

## A Study of Ezekiel

Studying Ezekiel will be difficult. Yet, studying this mysterious prophet will also be very rewarding. To assist all of us in our study we'll use the following outline. Some of the questions come from Robert Harkrider's workbook which is a good summary commentary for those who want to purchase one.

|                           | <b>Harkrider Workbook</b>                                   | <b>Text Being Covered</b>                    |
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| July 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | Lesson 1) Introduction To Ezekiel                           | <i>(Read any Intro/Overview of the book)</i> |
| July 9 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 2) Ezekiel's Vision & Call                           | (Ch1)  |
| July 16 <sup>th</sup>     | Lesson 3) ...Vision & Call (Eat This Book!)                 | (Ch 2-3)                                     |
| July 23 <sup>rd</sup>     | Lesson 4) Jerusalem's Destiny Symbolized                    | (Ch 4-5)                                     |
| July 30 <sup>th</sup>     | Lesson 5) The Land Will Be Devastated                       | (Ch 6-7)                                     |
| Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>       | Lesson 6) The Glory of the Lord Departs                     | (Ch 8-9)                                     |
| Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 7) The Glory of the Lord Departs                     | (Ch 10-11)                                   |
| Aug 20 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 8) Warnings & Judgments (Exile)                      | (Ch 12)                                      |
| Aug 27 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 9) Warn. & Judg. (False Prophets)                    | (Ch 13-14)                                   |
| Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | Lesson 10) Warn. & Judg. (Vines & Wives)                    | (Ch 15-16)                                   |
| Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>     | Lesson 11) Warn. & Judg. (Sour Grapes & Lions)              | (Ch 17-19)                                   |
| Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>     | Lesson 12) Doom of A Sinful Nation                          | (Ch 20)                                      |
| Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>     | Lesson 13) ...A Sinful Nation (Sword Song)                  | (Ch 21-22)                                   |
| <b>Oct 1<sup>st</sup></b> | <b><i>FALL GOSPEL MEETING Sep 28-Oct 1 with Bunting</i></b> |  |
| Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>       | Lesson 14) ...A Sinful Nation (Sisters Cooked)              | (Ch 23-24)                                   |
| Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 15) Judgment For Neighbor Nations                    | (Ch 25-26)                                   |
| Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>      | Lesson 16) Judgment Against Tyre & Sidon                    | (Ch 27-28)                                   |
| Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 17) Judgment Against Egypt                           | (Ch 29-30)                                   |
| Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>       | Lesson 18) ...Against Egypt (Down to Sheol!)                | (Ch 31-32)                                   |
| Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 19) Ezekiel's Role & Responsibility                  | (Ch 33)                                      |
| Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 20) Restoration: (A New Shepherd)                    | (Ch 34)                                      |
| Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 21) Restoration: (New Land/Covenant)                 | (Ch 35-36)                                   |
| Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | Lesson 22) Restoration: (New People/Unity)                  | (Ch 37)                                      |
| Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 23) Restoration: (Destruction of Gog)                | (Ch 38-39)                                   |
| Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 24) New Kingdom: (New Temple)                        | (Ch 40-43)                                   |
| Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>      | Lesson 25) ...Kingdom: (New Law & Land)                     | (Ch 44-48)                                   |
| Dec 31 <sup>st</sup>      | <i>Review Day &amp; Catch-Up Class</i>                      |  |

Each class assembly we're limited to about 40 minutes so we won't be able cover every detail of God's incredible revelation. Instead, we'll ask what parts of the text need further discussion. If you prefer not to speak out in class but have questions please don't hesitate to let me know & send questions you have privately. Please attempt to complete the workbook to the best of your ability so we can be active participants in the class conversation.

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NE Adult Class *(Sundays)*

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson 1) Introduction To Ezekiel**

*(Read/Watch any Intro/Overview of the book)*

How would you summarize the book?

What do we know about Ezekiel?

What is the historical context of Ezekiel's prophecy?

In what ways is their context similar or dissimilar to our own context?

How can the book be outlined?

What steps should one take in studying Ezekiel?

What are some important themes in Ezekiel? What do we learn about God?

Each class will begin with a “Summary” of the text covered. Then we’ll see what questions from the text people want to discuss further. After that we’ll look at the lesson questions.

**July 9<sup>th</sup> Lesson 2) Ezekiel’s Vision & Call (Ch1)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

1) What did Ezekiel see & how did he react? How old is he & why might that matter?

2) What are the “winged living” creatures? What do we know about them?

3) What animated or caused the wheels to move? (**v20**) Why might that be important?

4) Why might God reveal himself this way? Are there any similarities to Revelation 4?

**July 16<sup>th</sup> Lesson 3) ...Vision & Call (Eat This Book!) (Ch 2-3)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

1) What enabled Ezekiel to stand up? What type of book does he eat? Does he do it?

2) What words are used to describe the people to whom Ezekiel would prophesy?

3) What did God want the people to know? What instructions did He give Ezekiel?

4) Does it seem like Ezekiel is hesitant to be God's messenger?

5) How should we measure the success of God's spokesmen?

6) What do we learn about God from this text?

## July 23<sup>rd</sup> Lesson 4) Jerusalem's Destiny Symbolized (Ch 4-5)

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

1) What signs does Ezekiel act out? Why might God have him do this?

2) How bad would things get in Israel according to 5:7-10?

3) Why would Israel suffer in this way? What lessons can we learn from this?

4) Do Ezekiel's dramatic presentations of God's word have any bearing on dramatic presentations today? If so, what dangers should be considered?

5) How can this text be connected to Jesus?

