

Ezekiel – A New Sabbath for God’s People

Student Handout

Lesson 1 – Introduction to the Book of Ezekiel

Objective – To introduce you to the authorship, historical and theological context, main themes and literary flow of the book of Ezekiel

- ❖ **Greetings**
- ❖ **Attendance and Accountability**
- ❖ **Requirements** – Writing utensils, Bibles, a good night’s sleep
- ❖ **Lesson – Introduction to the Book of Ezekiel**

A. Historical Context

God → Creation → Adam and Eve → Cain and Abel Seth → Many Generations → Noah → Ham, Japheth, Shem → Many Generations → Abram (Abraham) → Isaac → Jacob (Israel) → 12 Sons by 4 women → Joseph to Egypt → Jacob and 11 Sons to Egypt → Slavery in Egypt → Moses → Joshua → Judges (Samuel) → Saul → David → Solomon → Rehoboam → Split into two Kingdoms (“Israel” – 10 tribes and “Judah” - 2 tribes)

- Israel – Wicked kings → Exile to Assyria in 722 B.C.

- Judah – Mix of godly and wicked Kings:

605 B.C. – Nebuchadnezzar invades – Jehoiakim, Daniel and three friends taken captive to Babylon

598 B.C. – Ezekiel taken captive to Babylon

586 B.C. – Jerusalem and the Temple destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar’s army

B. Geographical Context – See map

C. Ezekiel the man

- Name = **“God is strong”, “God strengthens”, or “God makes hard”.**

- **Priest and a prophet.**

- **30 years old** when the book of Ezekiel begins (See Ezekiel 1:1).

- Married, but his wife died during his ministry (see Ezekiel 24:15-27)

- **“Son of man”** (over 90 times!)

D. Outline of the book of Ezekiel

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E. Overview of Ezekiel – Refer to outline

- ❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 1-3; Begin to memorize the outline for Ezekiel; Read the article by Pastor Tuuri on the offices of Jesus as related to three of the four faces of the cherubim in Ezekiel 1
- ❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship** - Pray with the students that they would worship the Lord with vigor and be attentive during the service.



The Babylonian Empire

Priest, King and Prophet – A Contemplation by Dennis Tuuri (with modifications)

Prophet, priest and king, this is the order of the offices of Jesus that is most familiar to us, and which is followed by the Catechism. And from one perspective, this order is good and proper. The prophets in the Old Testament anointed both priests and kings. But from another perspective the order in our title, “priest, king and prophet” is also true.

Consider, for instance, the general flow of the Old Testament books of the English bible. We begin with the priestly books (the Pentateuch), then move to the kingly books and conclude with the prophetic books.

To consider the value of this order, we need to think a little about what these offices are, and how they function in the bible. But before we begin, a note of caution is in order. What follows are not hard and fast categories. Jesus Christ is not three officers; he is one person whose work can be seen from these three perspectives or emphases. Having said that, it is advantageous to look at these three distinct offices of the Bible, with a view to seeing how they might be distinguished one from another.

We start with the priest. The priest does precisely what he is told to do. Leviticus, the most obvious priestly book of the Old Testament, is a series of divine speeches. The priests are not supposed to figure out what to do – they simply follow the detailed set of instructions that they are given. The priest’s focal point for his labor is the worship environment at the center of a culture. From one perspective, the priest is a representative of the Father, whose specific directions the priest follows.

The king, on the other hand, has to know how to take the general equity of the laws provided by God in one historical circumstance and make application to their specific context. They engage in a set of specific actions to enforce the equity of God’s law and serve the people of their kingdom. The book of Proverbs is given to instruct a prince in how to become a king. This takes wisdom, not simply following a set of laws woodenly. (By the way, much of the debate over “theonomy” resulted, in my opinion, from a misunderstanding of the manner in which kings reign. Kings always had to apply a set of laws in a wise fashion. No theonomist worth his salt ever thought that the civil ruler was to apply, for instance, the case laws of Exodus 20-23 in a wooden unthinking fashion. The king was not a priest.) The focal point of the king’s labor is his own land – those within his specific jurisdiction. From one perspective, the King is a representation of the Son, who is King Jesus, ruling His people through service.

The prophet goes one step further. While the priest serves by acting in particular specific ways and the king serves by making judicial determinations in wisdom, the prophet advances the culture by means of his speech. The prophet speaks into the historical condition and by his Spirit-empowered tongue, brings a new historical situation into existence. He accomplishes this by means of language. His is not the preservative kingly function of civil order, but the function of advancing the culture in an increasing maturity and godliness. His focal point of labor is the world. He is a representation of the Spirit’s calling the world to worship the Son.

The priest listens with his *ear* so that he might obey, the king acts with his *hand* that he might serve his people in love and the prophet speaks with his *mouth* that the world might be transformed and go from glory to glory.

This pattern of office can be seen in the general history of Old Testament Israel. From Moses to David to Daniel, Israel seemed to move through a progression of emphases. First, the priestly period going from Moses to Saul, then a kingly period going from Saul to the Exile, and finally a prophetic period from the Exile to the time of our Savior. Israel began with a stress on *sanctuary* service, then moved to ruling well in her own *country* and finally became the advisor to the *nations*.

Now, some may point to the life of the greater Israel, Jesus, as the basis for the order of prophet first, then priest and king. After all, one could reason, Jesus began with a teaching ministry, then served as both priest and sacrifice on the cross, and was then enthroned as King of Kings. But at least in the gospel of John, we see the order I have suggested above.

Over and over in the climactic fourth gospel, Jesus tells us that He is not acting of His own initiative, but He is obeying the Father in his earthly minister.

Jn 8:28 “I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.”

Jn 8:29 “I always do those things that please Him.”

Jn 14:31 “as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do.”

Jn 5:19 “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”

As the priest hears and obeys, so does Jesus in the record of his earthly ministry in John’s gospel.

And from John’s perspective, Christ on the cross is more king than priest. From the cross, Jesus dispenses gifts, exercises sovereignty over both Pilate and the soldiers, and culminates His work with a victor’s cry of “It is finished!” The Servant-King brings the community of the Church into being through his kingly labors on the cross.

Finally, John’s gospel concludes with the gift of the empowering Holy Spirit being breathed into the disciples so that they might be sent forth to change the face of the world through their speech. The great prophetic work of the Lord Jesus Christ will be accomplished by those He has raised up for global mission.

So, from this perspective, both Israel and the greater Israel moved from priest to king to prophet. And so do we.

When we are children, our job is to be priest-like. We are to have wide open ears to hear the words of our fathers and to obey them in detail. When we mature into adult life, we are ready to become kings, ruling wisely in our homes and our communities by means of loving sacrificial service with our hands, bleeding for those we are called by God to command. And finally, we turn hoary-headed. We are called and enabled to pour forth wise speech. This Spirit-empowered analysis and corrective to our culture is the tool by which God brings a new reality into existence. We move from being sons to fathers to grand-fathers.

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Student Handout - Lesson 2 – Ezekiel 1-7 – Day 1 - God Takes the World in Hand – Part 1
Chapter 1:1-2:7 – Ezekiel’s Vision and Commission

Objective – To help you understand the vision of judgment and hope that Ezekiel saw as he was commissioned by God to be the priest and prophet to God’s people in captivity

❖ Greetings

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** – “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and read your homework assignment?”

❖ **Memory Verse – Ezekiel 2:3 – And He said to me: “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.”**

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❖ Review

❖ Introduction - Ezekiel 1-7 – Day 1 - God Takes the World in Hand

Time: Fifth year of the exile

1:1-2:2 – Vision of the Chariot – Day 1 - Light

2:3-7 – Commission – Day 2 - Firmament

2:8-3:11 – Message – Day 3 – Food

3:12-21 – Watchman – Day 4 - Rule

3:22-5:17 – City – Day 5 - Swarms

6 – Mountains – Day 6 - Man

7 – Land – Day 7 - Rest

❖ Lesson – Ezekiel 1:1-3:11 – Ezekiel’s Vision, Commission, and Message

1:1-2:2 – Vision of the Chariot – Day 1 - Light

Verse 1 - “in the **thirtieth year**”

Verse 2 – “...in the **fifth year** of King Jehoiachin’s captivity”

Verse 3 - Ezekiel the priest

Verses 4-28 – The Chariot-Throne of God (see illustration)

1) Natural Forces

2) Colors

3) The Four Angels (“living creatures”)

a) Man-like (verse 5)

b) Four faces (verse 6,8,10) – (see chart)

c) Four wings (verses 6,8,9,11,23-25)

d) Straight feet or legs / the soles of their feet were like bronze calves’ feet (verse 7)

e) Like burning coals of fire with lightning (verse 13) – see also Psalm 104:4

f) Led by the Holy Spirit (verses 12,17,19-21)

4) The Chariot - Wheels and eyes

5) The Firmament

6) The Throne

7) Ezekiel's reaction

2:3-7 – Commission - Day 2 - Firmament

Verses 3-7 – Commission

Verses 3-4 – “Son of man” (literally, “son of Adam”).

