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A Covenant of Peace for a Nation in Turmoil

When the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel as recorded in chapter 24, it was so significant that he was to record “the name of this day, this very day. The king of Babylon has laid siege to Jerusalem this very day” (24:2). God told Ezekiel that on the day when the Lord took away their stronghold, “their joy and glory, the delight of their eyes and their soul’s desire, and also their sons and daughters,” someone would escape and bring the news to Ezekiel’s ears—and his mouth would be opened (24:25-27). God sends His message first to Israel, His covenant people; then in Ezekiel 25–32 He tells them how He will deal with the nations.

However, though all this sounded so astoundingly bad, so fatal, so final for His people, God was not finished speaking as we will see. He had more to say through Ezekiel to the exiles in Babylon, more that would bring hope. It was the future that Jeremiah, Ezekiel’s contemporary, had spoken of—plans that would conquer despair. This is what we will study, beloved of God, in the final segment of Ezekiel’s message.

TAKING IT IN

1. For those of you joining our Ezekiel course for the first time: Welcome!

As you begin, why don’t you take a few minutes to talk to the Lord and ask Him by His Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding as you, a person who desires to handle His Word accurately as 2 Timothy 2:15 says, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved. . . rightly handling the word of truth.”

- a. Read Ezekiel 1:1-3 and note below

- 1) The timing of Ezekiel 1

- 2) Where Ezekiel is



- b. In the Appendix, you'll find "The Rulers and Prophets of Ezekiel." (If you are new to our study of Ezekiel, take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the chart by noting the bold heading to the left of each line.) To put the Book of Ezekiel in context, find the 70-year Jewish Captivity under the line for Judah's Last Kings.
- 1) In what year was Jehoiachin taken captive?
 - 2) Who was also taken in the same captivity?
 - 3) Compare this with the timing of Ezekiel 1:2. Approximately how much time has passed since these were taken captive?
- c. Now read Ezekiel 2:1-10 and note the people Ezekiel is to speak to—how God Himself describes them.
- d. Moving to Ezekiel 3, read the first eleven verses.
- 1) What is Ezekiel to do with the scroll?
 - 2) What should the people do? Will they? Why?



- e. Seven days later God has more instructions for Ezekiel. Read Ezekiel 3:16-21. Summarize below God's instructions.

 - f. In the Appendix, you will find an "Ezekiel at a Glance" chart where we've recorded the themes of the first thirty-two chapters of Ezekiel, which will take us up to Part 2 of Ezekiel. By way of review, or if this is your first experience with Ezekiel, read the chapter themes to familiarize yourself with the content of the book up to this point.
2. After prayer, asking the Lord to be your teacher—"For you have taught me" (Psalm 119:102b)—observe Ezekiel 33.
- a. As you read the text, you will find it helpful to mark the following words/phrases each in a distinctive way (using colors and/or symbols), including synonyms and pronouns. In doing so you can see how often a key word or phrase is used and thus observe with greater accuracy what God is saying.

Make a **Key Word Bookmark**. The bookmark is a list of the words you want to mark throughout this segment of Ezekiel with the marking styles/colors you are going to use. You can use the blank side of the one provided on the back cover of your workbook.

Add the following to the bookmark and mark them as you observe Ezekiel 33. An asterisk denotes words with a suggested marking on the reverse side of the bookmark.

- 1) *the word of the LORD*
- 2) *wicked, iniquity, transgression, sin(s), * injustice*
- 3) *righteous, * righteousness, what is right*
- 4) *blood**
- 5) *turn(s)* (You don't need to put this on your bookmark.)



- 6) references to time*
 - 7) references to *the land** when it refers to the land God gave Israel
 - 8) *mountains of Israel*
 - 9) geographical locations*
 - 10) *heart*
 - 11) *know that I am the LORD*
- b. Now summarize each paragraph below or in the margin of your Observation Worksheet. A bold verse number denotes the beginning of a paragraph.
- 1) 1-6
 - 2) 7-9
 - 3) 10-16
 - 4) 17-20
 - 5) 21-22
 - 6) 23-29
 - 7) 30-33



3. Ezekiel 34 has a lot to say about sheep and shepherds.
 - a. Observe chapter 34. In addition to your key word list, mark the following:
 - 1) *shepherd(s)*
 - 2) references to the *flock, sheep*
 - 3) *nations** (Add to your bookmark)
 - 4) *dwell securely* (Add to your bookmark)
 - 5) *covenant** (Add to your bookmark)
 - 6) *David* (He is mentioned in Ezekiel 34 and 37.)
 - b. Now do paragraph summaries below or on your Observation Worksheet.
 - 1) 1-6

 - 2) 7-10

 - 3) 11-16

 - 4) 17-19

 - 5) 20-22

 - 6) 23-24



7) 25-31

- c. Record on your “Then ‘You’ Will Know That I Am the LORD” list in the Appendix what you learned from marking the phrase.
- d. Record the theme of Ezekiel 34 on the “Ezekiel at a Glance” chart.

