



Ezekiel – 48 chapters

Title:

Ezekiel, named after its author. Ezekiel means “God is strength” or “God strengthens”

Author:

Written by Ezekiel. Ezekiel was a priest who was taken to Babylon in the first wave of exiles. He was married, but his wife died during his ministry. Ezekiel acted out some unusual visual symbolism as part of his prophetic ministry.

Occasion and Purpose:

Ezekiel prophesied directly during and after the Babylonian exile. Ezekiel was approximately at the same time as Jeremiah, but Ezekiel prophesied from Babylon, not Jerusalem. He spoke a message of judgment for sin and a promise of future hope.

Themes:

1. Idolatry
2. Personal Responsibility
3. God’s presence/glory
4. Restoration
5. New Heart and New Spirit

Summary:

Ezekiel spoke at approximately the same time as Jeremiah, except he spoke to the people who had already gone into exile as punishment for their sins. He had a twofold message, first he warned people of coming judgment for their sins, second, he promised the restoration of the people to Jerusalem.

Organization:

Before the fall of Jerusalem	Ezekiel's Vision and Call – chs. 1-3		Chapters 1-32
	Against Judah	Object lessons and oracles – chs. 4-7	
		The Glory departs the temple – chs. 8-11	
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		Allegory of unfaithful Jerusalem – ch. 16	
		A Parable and a proverb – chs. 17-18	
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		Judah's rebellion, sin, and punishment – chs. 20-22	
		Allegory of two sisters – ch. 23	
		Parable of the cooking pot – ch. 24	
	Against Nations	Ammon – 25:1-7	
		Moab – 25:8-11	
		Edom – 25:12-14	
		Philistia – 25:15-17	
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After the fall of Jerusalem	Preparation	Watchman – ch. 33	Chapters 33-48
		The bad and good shepherds – ch. 34	
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		Valley of dry bones – ch. 37	
		Gog and Magog – chs. 38-39	
	Restoration	The New Temple – chs. 40-42	
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		The river from the temple – 47:1-12	
		Description of the restored land – 47:13-48:35	

Key Verses:

3:16-21; 8:12; 9:5-10; 10:18; 11:16-23; 18:29-32; 33:7-12; 34:23-25; 36:16-38; 37:1-6; 43:1-7; 48:35