Listening to the Prophets

A Study of Old Testament Major Prophets

Lesson Six-Ezekiel (Chapters 1-37)

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Lesson Six

The Book of Ezekiel (Chapters 1-37) Introduction

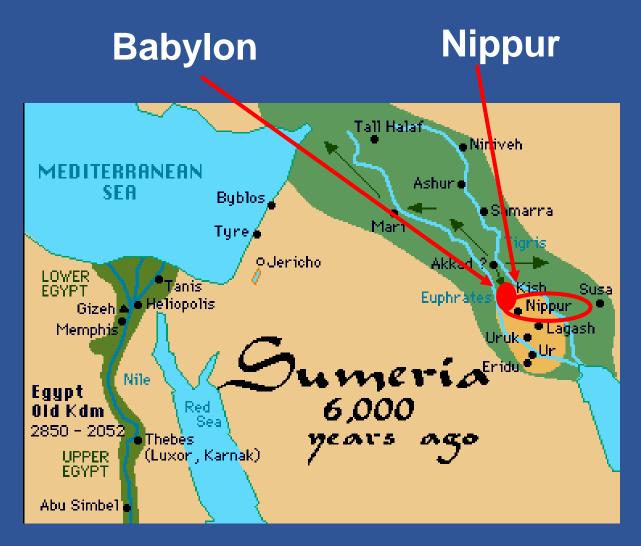
- Ezekiel's name means "God <u>strengthens</u>."
- Ezekiel came from priestly family and spent his early years in Jerusalem.



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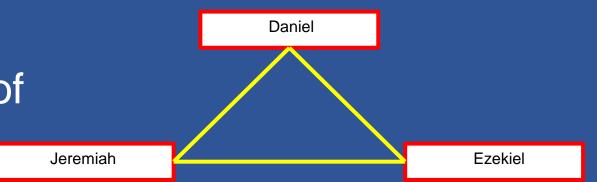
 Nebuchadnezzar took Ezekiel captive to Babylon in 597 A.D. (second wave of captivity).

 After Nebuchadnezzar's captivity, Ezekiel lived in a village near Nippur (southeast of Babylon) and prophesied to the captives in Babylon for about 22 years.



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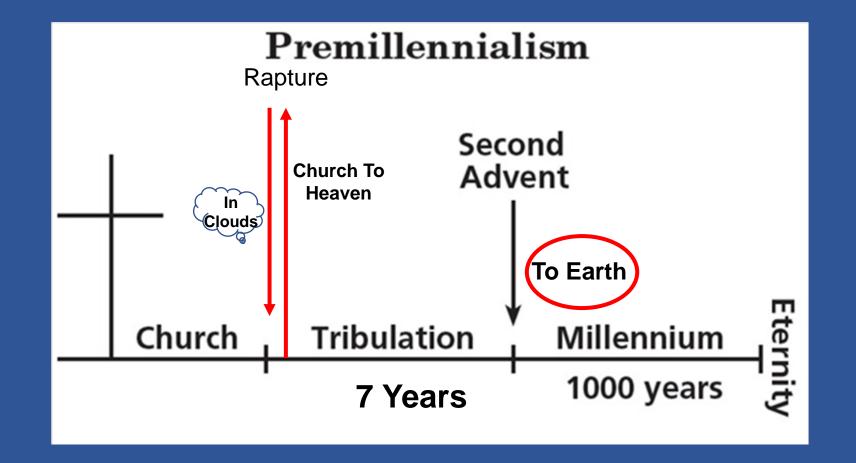
- Ezekiel told the captives the fate waiting those back in Jerusalem.
- Ezekiel prophesied, not only about Jerusalem's ultimate destruction, but of <u>Christ's</u> return.



 Ezekiel ministered to the exiles in Babylon; Jeremiah ministered to the Jews in Jerusalem; and Daniel ministered to the royal court in Babylon. • Chapters 1-24 were written before the fall of Jerusalem while chapters 33-48 contain prophesies about the future of Israel and the restoration of Israel during the Millennial Kingdom. 23



https://thetaleofbittertruth.wordpress.com/2014/02/26/the-whores-of-babylon/



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Chapter 1

- Ezekiel may have been <u>30</u> <u>years</u> old at the time of his commissioning (1:1-3).₂₄[*]
- Ezekiel saw four living beings with strange characteristics. (1:4-14).
 [*]



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These four beings stood in a square, each with four faces, four wings (two that touched each other and two that enveloped each being), and with hands underneath their wings.

 Vs. 15-17 describes how the beings moved. The spirit of the living beings resided in the wheels (vs. 21). [*]



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- Vs. 26-28 depicts a "platform" over the living creatures' heads.
- Upon the platform was the appearance of God in the incarnation of <u>Jesus</u> <u>Christ</u>. [*]
- God let Ezekiel know that He had not departed Israel while in a far and distant land. 25

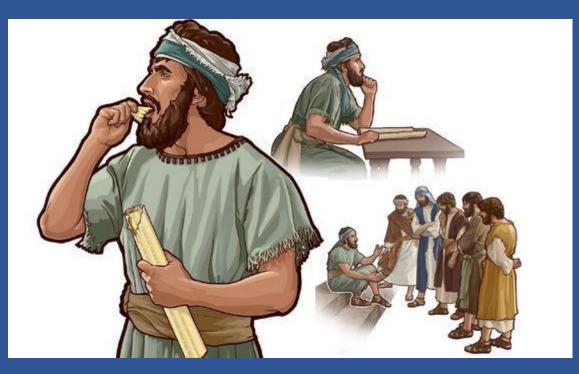


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Chapters 2-3

- God commissioned Ezekiel in chapter 2:1-6.
- God commanded Ezekiel to <u>eat</u> His word. [*]
 - Ezekiel found God's Word sweet (2:8-3:4).
 [*]

 God told Ezekiel when to speak and when not to speak (3:27). [*]