Verses 5 and 7 – Speak, whether they listen or not.

Verse 6 - Ezekiel - Fear the Lord and not the people!

When we sin, let us be those who are soft hearted when it comes to receiving rebukes from the Lord, through His word and through the voice of our brothers and sisters in Christ, that the Lord may restore us to fellowship with Himself and them

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 3:12-5:17. Try and figure out how this portion of Scripture relates to the fourth and fifth day of creation. Work on memorizing the outline for Ezekiel and Ezekiel 2:3.

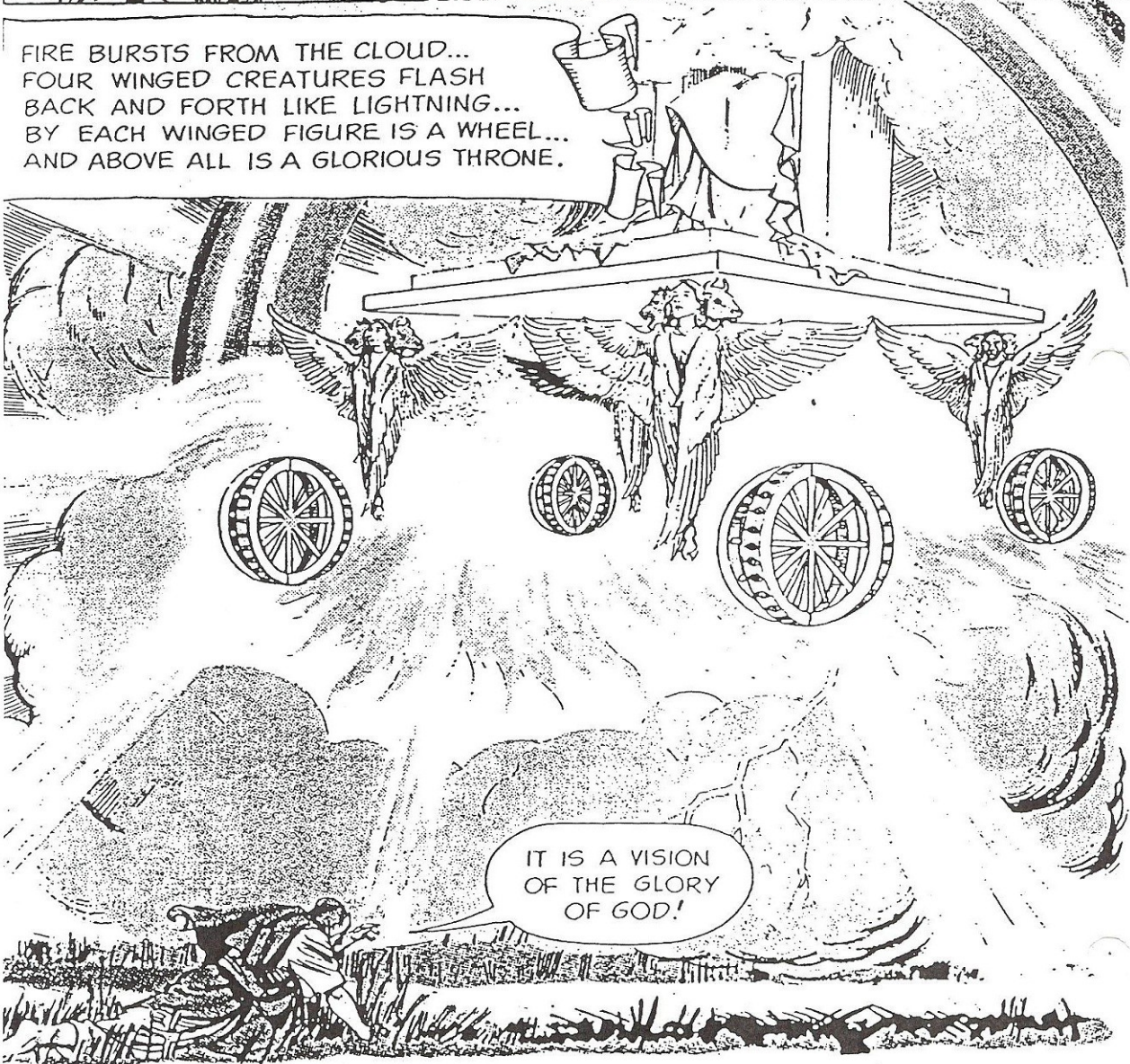
Pray / Prep for Worship

The Gospels and the Four Faces of the Cherubim

Gospel	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Focal Decade	30s	40s	50s	60s
Cherubim Face	Ox	Lion	Eagle	Man
Distinctives	Moses' Life, Sermons, Retelling of Law	"Immediately," Kingly Works	Gentiles and Women, Travel Narrative	"Son of Man"
Focus of Action	Jerusalem	Land	World	Throne land (Sanctuary, Heaven)
Office Stressed	Priest	King	Prophet/Emperor	New Adam
Covenantal Period Connection	Moses (Mosaic Covenant)	David (Davidic Covenant)	Nehemiah (Restoration Covenant)	Jesus (New Covenant)
OT Historical Period	Sinaitic	Kingdom	Restoration	
Aaron's Blood Anointing	Ear (Priestly Hearing)	Hand (Kingly Action)	Foot (Worldly Witness)	
Architectural Stress	Tabernacle	Temple	Ezekiel's Temple	
Epistles	James	1 and 2 Peter	Acts, Paul's 14 Epistles (Hebrews)	Jude, John's 3 Epistles, Revelation



FIRE BURSTS FROM THE CLOUD...
FOUR WINGED CREATURES FLASH
BACK AND FORTH LIKE LIGHTNING...
BY EACH WINGED FIGURE IS A WHEEL...
AND ABOVE ALL IS A GLORIOUS THRONE.



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Student Handout

Lesson 3 – Ezekiel 1-7 – Day 1 - God Takes the World in Hand – Part 2

Chapter 2:8-5:17 – Food, Rule, and City

Objective – To help you understand that chronic unrepentant sin results in the severe judgments of God

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❖ **Memory Verse - Ezekiel 2:3 – And He said to me: “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.”**

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❖ **Review**

❖ **Lesson – Ezekiel 2:8-5:17 – Day 3 (Food), Day 4 (Rule), and Day 5 (City)**

2:8-3:11 – Message – Day 3 - Food

2:8 -3:3 – Scroll-food

3:4-11 – Israel is “hard faced”) and hard hearted and will not listen to Ezekiel’s words.

3:12-21 – Watchman – Day 4 – Rule – Ezekiel, ruler in the firmament

3:22-5:17 – City – Day 5 – Swarms (Another seven-fold structure!)

3:24-27 - Day 1 – Light – Ezekiel brings light (God’s Word) to the exiles

4:1-8 - Day 2 – Firmament – Iron plate between Ezekiel (God) and Jerusalem

4:9-17 - Day 3 – Bread and Wine – Ezekiel given bread and water

5:1-2 - Day 4 – Rulers – Ezekiel as heavenly judge (ruler) over Jerusalem

5:3-6 - Day 5 – Swarms – Ezekiel’s head and beard (his “glory cloud”)

5:7-12 - Day 6 – Man – The men and women of Jerusalem will perish

5:13-17 - Day 7 – Sabbath – God will rest from his fury

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 6 and 7 and write down any connections you see between these chapters and the 6th and 7th Days of the Creation Week. As you read chapter 7, write down repeated phrases. Work on outline and verse memorization

❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

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Student Handout - Lesson 4 – Ezekiel 1-7 – Day 1 - God Takes the World in Hand – Part 3 Chapters 6-7 – Mountains and Land

Objective – To help you see that, though God is patient and merciful, the wrath of God is severe when it comes

❖ **Greetings**

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** – “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and read your homework assignment?”

❖ **Memory Verse – QUIZ NEXT WEEK! Ezekiel 2:3 – And He said to me: “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.”**

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❖ **Review**

❖ **Lesson – Ezekiel 6-7 – Mountains and Land**

6:1-14 – Mountains - Day 6 - Man

- False “mountains” worshipping false gods on false mountains
- Verses 2-7 - Many-fold judgments
- Verses 11-14 – Many-fold judgments
- Verses 8-10 – MERCY!

