

## WEEK 6 | EZEKIEL

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The prophet Ezekiel, like Jeremiah whose ministry preceded his, was called by God to speak oracles of doom and hope to the nation of Judah on the precipice of exile at the hands of the Babylonians. Beginning his ministry around the year 593 BC and writing from exile himself (1:1; cf. 2 Kgs 24:10-17), Ezekiel's message is directed towards Jews in exile who have been deceived into thinking they will soon return to Jerusalem. His message is a prophecy of even greater judgment for their sin, describe in graphic and visceral terms. After word of Jerusalem's fall reaches him (33:21), Ezekiel's tongue is loosed (33:21; cf. 3:26-27) and his message begins to include promises of hope and restoration, based on God's election with Israel and His promise of a New Covenant (36-37).

### STRUCTURE

Introduction	The Rebellion of the House of Israel	The Judgment of the Nations	The Restoration of the House of Israel
Visions Prophet Place Time	The Departure of the Glory of Yahweh (11:23)	The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem (24:2, 25-27; 33:21)	The Return of the Glory of Yahweh (43:4)
1:1 (1:2-3)	1:4	25:1	34:1

Messages of Doom and Gloom for Judah/ Israel			Messages of Hope and Restoration for Judah/Israel		
The Call of Ezekiel to Prophetic Ministry	Signs and Visions of Woe for Israel/Judah	A Collection of Prophecies of Woe against Israel	Negative Messages of Hope: The Oracles against Foreign Nations	The End of an Era	Positive Messages of Hope: The Gospel according to Ezekiel
1:1	4:1	12:1	25:1	33:1	34:1

### PURPOSE

The fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple were necessary measures for the God of glory to employ to correct His disobedient people; however, in the future, Yahweh will restore a repentant remnant of His people to the Land and will establish them there with a new temple.

