

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL: AMONG THE CAPTIVES IN BABYLON

Ezekiel was a priest who was carried captive to Babylon along with King Jehoiachin, eleven years before the destruction of Jerusalem. Five years later, he began his ministry as a prophet, which continued for about 22 years. Study now his prophecy:

A. The Call of Ezekiel: Ezekiel 1 - 3

1. What did Ezekiel see at the very beginning of his ministry? Ezekiel 1:1b, 2-28

2. By what name did God call Ezekiel? Ezekiel 2:1a, 3a, 6a, etc.

3. To what kind of people was Ezekiel to minister? Ezekiel 2:3-4, 3:7 (Find four words.)

4. How was Ezekiel to act among them? Ezekiel 2:6, 3:8-9

5. What was Ezekiel to do? Ezekiel 3:17-21

B. Messages of Warning Before the Destruction of Jerusalem: Ezekiel 4 - 32

1. Notice what God told Ezekiel to do in Ezekiel 4:1-3. What would this show the captives about Jerusalem?

2. Notice what God told Ezekiel to eat in Ezekiel 4:9-15. What did this show that people in Jerusalem would do? Ezekiel 4:16-17

3. Notice what God told Ezekiel to do to his hair in Ezekiel 5:1-4. What did this show would happen to the people of Jerusalem? Ezekiel 5:12

4. What could the few hairs bound in Ezekiel's skirt represent? See Ezekiel 6:8-10

5. What would the people of Jerusalem learn through these sufferings? Ezekiel 6:7b, 13a, 14b, 7:4b, 9b, 27b, 12:15, etc.

6. Where was Ezekiel taken in one of his visions? Ezekiel 8:3

7. What did he see happening there at this time (about 5 years before the city was destroyed)? Ezekiel 8:5b, 10, 14, 16, 17b

8. Because of this, where did the glory-cloud symbolizing God's presence go?
 - a. Ezekiel 9:3a _____
 - b. Ezekiel 10:18 _____

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- c. Ezekiel 10:19 _____
d. Ezekiel 11:23 _____
9. In spite of all this, what did God still call to His people to do? Ezekiel 18:23, 31, 33:11

10. From whom did Ezekiel learn of the siege of Jerusalem? Ezekiel 24:1-2 When?
Compare with II Kings 25:1

C. Messages of Comfort After the Destruction of Jerusalem: Ezekiel 33 - 48

1. To what did God compare the former leaders of His people? Ezekiel 34:2b

2. What did God promise to do for His people in the future? Ezekiel 34:11-16 (especially 13)

3. Who would then become their shepherd? Ezekiel 34:23-24 (To whom else could this refer? See Ezekiel 37:24-28.)

4. What else would God do for them? Ezekiel 36:25-27

5. Then what would happen? Ezekiel 43:2-5

6. What would their city be called after that? Ezekiel 48:35b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was God's heart attitude toward these people whom He had to destroy? (See Luke 13:34-35, 19:41-44)

2. Because of my continued sin, has the glory of God departed from my life? Or because of my repentance, can God say of me, "The Lord is There"?