7:1-27 – Land – Day 7 – Sabbath – The end of the de-creation!

Verses 1-11 - Repeated phrases:

- Verses 2,3,6 (see also verses 10-12)– “An (the) end has come...”
- Verses 3,4,8,9 (see also verses 20 and 27) – “ways” and “abominations”
- Verses 4, 9 – “My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity”
- Verses 4,9,27 – “Then you shall know that I am the Lord”
- Verse 11 – “None”

Verses 12-27 – Judgment!

- 1) Financial ruin – Verses 12-13
- 2) Death by the sword or starvation – Verses 14-19
- 3) Destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple – Verses 20-25
- 4) A Famine for the Word of God – Verse 26-27
- 5) Terror and confusion
 - a) Not rejoicing – v. 7
 - b) Wailing – v. 11
 - c) Mourning – v. 16, 27
 - d) Horror – v. 18
 - e) Shame – v. 18
 - f) No peace – v. 25
 - g) Rumors – v. 26 – When trouble is
 - h) Trembling hands – v. 27

May the Lord keep us sensitive, both as individuals and as a nation, to the promptings of the Holy Spirit regarding our own sin and not allow us to become hardened as Israel had become, lest His terrible, pitiless wrath fall upon us. For He indeed is the Lord!

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 8-9. QUIZ ON EZEKIEL 2:3; Work on outline memory.

❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

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Lesson 5 – Ezekiel 8-13 – Day 2 - Firmament-Rulers of Israel to be Judged – Part 1

Chapter 8-9 – Abominations That Cause Desolation

Objective – To help you understand “the abomination of desolation” with a view to pray for holiness, especially within the church leadership and to keep yourself from sin as well.

❖ **Greetings**

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** – “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and read your homework assignment?”

❖ **Memory Verse – QUIZ!**

New memory verse

Ezekiel 11:19-20 Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

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❖ **Review**

❖ **Lesson – Ezekiel 8-9 – Abominations that Cause Desolation**

Introduction to Ezekiel 8-13 – Day 2 - Firmament-Rulers of Israel to be Judged

Introduction to the Abomination (Detestables) of Desolation

In response to the “abomination” (detestable acts) of the people, God packs up and departs, leaving the land of Israel and the people of God “desolate” of His presence. This is often followed by the coming in of the enemies of God as His instrument of judgment on His people.

- 1) **The Flood of Noah** - Genesis
- 2) **Eli and His Sons** - 1 Samuel
- 3) **The Apostasy of the Priesthood in Ezekiel’s Day** - Ezekiel
- 4) **New Testament** – Daniel 9, Matthew 24

Chapter 8 – A Four-Fold Abomination

Verses	Abomination	Location	People
8:3-6	Image of Jealousy	North gate of city	All
8:7-13	Shrine of Idols	Outer wall of Temple	Elders
8:14-15	Weeping for Tammuz	Inner wall of Temple	Women of Temple
8:16-17	Worshipping the Sun	Temple court	Priests

- 1) The Image of Jealousy – Verses 3-6
- 2) The Shrine of Idols – Verses 7-13
- 3) Weeping for Tammuz – Verses 14-15

4) Worshipping the Sun – Verses 16-18

Three-fold judgment:

Chapter 9 – Judgment by God’s angels

Chapter 10 – Judgment by God’s fiery presence

Chapter 11- Judgment by God’s Word

Chapter 9 - Judgment by God’s Angels

Verses 1-3 – Angelic Elders / Priests / Levites

Verses 4-7 – A New Passover / Flood

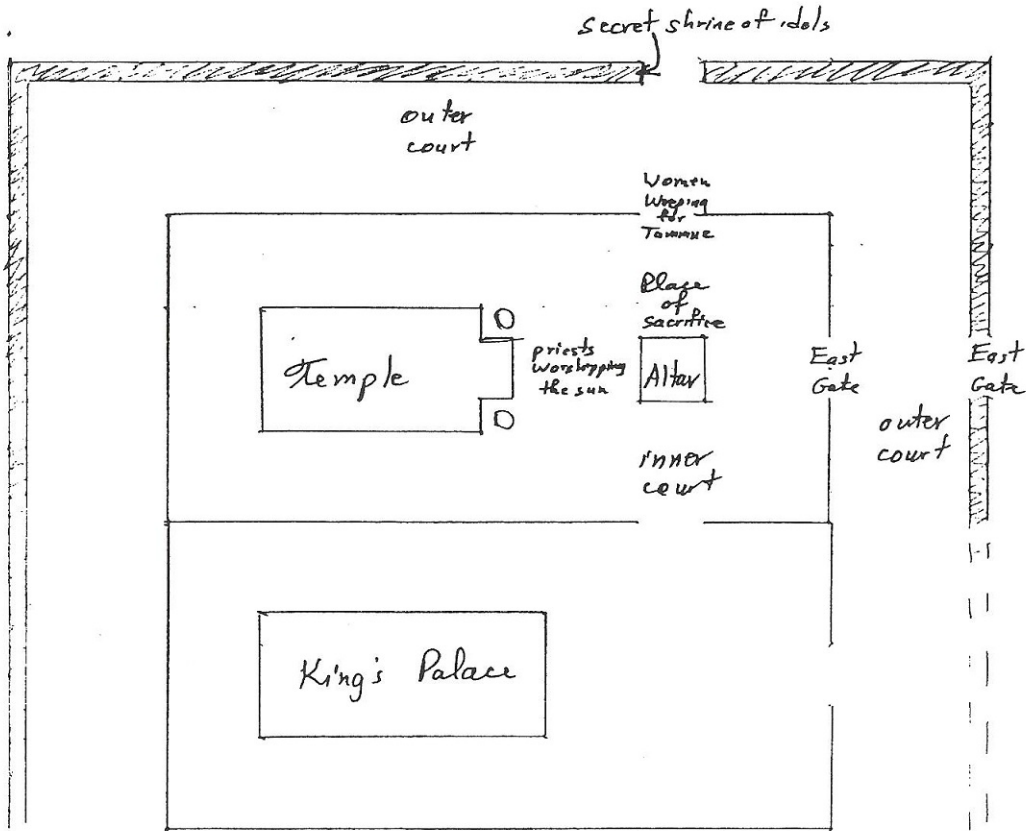
Verses 8-11 – The New Moses Intercedes – Have a student read these verses

- ❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 10-11 and work on memorization of Ezekiel 11:19-20 and of the outline for the book.
- ❖ **Pray / Prep for worship**

City Wall

North Gate (Altar or Sheep Gate)

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Lesson 6 – Ezekiel 8-13 – Day 2 - Firmament-Rulers of Israel to be Judged – Part 2
Chapter 10-11 – Judgment by Yahweh’s Fiery Presence and Word

Objective – To help your understand that God is indeed a “consuming fire” in His righteous judgments for sin and that you should be responsive to His Word as it calls you to repentance and to lives lived in holy obedience to Him

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❖ Review

❖ **Lesson – Ezekiel 10-11 – Judgment by Yahweh’s Fiery Presence and Word**

Three-fold judgment:

Chapter 9 – Judgment by God’s angels

Chapter 10 – Judgment by God’s fiery presence

Chapter 11- Judgment by God’s Word

Chapter 10 – Judgment by Yahweh’s Fiery Presence

Verses 1-7 – Yahweh goes from His throne → Temple threshold and calls down fire on Jerusalem

Verses 8-17 – “Wheels” –

Chapter 11 – Judgment by God’s Word

Verses 1-3

- Jaazaniah = “Yahweh **hears**”

- Azzur (Jaazaniah’s father) = “**Help**”

- Pelatiah = “Yahweh **delivers**”

- Benaiah (Pelatiah’s father) = “Yahweh **builds**”

Verses 4-13 – Prophecy against Jerusalem city leaders

Verses 14-21 – Hope given before the desolation!

Verses 22-23 – The Desolation!

Like Ezekiel, may the Lord grant us to know the state of our own personal lives, and that of our families, cities and nation so that may think, speak, and act rightly in response to His judgments upon us.

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 12-13; Work on the memorization of the outline of Ezekiel (quiz in two weeks!) and the memorization of Ezekiel 11:19-20

❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

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Lesson 7 – Ezekiel 8-13 – Day 2 - Firmament-Rulers of Israel to be Judged – Part 3

Chapter 12-13 – Five Messages of Coming Judgment

Objective – To encourage you to be true prophets and prophetesses of God, speaking and acting only according to what the Scriptures say.