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Now let's think “application.”

1. Do you see yourself as a “watchman” as Ezekiel was commanded to be for the house of Israel in Ezekiel 33:1-16? What would that look like in your life—or, better still, how does it look?

2. Think once again of the timing of this message. How did it bring hope and encouragement at this time in Israel's history? And what about us today?



3. And what's your prayer as we bring this week's study to a close? Write it out.

You are going to be awed at what you learn next week! Blessings from the Precept family here and around the world—they pray for you.



EZEKIEL 33

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THE word of the LORD came to me:

- 2 “Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman,
- 3 and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people,
- 4 then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.
- 5 “He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life.
- 6 “But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.
- 7 “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.
- 8 “If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.
- 9 “But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.



- 10 “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’
- 11 “Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?
- 12 “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins.
- 13 “Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die.
- 14 “Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right,
- 15 if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
- 16 “None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.
- 17 “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just.
- 18 “When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it.
- 19 “And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this.
- 20 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”



- 21** In the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the month, a fugitive from Jerusalem came to me and said, “The city has been struck down.”
- 22** Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me the evening before the fugitive came; and he had opened my mouth by the time the man came to me in the morning, so my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute.
- 23** The word of the LORD came to me:
- 24** “Son of man, the inhabitants of these waste places in the land of Israel keep saying, ‘Abraham was only one man, yet he got possession of the land; but we are many; the land is surely given us to possess.’
- 25** “Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: You eat flesh with the blood and lift up your eyes to your idols and shed blood; shall you then possess the land?
- 26** “You rely on the sword, you commit abominations, and each of you defiles his neighbor’s wife; shall you then possess the land?
- 27** “Say this to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and whoever is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in strongholds and in caves shall die by pestilence.
- 28** “And I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and her proud might shall come to an end, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that none will pass through.
- 29** “Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations that they have committed.
- 30** “As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to his brother, ‘Come, and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.’
- 31** “And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain.



- 32 “And behold, you are to them like one who sings lustful songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it.
- 33 “When this comes—and come it will!—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”



EZEKIEL 34

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THE word of the LORD came to me:

- 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?
- 3 “You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.
- 4 “The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.
- 5 “So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered;
- 6 they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.
- 7 “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
- 8 “As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep,
- 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
- 10 “Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.



- 11 “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.
- 12 “As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
- 13 “And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
- 14 “I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.
- 15 “I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.
- 16 “I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.
- 17 “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.
- 18 “Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet?
- 19 “And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?
- 20 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
- 21 “Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad,
- 22 “I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.



- 23 “And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
- 24 “And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.
- 25 “I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.
- 26 “And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing.
- 27 “And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them.
- 28 “They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid.
- 29 “And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations.
- 30 “And they shall know that I am the LORD their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord GOD.
- 31 “And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord GOD.”



EZEKIEL AT A GLANCE

Book

Theme:

Segment Divisions

Author:

Date:

Purpose:

Key Words:

Judgment		Dates	Chapter Themes
	Vision of God's glory	5 th year	1 Ezekiel's vision of living creatures and Lord's glory
	Ezekiel sent & appointed watchman		2 Ezekiel sent to rebellious nation of Israel
Jerusalem	Signs to exiles: siege, judgment, scattered		3 Ate the scroll/ Watchman
			4 Sign of Jerusalem's siege
	5 Judgment on Jerusalem—1/3, 1/3, 1/3		
	To Israel's mountains, lands: end is coming		6 To mountains of Israel: desolation for idolatry
	7 To land of Israel: judge acc. to your ways		
Jerusalem	Vision: Jerusalem's abominations & God's glory	6 th year	8 Vision of abominations in temple
			9 Man with writing case—no mark, death
			10 Cherubim and Lord's glory to east gate
	Judgment on Jerusalem		11 Sword against leaders/ Heart of flesh/ Glory departed
			12 Baggage—sign of exile/ God's Word no longer delayed
			13 Woe to false prophets
			14 Elders & idols / When a land sins
			15 Jerusalem given to fire
			16 Jerusalem's whoredom / Restoration



