

Ezekiel

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure

EZEKIEL

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

26

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

48

TYPE

PROPHECY



OVERVIEW

Ezekiel was a priest and one of those carried away in captivity. He prophesies from captivity for a period of over 20 years. His prophecies cover a range of topics and history, and include God's explanation of current wrath, the recent reformation of Israel, and the Millennial Kingdom.



WRITTEN
590-570 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
585 BC through the end
of times



AUTHOR
The Prophet
Ezekiel

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Key Verse

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:26

Ezekiel the Man

Ezekiel was deported to Babylon in 597 B.C.

Ezekiel was called to prophecy at the age of 30. (Ezekiel 1:1-3)

Ezekiel came from a priestly family.

Ezekiel's ministry was different than Daniel's.

Ezekiel's whole life was a message. (Human Visual Aid, Became Mute, Lost His Wife)

Major Themes in Ezekiel

Strong emphasis on the sovereignty, glory, and faithfulness of God.

Concentration of the temple with its perversion, destruction, and restoration.

A portrayal of God's heavenly glory, departing glory, and earthly glory.

More than 60 times, God said He acted so that people would "know that I am the Lord." (He took drastic measures to be known by His own people!)

Outline of Ezekiel

Glory of the Lord; Commission of the Prophet (Chapters 1-7)

Display of the Glory (Ezekiel 1)

Flashing Light, Glory of God, Living Creatures, Wheels, Four Faces

Could Jesus and the gospels be symbolized in the four faces?

Jesus the King — Face of a Lion (Matthew)

Jesus the Servant — Face of an Ox (Mark)

Jesus' Humanity — Face of a Man (Luke)

Jesus' Deity — Flying Eagle (John)

Ezekiel's Call and Empowerment (Ezekiel 2)
The Scroll and the Watchman (Ezekiel 3)
Siege of Jerusalem Acted Out (Ezekiel 4)
Ezekiel Shaves His Head (Ezekiel 5)
Sword to Fall Upon Jerusalem (Ezekiel 6)
Final Destruction of Jerusalem Predicted (Ezekiel 7)

The Glory of the Lord, Captivity of Jerusalem, Departure of the Glory (Chapters 8-24)

Defilement of the Temple (Ezekiel 8)
Glory of God Prepares to Leave the Temple (Ezekiel 9)
God's Glory Leaves the Temple (Ezekiel 10)
Prophecy Against Rulers of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 11)
Ezekiel Enacts the Destruction of Jerusalem (Ezekiel 12)
False Prophets Condemned (Chapter 13)
Those Practicing Idolatry Condemned (Chapter 14)
Jerusalem Depicted as a Useless Vine (Ezekiel 15)
Jerusalem Compared to Abandoned Baby Adopted by God (Ezekiel 16)
The Riddle of the Two Eagles and the Vine (Ezekiel 17)
The High Cost of Sin: Death (Ezekiel 18)
Lament Over Israel's Princes (Ezekiel 19)
Review of Israel's Long History of Sins, Hope (Ezekiel 20)
King of Babylon to Remove the Last King from David's Line Until the Messiah Comes (Ezekiel 21)
A Review of Jerusalem's Sins (Ezekiel 22)
Parable of Two Sisters (Chapter 23)
Parable of the Boiling Pot (Chapter 24)

Glory of the Lord, Judgment of Nations (Chapters 25-32)

Interesting description of Satan in Ezekiel 28:12-19

Glory of the Lord and Coming Kingdom (Chapters 33-48)

Vision of the valley of dry bones. (Ezekiel 37)
Repudiation Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38-39)
Prediction of Rebuilding of the Temple (Ezekiel 40-42)
Return of the Glory of the Lord (Ezekiel 43-48)

Final Phrase of the Book: *And the name of the city from that time on will be: the Lord is there.* (Ezekiel 48:35)

Lessons/Applications

God is patient but will ultimately bring _____

God goes out of his way to get His _____ across.

Prophecies sometimes have multiple _____