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❖ Lesson – Ezekiel 12-13 – Five Messages of Coming Judgment

Chapters 12-13 - **Five** Messages of Coming Judgment

Chapters 14-19 - **Seven** Messages to the Elders of Israel

Chapters 20-23 - **Seven** Messages of Doom for the Elders

Chapter 24 – **The Destruction of Jerusalem!**

Chapters 12-13 - Five Messages of Coming Judgment

1) **Message 1 - The Prince (Zedekiah) Will Flee - 12:1-16-**

2) **Message 2 - The People Will Eat Their Bread in Horror – 12:17-20**

3) **Message 3 - No More False Visions - 12:21-25**

4) **Message 4 - No More Delay of Visions – 12:26-28**

5) **Message 5 - False Prophets and Prophetesses Will Be Judged - Chapter 13**

5a) 13:1-16 - The False Prophets Will be Judged

5b) 13:17-23 – The False Prophetesses Will be Judged

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 14-15; Quiz on outline next week! Work on memory verse

❖ **Pray / Prep for worship**

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Lesson 8 – Day 3 – Plants, Trees and the Coming Judgment – Part 1

Chapter 14-15 – Israel, the Fruitless Vine

Objective – To exhort you to be fruitful vines in the Kingdom of God

- ❖ **Greetings**
- ❖ **Attendance and Accountability**
- ❖ **Memory Verse – QUIZ NEXT WEEK! Ezekiel 11:19-20** Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,²⁰ that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.
- ❖ **Outline of Ezekiel – QUIZ.**
- ❖ **Review**

❖ **Lesson - Chapters 14-15 – Israel, the Fruitless Vine**

Ezekiel 14-19 – Day 3 - Plants, Trees and the Coming Judgment

Ezekiel 14-19 is a series of **seven messages** to the elders of Israel which followed the **five messages** of judgment in chapters 12 and 13:

Message 1 - Chapter 14:1-11 – Day 1 – Elders’ Idolatry

Message 2 - Chapter 14:12-23 – Day 2 – Jerusalem is Worse than Sodom

- 1) Famine – verse 13
- 2) Wild beasts – verse 15
- 3) Sword – verse 17
- 4) Pestilence – verse 19

Message 3 - Chapter 15 – Day 3 - Parable of the Vine

Each of us who call ourselves followers of God are called vines in the Kingdom of God and as such are to bear fruit. This fruit consists of worship of Him, obedience to His word, and lives lived in holiness and love before all men. To bear this fruit, we must “abide” in Him, which means staying connected to His Word, and to His body, the church. May we all pray and strive to this end!

- ❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 16 and 17 – How do these chapters remind you of Days 4 and 5 of Creation?; Memorize Ezekiel 11:19-20 - QUIZ NEXT WEEK! Work on outline memory
- ❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

❖ Name _____

Ezekiel Outline

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2. Ezekiel _____-13 – Day 2 - _____-Rulers of Israel to be _____
3. Ezekiel 14-_____ – Day 3 - Plants, _____ and the Coming _____
4. Ezekiel _____-23 – Day 4 - _____ – Rulers, _____ and Land to be _____
5. Ezekiel 24-33a – Day 5 - _____ of _____ Fall
6. Ezekiel 33b-_____ – Day 6 – A New _____ and a New _____
7. Ezekiel _____-48 – Day 7 - A New _____ for God's _____

Ezekiel – A New Sabbath for God’s People

Student Handout

Lesson 9 – Day 3 – Plants, Trees and the Coming Judgment – Part 2

Chapter 16 – Parables of the Adulterous Wife

Objective – To encourage you to remember how good the Lord has been to you and to serve Him with gladness all of their lives

❖ **Greetings**

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** – “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and read your homework assignment?”

❖ **Memory Verse – QUIZ - Ezekiel 11:19-20**

❖ **Outline of Ezekiel**

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❖ **Review** – Leading us up to the destruction of Jerusalem that will take place in chapter 24. three series of messages are delivered by Yahweh to Ezekiel:

Five Messages of judgment – Chapters 12-13

Seven Messages to the elders in exile – Chapters 14-19

Seven Messages of doom for the elders – Chapters 20-23

Last week we covered the first three of the seven messages of chapters 14-19. In today’s lesson, we will covers Message 4 in chapter 16.

❖ **Lesson – Chapters 16 – Parables of the Adulterous Wife**

Message 4 - Chapter 16 – Day 4 - Parable of the Adulterous Wife

A. Ezekiel 16:1-22 – Israel, the Unfaithful Bride, Does Not Remember Yahweh

B. Ezekiel 16:23-34 – Israel’s Pagan “Lovers”

C. Ezekiel 16:35-43 – Yahweh Judges Israel for Her Unfaithfulness

B’ Ezekiel 16:44-52 – Israel is Worse Than Her Unfaithful Sisters

A’ Ezekiel 16:53-63 – Yahweh, the Faithful Bridegroom, Remembers Israel

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Verses 1-9 – Israel, the helpless baby

Verses 10-15 – Israel the beautiful bride

Verses 16-19 – Israel, the unfaithful bride

Verses 20-22 – Israel the wicked parent

B. Ezekiel 16:23-34 – Israel’s Pagan “Lovers”

1) Egypt (verse 26) 2) Philistia (verse 27) 3) Assyria (verse 28) and 4) Babylon (Chaldea, verse 29).

C. CENTER - Ezekiel 16:35-43 – Yahweh Judges Israel for Her Unfaithfulness

B' Ezekiel 16:44-52 – Israel is Worse Than Her Unfaithful Sisters

- Samaria (verses 46-47, 51) -

- Sodom (verses 49-50) -

A' Ezekiel 16:53-63 – Yahweh, the Faithful Bridegroom, Remembers Israel

When we are discouraged or brought under conviction of sin, we should **remember** how good and how gracious God has been to us. He has called us to Himself in salvation through Jesus. He has made us His children and part of His bride, the church, by covenant. He has sustained us day by day in body, soul and spirit. He has assured us that He will never leave us nor forsake us. And He has given us the Holy Spirit as a seal and guarantee of our eternal inheritance in heaven.

- ❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 17-19 looking for connections with Days 5, 6 and 7 of creation; Work on memory of the outline
- ❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

Ezekiel – A New Sabbath for God’s People

Student Handout

Lesson 10 – Day 3 – Plants, Trees and the Coming Judgment – Part 3

Chapter 17-19 – Punished for Their Own Sins

Objective – To remind you to keep short accounts of your own sins, to no blame others, and to repent in order to be restored to fellowship with God and men.

❖ **Greetings**

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and read your homework assignment?”

❖ **New Memory Verse - Ezekiel 18:31-32 - Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord God. “Therefore turn and live!”**

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❖ **Review** - We will see hints of Days 5, 6 and 7 in Ezekiel 17, 18, and 19 respectively

❖ **Lesson – Chapters 17-19 – Punished For Their Own Sins**

Message 5 - Chapter 17 – Day 5 – Parable of the Great Eagle

Ezekiel 17 – The Parable of the Great Eagles

Parable – v. 1-10	Explanation – v. 11-21	Future Fulfillment – v. 22-24
Great eagle	Nebuchadnezzar	God the Father
Highest cedar branch	Jehoiachin	Zerubbabel / Jesus
Land / Mountain	Babylon	Promised Land / World
Fruitful vine / tree	Judah in Babylon	Restored Israel / Church
Second great eagle	Pharaoh / Egypt	
Seed of the land	Zedekiah	
Birds / Trees of the field		Nations around Israel / World coming to Jesus via the church

Verses 1-10 – The Parable of the Great Eagles

Verses 11-21 – The Parable Explained

Verses 22-24 – Future Fulfillment – Have a student read these verses.