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Chapters 4-5

Ezekiel acted out the coming siege of Jerusalem (4:1-3).²⁰

 God described the horrors that would befall those in Jerusalem (4:16-17). [*]



https://wol.jw.org/en/wol/d/r1/lp-e/2016208

 Jeremiah also prophesied about these horrors. (Lamentations 2:20-21). [*] God showed Ezekiel all of Jerusalem's wickedness (5:6-7). [*]

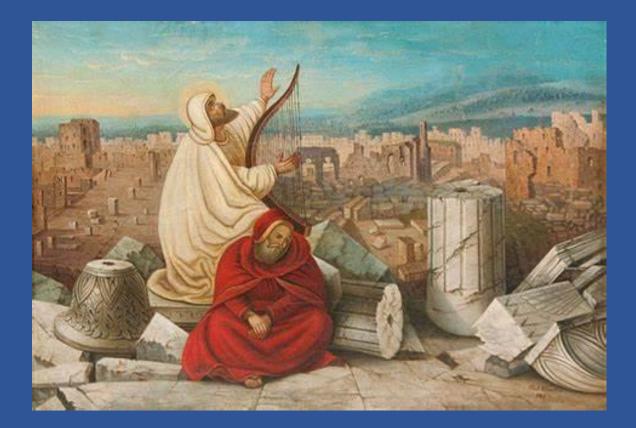
 Ezekiel 5:9-10 parallels Lamentations 4:10. [*]



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Chapters 6-7

 The remnant of Jews in Jerusalem would eventually <u>lament</u> over their wrongdoings (6:8-10; 7:27). [*]

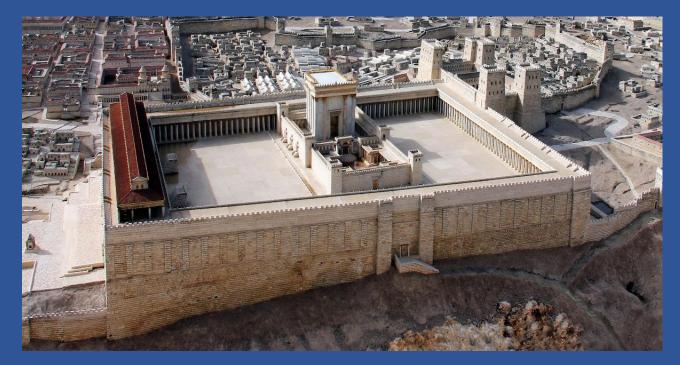


https://www.patheos.com/blogs/cosmostheinlost/2016/08/14/jeremiah-ought-to-be-put-to-death/

Chapters 8-11

• Ezekiel visited Jerusalem by way of a vision. God showed him the wickedness of the people and why His judgments were righteous (8:1-3). [*]

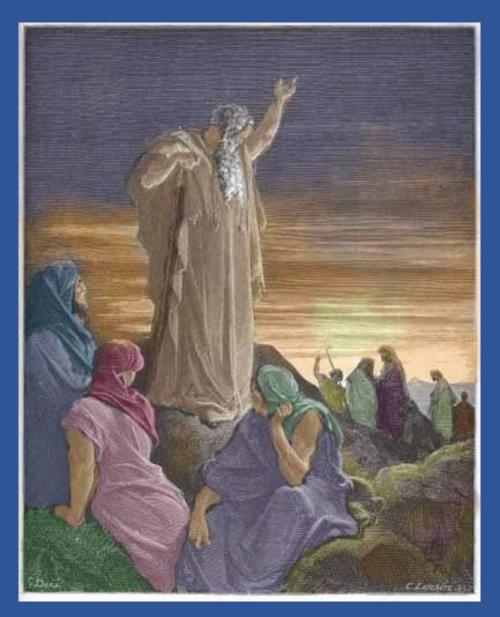
 Ezekiel 8:8-13 reveals the corruption of those in Jerusalem. [*]



https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/interesting-facts-about-solomons-temple.html

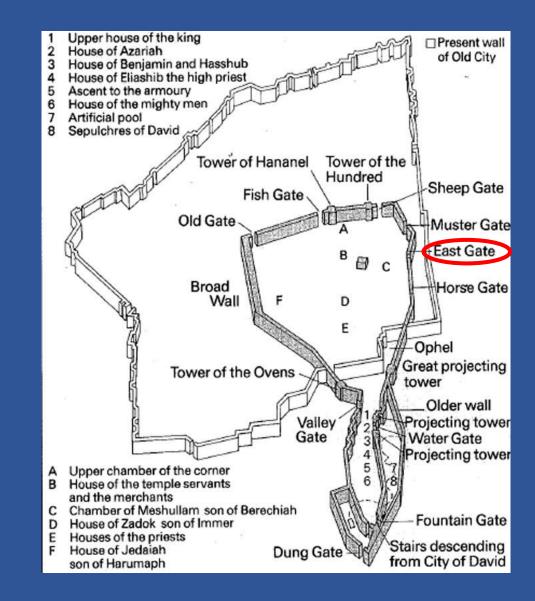
 Ezekiel saw the wickedness in the <u>inner</u> <u>court</u> of the Lord's house (vs. 16-18). [*]

- The Lord put a mark on the foreheads of those who sighed and groaned over Israel's wickedness.
 Ezekiel 9:4-6 [*]
 - God preserved these righteous ones from judgment.
 - This vision could be a foreshadowing of God's protection upon the <u>144,000</u> during the Great Tribulation (Rev. 7:3-4).
 [*]



