

# THE KING IS COMING

Survey of Judah Alone, Captivity, Return, and Years of Silence

LESSON 11: THE PROPHECY OF EZEKIEL (PART 1: EZEK 1-32) . . . *PROPHECY*

**CONNECTION.** How does Ezek 17:22-24 find its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ?

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LESSON 12: THE PROPHECY OF EZEKIEL (PART 2: EZEK 33-48) . . . *PROPHECY*

**MEMORY.** Review the dates of the first, second, and third waves of exile and the prophets who correspond most closely with these waves: 605 BC (Daniel in Babylon), 597 BC (Ezekiel on Chebar), and 586 BC (Jeremiah in Jerusalem).

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**READING.** Read Ezek 33-48. (If time does not permit, read Ezek 33, 37, 43.) After doing your reading, in the space below write down something that you found to be interesting/important. It can be something that you have never noticed before or that you want to remember/apply.

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## DISCUSSION.

1. *Watchman.* What is a watchman, and in what way(s) did God make Ezekiel a watchman for Israel? (Ezek 33:1-9) Summarize the message that God gave Ezekiel for Israel (vv. 10-33). Who had not protected Israel, and what did God promise to do? (34:1-31)

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- 2. *Restoration.*** What mountain did God promise to desolate? (Ezek 35:2) This mountain belonged to what nation? (v. 15) What would God do for the mountains of Israel? (36:8-12) How would God prove to the nations that he was the Lord (Yahweh)? (vv. 22-38)

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2. *Restoration.* What do the valley of dry bones, the reuniting of the stick, the promise of the return of David, and the prophecy about Gog represent? (Ezek 37:1-39:29) (Optional: Premillennialists often contend that these prophecies describe the alleged millennial reign of Christ on earth. What textual clues indicate that this is not the case?)

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3. *Temple.* Ezekiel 40-48 describes a new temple with priests, sacrifices, festivals, and prince in the so-called Holy Land. These are likely symbols of the Messianic Age when Jesus is king and priest over his new covenant people. One of the most significant elements of this vision is in Ezek 43:1-12.

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**DISCUSSION.**

3. *Temple.* What returns to this new temple that had departed from the temple of Solomon?

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**CONNECTION.** How does Ezek 37:24-28 find its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ and the church?

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**APPLICATION.** God appointed Ezekiel to be a watchman over the people of God. In a similar way, Christians are to protect each other and to evangelize non-Christians. Read Rom 1:14-15. Are we just as eager to preach the gospel to Christians and non-Christians around us? Choose a Christian and a non-Christian whom you will contact this week to encourage/evangelize just as Ezekiel, the watchman of Israel, did for his people.