Message 6 - Chapter 18 – Day 6 - Judgment for Present Generation’s Sins

The Righteous Father 18:5-9	The Wicked Son 18:10-13	The Righteous Grandson 18:14-18
5 But if a man is just And does what is lawful and right;	10 “If he begets a son who is a robber Or a shedder of blood, Who does any of these things 11 And does none of those duties,	14 “If, however, he begets a son Who sees all the sins which his father has done, And considers but does not do likewise;
6 If he has not eaten on the mountains, nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,	11b But has eaten on the mountains 12b Lifted his eyes to the idols Or committed abomination	15a Who has not eaten on the mountains, nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,
6b Nor defiled his neighbor’s wife, nor approached a woman during her impurity;	11c Or defiled his neighbor’s wife;	15b Nor defiled his neighbor’s wife;
7a If he has not oppressed anyone, but has restored to the debtor his pledge; Has robbed no one by violence,	12a If he has oppressed the poor and needy, Robbed by violence Not restored the pledge	16a Has not oppressed anyone, Nor withheld a pledge Nor robbed by violence,
7b But has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing;		16b But has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing;
8 If he has not exacted usury nor taken increase, but has withdrawn his hand from iniquity and executed true judgment between man and man;	13a If he has exacted usury or taken increase	17a Who has withdrawn his hand from the poor And not received usury or increase,
9a If he has walked in My statutes— And kept My judgments faithfully—		17b But has executed My judgments And walked in My statutes
9b He is just; He shall surely live!” Says the Lord God.	13b Shall he then live? He shall not live! If he has done any of these abominations, He shall surely die; His blood shall be upon him.	17c He shall not die for the iniquity of his father; He shall surely live!

Message 7 - Chapter 19 – Day 7 - Lamentation for the Line of David

- ❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 20-21; On the sheet provided, write down all of the verse numbers in which you find the following words/phrases in Ezekiel 20:1-44.
- ❖ **Pray / Prep for worship**

Repeated Words / Phrases in Ezekiel 20:1-44

Read Ezekiel 20:1-44 and write down the verse numbers where each of the following words or phrases is found. (New King James Version)

Inquire - _____

Abominations - _____

Oath - _____

(My) hand - _____

Rebelled - _____

Idols - _____

My anger - _____

My fury - _____

My name - _____

Profaned - _____

Gentiles - _____

Wilderness - _____

My Sabbaths - _____

My statutes - _____

My judgments - _____

Fathers - _____

Bring you/them in/out - _____

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Student Handout

Lesson 11 – Day 4 – Climax – Rulers, City, and Land to be Destroyer - Part 1

Chapter 20-21 – Abominations Bring Fire and the Sword

Objective – To help you to continue to see the hope of Israel’s restoration and of the salvation of the world in the midst of God’s judgment.

❖ Greetings

- ❖ **Attendance and Accountability** “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and do your homework assignment?”
- ❖ **Memory Verse - Ezekiel 18:31-32 - Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,” says the Lord God. “Therefore turn and live!”**

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❖ Review

❖ Lesson – Chapter 20-21 – Abominations that Bring Fire and the Sword (Day 4)

- A. 20:1-44 – Abominations of the Fathers
- B. 20:45-49 – Prophecy of Fire
 - C. 1:1-32 – The Prophecy of the Sword and its Fulfillment
 - D. 22:1-16 – Abominations of the Bloody City
 - C’ 22:17-22 – Dross
 - B’ 22:23-31 – Wild Animals
- A’ 23 – Abominations of the Daughters

Chapter 20:1-44 – Abominations of the Fathers – Repeated words/phrases_

Inquire – Verses 1,3,31	Profaned – 9,14,16,21,22,24,39
Abominations – Verses 4,7,8,30	Gentiles – 9,14,22,23,32,41
Oath – 5,6,15,23,28,42	Wilderness – 10,13,15,16,17,18,21,23,35,36
(My) hand - Verses 5,6,15,22,23,28,33,34,42	My Sabbaths – Verses 12,13,16,20,21,24
Rebelled – 8, 13, 21,38	My statutes – Verses 11,13,16,18,19,21,24,25
Idols – Verses 7,8,16,18,24,31,39	My judgments – Verses 11,13,16,18,19,21,24,25
My anger – Verses 8,21	Fathers – Verses 4,18,24,27,30,36,42
My fury – Verses 8,13,21,33,34	Bring you/them in/out – Verses
My name – Verses 9,14,22,39,44	6,9,15,34,35,37,38,41,42

- 1) Verses 5-12 – Unfaithful in Egypt
- 2) Verses 13-21 – Unfaithful in the Wilderness
- 3) Verses 22–29 – Unfaithful in the Promised Land
- 4) Verses 30-44 – Unfaithful in Exile, like their “fathers”

Summary of Ezekiel 20:1-44 – Detail on some of the repeated words/phrases

- 1) Oath
- 2) Abominations / Idols / Rebelled
- 3) (My) hand
- 4) My anger / fury
- 5) My name / profaned / Gentiles
- 6) Wilderness / Bring them out
- 7) My statutes, judgments, Sabbaths
- 8) Fathers

Chapter 20:45-49 – Prophecy of Fire

- 1) “Set your face toward the south”
- 2) “Preach against the south”
- 3) “Prophecy against the forest land, the South”

Chapter 21:1-17 – The Prophecy of the Sword

A. Verses 1-2 – Yahweh is against His people

B. Verses 4-5 - Because He will cut off the righteous and the wicked

C. Verses 6-7 – Ezekiel should sigh deeply

D. Verses 8-10a – The sword of the Lord is polished and sharp!

E. Verse 10b – Is this a time for rejoicing?

D’ Verse 11 – The sword of the Lord is polished and sharp!

C’ Verse 12 – Ezekiel should cry and wail

B’ Verse 13 – Because it is a testing

A’ Verses 14-17 – The Lord has spoken

Verses 1-2 (A.) and 14-17 (A’)

Verses 4-5 (B.) and 13 (B’)

Verses 6-7 (C.) and 12 (C’)

Verses 8-10a (D.) and 11 (D’)

Verse 10b (E.)

Chapter 21:18-32 – Fulfillment of the Sword

A. Verses 18-20 – The sword for Judah or Ammon

B. Verses 21-23 – Babylonian divination

C. Verse 24 – Judah receives the sword

D. Verses 25-27 – Judah Overthrown until He comes

C’ Verse 28 – Ammon receives the sword

B’ Verse 29 – Ammonite divination

A’ Verses 30-32 – Fire for Ammon

Verses 18-20 (A.) and 30-32(A')

Verses 21-23 (B.) and 29(B')

Verse 24 (C.) and Verse 28 (C')

Verses 25-27 (D.)

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 22-23; Work on the memory verse and outline

❖ **Prayer / Prep for Worship**

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Student Handout

Lesson 12 – Day 4 – Climax – Rulers, City, and Land to be Destroyer - Part 2

Chapter 22-23 – The Bloody City and the Unfaithful Sisters

Objective – To show you the consequences of long term sin in the life of the nation of Israel and in your own life as well.

❖ Greetings

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** – “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and do your homework assignment?”

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❖ Review

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22:1-16 – Abominations of the Bloody City

22:17-22 – Dross

22:23-31 – Wild Animals

23 – Abominations of the Daughters

Today we will cover the last four sections of this outline

❖ Lesson – Chapter 22-23 – The Bloody City and the Unfaithful Sisters

Chapter 22 – Abominations of the Blood City, Dross and Wild Animals

Verses 1-16 – Abominations of the Bloody City

Verses 23-31 – Wild Animals

Verses 17-22 – Dross

Chapter 23 – Two Unfaithful Sisters

Verses 1-4 – Oholah and Oholibah

Israel called “Oholah” = “her own tent/tabernacle”

Judah called “Oholibah” = “woman of the tent” or “the tent is in her”

Verses 5-49 - Outline:

Verses 5-8 – Israel is unfaithful

Verses 9-10 – Israel’s ruin

Verses 11-21 – Judah is unfaithful

Verses 22-35 – Judah’s ruin

Verses 36-43 – Israel and Judah are unfaithful

Verses 44-49 – Joint ruin

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Verses 11-21 – Judah is unfaithful

Verses 22-35 – Judah’s ruin

Verses 36-43 – Israel and Judah are unfaithful

1. Adultery

2. Blood is on their hands

Verses 45-49 – Joint ruin

May the Lord grant us all the grace and strength to remain faithful to Him and not play the part of the “lewd woman” by being unfaithful to the Lord as Israel and Judah did.

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel chapters 24-28; Work on memorizing outline and memory verse.

❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

Ezekiel – A New Sabbath for God’s People

Student Handout

Lesson 13 – Day 5 – Swarms of Nations Fall - Part 1

Chapter 24-28 – The Fall of the Six

Objective – To help you to see that sin in the church will result in greater sin among the non-Christians and bring about God’s judgment on both.

❖ **Greetings**

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** – “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and do your homework assignment?”