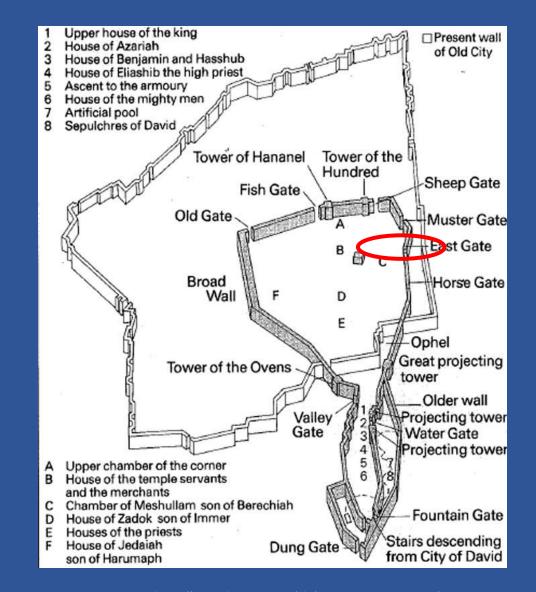
https://goodnewsshared.wordpress.com/2017/10/01/who-is-righteous/

- Chapters 10 and 11 give a grievous account of God's Spirit departing Israel.
 - Ezekiel 10:18-19 tells of God's Spirit departing the threshold of the temple at the East Gate. [*]
 - Parallel this with Jesus departing Jerusalem (Matthew 21:12-17). [*]



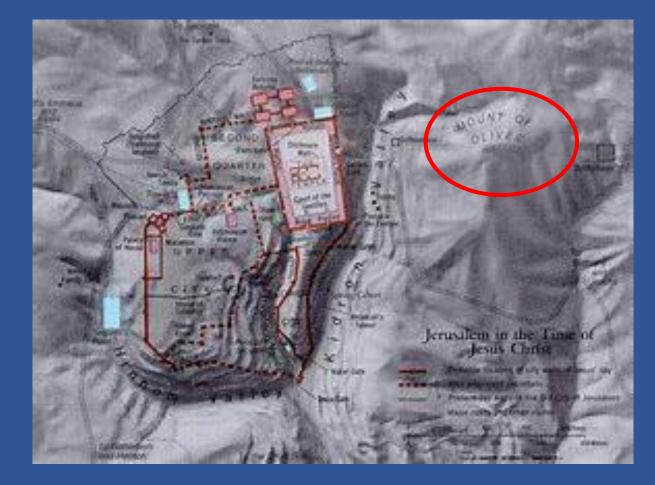
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 When Christ returns at the start of His Millennial reign, He will return by way of the East Gate (Ezekiel chapter 43:1-2). [*]



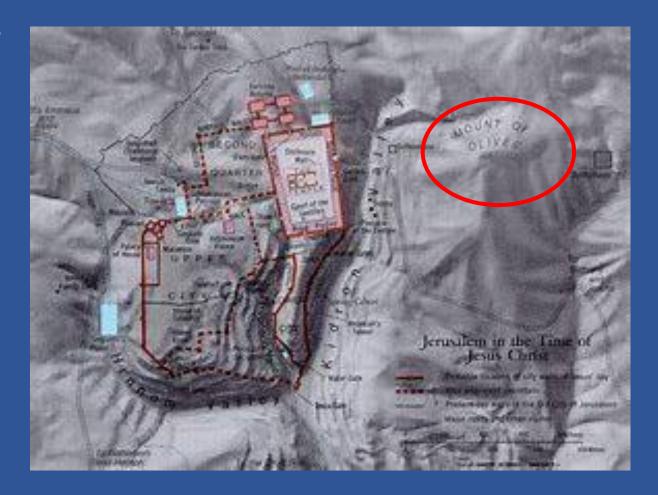
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- Ezekiel 11:17-20 talks about the <u>new</u> covenant with Christ during the Millennial Reign (see Jer. 31:31-34).²⁷[*]
- Ezekiel 11:22-23 tells of God's spirit gradually departing Jerusalem and resting on the Mount of Olives. [*]



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- Jesus ascended to heaven from the Mount of Olives, and it will be upon the Mount of Olives Christ will return (Acts 1:9-12, Zechariah 14:4).
 [*]
- The Spirit of God took Ezekiel back to Chaldea.
- Ezekiel told the exiles all the Lord had shown him (11:24-25). [*]



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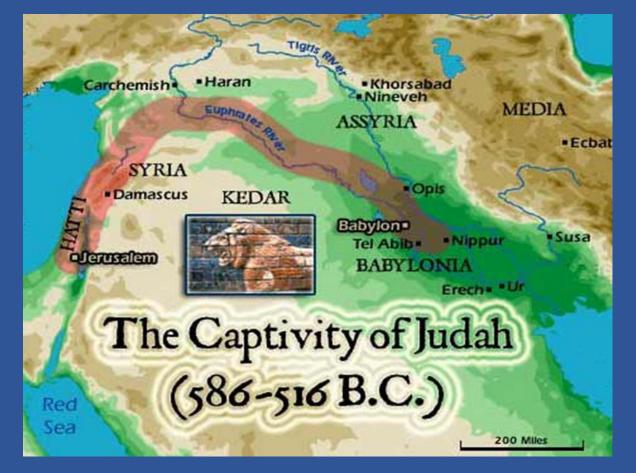
Chapters 12-24-The Certainty and Causes of Judgment through Signs, Messages, and Parables

• God told Ezekiel to prepare luggage as though going into exile. Ezekiel was instructed to dig a hole in the wall at night. He was to go through it with a covering over his face. The covering was meant to blind his way (12:1-6) [*]



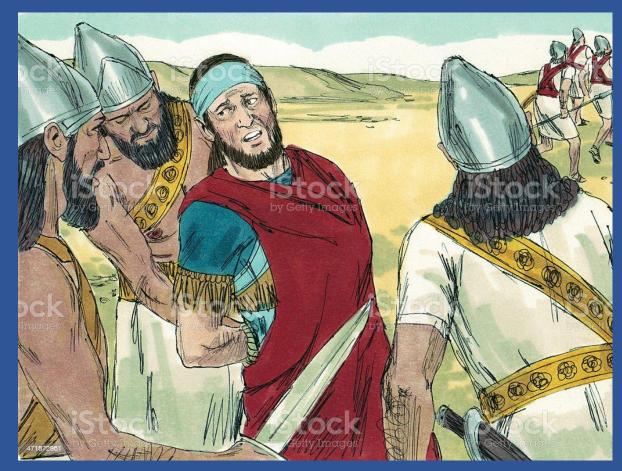
https://parablesblog.blogspot.com/2015/02/attractive-deception-part-6.html

