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# *Ezekiel*

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## **I. Prophecies Concerning the Failures of Israel (1-25)**

### A. The Early Ministry of Ezekiel and his Vision of the Glory of God (1:1—7:27) *[Year 5, Month 4, Day 5]*

#### Introduction (1:1-3)

1. The Vision of the Cherubim and the Glory of God (1:4-28)
2. The Voice of God (2:1—3:27)
  - a. God commissions Ezekiel to rebuke the obstinate Israelites (2:1—3:11).
  - b. God commissions Ezekiel as a responsible watchman (3:12-23).
  - c. God commissions Ezekiel to be His persecuted prophet (3:24-27).
3. Visual Portrayals of the Destruction of Jerusalem (4:1—5:17)
  - a. A Clay Tablet—The Visualized Siege of Jerusalem (4:1-17)
  - b. A Razor-like Sword—The Visualized Death and Scattering of God's People (5:1-17)
4. Two Prophecies of Judgment (6:1—7:27)
  - a. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Prophecy of Destruction against the Mountains of Israel (6:1-14)
  - b. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Prophecy of Disaster against the Land of Israel (7:1-27)

B. The Unheeded Warnings about Sin (8-19)

*[Year 6, Month 6, Day 5]*

1. Ezekiel's Vision of the Defiled Temple in Jerusalem (8:1—11:25)

- a. The Vision of Increasingly Detestable Practices in Jerusalem (8:1-18)
- b. The Vision of the Marking of the Faithful and the Destruction of the Unfaithful in Jerusalem (9:1-11)
- c. The Vision of the Glory of the Lord Departing from Jerusalem (10:1—11:25)

(1) The glory of the Lord moves from the Temple to the East Gate (10:1-22).

(2) The glory of the Lord moves from the East Gate out of Jerusalem (11:1-25).

2. Prophecies of Imminent Judgment (12:1—13:23)

- a. "The word of the Lord came to me . . ."—Ezekiel's Visual Demonstration of Imminent Exile (12:1-7)
- b. "The word of the Lord came to me . . ."—Ezekiel's Verbal Declaration of Imminent Exile (12:8-16)
- c. "The word of the Lord came to me . . ."—A Warning to Eat in Fear due to Imminent Judgment (12:17-20)
- d. "The word of the Lord came to me . . ."—A Warning to Adopt a New Proverb of Imminent Destruction (12:21-25)
- e. "The word of the Lord came to me . . ."—A Warning to Disregard an Attitude of Delayed Judgment (12:26-28)

3. Prophecies of Targeted Judgment (13:1—14:23)

- a. "The word of the Lord came to me . . ."—A Warning of Judgment on the Lying Prophets (13:1-23)
- b. "The word of the Lord came to me . . ."—A Warning of Judgment on the Idolatrous Elders (14:1-11)

- c. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning about Four Judgments on the People of Jerusalem for Insufficient Righteousness (14:12-23)
  4. Prophetic Illustrations of Israel’s Sins (15:1—18:32)
    - a. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning about Jerusalem’s Judgment as Fuel for the Fire (15:1-8)
    - b. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning about Jerusalem’s Judgment for Spiritual Prostitution (16:1-63)
    - c. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—An Allegory about the Withering of a Transplanted Vine (17:1-10)
    - d. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—The Interpretation of the Allegory about the Transplanted Vine (17:11-24)
    - e. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning about Proverbial Individual Responsibility for Righteousness and Repentance (18:1-32)
  5. A Lament over the Downfall of Israel and its Leaders (19:1-14)
- C. The Convicting Charges against Israel (20-23)  
*[Year 7, Month 5, Day 10]*
1. Warnings about Judgment (20:1—21:32)
    - a. God’s Charge of Continuous Idolatry (20:1-44)
    - b. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning about a Scorching Fire in the Southern Forest (20:45-49)
    - c. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning about an Unsheathed Sword: Indiscriminant Judgment (21:1-7)
    - d. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning about a Sharpened Sword: Widespread Slaughter (21:8-17)

