



**WHERE IS
GOD**

Ezekiel 48:35

THE SPECTACLE

- He saw fantastical visions (Ezek. 1:1-27).
- He constantly fell on his face (Ezek. 1:28; 9:8; 11:13; 43:3; 44:4).
- He engages in most peculiar behavior (Ezek. 4:1-8, 12; 5:1-4).
- So peculiar is this book that many Rabbis forbid it to be read by those under 30.
- That we read without thinking too much of the peculiarity is good and bad.

SEEING GOD

- Away from Jerusalem, the temple, and the king, God approaches (Ezek. 1:3).
- The character of God and His servants is represented here (Ezek. 1:17-21; 26-27).
- There is an expression here of God's presence and concern for the whole world.
- For all this spectacle, the result is words delivered to Ezekiel (Ezek. 1:28-2:1).

LEAVING JERUSALEM

- God takes Ezekiel back home to see what is happening there (Ezek. 8:6-7; 16:15-21; 20:13-17; 23:14-21).
- He allows Ezekiel to witness the methodical destruction of Jerusalem (Ezek. 9:1; 24:1-2, 15-18).
- Then the Lord walks through His house one more time before turning the lights out (Ezek. 11:23; Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:12).
- But next time will be different (Ezek. 11:16-20).
- This is not to say they did not make a show of loyalty toward God (Ezek. 33:30-33).

LEAVING JERUSALEM

- The picture of the new temple begins in chapter 40.
- How do we get there but by resurrection (Ezek. 37).
- In the midst of all of these details is the report of the return of the glory of the Lord (Ezek. 43:1-4).
- Indeed, the book concludes with this thought (Ezek. 48:35).
- Our delight is not the primary concern but rather the result (Ezek. 36:22-23).