

A Study of Ezekiel Pt 2

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.

	Harkrider Workbook	Text Being Covered
July 2 nd	Lesson 1) Introduction To Ezekiel	<i>(Read any Intro/Overview of the book)</i>
July 9 th	Lesson 2) Ezekiel's Vision & Call	(Ch1)
July 16 th	Lesson 3) ...Vision & Call (Eat This Book!)	(Ch 2-3)
July 23 rd	Lesson 4) Jerusalem's Destiny Symbolized	(Ch 4-5)
July 30 th	Lesson 5) The Land Will Be Devastated	(Ch 6-7)
Aug 6 th	Lesson 6) The Glory of the Lord Departs	(Ch 8-9)
Aug 13 th	Lesson 7) The Glory of the Lord Departs	(Ch 10-11)
Aug 20 th	Lesson 8) Warnings & Judgments (Exile)	(Ch 12)
Aug 27 th	Lesson 9) Warn. & Judg. (False Prophets)	(Ch 13-14)
Sept 3 rd	Lesson 10) Warn. & Judg. (Vines & Wives)	(Ch 15-16)
Sept 10 th	Lesson 11) Warn. & Judg. (Sour Grapes & Lions)	(Ch 17-19)
Sept 17 th	Lesson 12) Doom of A Sinful Nation	(Ch 20)
Sept 24 th	Lesson 13) ...A Sinful Nation (Sword Song)	(Ch 21-22)
Oct 1st	<i>FALL GOSPEL MEETING Sep 28-Oct 1 with David Bunting</i>	
Oct 8 th	Lesson 14) ...A Sinful Nation (Sisters Cooked)	(Ch 23-24)
Oct 15 th	Lesson 15) Judgment For Neighbor Nations	(Ch 25-26)
Oct 22 nd	Lesson 16) Judgment Against Tyre & Sidon	(Ch 27-28)
Oct 29 th	Lesson 17) Judgment Against Egypt	(Ch 29-30)
Nov 5 th	Lesson 18) ...Against Egypt (Down to Sheol!)	(Ch 31-32)
Nov 12 th	Lesson 19) Ezekiel's Role & Responsibility	(Ch 33)
Nov 19 th	Lesson 20) Restoration: (A New Shepherd)	(Ch 34)
Nov 26 th	Lesson 21) Restoration: (New Land/Covenant)	(Ch 35-36)
Dec 3 rd	Lesson 22) Restoration: (New People/Unity)	(Ch 37)
Dec 10 th	Lesson 23) Restoration: (Destruction of Gog)	(Ch 38-39)
Dec 17 th	Lesson 24) New Kingdom: (New Temple)	(Ch 40-43)
Dec 24 th	Lesson 25) ...Kingdom: (New Law & Land)	(Ch 44-48)
Dec 31 st	<i>Review Day & 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 nor every question in the book. Nevertheless, we'll keep asking 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)*

Oct 8th Lesson 14) ...A Sinful Nation (Sisters Cooked) (Ch 23-24)

Personal Summary of text:

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

1) What or who do the sisters represent? What did they do? How did others treat them?

2) What was cooked in Ezekiel's pot? What was God's desire for them? **24:12-14**

3) What happened to Ezekiel's wife? How did God instruct Ezekiel to react?

4) What are some ways people can repeat their hypocrisy today? **23:36-42**

5) How could you connect this text to Jesus?

6) What promises of God & religious traditions did Israel trust in? Were they wrong? Where do we put misplaced trust in right traditions?

Oct 15th Lesson 15) Judgment For Neighbor Nations (Ch 25-26)

Personal Summary of text:

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

1) Why does the text say God judged the nations? Why isn't Babylon on the list?

2) How does God describe Israel in this section? How is Israel connected to these nations?

3) Why does Tyre get so much attention? Why were the nations upset at the loss of Tyre?

4) What does this text teach us about God?

5) Why would it matter to Ezekiel & his audience what other nations were doing? Is he stomping on other people's problems? Based on your answers, what implications are there, if any, regarding preaching/teaching in churches today?

Oct 22nd Lesson 16) Judgment Against Tyre & Sidon (Ch 27-28)

Personal Summary of text:

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

1) What do we learn about the ancient world from this text?

2) Who are these chapters directed to? Who do these chapters quote? 27:3, 28:2

3) Why do you think Satan is often brought up in this section? Is this about Satan?

4) What does Jesus later say about Tyre? Mt 11:20-24; Lk 10:13-15

5) What was Ezekiel's goal in warning Tyre? Is there any hope expressed in Ch 28?

6) What do we learn about earthly riches & physical beauty from this text?

Personal Summary of text:

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

1) Who does Ezekiel have in mind for this prophecy? v2 Is her punishment permanent?

2) Who would fall with Egypt according to 30:5? Why was this done according to 30:8?

3) How would you describe the long evolving relationship between Egypt & Israel?

4) What do we learn about God in this text? How can it connect to Jesus?

