

“Growing Deeper”
A Survey of the Old Testament
Ezekiel, Part 2

HISTORICAL RECAP OF ISRAEL

- United Kingdom of Israel: Saul, David, Solomon => Divided
- Northern Kingdom (Israel):
 - Jeroboam (Israel) – Hoshea => Destroyed by the Assyrians
 - Southern Kingdom (Judah and Benjamin):
 - Rehoboam – Zedekiah => Captured by the Babylonians
 - Assyrians: Rise in power and destroy the NK (Oblivion)
 - Babylonians: Rise in power, overcome the Assyrians, and capture SK

SUMMARY OF EZEKIEL:

Chapters 1-24	Judgments against Jerusalem
Chapters 25-32	Judgments against foreign nations
Chapters 33-48	Message of restoration and salvation of God’s people

BOOK THEME: God is faithful to His promises, even about sin and punishment. However, hope and restoration to the exiles is also a promise He will be faithful to keep.

BOOK: Ezekiel 1:1-28

Ezekiel’s first vision is a description of God’s glory and majesty.

EZEKIEL’S COMMISSION: 2:1-3:27

Ezekiel is given his orders from God to warn and be a *watchman* to the people of Judah about their sin and rebellion. Their continuance in sin will lead them to their capture by Babylon and removal from the Promised Land as their judgment from God.

Watchman (Heb. *tsaphah*): This **noun** is derived from the **verb** meaning “to watch in anticipation.”

BOOK: EZEKIEL 10:1-22

Once more Ezekiel views God’s glory, the angels, and the wheels. While he watches, God’s glory leaves the temple. The glory of

God, which had previously consecrated the temple, now fills the temple destructively. God no longer favors the people’s worship.

BOOK: EZEKIEL 16:1-30

Even though God took Israel to be His bride, Israel spurned God’s love and became a harlot to all the nations. She adopted the pagan customs and worship practices of the nations around her.

BOOK: EZEKIEL 25-32

Ezekiel condemns Egypt strenuously and denounces traditionally hostile neighbors like Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia, Tyre, Sidon, and Egypt. Each of these nations is judged for malice toward and hatred for Israel and Judah.

REPENT (Heb. *shub*): The Hebrew word translated “repent” means “to turn back” or “turn around.” The word refers to a reversal or a change of direction. Repentance implies not only sorrow but a complete turnaround to change one’s mind about sin, receive God’s provision of salvation, and return wholeheartedly to Him.

BOOK: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Ezekiel’s vision of the valley shows dry, bleached bones come together, recover flesh, and come to life. This vision depicts God’s power and promise to restore and revive a dead people.

BOOK: EZEKIEL 40-48

Ezekiel sees a detailed vision of a new temple and the return of the Lord. This vision encourages the Israelites that God will return to bless His people.

WORSHIP

Worship is a biblical understanding of God combined with a biblical, faithful response to Him.

The church is supposed to be a countercultural Kingdom community that worships God alone.