- This act was a sign to the people they would be carried off into a far and distant land.
- Ezekiel 12:12-13 explained what would happen to King Zedekiah. [*]



https://www.gbcdecatur.org/sermons/Captivity.html

- As prophesied, the Babylonians blinded King Zedekiah and took him to Babylon. (2 Kings 25:4-7). [^{*}]
- God told the people His word would come to pass, and all the events would happen in their day (Ezekiel 12:25). [*]
 - Jesus made a similar statement when He prophesied about the end times (Mark 13:30). [*]



https://www.istockphoto.com/photo/zedekiah-captured-gm471872961-27012037

 Chapter 13 states false prophets and prophetesses told the people they would experience peace (13:9-10). [*]

 God gave a rebuke by saying utter destruction would come.



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 This is an interesting parallel of end time events before Christ returns to the earth (1 Thessalonians 5:3). [*]

 Chapter 14-Even if Noah, Daniel, who was a contemporary, or Job were in their midst, God would still destroy Jerusalem.28



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- God promised to restore Israel during the <u>Millennium</u> (16:60-63). [*]
- God showed his love for all creation (18:30-32). [*]
- Chapter 20 relates the different periods of rebellion throughout Israel's history.

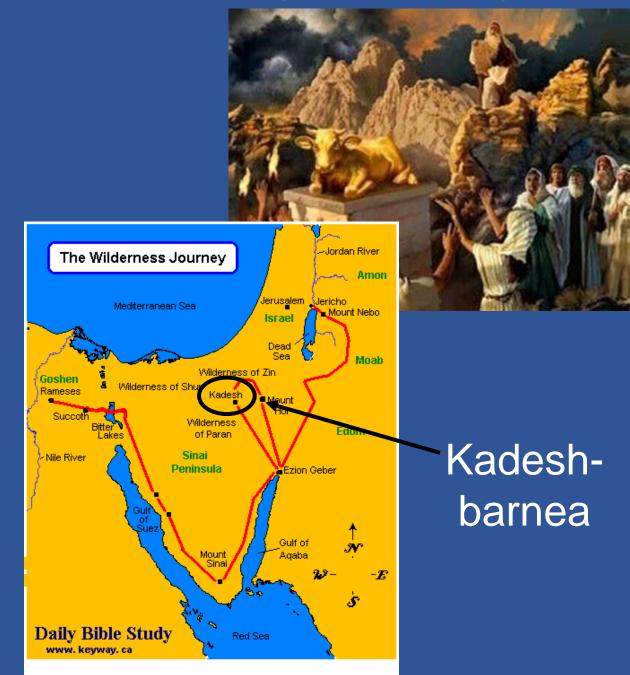


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 Ezekiel 20:5-9 tells of Israel's rebellion while in Egypt. [*]

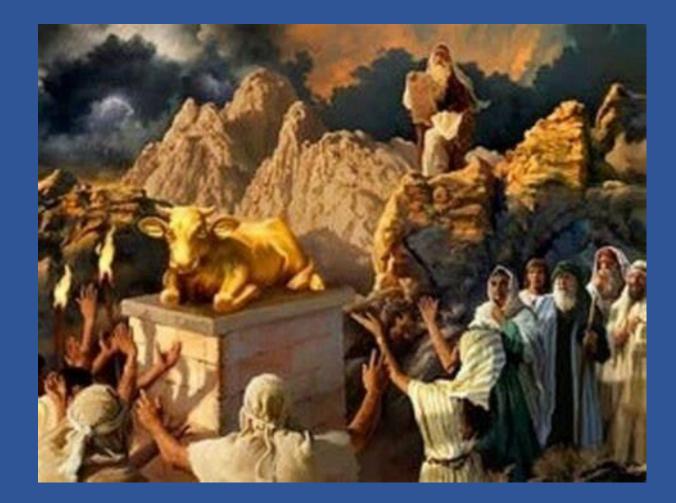
Ezekiel 20:10-17 explains Israel's rebellion on the journey from Egypt to Kadeshbarnea. [*]

 Ezekiel 20:18-26 shows Israel's rebellion in the <u>wilderness</u>. [*]



 Ezekiel 20:27-29 reiterates Israel's rebellion when they came into the Promised Land.

• Ezekiel 20:30-32 recites Israel's unfaithfulness during Ezekiel's time.29



https://www.pinterest.com/renegade711/bible-class-wilderness-wanderings-conquest-of-cana/

- Ezekiel 20:33-34 foretells Israel's <u>future</u> restoration (Matthew 25:32).
- Ezekiel 21:10 contains an interesting passage and may explain why Israel did not listen to Ezekiel's words.₃₀



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 The people did not believe God would allow Israel's destruction.

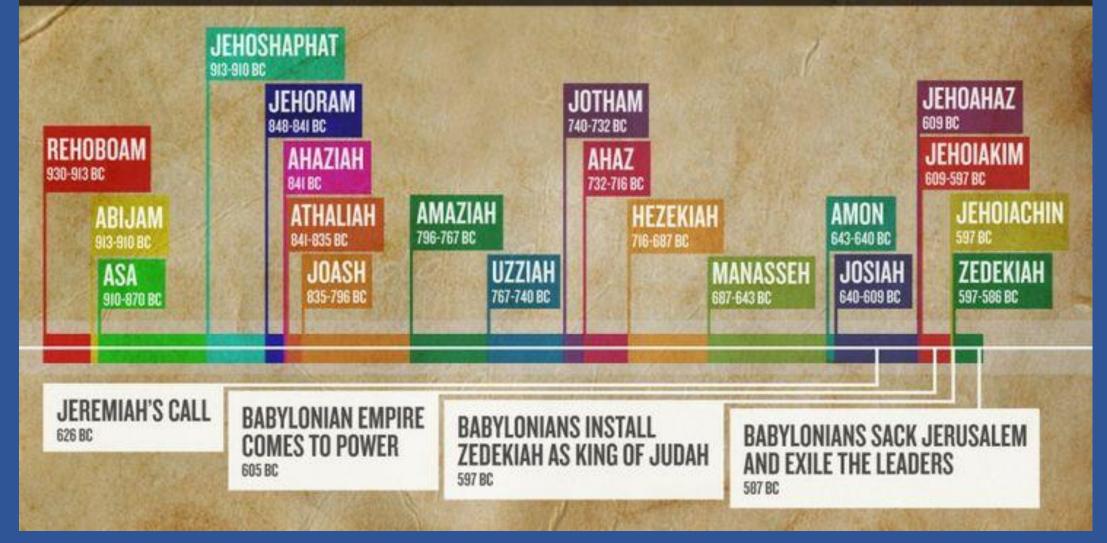
 They did not understand the full meaning of Genesis 49:9-10. [*]

