



Ezekiel

Background

- Ezekiel is the prophet of the captivity. In 597, the Babylonians captured 10,000 prominent citizens of Jerusalem. Ezekiel lived among the discouraged captives in a refugee settlement in the South of Babylon (Ps. 137:1-3).
- He was a contemporary of Jeremiah and Daniel.
- The son of a priest, Ezekiel received his prophetic call at age 30 during his fifth year of captivity.
- He recorded his final prophecy (40-48) in 573.

Roadmap

1. The Fall of Judah (1-24) (Before the siege)

- A. Ezekiel's Call (1-3)
- B. The Coming Siege (4-7)
- C. Caught in the Act (8-12:20)
- D. Prophecies against false prophets, idolatrous leaders, and a bloody city (12:21-24)

2. The Foes of Judah (25-32) (During the siege)

3. The Future of Judah (33-48) (After the siege)

- A. A Restored King (33-34)
- B. A Restored Land (35-36)
- C. A Restored People (37-39)
- D. A Restored Temple (40-46)
- E. A Restored City (47-48)

Landmark

The theme of Ezekiel is "The Glory of God Departed and Returned." Ezekiel defends the departure of God's glory from the doomed city and predicts its future return to a nation reborn.

Must See

Jesus is the Shepherd-King who will seek the lost, heal the broken, and strengthen the sick (Eze. 34) (John 10).

Takeaway

1. Our disappointments are often God's appointments.
2. Truth gains authenticity when it is modeled, not just declared.
3. Wherever you are, the Lord is there.