

Outline: The Book of Ezekiel

I. The Glory of the Lord; Ezekiel commissioned as a prophet (chapters 1-7)

- A.** The display of God's glory (1)
- B.** The prophets call (2)
- C.** The prophet's preparation (3)
- D.** The judgment of Jerusalem (4)
- E.** The sign of a prophet—a shaved head (5)
- F.** The sword to fall on Jerusalem and the remnant to be saved (6)
- G.** The prophecy concerning the final destruction of Jerusalem (7)

II. The Glory of the Lord; The captivity of Jerusalem and Israel; the departure of God's glory (chapters 8-24)

- A.** A vision of glory and temple defilement—idolatry (8)
- B.** The shekinah glory prepares to vacate the temple (9)
- C.** The shekinah glory fills the holy place; leaves the temple (10)
- D.** A prophecy against Jerusalem's rulers (11)
- E.** Ezekiel enacts the destruction of Jerusalem (12)
- F.** A prophecy against pseudo-prophets and prophetesses (13)
- G.** A prophecy concerning the idolatry of elders (14)
- H.** Vision of the vine (15)
- I.** Jerusalem likened to abandoned baby adopted by God (16)
- J.** A riddle of two eagles (17)
- K.** The wages of sin is death (18)
- L.** An elegy of Jehovah over the princes of Israel (19)
- M.** A review of Israel: her sin, future judgment, and restoration (20)
- N.** Babylon's king to remove last king of Davidic line until Messiah appears (21)
- O.** Review of the abominations of Jerusalem (22)
- P.** Parable of two sisters (23)

Q. Parable of a boiling pot (24)

III. The Glory of the Lord; the judgment of the nations (chapters 25-32)

A. Judgment against Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia (25)

B. Judgment against Tyre (26-28)

C. Judgment against Egypt (29-32)

IV. The Glory of the Lord and the coming of His kingdom (chapters 33-48)

A. The recommission of the prophet (33-34)

B. The restoration of Israel (35-36)

C. The resurrection of Israel (37)

D. The repudiation of God and Magog (38-39)

E. The rebuilt Temple (40-42)

F. The return of the glory of the Lord (43-48)

Discussion Questions: Ezekiel

1. How does Ezekiel 1 challenge your preconceived notions about God's nature and appearance?
2. What does the multiplicity of the faces of the living creatures suggest about the nature of God?
3. How can we understand the movement of the wheels within the context of God's omnipresence?
4. How does the vision of the glory of God influence your perception of divine sovereignty?

5. Can you draw parallels between Ezekiel's divine encounter and any personal spiritual experiences you've had?
6. How might this vision of God's glory and authority bring comfort to people experiencing exile or persecution today?
7. How can the celestial creatures and the vision as a whole be seen as a reflection of God's order and harmony?
8. How does the description of the living creatures' mobility and flexibility speak to the omnipotence of God?
9. How does Ezekiel's encounter reflect the intersection of the heavenly and earthly realms?
10. Why do you think God chose to reveal Himself to Ezekiel in such a complex vision?
11. How can Ezekiel's obedience and receptiveness to this vision serve as an example to us?
12. What can we learn from the living creatures who continuously give glory to God?
13. In what ways does this chapter evoke a sense of the mystery and transcendence of God?
14. How can the brightness surrounding the divine figure be interpreted in our daily lives as followers of God?

15. How can we reconcile the terrifying aspects of the vision with the typically comforting image of God?