 Ezekiel 21:27 states a ruler would not rule in Israel again until the <u>Messiah's</u> reign (Genesis 49:10).₃₁[*]



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- Ezekiel's wife died (24:15-18). [*]
 - Ezekiel was forbidden to mourn.
 - The lack of mourning represented Jerusalem's capture.
 - The Israelites would have to mourn for Jerusalem silently as could not mourn while in Babylon.



https://st-takla.org/Gallery/Bible/Illustrations/Bible-Slides/OT/Ezekiel/Bible-Slides-ezekiel-1513.html

Chapters 25-32-Prophecies concerning the Surrounding Nations

- Chapter 28 tells of Satan's prior position and future judgment:
 - 28:13-15-Satan's original position [*]
 - 28:15-19-Satan's fall and judgment [*]



http://www.thewordheardroundtheworld.com/2013/06/the-waiting-room.html

Chapters 33-37-Prophesies of Israel's Restoration

- God commissioned Ezekiel as a watchman for the house of Israel and to sound the warning of Israel's impending doom (33:7-8). [*]
- Even after Israel's deportation, the people still denied Ezekiel as a true prophet (33:30-33).



https://www.borntowin.net/audio/the-book-of-ezekiel-16/

 At the end of the Tribulation period, Christ will return to earth and will separate the sheep from the goats-the righteous from the wicked (34:16-17). [*]



https://wol.jw.org/en/wol/d/r1/lp-e/402015207

• Compare this with Matthew 25:32-33. [*]

 God will protect Israel during the Millennium (34:21-31; 36:24-28). [*]

 Israel will mourn over her unfaithfulness and will rebuild and inhabit her cities (36:31, 33-35). [*]



https://judyexum.wordpress.com/2020/06/09/the-valley-of-dry-bones/

 God showed the physical and spiritual restoration of Israel in 37:1-14 (The Valley of Dry Bones). [*]

- God promised to restore both Israel and Judah during the Millennium (37:15-17, 21-22, 23-27).
- This restoration <u>did not</u> refer to the restoration of Israel in <u>1948</u> since Israel, as a nation, is not yet walking in God's ordinances and observing His ways (vs. 24). [*]

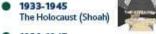


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Israel Timeline



- 1896 Theodor Herzl's treatise "The Jewish State" published
- 1909 Tel Aviv founded
- 1917 400 Years of Ottoman rule end by British conquest British Foreign Minister Balfour pledges support for establishment of a "Jewish national home in Palestine"
- 1922 The League of Nations recognizes historical connection of Jewish people to Palestine



- **1939-1945** World War II
- 1947 UN adopts Partition Plan (Jews accept, Arabs reject)
- 1918-1948
 British rule
 1948

End of British Mandate (14 May) Modern State of Israel proclaimed (14 May) Israel Invaded by Five Arab states (15 May) Israel Defense Forces (IDF) established War of Independence (May 1948-July 1949)

1949 Israel's first national election; David Ben-Gurion elected Prime Minister

 1950 Operation Magic Carpet brings 47,000 Yemeni Jews to Israel



 Israel's Agency for International Development (MASHAV) launched

- 1964 Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) created
- 1967 Six-Day War. Jerusalem reunited UN Security Council Resolution 242,



- 1973 Yom Kippur War Adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 338 (re-affirmation of Resolution 242)
- 1977
 Egyptian President Anwar Sadat visits Jerusalem



- First Lebanon War
- 1984-1991 Operations Moses, Joshua, and Solomon airlift thousands of Ethiopian Jews to Israel
- First Palestinian Intifada starts
- 1989 Mass immigration of Jews from Former Soviet Union begins
- 1991 The Gulf War
- 1992 Diplomatic relations established with China and India



• 1994

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Israel- Jordan Peace Treaty Palesthian self-government in Gaza Strip and Jericho Area Full diplomatic relations with the Holy See Rabin, Peres, Arafat awarded Nobel Peace PrizePrize

1995 Broadened Palestin

Broadened Palestinian self-government in West Bank and Gaza Strip; Palestinian Council elected Prime Minister Rabin assassinated at peace rally (November 4)



- 2002 Operation Defensive Shield to uproot Palestinian terror infrastructure in West Bank
- 2005 Disengagement from Gaza
- 2006 Hezbollah kidnaps and kills Israeli soldiers in Israeli territory, sparking Second Lebanon War
- 2007 Hamas take-over of Gaza
- 2008 Operation Cast Lead to halt Hamas rocket attacks from Gaza
- 2010 Israel joins the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)
- 2014 Operation Protective Edge to eliminate rocket attacks from Gaza
- Present Israel, the "Start-Up Nation" is respected as global leader in health innovation, cyber-security, auto technologies, water innovation, and humanitarian assistance.

https://www.israel-maps.com/fullscreen-page/comp-ja5o0m3a/26979d3b-449a-4bdf-8532-621359fd27d5/3/%3Fi%3D3%26p%3Dvboy2%26s%3Dstyle-ja5nv630

Summary

Even through punishment, God proved faithful to His people. God never left them alone in a far and distant land. Sometimes we may feel trapped in a spiritual exile. During these difficult times we must trust God. Know that He will never leave us and that He will encourage us to remain faithful and patient. God will fulfill all His promises.

