



EZEKIEL: WATCHMAN ON THE WALL

A. Author: Ezekiel

B. Title: Named after the Prophet; means “God will strengthen.”

C. Theme: God promises to restore His people when they repent of their sin and return to Him with their whole hearts.

D. History:

592-587 B.C.: Preached repentance to the First Deportation

586-570 B.C.: Preached consolation and reformation after the fall of Jerusalem.

E. Outline:

1. THE CALL AND ITS CONSEQUENCES (1-3)

- a. Ezekiel’s Vision of God’s Glory (1:4,20)
- b. Preach an Unpopular Message (2:6; 3:18)

2. SYMBOLIC ACTS OF THE FALL OF JERUSALEM (4-12)

- a. The Siege (4:1-2)
- b. The Exiles’ Unclean Food (4:9-12)
- c. The Scattering of the Jews (5:1-2)
- d. Preaching to the Mountains (6:1-2,8-9)
- e. Judah’s Funeral (7:1-27)
- f. Vision of the Idolaters in the Temple (8:3)
- g. Words of Judgment (10:18) and Hope (11:19-20)

3. FALSE PROPHETS WHO PREDICT PEACE (13-14)

- a. God will judge Judah for its Sin (14:13-14)
- b. But God will leave a remnant (14:22)

4. A SERIES OF ALLEGORIES (15-24)

- a. The Useless Vine with no Fruit (15)
- b. Allegory of Israel’s Birth & Unfaithfulness (16:3,6,60-63)
- c. The Eagles and the Vine (17)
- d. A False Proverb (18:2-3)

- e. A Lamentation over Israel & Its Ignorant Elders (19-20)
- f. The Slaughtering Sword—Babylon (21)
- g. Two Sisters and their Unfaithfulness (22-23)
- h. The Boiling Pot & the Death of Ezekiel’s Wife (24)

5. ISRAEL AND ITS ENEMIES (25-39)

- a. Traditional Enemies: Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia (25)
 - b. Tyre (26-28) [Discourse on Satan: 28:14-19]
 - c. Egypt (29-32)
 - d. The Watchman, the False Shepherds & the True Shepherd (33-34)
 - e. Edom (35)
 - f. Restoration after Exile: New Heart & Dry Bones (36:26-27; 37:1)
 - g. Attacks on Messianic People by Gog & Magog (38-39)
- 6. A NEW MESSIANIC COMMUNITY: ISRAEL RESTORED (40-48)**
- a. The New Temple (40:1-44:8)
 - b. The Duties of the Priests (44:9-31)
 - c. The Duties of the Prince (45-46)
 - d. The River of Life (47:1-12)
 - e. The Tribal Allotments (47:13-48:35)

F. Real Life Lessons from Ezekiel

- 1. God disciplines His people when they disobey Him.
- 2. God’s discipline is corrective, not just punitive.
- 3. Israel did not fulfill its role of representing God to the nations.
- 4. God established a new covenant through Christ to make a new Israel.
- 5. Great reward awaits those under the New Covenant.