

# Ezekiel

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1. The Hebrew name for Ezekiel means "God strengthens." This is the message needed by exilic people.

## Chronological Order of the Prophets

Prophets	Time	Spoke To
Jonah→Amos→Hosea	Pre-exilic	Israel
Obadiah→Joel→Isaiah→ Micah→Nahum→ Habakkuk→ Zephaniah→Jeremiah	Pre-exilic	Judah
Ezekiel→Daniel	Exilic	Judah/ nation
Haggai→Zechariah→Malachi	Post-exilic	Judah

\*Only two prophets in the exilic period.

2. Ezekiel was a priest and prophet (1:3), ministering during the 70-year period of Babylonian captivity; carried into exile about 597 B.C. (1:2) about 8 years after Daniel (605 B.C.). Daniel was in the king's court, Ezekiel was in Tel Abib, the principal colony of Jewish exiles along the River Chebar (1:1, 3:15, 23).
3. Ezekiel was a captive ministering to captives. He mentions fellow captive Daniel three times (14:14, 20; 28:3).
4. Ezekiel's Christ: A tender twig that becomes a stately cedar (17:22-24); the true king who has the right to rule (21:26,27); and the true shepherd who will deliver and feed his flock (34:11-31).

**Outline:** Ezekiel's call to ministry (1-3)  
God's judgment on Judah (4-24)  
God's judgment on the surrounding Gentile nations (25-32)  
God's people restored to their land and Lord (33-48)

## Four Primary Doctrinal Themes in Ezekiel Reviewed

### The Call of God to Speak His Word

1. Leave the results to God (3:10-11).
2. Be watchmen (3:16-21).

### **The Glory of God in Ezekiel**

1. God's glory is referred to as the holy light of his presence.
2. The book begins with a vision of God's glory coming to a captive people (1:4-28) and ends with a vision of God's glory coming to earth through the incarnate Christ (40-48).
3. Because of the sin God's glory departs (1:28; 9:3, 10:4, 18, 19; 11:22,23). The absence of God's glory brought the captivity of God's people.
4. Consider how the light of God's glory leaves the temple of our bodies when we sin (see Isa.59:1-2).

### **The Fairness Doctrine**

1. Ezekiel 18:25-32
2. When is the statement, "It's just not fair," a true statement?

### **The New Heart and Spirit Doctrine**

1. Ezekiel 11:17-20; 18:31; 36:25-27
2. Radical regeneration not decisionism is the message God would have us give to the unsaved man (the man captive to sin).