

Isaiah and Ezekiel

09 Ezekiel 1–11

In the first half of the book, Ezekiel's prophecy centers on God's people who remain in the land. Deportations during the time of Daniel and Ezekiel (not to mention the Assyrian devastation of Israel in Isaiah's time) have not caused Judah to exercise lasting repentance. Chapters 1–24 lead us through the heartbreaking departure of Yahweh's glory from the temple and city up to the edge of Jerusalem's destruction. After an account of Ezekiel's prophetic call, three cycles of sign acts portend Jerusalem's judgment.

1. **Ezekiel 1–3:** Ezekiel is called to be a watchman.
 - 1.1. Ezekiel 1: The heavens are opened, and Ezekiel sees visions of the glory of Yahweh.
 - 1.2. Ezekiel 2: Yahweh calls Ezekiel to be a prophet to a rebellious people.
 - 1.3. Ezekiel 3: Ezekiel eats the scroll, and Yahweh commissions but then silences him.

2. **Ezekiel 4–11:** Cycle One: Ezekiel performs and predicts Jerusalem's siege.
 - 2.1. Ezekiel 4–5: Ezekiel constructs a model Jerusalem, representing its siege, famine, and destruction.
 - 2.2. Ezekiel 6–7: Yahweh will destroy Israel's high places, annul their hopes, and desert their temple.
 - 2.3. Ezekiel 8: Yahweh reveals abominable idolatry in his temple and violence in his city.
 - 2.4. Ezekiel 9: Yahweh marks those who mourn the abominations of Jerusalem and destroys the rest.
 - 2.5. Ezekiel 10: Yahweh's glory abandons his temple.

- 2.6. Ezekiel 11: Yahweh announces plans to shelter and restore the exiles; his glory abandons Jerusalem.