

## INTRODUCTION TO EZEKIEL – PART 2

### 1. EZEKIEL'S DISTINCTIVE VOICE...

#### (a) Varied forms of communication:

##### *Judgment:*

Legal addresses, disputations, figurative addresses, laments, woe oracles, interpreted sign-acts.

##### *Salvation speeches:*

Straightforward pronouncements, figurative addresses, visions, literary cartoons.

#### (b) Powerful language: sexual / whoring, dung, incomplete sentences etc

#### (c) Repeated phrases

"the Lord Yahweh"

Ezekiel = "son of man"

Judah = "house/family of Israel"

"the word of the Lord came to me saying...", "Thus has the Lord Yahweh declared", "the declaration of the Lord Yahweh."

"the hand of the Lord came upon me," "and he brought/took/led me"

"Say"... "set your face toward."

A vision of GOD! "And they will know that I am the Lord."

### 2. AN OUTLINE OF EZEKIEL

#### The BIG PICTURE =

JUDGEMENT (chs 1-33)... and

HOPE (chs 34-48)

See OUTLINE →

See GRAPHIC OVERVIEW (P.T.O.) from the Bible Project

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/ezekiel-1-33/>

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/ezekiel-34-48/>

### JUDGEMENT: chapters 1 – 33

#### Judgement oracles part 1 (1:1 – 7:27). Presenting the case against Jerusalem.

1:1 – 3:21. Ezekiel's vision of God and commissioning by God

3:22 – 5:4. Five judgement "sign-acts": telling of the fact and the form of God's punishment.

5:5-7:27. Three prophecies of judgement: giving the meaning of the "sign-acts."

#### Judgement oracles part 2 (8:1 – 13:23). Answering objections, confirming the end of the city.

8:1 – 11:25. Could God really abandon his people? The glory of the Lord departs the temple.

12:1 – 20. A "sign-act": exposing the rebelliousness of the exiles.

12:21 – 13:23. Two disputations against cynics, and two prophecies against false prophets.

#### Judgement oracles part 3 (14:1 – 19:14). Challenging Ezekiel's exiles and his readers.

14:1 – 23. Two lectures: about idolatry... and how to survive God's punishment.

15:1 – 17:24. Israel is like a useless vine and a faithless bride.

18:1-32. A disputation: proving the justice of God's judgement – the sinful generation dies.

19:1-14. A lament for the failed line of David.

#### Judgement oracles part 4 (20:1 – 23:49). Summarising the argument, Jerusalem's end is near.

20:1-44. A history of revelation... and of rebellion.

20:45 – 21:32. Prophecies of the sword: the end is near.

22:1-32. Jerusalem: the inside story

23:1-49. The history of two promiscuous sisters.

#### A key chapter (chapter 24). Whose side are you on? God's... or Jerusalem's?

24:1-14. The boiling cauldron: the exiles aren't choice meat, but rotten & facing the Lord's fire.

24:15-24. The death of Ezekiel's wife and the coming death of Jerusalem: do not grieve.

24:25-27. Ezekiel's dumbness will be lifted when news of destruction reaches the exiles.

#### Oracles against the pagan Nations (25:1 – 32:32). God is sovereign: don't fear or trust them.

25:1-17. Prophecies vs. Judah's nearest neighbours: condemned for malice against Judah.

26:2 – 28:26. Prophecies vs. Tyre: condemned for expecting profit from Judah's demise.

29:1 – 32:32. Prophecies vs. Egypt: 7<sup>th</sup> & longest... sinful self-sufficiency... don't trust E. again.

#### Turning point (chapter 33). The watchman has warned: news comes of Jerusalem's fall. Listen!

33:1-20. The watchman: his job and his appeal.

33:21-22. Turning point: the final word – \* the fugitive brings news of Jerusalem's fall \*

33:23-33. Final prophecy vs. the city... but whilst the exiles now listen they won't obey.

*How will they ever change → ...*

### HOPE: chapters 34 – 38

#### The leadership problem solved (chapter 34). The Lord's kingship re-established.

34:1-31. The Lord will shepherd his people.

#### Land and people transformed (chapters 35 – 36). The Lord restores and transforms.

35:1 – 36:38. The Spirit's initiative. For the sake of the Lord's name.

#### How the Spirit transforms (chapter 37). The gift of the Spirit.

37:1 – 28. A vision and a symbol of resurrection life.

#### Israel will be safe (chapters 38-39). Gog and Magog.

38:1 – 39:29. No enemies will ever come from the north – guarantee of the Lord's protection.

#### Ezekiel's 3rd major vision of God's glory (chapters 40-48). A new people... & the Lord is there.

40:1 – 48:35. A new temple, law, land and city.

# EZEKIEL



## 1-11 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

**1-3** EZEKIEL COMMISSIONED

SON OF MAN! ACCUSE ISRAEL OF BREAKING THE COVENANT AND WARN THEM OF IMMINENT DESTRUCTION

• URSHIP OF OTHER GODS SOCIAL JUSTICE

**4-5** EZEKIEL'S SIGN ACTS

SHOULD THE 3000000 STAY IN THE STATE

EXPERIENCE THE SCOURGE OF BRONNEN BARRELS AND

**BAD NEWS: NO ONE'S GOING TO LISTEN.**

ISRAEL'S HARD HEART (RECALL DAUGHTERSONNY ch.30)

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**6-11** THE TERRIBLE VISION

THE APPEARANCE OF THE LARGENESS OF THE SPIRIT OF THE LAND - PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S SIGNIFICANCE (SEE EXODUS 16:24-25)

**11** ISRAEL'S IDOL ATTRY HAS DRIVEN GOD AWAY... BUT HE HASN'T ABANDONED HIS PEOPLE. ISRAEL'S NEW HEART RETURN WITH ME, TRANSFORMED HEARTS.

**JUDGMENT** **HOPE**

## 12-24 JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL

**12-17** FINE OF PARABLE & ALLUORY

**18** EZEKIEL AS LAMENTER

GOD HAVE MERCY

• I REMIND YOU OF YOUR SIN, O ISRAEL

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**34-37** HOPE FOR ISRAEL

**38** A NEW KING

**39** A NEW HEART

**40** A NEW HEART

**GOD'S SPIRIT**

THE ONLY HOPE IS FOR GOD TO REPAIR HUMANITY - NOT DIVINE BREATH

## 25-32 JUDGMENT ON THE NATIONS

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PHILISTIA AMMON MOAB EDOM

ISRAEL

ALL BROUGHT DOWN BY BABYLON...

• I REMIND YOU OF YOUR SIN, O ISRAEL

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**38-39** HOPE FOR THE NATIONS

GOD DEFEATS AND LINDONS THE NATIONS

**EDGE**

ANCIENT KINGDOM FROM GENESIS TO DESCRIPTION OF KING OF TIME & ETERNITY ARCHITECTURE OF HUMAN REVELATION

THESE COINCS ARE FULL OF SYMBOLS & MESSAGES ABOUT GODS EVIL

## 33

**33** JERUSALEM HAS FALLEN!

**40-48** HOPE FOR ALL CREATION

**40-48** VISION OF A NEW TEMPLE

THE MEANING OF THE VISIONS?

1) LITERAL BLUEPRINTS OF NEW TEMPLE IN THE FOURTH RESURRECTION

2) SYMBOLIC DEPICTION OF GODS RESURRECTION AND HIS TEMPLE IN THE RESURRECTION KINGDOM

DEAD SEA VALLEY

NEW GARDEN OF EDEN - THE LORD IS THERE