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LESSON ONE

Chapters One through Three

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Ezekiel 1–3
“Ezekiel at a Glance”
“The Rulers and Prophets of Ezekiel”
“Israel and the Nations” map
Cross-references
Word Study

The Word of the LORD Came to Ezekiel

Have you wondered, how long will it be before the people spoken of in Ezekiel 38 come against Israel? Whether the prophecies in Ezekiel come to pass soon or not, as God tells us through Amos His prophet, “The Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). Surely you want to know for yourself what is going to happen.

DAY ONE

Ezekiel opens in a most dramatic way. For Ezekiel and for us. One that will take some very close observation; however, we won't try to do it in a day. You can relax and trust the Spirit of God to reveal His truths precept upon precept. Remember, when you open God's book, it's always good to talk to Him and ask Him by His Spirit to open the eyes of your understanding. He's the author and His Son prayed that you would be sanctified—set apart, made holy—through His truth, His Word (John 17:14-17).

1. Observe Ezekiel 1. The Observation Worksheet is in the Appendix of this workbook.

As you read the text, give special attention to the indicators of time as this is strategic in the layout of the book. Mark the following, each in a distinctive color or way.

An asterisk [*] denotes words used frequently in the Bible that have a suggested marking on the back cover of your workbook.



- a. references to *Ezekiel*, including synonyms and pronouns, so that you can quickly find all the references when you look for them.
 - b. references to time.*
 - c. geographical references.* As you do this, make sure you mark references to *the expanse*.
 - d. *visions*
 - e. *the word of the LORD came*
 - f. *living creatures*—You will encounter these again in Ezekiel. Because there are so many references to them in this chapter, you may want to give them a distinctive color. It will make the text easier to read.
 - g. *wheels*
 - h. *throne*
 - i. references to the figure with a human appearance, including pronouns, beginning with verse 26.
 - j. *the likeness of the glory of the LORD* or *the glory of the LORD*. *The glory of the LORD is* a key phrase in Ezekiel so choose a good coloring or marking for it. Some of us put a purple cloud around it and color it yellow.
 - k. *the spirit*
2. You will find it helpful to make a **Key Word Bookmark**. You can use the one on the back cover of your workbook. List the words above and mark them as you did on your Observation Worksheet. This will help you observe Ezekiel.
 3. Now summarize each paragraph below or in the margin of your Observation Worksheet. A bold verse number denotes the beginning of a paragraph.
 - a. 1:1-3
 - b. 1:4-14
 - c. 1:15-21



- d. 1:22-25

 - e. 1:26-28
4. Where was Ezekiel? Check the location on the map in the Appendix “Israel and the Nations.”

 5. Reflect on what you have observed. Is there anything that grabbed your interest? Caused you to wonder? Stirred up questions? Write it down. Tomorrow we will go deeper.

DAY
TWO

1. Your assignment for today is to get a good understanding of Ezekiel’s vision. Read all of number 1 (“a” through “e”) before you begin. Tomorrow we’ll look at Ezekiel and the timing of this vision.
 - a. Looking at each marking for the living creatures, list what the text tells you about them.



b. What do you learn about the wheels?

c. What do you learn about the throne?

d. What does the text tell you about the figure with a human appearance?



e. What do you learn from marking the “likeness of the glory of the LORD” (1:28)?

2. Now, are you ready for this? Sketch—or at least diagram—as well as you can the living beings with the wheels and locate them in relationship to the expanse and the throne. It doesn’t have to be fancy—many of us cannot draw very well. However, we truly believe this will be beneficial to you personally—and helpful as you are going to encounter these living beings more than once! Do this on a separate piece of paper as you will want to refer to it later in the study.

You’re a good sport and we are proud of you. If you’ve done Revelation with us, then you know the value of what you just did, even if the sketches or drawings are rough. Many have told us how they moaned and groaned, but how they were glad they did it. It simply helps to have a visual of what you’ve read—the vision!

3. Now what do you think Ezekiel 1 is about? What’s the theme—main event? Record it under chapter 1 on the “Ezekiel at a Glance” chart that you will find in the Appendix.

Thank you, Beloved of God, for studying the Word with us. Truly our driving passion is to help you discover truth for yourself, go deeper with others, and disciple others. It’s a discipline that is worth the price in every way. You will never regret it.


DAY THREE

1. Now that you have an understanding of the components of Ezekiel’s vision in chapter 1, let’s see what else we can learn about the vision—such as the timing, the place—and the one to whom it was given. Look at your observations of Ezekiel 1 and record as many of 5 Ws and an H that the text answers—who, what, when, where, why, and how.



4. Although Ezekiel might not have served in Solomon’s temple, the book of Ezekiel closes with a description of another temple to come! What a privilege he had in telling what will happen in the temple of Messiah’s time. As you think about this, is there any possible lesson for us—any application as to how we might handle disappointments? Career changes?