❖ **Memory Verse – QUIZ NEXT WEEK!**

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❖ **Review**

❖ **Lesson – Chapters 24-28 – The Fall of the Six**

Chapter 24 – The Siege of Jerusalem

Verses 1-14 – Jerusalem the Cooking Pot

Verses 15-27 – Ezekiel’s Wife Dies

Chapters 25-32 – Judgment on the Nations

Introduction

- 1) Ammon 4) Philistia 7) Egypt
- 2) Moab 5) Tyre
- 3) Edom 6) Sidon

A. First Pair - Ammon and Moab – Ezekiel 25:1-11

B. Second Pair – Edom and Philistia – Ezekiel 25:12-17

C. Third Pair – Tyre and Sidon – Ezekiel 26-28

Chapter 26 – Proclamation Against Tyre

Chapter 27 – Lamentation For Tyre

Chapter 28 – Proclamation against Tyre’s Rulers

Verses 1-10 – Tyre’s Political Leader Condemned

Verses 11-19 – Tyre’s Religious Leader Condemned

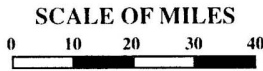
Chapter 28:20-24 – Proclamation Against Sidon

Chapter 28:25-26 – Future Hope

Even in the midst of all of this judgment and wrath on Israel and the nations around her, there is yet hope, both for her and for them. Yahweh will again gather the people from exile and bring them back to the Promised Land. Instead of being a mockery in the sight of the Gentile nations, Israel will be hallowed in their sight (verse 25). Israel will again be established as the priestly people of God, and a light to the Gentiles all around her.

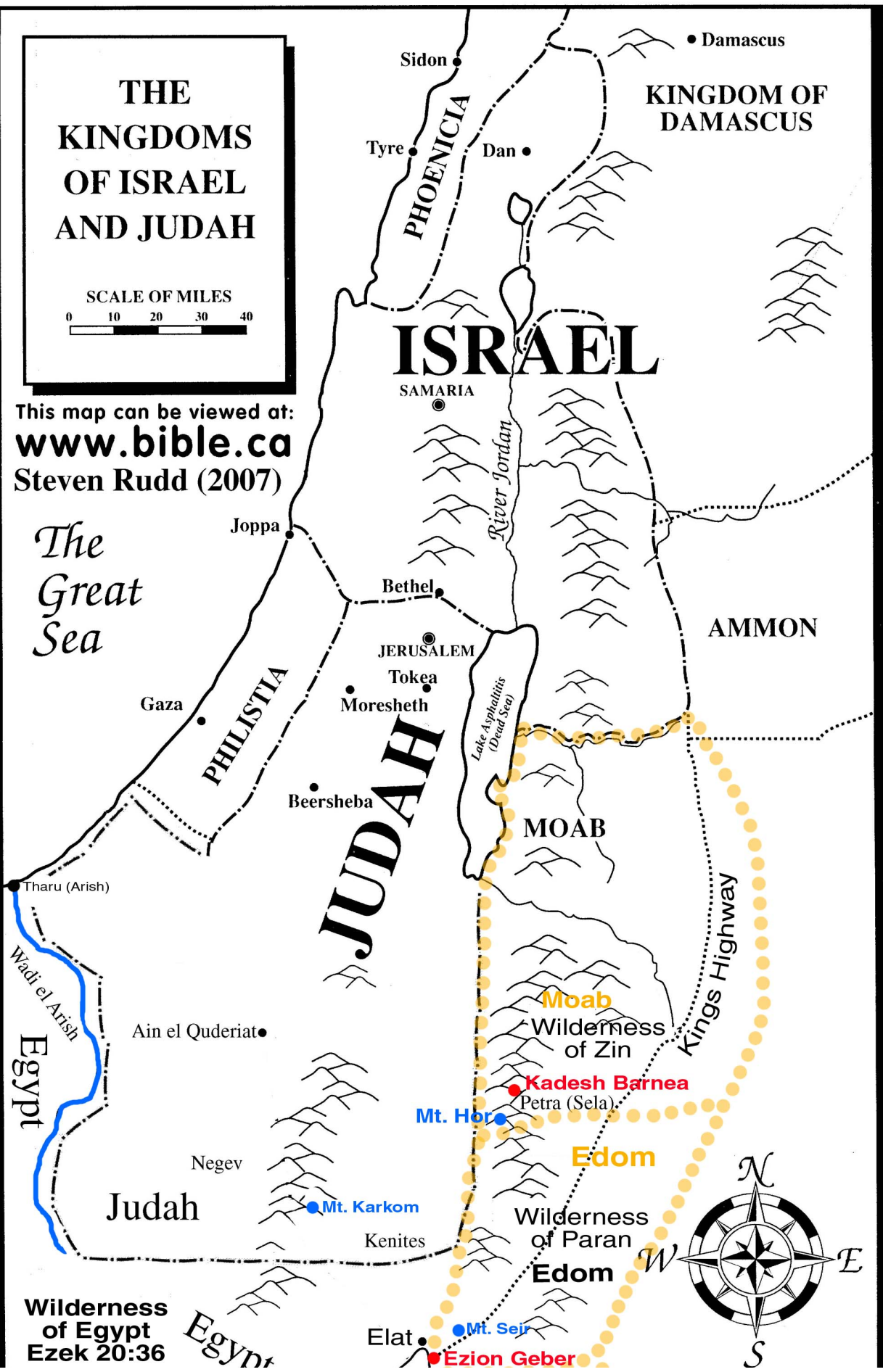
- ❖ **Homework** –Read Ezekiel 29:1-33:20; Quiz on memory verses next week!.
- ❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

THE KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH



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The Great Sea



I – A New Sabbath for God’s People

Student Handout

Lesson 14 – Day 5 – Swarms of Nations Fall - Part 2

Chapter 29-33a – The Fall of Egypt and Her Allies

Objective – Objective – To help you to see that trust in any other savior (Egypt) other than the Lord Jesus will result in God’s judgment and misery.

- ❖ **Greetings** – Pray with the students for the Lord’s blessing on their class
- ❖ **Attendance and Accountability** – Ask the students, “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and do your homework assignment?”
- ❖ **Westminster Shorter Catechism** – If used, briefly go over the question(s) and answer(s) for this quarter.
- ❖ **Memory Verse – QUIZ**
- ❖ **Outline of Ezekiel – QUIZ NEXT WEEK!**
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❖ **Review**

❖ **Lesson – Chapters 29-33a – The Fall of Egypt and Her Allies**

Introduction

- A. 29:1-16 – Pharaoh and Egypt’s Future
- B. 29:17-21 – Nebuchadnezzar Given Egypt
- C. 30:1-19 – Egyptian Cities Fall
- D. 30:20-26 – Arms of Pharaoh Broken
- C’ 31 – Multitude of Egypt Brought Low
- B’ 32:1-16 – Lamentation for Pharaoh
- A’ 32:17-32 – Lamentation for Multitude of Egypt
- Conclusion: 33:1-20 – Watchman – Punished for One’s Own Sins

A. 29:1-16 – Pharaoh and Egypt’s Future (Tenth year, tenth month, twelfth day)

B. 29:17-21 – Nebuchadnezzar Given Egypt (Twenty seventh year, first month, first day) This

C. 30:1-19 – Egyptian Cities Fall (No time reference)

D. 30:20-26 – Arms of Pharaoh Broken (Eleventh year, first month, seventh day)

C' 31 – Multitude of Egypt Brought Low (Eleventh year, third month, first day)

- 1) Assyria's greatness – verses 3-9
- 2) Assyria's sin – verse 10
- 3) Assyria's judgment – verses 11-18a
- 4) Pharaoh/Egypt, like Assyria - verse 18b

B' 32:1-16 – Lamentation for Pharaoh (Twelfth year, twelfth month, first day)

A' 32:17-32 – Lamentation for Multitude of Egypt (Twelfth year, twelfth month (presumably) fifteenth day)

Conclusion: 33:1-20 – Watchman – Punished for One's Own Sins (No time reference)

Verses 1-11

Verses 12-20

The destruction of Jerusalem is at hand! In between the siege of Jerusalem (chapter 24) and her destruction, which we will come to in the next lesson (chapter 3:21ff), we have seen the judgment of many great Gentile nations. This tells us that the book of Ezekiel is not just the account of the fall and rise of Israel, but of the de-creation and re-creation of the entire world!

- ❖ **Homework – Read Ezekiel 33:21-34:31; QUIZ ON OUTLINE NEXT WEEK!**
- ❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

Ezekiel – A New Sabbath for God’s People

Student Handout

Lesson 15– Day 6 – A New Adam and a New Eden – Part 1

Chapters 33b-34 – The False Shepherds / Yahweh the True Shepherd

Objective – To show you that repentance and the reestablishment of godly leadership, in family, church and state, is what will bring a nation back from apostasy and the judgments of God

❖ **Greetings**

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** - “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and do your homework assignment?”

