

EZEKIEL

1. TITLES:

- A. Ezekiel = God will strengthen, the strength of God
- B. The Book of The Son of Man
- C. The Book of Visions

2. AUTHOR:

Written by Ezekiel, the prophet-priest of Vision, who ministered to the House of Judah and prophesied concerning the House of Israel.

3. DATE:

- A. Ezekiel's ministry covered a period of about 30 years (593 - 563 B.C.), beginning the last years of Zedekiah's reign and continuing into the Babylonian Captivity.
- B. Written between 593 and 563 B.C.

4. KEY WORDS:

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| A. Blood (y) - 56 | D. Spirit - 26 |
| B. Desolate(ion, ions) - 47 | E. Vision (s) - 18 |
| C. Sanctuary – 34 | |

Key Phrases:

- A. "thus saith the Lord (God)" - 209
- B. "son of man" - 93
- C. "they shall know that I am the Lord" - 63
- D. "the Word of the Lord came" - 50
- E. "the glory of the Lord (or, God of Israel) – 16

5. KEY VERSES: 10:4, 18; 36:24-28; 43:2

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To declare to the unbelieving House of Judah that the temple and city would be destroyed, once the "Glory of the Lord" had departed.

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- B. To show the Gentile nations their inevitable judgment.
- C. To predict the return of the "Glory of the Lord" to a new temple.

7. MESSAGE:

- A. When a nation departs from the "Glory of the Lord", the "Glory of the Lord" departs from it.
- B. All nations are held accountable to God and judged by Him.
- C. God is righteous to judge and merciful to restore.

8. OUTLINE:

- I. Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem (Pre-Siege) Ch. 1-24
(The Glory Departs From The Old Temple)
- II. Judgment on the Gentile Nations (Mid-Siege) Ch. 25-32, 35
- III. Restoration Under Messiah (Post-Siege) Ch. 33-48
(The Glory Returns To A New Temple)

9. SUMMARY:

Ezekiel, as a priest, opens and closes his prophecy with visions of the Temple and the Glory departing and returning. Ezekiel is the only prophet to mention Israel's idolatry in Egypt and God's thought to destroy them for His name's sake (20:1-9). He is the only prophet to describe Lucifer's position prior to his fall under the context of the king of Tyre (28:11-19). There are also prophecies in the last section concerning Messiah's Times and Restoration under the New Covenant.

NOTE: Much corresponds in the visions of Ezekiel and Revelation.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as "the Son of Man", sent to the rebellious house of Judah (2:1; John 1:11), beginning his ministry to the faithful remnant at the age of 30 (1:1; Luke 3:21-23) with opened heavens. He prophesied of the departing Glory from the material Temple at Jerusalem and its destruction (Matthew 24:1, 2), and spoke of the Glory returning to the New Temple, the Church (Ephesians 2:20-22).