

Old Testament Survey

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EZEKIEL PART 2 (CH. 33-48)

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COMING UP ... •OCT 29 The New Covenant (Hebrews, 2 Cor 3) •NOV 5 Daniel 1-7 •NOV 12 Daniel 8-12

THE TIMES

Judah's countdown to catastrophe is at zero

Ezekiel, in fact, is just waiting for news from Jerusalem that the Word of the Lord has come to pass—"Jerusalem is fallen!"

Though they're being judged severely for their complacency, God doesn't want them to lose hope all together

So He turns Ezekiel from the past to the future

LESSON THEME: In The Kingdom: Life 2.0

The Turning Point (33)

Jerusalem has been destroyed (33:21)

Judah will be deported

The rebels have been exposed and punished

Sin has been judged; payment has been made

Now to encourage the people, the Lord turns Ezekiel's prophecies toward that "not yet" day when He'll re-establish the kingdom and replant His people in the land

In The Kingdom: Life 2.0

God will restore Israel's shepherd (34)

Another "David" (cf. 45:22)

A good shepherd; a righteous shepherd

Restore her land, people & covenant (35-37)

Restore land seized by the Edomites

A covenant that resurrects a "dead" nation

A covenant written on His people's heart

A covenant empowered by the Holy Spirit

Restore her supremacy & security (38-39)

God will fight for and not against His people

He will repulse the enemy's advances

Restore her Temple (40-42)

An entirely new and larger structure

A re-start for worship

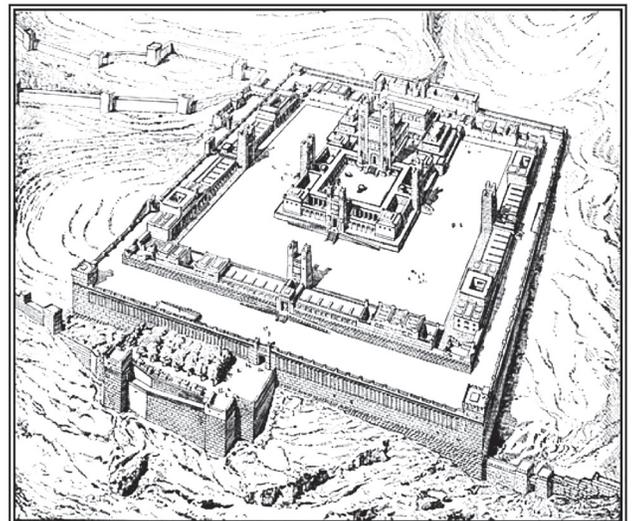
Restore her worship (43-46)

Restore and heal the land (47-48)

The Future of the Land (see "Ezekiel's Vision" map, p. 4)

Restore His presence with them (48:35b)

Ezekiel's Temple



Summary Of Ezekiel 33-48

Though Jerusalem has been destroyed, God isn't finished yet; He hasn't led His people to Babylon to leave them in Babylon

In a future day, He'll re-establish the kingdom and replant a "resurrected" and united Israel

They'll be reconstituted under a New Covenant, a new Shepherd, and be given the gift of His Holy Spirit to live "Life 2.0"

APPLICATION: In The Kingdom: Life 2.0

In The Kingdom: Life 2.0

In a future day, God will re-establish a physical, literal, Promised Land kingdom and replant a “resurrected” and united Israel in it

They’ll be reconstituted under a New Covenant, they’ll have a new Shepherd, and they’ll have received the gift of the Holy Spirit; one day they’ll live life 2.0

But if you’re in Christ, you’re “already but not yet” fully living 2.0 today!

2.0 Began With A Turning Point

The turning point was the cross

This time the price wasn’t the condemnation of a city; it was the condemnation of the sinless Son of God, Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:21)

There’s always a cost for an upgrade

But once judgment had been fully executed, redemption became the focus, and new life was preached in Jesus’ name (Acts 4:12)

We’re Already Living Life 2.0

Restore Israel’s shepherd (34)

We have the Good Shepherd’s leadership (Jn 10)

Restore her land, people & covenant (35-37)

The land and people haven’t been restored yet ...

