

# **P.T. BIBLE SURVEY**

## **The Book of Ezekiel**

# THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

- ⦿ Hebrew/Greek meaning of book name:
  - Hebrew - **God strengthens**
  - Greek - **Ezekiel**
  
- ⦿ Who wrote it?
  - **Ezekiel**
  - **Ezekiel 1:1-3**

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## ◎ Date of writing:

- About 570 B.C.

## ◎ Timing of Events:

- 592 to 570 B.C.
- Ezekiel prophesied in Babylon at the same time Jeremiah prophesied in Jerusalem.
- Ezekiel was taken to Babylon with the second group of exiles in 587 B.C.

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## ◎ Key Term: **Visions**

- The book of Ezekiel is built around the three “visions of God” (1:1; 8:3; 40:2) that Ezekiel received. The first vision revealed God’s glory (chaps. 1-3); the second God’s judgment (chaps. 8-11); the third God’s people and temple idealized (chaps. 40-48)

## ◎ Location of Events:

- **Babylon**



# OUTLINE OF EZEKIEL

- ◎ **Part 1: The Commission of Ezekiel (Chaps. 1-3)**
  - Ezekiel sees the Glory of God and is called.
- ◎ **Part 2: Judgment on Judah (Chaps. 4-24)**
  - Signs, messages, and visions of coming judgment.
- ◎ **Part 3: Judgment on Gentiles (Chaps. 25-32)**
  - Judgment on Ammon, Moab, Edom, Egypt, others
- ◎ **Part 4: Restoration of Israel (Chaps. 33-48)**
  - The Return of Israel to the Land
  - The Restoration of Israel in the Kingdom

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- ◎ Summary in one sentence:
  - From exile in Babylon, Ezekiel's stunning visions and startling symbolic acts were prophecies for the Israelites to teach God's sovereign plan over them in the history of His kingdom, so that "they will know that I am Yahweh".
- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
  - Though Israel is in exile, the nation will be restored.

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## ◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** sends Ezekiel to the Israelites
- **Ezekiel:** a priest and prophet; has visions of heaven
- **The Holy Spirit:** raises Ezekiel up and sends him
- **Jaazaniah, Pelatiah:** two of the seventy elders of Jerusalem who practice idolatry
- **Ezekiel's wife:** dies during Ezekiel's mission
- **Nebuchadnezzar:** king of Babylon; the instrument of God's wrath.



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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
  - In the book of Ezekiel God uses the expression “son of man” more than 90 times to address Ezekiel. “Son of Man” is the expression Jesus uses most frequently to refer to Himself. The phrase has two different meanings. First, it simply designates a human being. Second, it refers to a divine being. When used of Jesus, it carries both of these meanings.

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## Verse to Remember

- ◎ “For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies,” declares the Lord God. “Therefore, repent and live.” (Ezekiel 18:32 NASB)

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## ◉ Interesting Facts:

- Ezekiel overlapped the end of Jeremiah's ministry and the beginning of Daniel's ministry.
- Ezekiel was 17 when Daniel was taken to Babylon in 605 B.C., 25 when he went to Babylon, and 30 when he received his prophetic commission.
- Ezekiel includes numerous parables including the Wood of the Vine (15), the Foundling (16), the Eagles and Cedar (17), the Fiery Furnace (22), the Two Harlots (23), the Cooking Pot (24), the Shipwreck (27), the Irresponsible Shepherds (34), and the Dry Bones (37)

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- What is my take away?
  - God's ultimate desire is to bring His people back into fellowship with Him.

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## ◎ Home Study

- Read a couple chapters daily in Daniel this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.