

EZEKIEL

The Book of Ezekiel is traditionally attributed to the priest and prophet Ezekiel, who was among the Jews exiled to Babylon after the fall of Jerusalem in 597 BCE. The book is written for the exiled Jewish community in Babylon, addressing their spiritual confusion, loss of identity, and hope for the future. The main purpose of the book is to explain why the destruction of Jerusalem happened pointing to the people's unfaithfulness to God and to offer a vision of restoration and renewal for Israel. Ezekiel uses vivid imagery, symbolic actions, and dramatic visions to communicate his messages. The central theme is that God's presence and holiness remain sovereign, even in exile, and that through judgment comes the possibility of future hope, cleansing, and the reestablishment of God's people. The book moves from judgment (chapters 1–24), to oracles against foreign nations (25–32), and finally to hope and restoration (33–48), including a vision of a new temple and renewed land.

God's Presence Everywhere

Ezekiel 1:26–28; Psalm 139:7–10

God's presence is not confined to a temple, a church building, or a specific season of life — He is always near. Even when people feel overlooked, unseen, or alone, His glory surrounds them.

- Since God's presence is unshakable, ***how should this truth reshape the way believers handle seasons of loneliness, invisibility, or being overlooked in daily life?***

The Watchman's Call

Ezekiel 3:17–19; Acts 20:26–27

God gave Ezekiel the role of a watchman, calling him to warn, guide, and protect His people. Pointing people away from danger and back to God.

- Being entrusted with God's truth carries weight. ***How can believers live as "watchmen" by modeling integrity, speaking wisdom, and protecting others from harm without becoming judgmental?***

Consequences of Sin

Ezekiel 18:30–32; Romans 6:23

Sin always produces destruction, even when it looks harmless in the moment. Repentance isn't just avoiding punishment — it's stepping into freedom and life. God calls His people to live alert, choosing paths that lead to Him.

- Since sin leads to destruction but repentance brings life, ***how do everyday compromises — such as dishonesty, envy, or bitterness — subtly pull believers off course, and what safeguards can keep them walking in freedom?***

New Heart & Spirit

Ezekiel 36:26–27; 2 Corinthians 5:17

When God gives a new heart and Spirit, He doesn't just patch over old ways — He reshapes desires, priorities, and purposes. Transformation isn't about words alone; it's about a whole new way of living that points back to Him.

- A new heart and Spirit change more than words — they reshape desires and priorities. ***What does it look like to let God reshape your priorities without just adding more "Christian" things to your calendar?***

Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1–14; John 11:25–26

The vision of dry bones shows that God can bring life where there seems to be only death. Seasons of spiritual dryness are real, but God breathes renewal into those who wait on Him. His Spirit sustains believers through both fire and fatigue.

- God brings life where there is only dryness. In Ezekiel's vision, the bones didn't just come to life — they stood as an army. ***What might God be preparing you for, even in dry seasons?***

Restoration & Hope

Ezekiel 47:1–12; Revelation 22:1–5

The river flowing from God's temple brought healing, fruitfulness, and life everywhere it touched. That same hope is given to God's people — to be channels of peace and renewal in a world that aches for healing. God's river of life restores and heals everything it touches. ***How can we stay connected to God as our Source, instead of just trying to be "good people" in our own strength — and where in your week could you practically bring a little more peace, encouragement, or renewal?***