But followers of Christ live under New Covenant blessings now (2 Cor 3; Hebrews)

Restore her supremacy & security (38-39)

Not yet

Restore her Temple (40-42)

We’re living spiritual stones being built into His Temple today; His presence is within us and with us individually and corporately (1 Cor 3)

The physical kingdom Temple has not yet begun

Restore her worship (43-46)

We have the backward look at the fulfillment of all of the OT sacrifices in Christ

Restore and heal the land (47-48) – not yet

Restore His presence with them (48:35b)

We have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit

Observations/Applications

A physical, literal, earthly kingdom for Israel is still to come just as Ezekiel said; life 2.0 for them is still coming

Christians have already been “upgraded” to 2.0; already but not yet fully

Does your anticipation for the future kingdom reflect a “2.0” point of view daily (2 Tim 4:8)?

Does your worship and your lifestyle?

The Map With Two Roads

Ezekiel 21:18-23

In a day before computer presentations, Ezekiel draws his own visual aid to help his audience understand his message



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A parable is a truth wrapped in a memorable story or word picture. It could be fictional, dramatized, or the result of a vision. Jesus gave much of His teaching through parables (see "The Parables of Jesus Christ" at Luke 8:4). So did several of the Old Testament prophets, including Ezekiel.

- The Wood of the Vine (Ezek. 15:1-8)**
Symbolized the way in which Judah had become useless to the Lord and now served no other purpose than to be burned up in judgment.
- The Foundling (Ezek. 16)**
Illustrated the nation's betrayal of God's love and compassion.
- The Eagles and the Cedar (Ezek. 17)**
Illustrated the foolishness of King Zedekiah, whose rebellion would bring Nebuchadnezzar's troops to destroy Jerusalem.
- The Fiery Furnace (Ezek. 22:17-22)**
Explained the way in which God was going to purify His people through the "heat" of the siege of Jerusalem.
- The Two Harlots (Ezek. 23)**
Symbolized the spiritual adultery of Israel and Judah.
- The Shipwreck (Ezek. 27)**
Illustrated the judgment that was going to fall on Tyre.
- The Cooking Pot (Ezek. 24:1-14)**
Symbolized the way in which God was going to "turn up the heat" on Jerusalem in order to cleanse it of its impurities.
- The Irresponsible Shepherds (Ezek. 34)**
Signified the worthless leaders of Jerusalem and how God would deal with them.
- The Dry Bones (Ezek. 37)**
Symbolized the spiritual renewal of the nation of Israel.

The Parables of Ezekiel

The Life and Times of Ezekiel

- Ezekiel grows up during reforms of Josiah (c. 622-621 B.C.; 2 Kin. 23).
- Nineveh falls to the Babylonians (c. 612 B.C.), ending Assyrian Empire.
- Josiah is killed in battle (c. 609 B.C.).
- Babylonians defeat the Egyptians in fierce, hand-to-hand combat at Carchemish (c. 605 B.C.).
- Eighteen-year-old Jehoiachin surrenders to Nebuchadnezzar, is taken into exile along with leading citizens, probably including Ezekiel (c. 599-597 B.C.; 2 Kin. 24:12); Zedekiah is appointed ruler at Jerusalem.
- Thirty-year-old Ezekiel receives his call as a prophet on the plains of Babylon (593 B.C.; Ezek. 1-3).
- Ezekiel has a vision of the idolatres committed at Jerusalem (592 B.C.; Ezek. 8).
- Final siege of Jerusalem begins; Ezekiel's wife dies, but he may not mourn (588 B.C.; Ezek. 24:1-18).
- Ezekiel's vision of a New Jerusalem and a new temple (573 B.C.; Ezek. 40-48).
- Prophecy of Nebuchadnezzar's victory over Tyre and Egypt (571 B.C.; Ezek. 29:17-21).

640 B.C.	630 B.C.	620 B.C.	610 B.C.	600 B.C.	590 B.C.	580 B.C.	570 B.C.
Kings of Judah		Kings of Babylon		Kings of Egypt			
JOSIAH c. 640-609 B.C.		NABOPOLASSAR c. 626-605 B.C.		PSAMMETICUS I c. 664-610 B.C.			
JEHOIAH—3 mos. c. 609 B.C.		NEBUCHADNEZZAR II c. 605-562 B.C.		NECHO c. 610-594 B.C.			
JEHOIAKIM c. 609-598 B.C.		PSAMMETICUS II c. 594-589 B.C.		HOPHRA c. 589-570 B.C.			
ZEDEKIAH c. 598-587 B.C.							