❖ **Memory Verses – Ezekiel 36:24-28** - **For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.**

❖ **Outline of Ezekiel – QUIZ**

❖ **Review**

❖ **Introduction to Day 6 – A New Adam and a New Eden**

Outline (Jordan)

A. 33:21-33 – Who Will Possess the Land?

B. 34 – False and True Shepherds

C. 35:1-36:15 – Mount Seir (Edom) Verses Israel’s Mountains

D. 36:16-38 – Regathering and New Heart

C’ 37:1-14 – Resurrection

B’ 37:15-28 – Reunion Under a True Shepherd

A’ 38-39 – Gog and Magog

❖ **Lesson - Chapter 33b-34 – The False Shepherds / Yahweh the True Shepherd**

A. Chapter 33:21-33 – Who Will Possess the Land?

Verses 21-22 – Jerusalem Captured / Ezekiel Speaks

Verses 23-29 – Who Will Possess/Inherit the Land!

1) Eating meat with blood

2) Worshipping idols

3) Murder

4) Relying on the sword (military strength)

5) Abominations

6) Adultery

Verses 30-33

B. Chapter 34 – False and True Shepherds

Verses 1-10 – False Shepherds

- 1) Feeding themselves instead of the sheep – verses 2-3
- 2) Not caring for the weak and the sick – verse 4
- 3) Scattering the sheep, putting them at risk from the “beasts of the field” – verse 5
- 4) Causing the sheep to wander and to be lost – verse 6

Verses 11-31 – Yahweh, the True Shepherd

False Shepherds	Yahweh, the True Shepherd
Starving – verses 2-3	Well fed – verses 26-27a, 29
Sick, weak and vulnerable - verse 4	Dwelling in safety – verse 25b, 27b, 28b
Prey for the beasts of the field – verse 5	Beasts driven out – verse 25a, 28a
No shepherd – verse 6	Flock of God – verses 30-31

Let us pray that the shepherds in our churches will be faithful to teach and rule their flocks according to the Word of God and that the sheep will hear and obey this Word as well!

- ❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 35-37 and work on the new memory verses. What sins does Yahweh accuse Mount Seir (Edom) of in chapter 35?
- ❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

Name _____

Ezekiel - Outline

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3. Ezekiel 14- ____ – Day 3 - _____, Trees and the _____ Judgment
4. Ezekiel 20-23 – Day 4 - Climax – _____, City and _____ to be Destroyed
5. Ezekiel 24 - _____ – Day 5 - _____ of Nations _____
6. Ezekiel 33b- ____ – Day 6 – A _____ Adam and a _____ Eden
7. Ezekiel 40- ____ – Day 7 - A New _____ for _____ People

Ezekiel – A New Sabbath for God’s People

Student Handout

Lesson 16– Day 6 – A New Adam and a New Eden – Part 1

Chapter 35-37a – Mountains Judged, Dry Bones Live

Objective – To help you to see and to trust that the Lord is more powerful than even your own sin to accomplish His will in their lives

❖ Greetings

❖ Attendance and Accountability – “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and do your homework assignment?”

❖ Memory Verses – Ezekiel 36:24-28 - For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

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7. Ezekiel 40-48 – Day 7 - A New Sabbath for God’s People

❖ Review

❖ Lesson – Chapters 35-37a – Mountains Judged, Dry Bones Live

A. 33:21-33 – Who Will Possess the Land?

B. 34 – False and True Shepherds

C. 35:1-36:15 – Mount Seir(Edom) Verses Israel’s Mountains

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C’ 37:1-14 – Resurrection

B’ 37:15-28 – Reunion Under a True Shepherd

A’ 38-39 – Gog and Magog

Last week we covered parts A. and B. of this outline and this week we will cover parts C., D., and C’ and look for some elements of Days 3, 4, and 5 of Creation in them.

C. Chapter 35:1-36:15 – Mount Seir (Edom) Cursed / Israel’s Mountains Blessed

Chapter 35 – Mount Seir is Judged

Chapter 36:1-15 – The Mountains of Israel Will Be Blessed

Verses 1-7

Verses 8-15

D. Chapter 36:16-38 – Re-gathering and New Heart

C' Chapter 37:1-14 – Resurrection

Verses 1-10 – The Valley of Dry Bones

Verses 11-14 – Valley of Dry Bones Explained

The Spirit of God is more powerful than even sin (and the misery and death it brings) to forgive, restore, and empower individuals and even whole nations to follow the Lord! This is our hope and our joy!

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 37-39 and the whole book of Esther, work on memory verses and the outline

❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

Ezekiel – A New Sabbath for God’s People

Student Handout

Lesson 17 – Day 6 – A New Adam and a New Eden - Part 3

Chapter 37b-39 – Gog, Magog and the Book of Esther

Objective – To help you to see the connections between the battle of God and Magog and the book of Esther

❖ Greetings

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❖ Memory Verses – Ezekiel 36:24-28 - For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

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❖ Review

❖ Lesson - Chapter 37b-39 – Gog, Magog and the Book of Esther

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- B. 34 – False and True Shepherds
- C. 35:1-36:15 – Mount Seir(Edom) Verses Israel’s Mountains
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- C’ 37:1-14 – Resurrection
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A’ 38-39 – Gog and Magog

Today we will cover sections B’ and A’ from this outline and see some hints of the 6th and 7th Days of the Creation week.

Chapter 37:15-28 – One Kingdom, One King

Ezekiel 38-39 – Gog and Magog - Introduction

Chapter 38 – Gog Attacks God’s People

Review of Book of Esther

Verses 1-17 – The conspiracy of Gog and his allies against Israel

Verses 18-23 – The Judgment on Gog

Chapter 39 – The Defeat and Burial of Gog / Triumphant Festival / Israel Restored

Verses 1-10 – The Defeat of Gog

Verses 11-16 – The Burial of Gog

Burial place for Gog in Ezekiel 39:11,15 = the Valley **Hamon-Gog**

Name of the nearby city in verse 16 = **Hamonah**

Verses 17-20 – Triumphant Festival

Verses 21-19 – Israel Restored

This begins a New Sabbath (times of rest) for God’s people and reminds us of Day 7 of the Creation Week. This New Sabbath will be brought to completion during the times of Nehemiah, and Ezekiel 40-48 seems to be connected to the book of Nehemiah as we shall see in our last two lessons!

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 40-45 and the book of Nehemiah; Work on memory materials

❖ **Prayer / Prep for Worship**

Ezekiel – A New Sabbath for God’s People

Student Handout

Lesson 18 – Day 7 – A New Sabbath for God’s People – Part 1

Chapter 40:1-45:12 – Ezekiel’s Temple

Objective – To help you understand that God’s plan for Israel, the world, and them does not depend on men.

❖ **Greetings**

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** – “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and do your homework assignment?”

❖ **Memory Verses**

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7. Ezekiel 40-48 – Day 7 - A New Sabbath for God’s People

❖ **Review**

Historical Events	- Decree of Cyrus - Return of exiles under Zerubbabel and Joshua - Ezra returns	- Attack on the Jews by the nations of the Persian Empire - Jews triumph - Feast of Purim	- Rebuilding of the Temple - Nehemiah returns - Rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem - Rededication of the people to holiness
Ezekiel Chapters	34-37 - False/true shepherds - Judgment on Edom - Renewed blessings on Israel - Dry bones live	38-39 - Gog and allies attack Israel - Judgment on Gog - Gog is destroyed - Triumphant festival	40-48 - Ezekiel’s Temple - Re-division of the Promised Land - City of Jerusalem
Old Testament Book	Ezra	Esther	Ezra & Nehemiah

❖ **Lesson – Chapters 40-44 – Ezekiel’s Temple**

40:1-3 – Day 1 - Ezekiel taken to Mountain to be Shown City

40:4-43:12 – Day 2 - The Firmament Chamber; Temple Complex

43:13-27 – Day 3 - The Altar-Mountain and its Consecration Offerings

44:1-45:12 – Day 4 - The Rulers

45:13-46:24 – Day 5 - The Offerings

47:1-48:29 – Day 6 – The Land

48:30-35 – Day 7 - The City

Chapter 40:1-3 – Day 1 - Ezekiel taken to Mountain to be Shown City

Chapter 40:4-43:12 – Day 2 - The Firmament Chamber; Temple Complex

Chapter 40:4-49 – Gateways, gateposts, courts, and stairways

Chapter 41 – Temple

In this chapter, the inner rooms of the Temple are described

Chapter 42:1-14 – Side chambers and buildings in courts

Chapter 43:1-5 – Yahweh enters!

