



LESSON 44 – Week of November 18, 2018

## Jesus in the Prophets: Ezekiel

*“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 observe them.” – Ezekiel 37:24*

*(Supplementary material for Ezekiel is available upon request. Please see Mark for more information.)*

**The Text** / Ezekiel was a young priest who, at age 25, was taken into captivity along with thousands of other citizens of Judah. At age 30 he was called to deliver God’s twofold message to his fellow captives... a message not only of the coming doom upon the city of Jerusalem but also of the coming hope associated with a future restoration/salvation of a remnant of God’s people. He lived and prophesied at the same time as Jeremiah and Daniel, and his ministry lasted for well over two decades.

The book bearing his name is one of the more neglected books of Scripture because of its length and challenging language. Many times people read no further than Chapter 1! This is a book that requires time and study to understand. Please take time to read the listed selections from the book. You will find it helpful to split up your reading over a few days as suggested below.

### **Outline of Ezekiel** (from R. Harkrider’s workbook on Ezekiel)

Chapters 1-24	Jerusalem Must Fall
Chapters 25-32	Other (Gentile) Nations Will Also Fall
Chapters 33-48	An Announcement of Restoration and Salvation

### **Suggested Readings:**

Day 1	Chapters 1-5	Day 2	Chapters 13-18	Day 3	Chapters 21-24, 26
Day 4	Chapters 33-34, 36-37	Day 5	Chapters 40-43		

**Finding Jesus** / To think about as you read...

1. What are some key themes/expressions emphasized or repeated in the book?
2. In what ways was Ezekiel’s ministry similar to the ministry of Christ?
3. What Messianic prophecies can you identify?

### **Living for Jesus**

God is a God who can make dead things come to life. Ezekiel saw a valley of dry bones come to life. This should give you great comfort. No matter how desperate or difficult your situation in life, if you are a Christian, you have a hope that is secure. You have a resurrected King and Shepherd in Jesus Christ who will never disappoint you.

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## Study Notes

*Key Themes or Expressions Emphasized in Ezekiel*

*Similarities Between Ministries of Ezekiel and Christ*

*Verse References for Messianic Prophecies*

**OTHER NOTES:**