**July 30<sup>th</sup> Lesson 5) The Land Will Be Devastated (Ch 6-7)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

1) Is there any hope in all the judgment? (6:8-10)

2) How could the God of love reach a point of “no pity”?

3) How does this text connect with Jesus?

4) Is idolatry still prevalent today? How so?

5) What does this text teach us about money?

**Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Lesson 6) The Glory of the Lord Departs (Ch 8-9)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

1) How was Ezekiel taken on a Temple tour? What did he see?

2) What do we know about these various idolatrous practices? How might this occur today?

3) Who are the six men of **9:1-11**? What do they do? How did Ezekiel respond?

4) Where else in scripture do we see a “mark on the forehead”? What is the meaning?

5) Who was Jaazaniah son of Shaphan? (**8:11**) What do we know about his family?

6) What do we learn about God in this section?

**Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Lesson 7) The Glory of the Lord Departs (Ch 10-11)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

- 1) What filled God's house in **10:3-5**? Where did it go? What worries Ezekiel in **11:13**?
- 2) What reappears in this chapter that we've seen before in Ezekiel?
- 3) What parable does God tell in **11:1-13**? What is the meaning?
- 4) What does a "full end of Israel" mean in **11:13**? Where will the restoration occur? **11:17**
- 5) How does God describe what He will do for Israel in **11:14-21**?
- 6) What is the final resting place of God's glory in **11:23**?
- 7) Ch 8-11 have been called Ezekiel's "Temple Vision." Where is God's Temple today? How might this reality affect our view of purity in His House today?

**Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Lesson 8) Warnings & Judgments (Exile) (Ch 12)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

1) What does God have Ezekiel act out? What might be the meaning of these actions?

2) What character does God prophecy about starting in **12:10**? Who hunts this person?

3) Who were the people left behind in **12:16**? Why wight they be left there?

4) How did the prophets mock Ezekiel? How did Israel determine who true prophets were?

5) How could this chapter be connected to Jesus?

6) What do we learn about God in this text? Where in scripture is God described as a Judge?

If we aren't supposed to condemn, is it hateful to warn people that God does?

How should we warn people of this divine reality?

**Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Lesson 9) Warn. & Judg. (False Prophets) (Ch 13-14)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

1) What type of wall is found in **13:10-11**? What happens to it? What might this mean?

2) What type of women are described in **13:17-23**? How could this happen today?

3) Why is God mad about the elders sitting before Ezekiel? Who will He punish?

4) Could God deceive prophets? Where else is this described in scripture?

5) How are God's actions described in **13:8-14**? How might this connect to the NT?

6) Why are Noah, Job, & Daniel mentioned in **14:14**?

7) How can Ezekiel **13-14** help us identify modern false prophets/teachers?

**Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson 10) Warn. & Judg. (Vines & Wives) (Ch 15-16)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

- 1) What drastic action is described in **16:5**? Why is Jerusalem described as Canaanite?
- 2) How bad did their sin get? Where did they place their trust?
- 3) What did they do to their children in **16:20-22**?
- 4) How is Israel described in **16:43**? How is God described in **16:60**?
- 5) How would God punish Israel in **16:38**? What purpose did this serve?
- 6) Where is the church described as 'the bride of Christ'? Should certain chapters in the bible not be read publicly in worship? eg. Ezekiel 16, 23

**Sep 10<sup>th</sup> Lesson 11) Warn. & Judg. (Sour Grapes & Lions) (Ch 17-19)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

1) What is the opening parable & what might it mean?

2) Who hunts the king in **17:16-21**?

3) What are some lessons we can learn from Ch 18?

How does it address pessimism or fatalism? Individual accountability?

More optimistically, what hope does it offer us about leadership?

4) Who is the lament for in Ch 19? How might Ch 17-19 connect to Jesus?

5) What do these chapters teach us about God?

6) Ch 18 is often the source of great debate, it is sandwiched by 17 & 19 which discuss the destruction & restoration of what promise of God? How is this relevant to us?

**Sep 17<sup>th</sup> Lesson 12) Doom of A Sinful Nation (Ch 20)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

- 1) What repeated words or key words do you see in Israel's story?
  
- 2) What mistake(s) does Israel make in **20:1-4**? Why did they look for leaves & trees? **20:28**
  
- 3) Why does **20:14-17** & **20:22** say God spared Israel? What might that mean for us?
  
- 4) What did God say about them "seeking Him" in **20:31**? What does He then declare in **20:32**?
  
- 5) Who is given credit for leading Israel back to Zion after exile in **20:41-44**? Why does it happen?  
How do we see the grace of God not just in the NT story but also in the OT story?
  
- 6) This is God's version of Israel's Story. Is this how they would tell their own story?  
How would we tell our story? How would God tell our story? How about our congregation?

**Sep 24<sup>th</sup> Lesson 13) ...A Sinful Nation (Sword Song) (Ch 21-22)**

Personal Summary of the text:

What questions did you have about this text that you would like to discuss?

- 1) What is the “the sword” of Ch 21? Why are the “righteous” included in death? **21:3-5**
  
- 2) Who gets the sword in **21:11-13**? When does **21:27** say “the crown” would return?
  
- 3) What sins of Isreal are listed in Ch 22? What mistake(s) did the priests make in **22:26**?
  
- 4) **21:8-17** has been called by some “The Sword Song.” Do our hymns & songs reflect the depth of our sin? Why or why not? If yes, name some examples.
  
- 5) What do these chapters teach us about God? Why did Ezekiel groan deeply in **21:6-7**?
  
- 6) Read **22:30**. Who will ultimately “*stand in the gap*” for us?

**Oct 1<sup>st</sup> GOSPEL MEETING** 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter questions will be printed out in September.

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