? (2). Why do you think God had Ezekiel eat the scroll? (3). How can a healthy diet of God's Word prepare you for the job God has called you too?

Day 2: Oh, Tobias....

Ezekiel 4, 5 & 12 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Why did God command Ezekiel to incorporate so much theatrics into His prophetic message? (2). Have there been any "odd occurrences" God has used to speak or communicate truth into your life? (3). What can we learn from the way Ezekiel obediently followed God's commands?

Day 3: The Adopted....

Ezekiel 16:1-15 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What is the significance of God describing us as His adopted sons and daughters? What unique aspects of adoption make this special? (2). What makes our spiritual harlotry so tragic in the grand scheme of things? (3). What insights does this passage provide concerning the emotional heart of God?

Day 4: An Everlasting....

Ezekiel 16:60-63 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What "everlasting covenant" is God referring to in these verses? (2). When and how did God provide the atonement foreshadowed in this passage? (3). In what way do you see grace demonstrated to His people in these verses?

Day 5: The Clean....

Ezekiel 36:16-38 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What doctrinal event is being described in verses 25-27? (2). According to this passage what are the tangible results we see in our lives as produced by salvation? (3). The justifying and sanctifying work of salvation is the responsibility of whom? What part do we play?

Day 6: Fulfilled & Future Prophecy....

Ezekiel 37-39 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What event is Ezekiel recording in chapter 37? Note this event was fulfilled in the 20th century. (2). What future event is Ezekiel describing in chapter 38 and 39? (3). In what way should fulfilled prophecy strengthen our faith in God's Word?

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