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Ezekiel 1:1-3

1 Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar [Kee-bar] among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. 2 (On the fifth of the month in the fifth year) of King Jehoiachin's exile, 3 the word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi [Bu-zee], in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; [Kee-bar] and there the hand of the Lord came upon him.) [*]

Ezekiel 1:4-14

4 As I looked, behold, a high wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing intermittently and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like gleaming metal in the midst of the fire. 5 And within it there were figures resembling four living beings. And this was their appearance: they had human form. 6 Each of them had four faces and four wings.

7 Their legs were straight and their feet were like a calf's hoof, and they sparkled like polished bronze. 8 Under their wings on their four sides were human hands. As for the faces and wings of the four of them, 9 their wings touched one another; their faces did not turn when they moved, each went straight forward. 10 As for the form of their faces, each had a human face; all four had the face of a lion on the right and the face of a bull on the left, and all four had the face of an eagle. Over---

11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread out above; each had two touching another being, and two covering their bodies. 12 And each went straight forward; wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go, without turning as they went. 13 In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches moving among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lightning was flashing from the fire. 14 And the living beings ran back and forth like bolts of lightning. [*]

Ezekiel 1:15-17, 21

15 Now as I looked at the living beings, behold, there was one wheel on the ground beside the living beings, for each of the four of them. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship was like sparkling topaz, and all four of them had the same form, their appearance and workmanship being as if one wheel were within another. 17 Whenever they moved, they moved in any of their four directions without turning as they moved. Over---

21 Whenever those went, they went; and whenever those stopped, they stopped. And whenever those rose from the earth, the wheels rose just as they did; for the spirit of the living beings was in the wheels. [*]

Ezekiel 2:1-6

1 Then He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." 2 And as He spoke to me the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard Him speaking to me. 3 Then He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have revolted against Me to this very day. Over---

4 So I am sending you to those who are impudent and obstinate children, and you shall say to them, 'This is what the Lord God says:' 5 As for them, whether they listen or not—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

6 And as for you, son of man, you are not to fear them nor fear their words, though thistles and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions; you are not to fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, since they are a rebellious house. [*]

Ezekiel 3:1-3

1 Then He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll. 3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body" with this scroll which I am giving you." Then I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. [1]

Ezekiel 3:27

27 But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth and you will say to them, 'This is what the Lord God says:' The one who hears, let him hear; and the one who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house. [*]

Ezekiel 4:1-3

1 "Now you, son of man, get yourself a brick, place it before you, and inscribe a city on it—Jerusalem. 2 Then lay siege against it, build a siege wall, pile up an assault ramp, set up camps, and place battering rams against it all around. 3 Then get yourself an iron plate and set it up as an iron wall between yourself and the city, and direct your face toward it so that it is under siege, and besiege it. Over---

This will be a sign to the house of Israel. 4 "Then you are to lie down on your left side and put the wrongdoing of the house of Israel on it; you shall bear their wrongdoing for the number of days that you lie on it. []

Ezekiel 4:16-17

16 Moreover, He said to me, "Son of man, behold, I am going to break the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they will eat bread by weight and with anxiety, and drink water by measure and in horror, 17 because bread and water will be scarce; and they will tremble with one another and waste away in their guilt. [*]

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Jeremiah 2:20-21
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20 "For long ago I broke your yoke And tore off your restraints; But you said, 'I will not serve!' For on every high hill And under every leafy tree You have lain down as a prostitute. 21 "Yet I planted you as a choice vine,

A completely faithful seed.

How then have you turned yourself before Me

Into the degenerate shoots of a foreign vine? [*]

Ezekiel 5:6-7

6 But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations, and against My statutes more than the lands which surround her; for they have rejected My ordinances and have not walked in My statutes.' Over---

7 Therefore, this is what the Lord God says: 'Because you' have more turmoil than the nations that surround you and have not walked in My statutes, nor executed My ordinances, nor acted in accordance with the ordinances of the nations around you...'

Lamentations 4:10

10 The hands of compassionate women

Boiled their own children;

They became food for them

Due to the destruction of the daughter of my people. [*]

Ezekiel 6:8-10; 7:27

8 "However, I will leave a remnant, in that you will have those who escaped the sword among the nations when you are scattered among the countries. 9 Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations to which they will be taken captive, how I have been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes which committed infidelity with their idols;

and they will loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed, for all their abominations. 10 Then they will know that I am the Lord; I have not said in vain that I would inflict this disaster on them."' 7:27 The king will mourn, the prince will be clothed in horror, and the hands of the people of the land will tremble. I will deal with them because of their conduct, and by their judgments I will judge them. And they will know that I am the Lord.' "[*]

Ezekiel 8:1-3

1 Now it came about in the sixth year, on the fifth day of the sixth month, as I was sitting in my house with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell upon me there. 2 Then I looked, and behold, something like the appearance of a man; from His waist and downward there was the appearance of fire, and from His waist and upward like the appearance of a glow, like gleaming metal.

3 And He extended the form of a hand and took me by the hair of my head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance of the north gate of the inner courtyard, where the seat of the idol of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy, was located. [*]

Ezekiel 8:8-13

8 And He said to me, "Son of man, now dig through the wall." So I dug through the wall, and behold, an entrance. 9 Then He said to me, "Go in and see the wicked abominations that they are committing here." 10So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of crawling things and animals and detestable things, with all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around.

11 And standing in front of them were seventy elders of the house of Israel, with Jaazaniah [JA-az-an-iah] the son of Shaphan [Sha-fan] standing among them, each man with his censer in his hand; and the fragrance of the cloud of incense was rising. 12 Then He said to me, "Do you see, son of man," what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each man in the rooms of his carved images?