DAY
FOUR

1. Observe Ezekiel 2:1–3:11. As you do, there are several words you need to add to your key word list:
 - a. *Spirit** (when it refers to God’s Spirit)
 - b. *rebellious, rebelled*. If you are at a loss as to how to mark this, why not a blue arrow going down? Blue for Israel!
 - c. *hear, listen*. * For *not listen* put a slash through it.
 - d. *lamentation*
 - e. *woe*. You could mark it in red like this  and color it brown.
2. Having done your observations, what would you say the main event of chapter 2 is? Record it on the “Ezekiel at a Glance” chart.
3. Now summarize each paragraph below or in the margin of your Observation Worksheet.
 - a. 2:1-7
 - b. 2:8-10
 - c. 3:1-3



- d. 3:4-11
4. What is the connection between chapters 2 and 3? Explain your answer.
5. Now, stop and reflect on Ezekiel’s commission.
- a. Basically what is God telling Ezekiel? List the main points you observed.
- b. Look up the meaning of Ezekiel’s name. How does this fit with the assurance God gives Ezekiel in 3:8-9 in light of the descriptions of the people he’s ministering to: a hard forehead and a stubborn heart (Ezekiel 2:4, literally, “stiff-faced and hard-hearted”¹; Ezekiel 3:7, literally, “of a hard forehead and a stiff heart”²).
- c. Now think—what if it were you? Aren’t we as followers of Jesus Christ to speak to people? Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5. List what you are to do according to these verses.
- d. How faithful are you to share God’s truth with others?

¹ New American Standard Bible: 1995 update, marginal note (Ezek 2:4) (LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995).

² New American Standard Bible: 1995 update, marginal note (Ezek 3:7) (LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995).



DAY
FIVE

1. Finish your observations on Ezekiel 3. As you do,
 - a. mark and add to your bookmark
 - 1) *wicked(ness)*
 - 2) *sin*, iniquity, injustice*
 - 3) *die**
 - 4) *righteous**
 - b. you might want to add *Israel,* house of Israel* also.
 - c. you will find some key repeated words in this chapter you might want to mark, without adding them to your Key Word Bookmark.
 - d. make sure you mark references to time and geographical locations.
 - e. don't miss the contrasts and Ezekiel's responsibility.
2. Record the themes of the paragraphs for Ezekiel chapter 3:12-27 on your Observation Worksheet or below. Then record the theme of chapter 3 on the "Ezekiel at a Glance" chart.
 - a. 3:12-15
 - b. 3:16-21
 - c. 3:22-27
3. Summarize what you learned about Ezekiel's responsibilities as a watchman.



EZEKIEL 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- I**N the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.
- 2 On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin),
 - 3 the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Chebar canal, and the hand of the LORD was upon him there.
 - 4 As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal.
 - 5 And from the midst of it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had a human likeness,
 - 6 but each had four faces, and each of them had four wings.
 - 7 Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot. And they sparkled like burnished bronze.
 - 8 Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus:
 - 9 their wings touched one another. Each one of them went straight forward, without turning as they went.
 - 10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had a human face. The four had the face of a lion on the right side, the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four had the face of an eagle.
 - 11 Such were their faces. And their wings were spread out above. Each creature had two wings, each of which touched the wing of another, while two covered their bodies.



- 12 And each went straight forward. Wherever the spirit would go, they went, without turning as they went.
- 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches moving to and fro among the living creatures. And the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.
- 14 And the living creatures darted to and fro, like the appearance of a flash of lightning.
- 15 Now as I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, one for each of the four of them.
- 16 As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl. And the four had the same likeness, their appearance and construction being as it were a wheel within a wheel.
- 17 When they went, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went.
- 18 And their rims were tall and awesome, and the rims of all four were full of eyes all around.
- 19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose.
- 20 Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.
- 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those rose from the earth, the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.
- 22 Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, shining like awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads.
- 23 And under the expanse their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another. And each creature had two wings covering its body.



- 24 And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings.
- 25 And there came a voice from above the expanse over their heads. When they stood still, they let down their wings.
- 26 And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.
- 27 And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him.
- 28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around.
Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.



EZEKIEL 2

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AND he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”

- 2 And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.
- 3 And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day.
- 4 “The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’
- 5 “And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.
- 6 “And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.
- 7 “And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.
- 8 “But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”
- 9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it.
- 10 And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.



EZEKIEL 3

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

AND he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.”

2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat.

3 And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

4 And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them.

5 “For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel—

6 not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you.

7 “But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart.

8 “Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads.

9 “Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.”

10 Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.

11 “And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great earthquake: “Blessed be the glory of the LORD from its place!”



- 13 It was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, and the sound of a great earthquake.
- 14 The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the LORD being strong upon me.
- 15 And I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who were dwelling by the Chebar canal, and I sat where they were dwelling. And I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days.
- 16 And at the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me:
- 17 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.
- 18 “If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.
- 19 “But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.
- 20 “Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand.
- 21 “But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul.”
- 22 And the hand of the LORD was upon me there. And he said to me, “Arise, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you.”
- 23 So I arose and went out into the valley, and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and I fell on my face.



- 24 But the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and he spoke with me and said to me, “Go, shut yourself within your house.
- 25 “And you, O son of man, behold, cords will be placed upon you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out among the people.
- 26 “And I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute and unable to reprove them, for they are a rebellious house.
- 27 “But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ He who will hear, let him hear; and he who will refuse to hear, let him refuse, for they are a rebellious house.



EZEKIEL AT A GLANCE

Book
Theme:

Segment Divisions

		Dates	Chapter Themes
Author:			1
			2
Date:			3
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Purpose:			5
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Key Words:			8
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Segment Divisions

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Ezekiel Part 1

The Rulers and Prophets of Ezekiel

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