

## THEMES OF THE BOOK OF Ezekiel (Ezekiel 1:1-3)

### I. Ezekiel's THEOLOGY

#### A. The TRANSCENDENCE and HOLINESS of God

1. He reigns as LORD of CREATION (1:1-28)
2. He is UNTAINTED by yet DISPLEASED with humanity's SIN (44:23)
3. His holiness is ILLUSTRATED in priestly REGULATIONS and temple RITUALS (40:1 – 42:20)
4. His holiness is DEMONSTRATED in His JUSTICE

#### B. The SINFULNESS of Humanity

1. Israel and Judah had DISDAINED God's beneficence and become spiritual HARLOTS (8:1-18; 16:1-35; 20:1-44; 23:1-49)
2. The people practiced ABOMINATIONS and PERVERSIONS
3. God DEPARTED from the Temple and Jerusalem (10:1ff; 11:22-25)

#### C. The INEVITABILITY of Judgment

1. The people expected Babylonian domination to be BRIEF
2. False prophets ENCOURAGED that view
3. Ezekiel proclaimed that NOTHING could PREVENT the fall of Judah and the destruction of Jerusalem
4. The PROFANE Gentiles and the DISOBEDIENT Jews were all subject to God's JUDGMENT

#### D. Individual RESPONSIBILITY

1. The CONSEQUENCES of sin may affect others for GENERATIONS

2. Each INDIVIDUAL is GUILTY of his own sins
3. God will not PUNISH the OBEDIENT for the sins of the REBEL
4. God will not SPARE the REBEL for the obedience of the FAITHFUL

E. Hope of RESTORATION

1. There would be TEMPORAL restoration to the LAND
2. There would come ETERNAL restoration to FELLOWSHIP with GOD
3. The land would become as the GARDEN OF EDEN (36:35)

F. God's REDEMPTIVE Purpose

1. He would redeem the REPENTANT among His people
2. He would make His GLORY and GREATNESS known to ALL NATIONS
3. His FINAL judgment is ETERNAL

II. Ezekiel's MESSAGE

- A. The Reality of GOD (1:1 – 3:27)
- B. The Reality of JUDGMENT (4:1 – 32:32)
- C. The Reality of RESTORATION (33:1 – 46:24)
- D. The Reality of REDEMPTION (47:1 – 48:35)
  1. The RIVER of LIFE (47:1-12)
  2. The LAND of the REDEEMED (47:13 – 48:29)
  3. The CITY of GOD (48:30-35)