For they say, 'The Lord does not see us; the Lord has abandoned the land.' " 13 And He said to me, "Yet you will see still greater abominations which they are committing!" [

Ezekiel 8:16-18

16 Then He brought me into the inner courtyard of the Lord's house. And behold, at the entrance to the temple of the Lord, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs to the temple of the Lord while their faces were toward the east; and they were prostrating themselves eastward toward the sun.

17 And He said to me, "Do you see this, son of man? Is it a trivial thing for the house of Judah to commit the abominations which they have committed here, that they have filled the land with violence and provoked Me to anger repeatedly? Yet behold, they are putting the twig to their nose! 18 Therefore, I indeed will deal in wrath. My eye will have no pity nor will I spare; and though they cry out in My ears with a loud voice, yet I will not listen to them." [*]

Revelation 7:3-4

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, or the sea, or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel... []

Matthew 21:12-17

12 And Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those who were selling and buying on the temple grounds, and He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. 13 And He *said to them, "It is written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." Over---

14 And those who were blind and those who limped came to Him in the temple area, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant,

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16 and they said to Him, "Do You hear what these children are saying?" And Jesus *said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'From the mouths of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself'?" 17 And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there. [*]

Ezekiel 43:1-2

1 Then he led me to the gate, the gate facing east; 2 and behold, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the way of the east. And His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone from His glory. []

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. Over---

33 "For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord: "I will put My law within them and write it on their heart; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 They will not teach again, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their wrongdoing, and their sin I will no longer remember." []

Ezekiel 11:22-23

22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them. 23 The glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city.

Acts 1:9-12; Zechariah 14:4

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight. 10And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, 11 and they said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." Over---

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

Zechariah 14:4

4 On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west forming a very large valley. Half of the mountain will move toward the north, and the other half toward the south. [1]

Ezekiel 11:24-25

24 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God to Chaldea, to the exiles. Then the vision that I had seen left me. 25 And I told the exiles all the things that the Lord had shown me. [*]

Ezekiel 12:1-6

1 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, you live in the midst of the rebellious house, who have eyes to see but do not see, ears to hear but do not hear; for they are a rebellious house. 3 So as for you, son of man, prepare for yourself baggage for exile and go into exile by day in their sight; that is, go into exile from your place to another place in their sight. Perhaps they will understand, though they are a rebellious house. Over---

4 Bring your baggage out by day in their sight, as baggage for exile. Then you shall go out at evening in their sight, as those who are going into exile. 5 Dig a hole through the wall in their sight and go out through it. 6 Load the baggage on your shoulder in their sight and carry it out in the dark. You shall cover your face so that you cannot see the land, for I have set you as a sign to the house of Israel."

Ezekiel 12:12-13

12 The prince who is among them will load his baggage on his shoulder in the dark and go out. They will dig a hole through the wall to bring it out through it. He will cover his face so that he cannot see the land with his eyes. 13 I will also spread My net over him, and he will be caught in My net. And I will bring him to Babylon in the land of the Chaldeans; yet he will not see it, though he will die there. [*]

2 Kings 25:4-7

4 Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls that were beside the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah. 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho, and all his army was scattered from him. Over---

6 Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and he passed sentence on him. 7 And they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out Zedekiah's eyes and bound him with bronze shackles, and brought him to Babylon. [*]



25 For I the Lord will speak whatever word I speak, and it will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, for in your days, you rebellious house, I will speak the word and perform it," declares the Lord God.'" [1]



30 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. [*]

Ezekiel 13:9-10

9 "So My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will have no place in the council of My people, nor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, so that you may know that I am the Lord God. 10 It is definitely because they have misled My people by saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace. And when anyone builds a wall, behold, they plaster it over with whitewash...[*]

1Thessalonians 5:3

3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction will come upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [*]

Ezekiel 16:60-63

60 "Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. 61 Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant.

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62 So I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord, 63 so that you may remember and be ashamed, and not open your mouth again because of your disgrace, when I have forgiven you for all that you have done," the Lord God declares. [*]

Ezekiel 18:30-32

30 "Therefore I will judge you, house of Israel, each according to his conduct," declares the Lord God. "Repent and turn away from all your offenses, so that wrongdoing does not become a stumbling block to you. 31 Hurl away from you all your offenses which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why should you die, house of Israel? 32 For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who <u>dies</u>," declares the Lord God. "Therefore, repent and live!" [*]

Ezekiel 20:5-9

5and say to them, 'This is what the Lord God says: "On the day when I chose Israel and swore to the descendants of the house of Jacob and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, when I swore to them, saying, I am the Lord your God, 6 on that day I swore to them, to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land that I had selected for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all the lands. Over---

7 And I said to them, 'Throw away, each of you, the detestable things of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.' 8 But they rebelled against Me and were not willing to listen to Me; they did not throw away, each of them, the detestable things of their eyes, nor did they abandon the idols of Egypt.

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"Then I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to use up My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. 9 But I acted for the sake of My name, that it would not be defiled in the sight of the nations among whom they lived, in whose sight I made Myself known to them by bringing them out of the land of Egypt. [*]

Ezekiel 20:10-17

10 So I took them out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. 11 I gave them My statutes and informed them of My ordinances, which, if a person follows them, then he will live by them. 12 Also I gave them My Sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, so that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctifies them. 13 But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness.

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They did not walk in My statutes and they rejected My ordinances, which, if a person follows them, then he will live by them; and they greatly profaned My Sabbaths. Then I resolved to pour out My wrath on them in the wilderness, to annihilate them. 14 But I acted for the sake of My name, so that it would not be defiled before the eyes of the nations, before whose eyes I had brought them out.