5) What does Egypt represent to Israel? Did they like Egypt? What is our "Egypt" today?

Nov 5th Lesson 18) ...Against Egypt (Down to Sheol!) (Ch 31-32)

Personal Summary of text:

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

1) Who is Egypt compared to in this text? What attitude did Egypt develop?

2) What would happen to Pharaoh king of Egypt according to 32:1-4?

3) What is a common consequence when mighty nations fall? 32:7-10

4) What other nations share Egypt's destiny? Where are they? Why are they there?

5) How can churches & Christians today rely on bad alliances?

6) What does Ezekiel teach about the afterlife?

Did Egypt have many human accomplishments? What did she think? What did God think?

Nov 12th Lesson 19) Ezekiel's Role & Responsibility (Ch 33)

Personal Summary of text:

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

- 1) How does Ch 33 fit into the bigger picture of Ezekiel? What chapters are similar?
- 2) According to 33:11 what is God's ultimate desire?
- 3) Why were those "left behind in Jerusalem" confident in God's care?
- 4) What do we learn about God from this text?
- 5) What are some ways we can appoint watchmen today?
- 6) Did Ezekiel's audience enjoy listening to his preaching? Was he successful? Does this ever happen with today's preachers & churches?

Nov 19th Lesson 20) Restoration: (A New Shepherd) (Ch 34)

Personal Summary of text:

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

- 1) Is this message all positive, all negative, or a mixture of both?

- 2) What promise & covenant does God make for Israel?

- 3) What are some famous passages on shepherds in the OT? What do shepherds represent?

- 4) What details does Ezekiel give in 34:23-31 about The Shepherd? Who is this prophecy about?

- 5) Besides Jesus, who does the shepherd language apply to in the NT? What are some implications of this job description?

- 6) What do we learn about God in this text?

Nov 26th Lesson 21) Restoration: (New Land/Covenant) (Ch 35-36)

Personal Summary of text:

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

- 1) What was the purpose of this restoration? 36:22-23

- 2) Why does this section emphasize restoration of The Land?

- 3) Who or what is Ezekiel prophesying against in Ch 35? Why?

- 4) What does 36:31-32 say about our sin? Ultimately, who is reconciliation for? 36:33-36

- 5) What part of Ch 36 echoes a well-known prophecy in Jeremiah, later quoted in Heb 8? What relevance do these texts have for us today?

- 6) What does this text teach us about God?

Dec 3rd Lesson 22) Restoration: (New People/Unity) (Ch 37)

Personal Summary of text:

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

1) Where is Ezekiel taken & how does he describe it? What does God ask & then command?

2) What did Ezekiel write & what was it written on? What did this symbolize?

3) What did God say would no longer defile Israel?

4) What promise does God reaffirm in v24? How does this connect to Jesus?

5) How can people experience “new life” today instead of feelings of dread & death?

6) Why did the Sadducees NOT believe in resurrection?

Where else does the OT indicate a resurrection?

Dec 10th Lesson 23) Restoration: (Destruction of Gog) (Ch 38-39)

Personal Summary of text:

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

- 1) Why does God bring Gog? Where else does God announce a victory feast? 39:17-22

- 2) Who were God's allies in 38:5-6? What time frame is described 38:8?

- 3) Who is Gog? What is Israel's status when this will happen? 38:14

- 4) Where else are Gog & Magog seen in scripture? What is the end result there?

- 5) What does God say He will pour out on Israel in 39:29?

- 6) What does this text teach us about God & His design for life & suffering?

- 7) What's the danger of reading Ezekiel as prophecy of modern day? How can this message give us encouragement for today?

Dec 17th Lesson 24) New Kingdom: (New Temple) (Ch 40-43)

Personal Summary of text:

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

1) Why would Ezekiel have such a long section on The Temple?

2) How would it impact Ezekiel's original audience? Is it different from Solomon's Temple?

3) What is the purpose of the massive wall? Why were they ashamed in 43:10-12?

4) What is the NT Temple? Who is the NT King? What are NT sacrifices?

5) Where did the glory of God come from?

6) Where does God prefer to dwell: A building or A people?
Does He accept buildings & people just as they are?

Dec 24th Lesson 25) New Kingdom: (New Law & Land) (Ch 44-48)

Personal Summary of text:

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

- 1) What are the regulations for who can be in The Temple? What are they for the priests?
- 2) For the priests, what did their responsibilities include? How were they to act?
- 3) What do these chapters mean in the bigger picture of scripture?
- 4) What did the trees beside the river produce? What does this remind you of?
- 5) What is the name of the city? 48:30-35 Were strangers allowed? 47:22-23
- 6) Who is the prince in 44:3; 45:7-8; Ch 46? Does he have religious or political authority? What is built in the Temple in 46:19-24? What might be implied from this text?

Dec 31st Catch-Up & Review Day How does this book point to Jesus?

Thank you for your time & attention. I hope the class was helpful for you!

Please be prepared & willing to give anonymous feedback on the class.

They provide great ideas for improvements & much needed encouragement.