- e. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning about the Sword of Babylon: Siege Warfare (21:18-32)
2. Indictments against Sin (22:1—23:49)
- f. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—An Indictment against Jerusalem’s Sins (22:1-16)
  - g. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—An Indictment against the People of Israel as Dross (22:17-22)
  - h. An Indictment against the Land and a Lack of Someone to Stand in the Gap (22:23-31)
  - i. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—An Indictment against Samaria and Jerusalem as Spiritual Prostitutes (23:1-49)
- D. The Destruction of Jerusalem and its Surrounding Enemies (24-25)  
*[Year 9, Month 10, Day 10]*
- 1. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Declaration of God’s Anger and the Devastating Siege of Jerusalem (24:1-14)
  - 2. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—The Death of Ezekiel’s Wife as an Object Lesson of the Destruction of Jerusalem (24:15-27)
  - 3. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Declaration of Judgment on the Nations Surrounding Judah (25:1-17)
    - a. The Destruction of Ammon (25:1-7)
    - b. The Destruction of Moab (25:8-11)
    - c. The Destruction of Edom (25:12-14)
    - d. The Destruction of Philistia (25:15-17)

## **I I. Prophecies Concerning the Fall of the Nations (26-32)**

### **A. Tyre and Sidon (26:1—28:26)**

*[Year 11, Day 1]*

1. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Prediction of the Complete Destruction of Tyre (26:1-21)
2. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Lamentation over the Complete Destruction of Tyre (27:1-36)
3. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Prediction of Judgment on the Prince of Tyre (28:1-10)
4. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Lamentation over the Downfall of the Prince of Tyre (28:11-19)
5. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Prediction of Judgment on Sidon and the Return of Israel to the Land (28:20-26)

### **B. Egypt (29:1—32:32)**

1. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Prediction of the Forty-Year Dispersion of Pharaoh and the Egyptians (29:1-16)  
*[Year 10, Month 10, Day 12]*
2. A Prediction of the Destruction of Egypt at the Hands of the Babylonians (29:17—30:19)  
*[Year 27, Month 1, Day 1]*
  - a. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Prediction of the Plundering of Egypt by Nebuchadnezzar (29:17-21)
  - b. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Lamentation over the Destruction of Egypt, its Cities, and its Allies (30:1-19)
3. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning that God would Break the Power of Pharaoh and Egypt (30:20-26)  
*[Year 11, Month 1, Day 7]*

4. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Warning that God would Topple Egypt as He did Assyria (31:1-18)  
*[Year 11, Month 3, Day 1]*
5. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Lamentation over the Defeat of Pharaoh at the Hands of the Babylonians (32:1-16)  
*[Year 12, Month 12, Day 1]*
6. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—A Prophecy of the Tragic Destiny of the Egyptians among the other Uncircumcised Nations (32:17-32)  
*[Year 12, Month 1, Day 15]*

## **III. Prophecies Concerning the Future of the Jews (33-48)**

### **A. The Promised Return from Exile (33-39)**

*[Year 12, Month 10, Day 5]*

1. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—God re-commissions Ezekiel as a watchman (33:1-20).
2. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—God restored Ezekiel’s speech and warned of lasting destruction in Jerusalem (33:21-33).
3. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—God promised to shepherd His people in place of the selfish shepherds (34:1-31).
4. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—God promised to prosper Israel while defeating Edom and the surrounding nations (35:1—36:15).
5. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—God promised to bring Israel back from exile and restore her prosperity to honor His holiness (36:16-38).
6. “The hand of the Lord was upon me . . .”—God promised to restore Israel like the resurrection of a valley of dry bones (37:1-14).
7. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—God promised to rejoin Israel and Judah as one unending kingdom (37:15-28).

8. “The word of the Lord came to me . . .”—God promised to annihilate Israel’s enemy Gog (38:1—39:29).

B. The Plan of the Future Temple (40-48)

*[Year 25, Month 1, Day 10]* “The hand of the Lord was upon me . . .”

1. The Measurement of the Future Temple in Jerusalem (40:1—42:20)
2. The Promise of the Return of God’s Glory (43:1-12)
3. The Restoration of Sacrifice at the Altar (43:13-27)
4. The Restoration of the Priesthood (44:1-31)
5. The Allotment of the Land for the Temple (45:1-8)
6. The Restoration of the Sacrifices and the Feasts (45:8—46:24)
7. The River Flowing from the Temple Giving Life to the Land (47:1-12)
8. The Boundaries of the Tribes (47:13—48:29)
9. The Gates and Name of the City—“The Lord is There” (48:30-35)