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15 Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all the lands, 16 because they rejected My ordinances, and as for My statutes, they did not walk in them; they also profaned My Sabbaths, because their heart continually followed their idols. 17 Yet My eye spared them rather than destroying them, and I did not bring about their annihilation in the wilderness. [*]

Ezekiel 20:18-26

18 "Instead, I said to their children in the wilderness, 'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers or keep their ordinances or defile yourselves with their idols. 19 I am the Lord your God; walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and follow them. 20 Sanctify My Sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, so that you may know that I am the Lord your God.' [Over---]

21 But the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, nor were they careful to follow My ordinances which, if a person follows them, then he will live by them; they profaned My Sabbaths. So I resolved to pour out My wrath on them, to use up My anger against them in the wilderness. 22 But I withdrew My hand and acted for the sake of My name, so that it would not be defiled in the sight of the nations in whose sight I had brought them out. Over---

23 Also I swore to them in the wilderness that I would scatter them among the nations and disperse them among the lands, 24 because they had not complied with My ordinances, but had rejected My statutes and had profaned My Sabbaths, and their eyes were on the idols of their fathers. 25 I also gave them statutes that were not good, and ordinances by which they could not live: Over----

26 and I pronounced them unclean because of their gifts, in that they made all their firstborn pass through the fire so that I might make them desolate, in order that they might know that I am the Lord." ' [*]

Genesis 49:9-10 9 "Judah is a lion's cub; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He crouches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares to stir him up? 10 "The scepter will not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. [*]

Ezekiel 21:27

27 Ruins, ruins, ruins, I will make it! This also will be no longer until He comes whose right it is, and I will give it to Him.' [*]

Ezekiel 24:15-18

15 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 16"Son of man, behold, I am about to take from you what is precious to your eyes with a fatal blow; but you shall not mourn and you shall not weep, and your tears shall not come.

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17 Groan silently; do no mourning for the dead. Bind on your turban and put your sandals on your feet, and do not cover your mustache, and do not eat the bread of other people." Over---

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. And in the morning I did as I was commanded.[*]

Ezekiel 28:13-15

13 "You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turguoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. Over---

On the day that you were created

They were prepared.

14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers,

And I placed you there.

You were on the holy mountain of God;

You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 "You were blameless in your ways

From the day you were created

Until unrighteousness was found in you. [*]

Ezekiel 28:15-19

15"You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you. 16"By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence, And you sinned; Over---

From the mountain of God.

And I have destroyed you, you covering cherub,

From the midst of the stones of fire.

17"Your heart was haughty because of your beauty;

You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.

I threw you to the ground;

I put you before kings,

That they may see you. Over---

18 "By the multitude of your wrongdoings, In the unrighteousness of your trade You profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I have brought fire from the midst of you; It has consumed you, And I have turned you to ashes on the earth In the eyes of all who see you.

19 "All who know you among the peoples

Are appalled at you;

You have become terrified

And you will cease to be forever." ' " [*]

Ezekiel 33:7-8

7 "Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them a warning from Me. 8 When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will certainly die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked about his way, that wicked person shall die for his wrongdoing, but I will require his blood from your hand. []

Ezekiel 33:30-33

30 "But as for you, son of man, your fellow citizens who talk with one another about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, speak one with another, each with his brother, saying, 'Come now and hear what the message is that comes from the Lord.'

31 And they come to you as people come, and sit before you as My people and hear your words, but they do not do them; for they do the lustful desires expressed by their mouth, and their heart follows their unlawful gain. 32 And behold, you are to them like a love song by one who has a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; for they hear your words but they do not practice them.

33 So when it comes—as it certainly will—then they will know that a prophet has been among them." [*]

Ezekiel 34-16-17

16 "I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will eliminate. I will feed them with judgment. 17 "As for you, My flock, this is what the Lord God says: 'Behold, I am going to judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats.

Matthew 25:32-33

32 And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, just as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. [1]

Ezekiel 34:21-31

22...I will save My flock, and they will no longer be plunder; and I will judge between one sheep and another.

36:24-28

27 And I will put My Spirit within you and bring it about that you walk in My statutes, and are careful and follow My ordinances. [*]

Ezekiel 36:31, 33-35

31 Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your wrongdoings and your abominations. [*]

Ezekiel 37:1-14

1 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 He had me pass among them all around, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and behold, they were very dry. 3 Then He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "Lord God, You Yourself know."

4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'You dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.' 5 This is what the Lord God says to these bones: 'Behold, I am going to make breath enter you so that you may come to life. 6 And I will attach tendons to you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you so that you may come to life; and you will know that I am the Lord.'"

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a loud noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, tendons were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'The Lord God says this: "Come from the four winds, breath, and breathe on these slain, so that they come to life."'" Over---

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath entered them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

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11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the entire house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished.

We are completely cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'This is what the Lord God says: "Behold, I am going to open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. [*]

14 And I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it," declares the Lord.' " [*]

Ezekiel 37:15-27

22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, and no longer be divided into two kingdoms. [*]

24 "And My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes and follow them. [*]

Ezekiel 1:26-28

26 Now above the expanse that was over their heads there was something resembling a throne, like lapis lazuli [laz-u-lee] in appearance; and on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with the appearance of a man. 27 Then I noticed from the appearance of His waist and upward something like gleaming metal that looked like fire all around within it, and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw something like fire; and there was a radiance around Him. [Over---]

28 Like the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking. [*]

Ezekiel 9:4-6

4 And the Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and make a mark on the foreheads of the people who groan and sigh over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst." 5 But to the others He said in my presence, "Go through the city" after him and strike; do not let your eye have pity and do not spare.



6 Utterly kill old men, young men, female virgins, little children, and women, but do not touch any person on whom is the mark; and you shall start from My sanctuary." So they started with the elders who were before the temple. Ephesians 1:13 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were <u>sealed in Him</u> with the Holy Spirit of the promise... [*]

Ezekiel 10:18-19

18 Then the glory of the Lord departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. 19 When the cherubim departed, they lifted their wings and rose up from the ground in my sight with the wheels beside them; and they stood still at the entrance of the east gate of the Lord's house, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them. [*]

Ezekiel 11:22-23

22 Then the cherubim lifted up their wings with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel hovered over them. 23 The glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city and stood over the mountain which is east of the city. Over [*]

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