Segment Divisions

Judgment		Dates	Chapter Themes
Jerusalem	Judgment on Jerusalem		17 Parable of eagles/ King Zedekiah to Babylon
			18 Righteous live, wicked die
			19 Lamentation for princes of Israel
	Sword against bloody city	7 th year	20 To the elders—abominations of the fathers
			21 Lord’s sword against Jerusalem & Ammon
			22 Judge the bloody city
			23 Whores—Oholah & Oholibah
		9 th year	24 Siege on Jerusalem this day—parable of pot
	Nations		25 Prophecy against Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistines
	Tyre	Judgment on nations	11 th year
27 Lamentation over Tyre			
28 Prince, King of Tyre/ Sidon			
Egypt	Judgment on nations	10 th year	29 Prophecy against Pharaoh & Egypt
		11 th year	30 Sword against Egypt
			31 Egypt brought down like Assyria
		12 th year	32 Babylon’s sword will destroy Egypt



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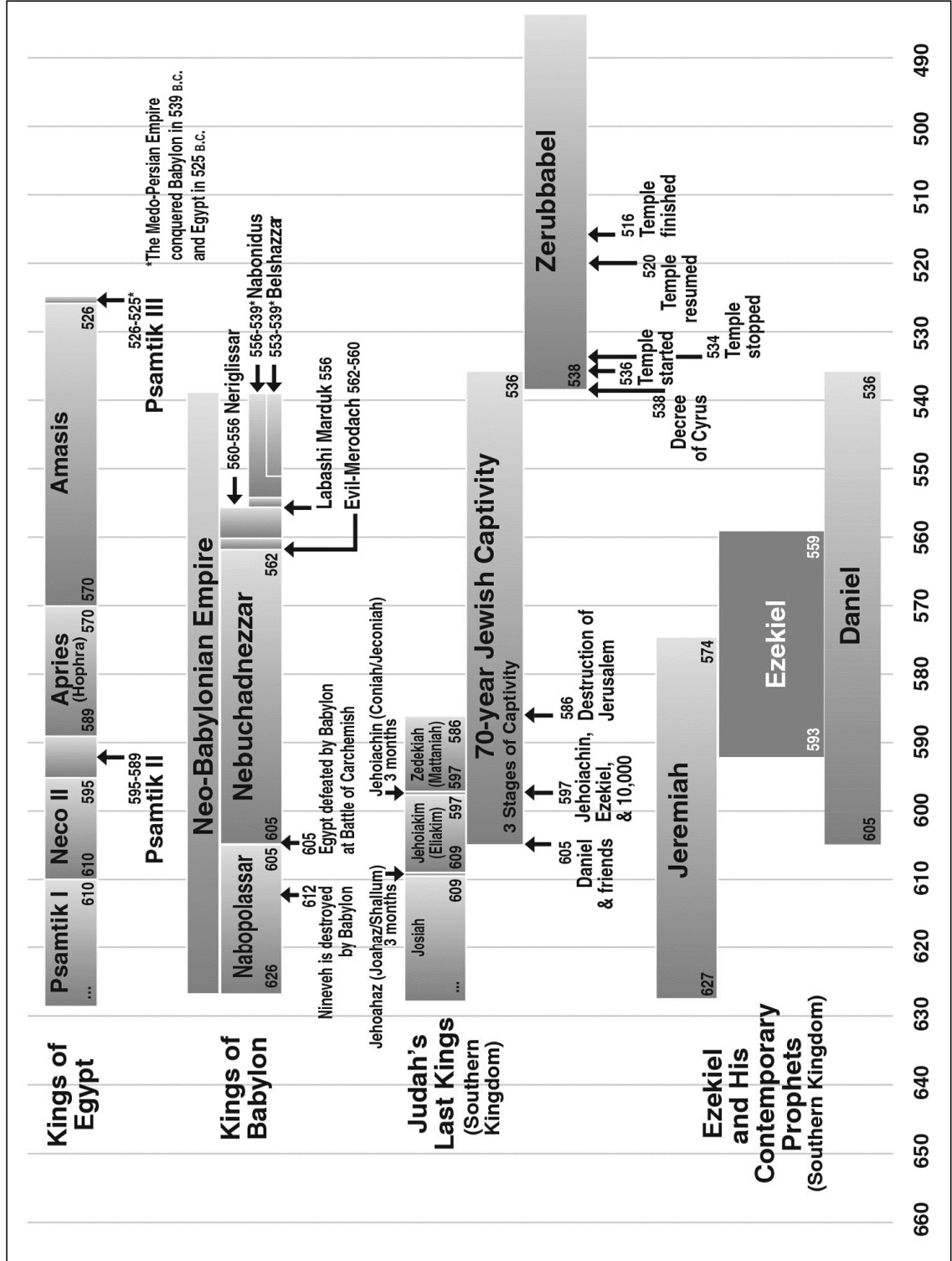
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