## THEMES

- 1) The God of Glory (1:28; 3:12, 23; 8:4; 9:3; 10:4, 18, 19; 11:22, 23; 39:21; 43:2, 4, 5; 44:4)
- 2) "They will know that I am Yahweh [or, Lord God]" (73x)
  - a. Israel through God's Judgment (5:13; 6:7, 10, 13, 14; 7:4, 9, 27; 11:10, 12; 12:15, 16, 20; 13:3, 14, 21, 23; 14:8; 15:5; 17:21; 20:26; 22:22; 23:49; 24:24, 27; 33:29)
  - b. Israel through God's Restoration (16:62; 20:38, 42, 44; 29:21; 34:27, 30; 36:11, 38; 37:6, 13, 14; 39:22, 28)
  - c. The Nations through God's Hand (21:5; 25:5, 7, 11, 17; 26:6; 28:22; 29:6, 9; 30:19, 25, 26; 32:15; 35:4, 9, 12, 15; 36:23; 37:28; 38:16, 23; 39:6, 7, 23)
- 3) "Son of Man" (93x – 2:1, 3, 6, 8; 3:1, 3, 4, 10, 17, 25; 4:1, 16; 5:1; 6:2; 7:2; 8:5, 6, 8, 12, 15, 17; 11:2, 4, 15; 12:2, 3, 9, 18, 22, 27; 13:2, 17; 14:3, 13; 15:2; 16:2; 17:2; 20:3, 4, 27, 46; 21:2, 6, 9, 12, 14, 19, 28; 22:2, 18, 24; 23:2, 36; 24:2, 16, 25; 25:2; 26:2; 27:2; 28:2, 12, 21; 29:2, 18; 30:2, 21; 31:2; 32:2, 18; 33:2, 7, 10, 12, 24, 30; 34:2; 35:2; 36:1, 17; 37:3, 9, 11, 16; 38:2, 14; 39:1, 17; 40:4; 43:7, 10, 18; 44:5; 47:6)
- 4) The House of Israel (83x – 3:1, 4, 5, 7, 17; 4:3, 4, 5; 5:4; 6:11; 8:6, 10, 11, 12; 9:9; 11:5, 15; 12:6, 9, 10, 24, 27; 13:5, 9; 14:4, 5, 6, 7, 11; 17:2; 18:6, 15, 25, 29, 30, 31; 20:5, 13, 27, 30, 31, 39, 40, 44; 22:18; 24:21; 28:24, 25; 29:6, 16, 21; 33:7, 10, 11, 20; 34:30; 35:15; 36:10, 17, 21, 22, 32, 37; 37:11, 16; 39:12, 22, 23, 25, 29; 40:4; 43:7, 10; 44:6, 12, 22; 45:6, 8, 17)/ The House of Judah (4:6; 8:17; 9:9; 25:3, 12)
- 5) The Temple (5:11; 8:1-11:25; 23:38, 39; 24:21; 25:3; 37:26, 28; 40:1-46:24; 47:12; 48:21)
  - a. Priest(s) (1:3; 7:26; 22:26; 40:45, 46; 42:13, 14; 43:19, 24, 27; 44:15, 21, 22, 30, 31; 45:4, 19; 46:2, 19, 20; 48:10, 11, 13)
  - b. Holiness ("To be holy; to sanctify" [*qadash*] 7:24; 20:12, 20, 41; 28:22, 25, 27; 36:23; 37:28; 38:16, 23; 39:27; 44:19, 24; 46:20; 48:11; "Holy, holiness" [*qadesh*] 20:39, 40; 22:8, 26; 28:14; 36:20, 21, 22, 38; 39:7, 25; 41:4, 21, 23; 42:13, 14, 20; 43:7, 8, 12; 44:8, 13, 19, 27; 45:1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7; 46:19; 48:10, 12, 14, 18, 21; "Holy Place, sanctuary" [*miqdash*] 5:11; 8:6; 9:6; 11:16; 21:2; 23:38, 39; 24:21; 25:3; 28:18; 37:26, 28; 43:21; 44:1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16; 45:3, 4, 18; 47:12; 48:8, 10, 21; "Holy one" [*qodosh*] 39:7)
  - c. Profane ("To profane" [*halal*] 7:21, 22, 24; 13:19; 20:9, 13, 14, 16, 21, 22, 24, 39; 22:8, 26; 23:38, 39; 24:21; 25:3; 28:7, 9, 16, 18; 36:20, 21, 22, 23; 44:7; "the profane" [*hol*] \*22:26; 42:20; \*44:23; 48:15 {\*cf. Lev. 10:10})

- d. Defile (To be unclean [*tame'*] 4:14; 5:11; 9:7; 14:11; 18:6, 11, 15; 20:7, 18, 26, 30, 31, 43; 22:3, 4, 11; 23:7, 13, 17, 30, 38; 33:26; 36:17, 18; 37:23; 43:7, 8; 44:25; "Unclean" [*tame'*] 4:13; 22:5, 10, 26; 44:23; "Uncleanness [*tum'a*] 22:15; 24:11, 13; 36:17, 25, 29; 39:24) / Cleanse (To cleanse, to purify [*taher*] 22:24; 24:13; 36:25, 33; 37:23; 39:12, 14, 16; 43:26; Cleansing [*tohora*] 44:26)
- e. Abomination ([*tobah*] 5:9, 11; 6:9, 11; 7:3, 4, 8, 9, 20; 8:6, 9, 13, 15, 17; 9:4; 11:18, 21; 12:16; 14:6; 16:2, 22, 43, 47, 50, 51, 58; 18:12, 13, 24; 20:4; 22:2, 11; 23:36; 33:26, 29; 36:31; 43:8; 44:6, 7, 13)
- 6) Covenant (16:8, 59, 60, 61, 62; 17:13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19; 20:37; 34:25; 37:26; 44:7)
  - 7) The Spirit (1:12, 20; 2:2; 3:12, 14, 24; 8:3; 11:1, 5, 24; 36:27; 37:1, 14; 39:29; 43:5)
  - 8) Summaries of Israel's/Judah's/Jerusalem's History (16:1-52; 20:1-32; 23:1-49)
  - 9) Prophecies of Restoration (6:8-10; 11:14-21; 16:53-63; 17:22-24; 20:33-44; 33:21-48:35)

