



Ezekiel

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Reading the book of Ezekiel



11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

605 Nebuchadnezzar becomes king of Babylon
605 The Babylonians invade Judah
605 First wave of deportation of Jews to Babylon
605 Daniel is taken captive and begins to prophesy
597 Jehoachin becomes king of Judah
597 Second wave of deportation to Babylon from Judah.
597 Ezekiel is taken captive to Babylon
593 Ezekiel begins to prophesy
586 The Babylonians destroy Jerusalem and the Temple
586 Third wave of Jews deported to Babylon



Psalm 137

137 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

² We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

³ For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.

⁴ How shall we sing the LORD's song in a strange land?



Ezekiel 1

1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.



- 1. Vision of the Cherubim (1:4-28)**
- 2. Vision of the Scroll (2:9–3:3)**
- 3. Vision of the Plain (3:22-23)**
- 4. Visions of Jerusalem**
 - a) Four abominations in the Temple (8:1-18)**
 - b) Inhabitants of the city slain (9:1-11)**
 - c) City destroyed by fire (10:1-22)**
 - d) Departure of God's glory (11:1-25)**



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- 5. Vision of Dry Bones (37:1-10)**
**6. Vision of the New Temple and
Associated Scenes (40:1–48:35)**



Sign of the brick (4:1-3)

Sign of the Prophet's Posture (4:4-8)

Sign of the Dung Bread (4:9-17)

Sign of the Knife and Razor (5:1-17)



Sign of Digging through the wall (12:1-7)

Sign of the Sharpened Sword (21:1-17)

Sign of Nebuchadnezzar's Sword (21:18-23)

Sign of the Smelting Furnace (22:17-31)

Sign of Ezekiel's Wife's Death (24:15-27)

Sign of the Two Sticks (37: 5-17)



⁴ Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.

⁵ For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.



⁶ And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.

⁷ Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.



⁸ And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.

⁹ Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.



¹⁰ And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, ~~twenty shekels a day: from time to time~~ shalt thou eat it.

¹¹ Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.

¹² And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.



Ezekiel's book can be divided into four sections:

**Chapters 1-24: prophecies on the ruin of
Jerusalem**

**Chapters 25-32: prophecies of God's judgment on
nearby nations**

Chapter 33: a last call for repentance to Israel

**Chapters 34-48: prophecies concerning the future
restoration of Israel**

