

EZEKIEL

Ezekial is the fourth book of the 5 Major Prophets. He was born in the time of Josiah's revival, and lived at same period as Jeremiah. When 25 he was taken into captivity when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians. He became a preacher in a concentration camp at the age of 30. He was a missionary to his own people.

Ezekial was a prophet of visions, symbolic actions and allegories. His ministry brought much personal and painful suffering . For some time he was dumb, layed on his side, lived on loatsome food and his wife died, coinciding with a final demolishing of Jerusalem. Visions, symbolic actions and allegories can make for difficult understanding, and young Jews were forbidden to read this before they were 30.

'Ichabod' means 'the glory is departed' (1 Sam 4:21) That word describes the Jerusalem situation. But not only is it a vision of glory departing but also of glory returning.



STUDY GUIDES & VIDEOS

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Useful information:

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	Date	Readings	Psalms	Video
F	1/9	Jer 26-29	20	
M	4/9	Jer 30-32	21	
T	5/9	Jer 33-36	22	
W	6/9	Jer 37-39	23	
T	7/9	Jer 40-44	24	
F	8/9	Jer 45-48	25	
M	11/9	Jer 49-50	26	
T	12/9	Jer 51-52	27	
W	13/9	Lam 1-3	28	Lamentations
T	14/9	Lam 4-5	29	
F	15/9	Ezk 1-4	30	Ezekial 1-32
M	18/9	Ezk 5-8	31	
T	19/9	Ezk 9-12	32	
W	20/9	Ezk 13-15	33	
T	21/9	Ezk 16-18	34	
F	22/9	Ezk 19-21	35	
M	25/9	Ezk 22-24	36	
T	26/9	Ezk 25-27	37	
W	27/9	Ezk 28-30	38	
T	28/9	Ezk 31-33	39	Ezekial 33-48
F	29/9	Ezk 34-36	40	



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THE READ SCRIPTURE PLAN

This plan takes you through the Old Testament in one year. The Old Testament Scriptures are divided up into thirteen “chapters” and organized in semi-chronological order. You’ll read two or three chapters a day, and sometimes skim through larger portions that contain genealogies, census information, etc.

PSALMS of PRAYER

One Psalm is listed each day for you to slowly pray through, making its words your own. By the end you’ll have prayed through the book of Psalms 2.5 times.

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Jeremiah is the second of 5 books of the Major Prophets.

Jeremiah was a man who prophesied for over 40 years about 600 years before Christ. He was born in the reign of wicked king Manasseh, encouraged good king Josiah during the last revival in the southern Kingdom, witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem, and the tradition maintains he was stoned by his own people, after he went into Egypt with the remnant fleeing from Judah.

Jeremiah was the prophet of Judah’s midnight hour. He was a man of sympathy with a message of severity. A century before his ministry Isaiah had tried to save the nation from Assyria, and had succeeded; Jeremiah tries to save the nation from Babylon by advocating non-resistance, but he failed.

Jeremiah constantly urged backsliding Judah to return to God, or to suffer the consequences. His appeals were ignored, and wrath fell to the full, although God loved His people to the end. Individual backsliding also has a price to pay in a similar way.

Ch 1-38 - Before the fall
Ch 39 - Fall of Jerusalem
Ch 40-52 - After the fall

Jeremiah was timid, and very sensitive. He pleaded he was too young to serve, when God called him (1:6). Mysteriously and wonderfully God knew him before conception (1:5). His distinct human personality did not depend on foetal development, which throws Bible light on the current abortion debate.

The message of Jeremiah is not only relevant to the individual backslider, but doubly so for a nation caught up in apostasy and deep sin. Although God’s messengers may be in the minority and constantly scorned, the rumblings of coming judgement will get louder by the minute until the inevitable falls.



Lamentations was written by Jeremiah and is the third of the 5 books of the Major Prophets.

Lamentations is the prophet’s Song of Sorrow at the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. It is an elegy in a graveyard. Although the ruin of the city had proved that Jeremiah had been a true prophet, yet all he could do was weep. It was foreign to his nature to adopt an attitude of ‘I told you so’.

Lamentations is a book of 5 chapters. Each chapter is an acrostic poem. Successive verses begin with the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet in order in chapters 1,2,3 (3 each) and 4, and out of order in 5. Each chapter ends with a prayer. An acrostic method was used to aid memory, and is an apt reminder that God wants His people to hide His word in their hearts. Psalm 119:11.