Chapter 43:6-12 – Ezekiel to declare

Chapter 43:13-27 – Day 3 - The Altar-Mountain and its Consecration Offerings

Chapter 44:1-45:12 – Day 4 - The Rulers

1) **The Prince – 44:1-3**

2) **The People- 44:6-9**

3) **The Priests / Levites – 44:10-31**

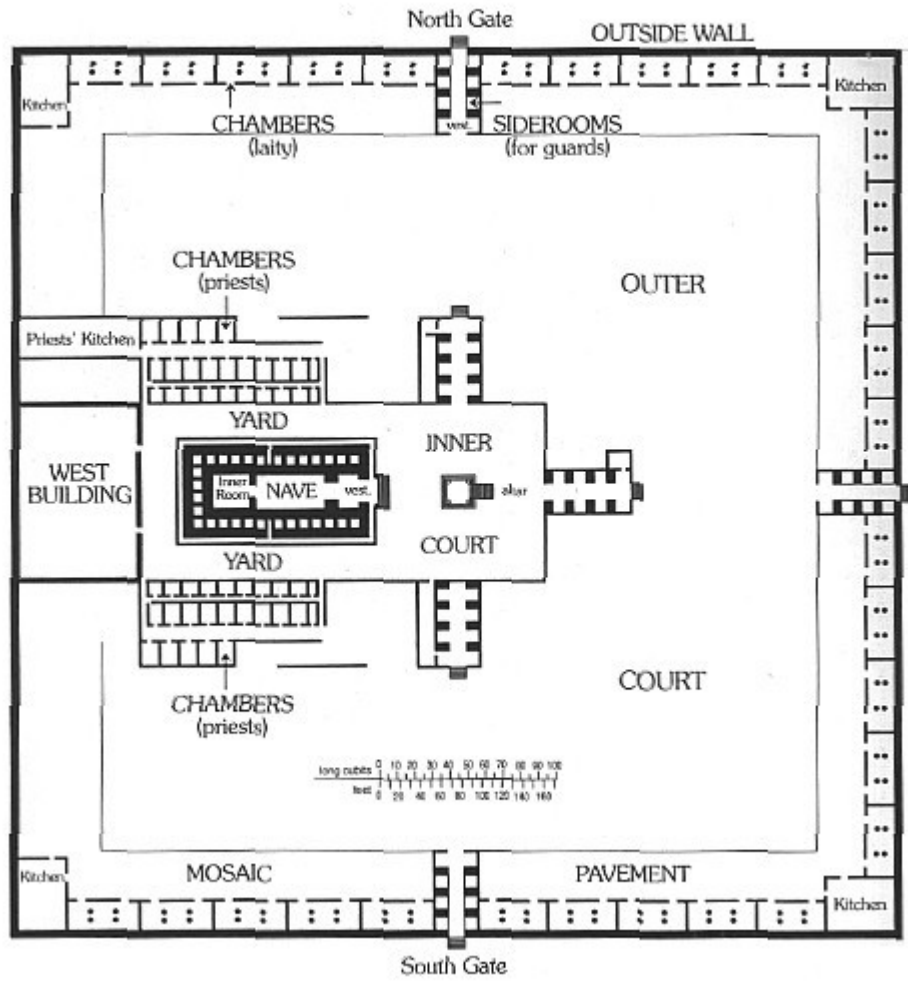
45:1-8 – The Holy District

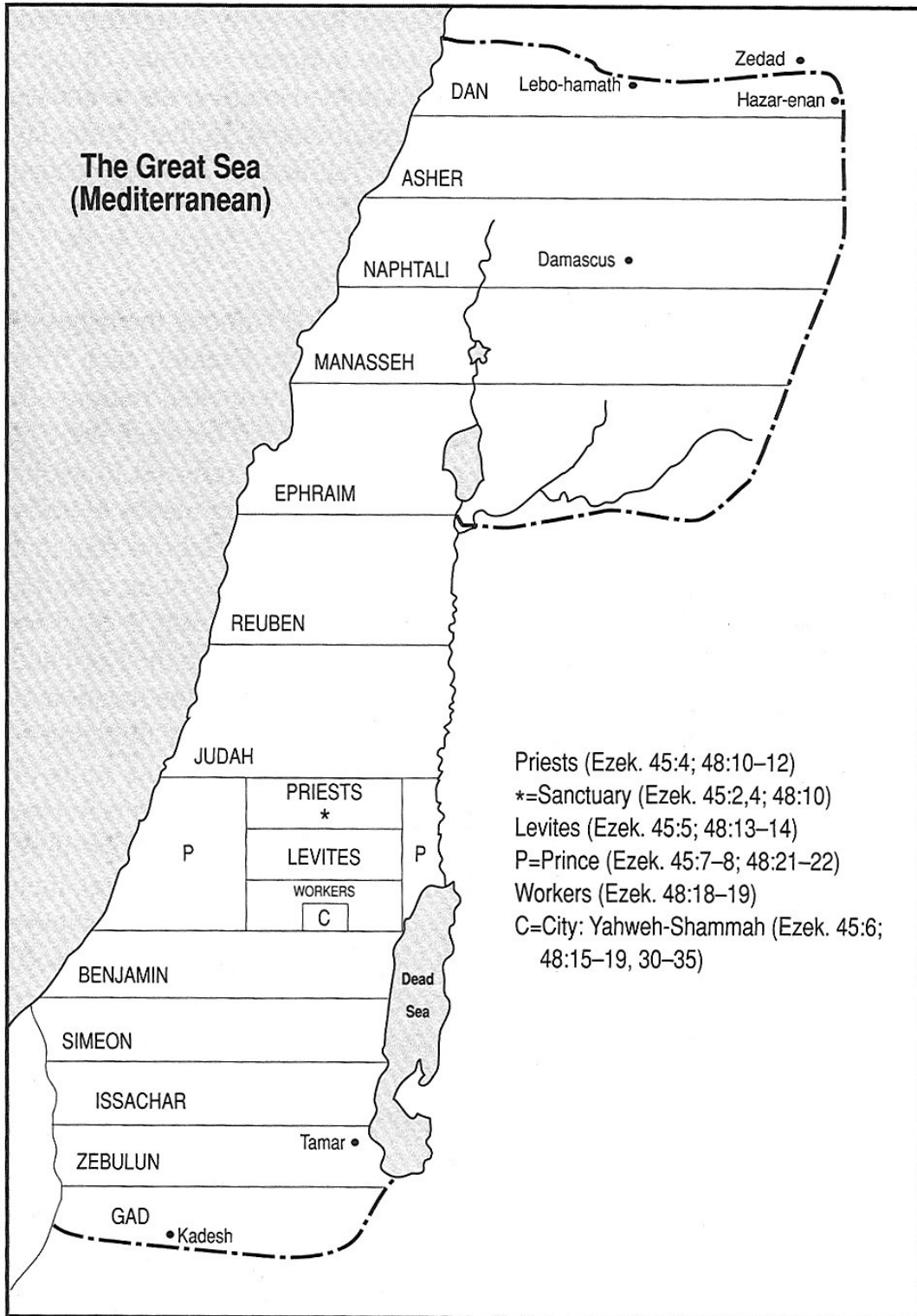
45:9-12 – Laws Governing the Prince

❖ **Homework** – Read Ezekiel 45-48; Work on memorization of outline and verses

❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**

EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE, COURTS, WALLS, AND GATES





Map of Israel in the Kingdom

--John Schmitt

Ezekiel – A New Sabbath for God’s People
Lesson 19 – Day 7 – A New Sabbath for God’s People – Part 2
Chapter 45:13-48:35 – The Offerings, the Land and the City

Objective – To help you to see the great mercy and love of God for you as you see it demonstrated in Yahweh’s forgiveness of Israel and her restoration to the Promised Land.

❖ **Greetings**

❖ **Attendance and Accountability** – “Did you get a good night’s sleep, bring your Bible, bring a writing utensil, and do your homework assignment?”

❖ **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

❖ **Memory Verses – QUIZ ON Ezekiel 36:24-28**

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❖ **Review**

❖ **Lesson – Chapters 45:13-48:35 - The Offerings, the Land, and the City**

Chapter 45:13-46:24 – Day 5 - The Offerings and Feasts

Offerings - 45:13-17

- 1) The Purification (Sin) Offering (see Leviticus 4)
- 2) The Ascension (Whole Burnt) Offering (see Leviticus 1)
- 3) The Tribute (Grain) Offering (see Leviticus 2)
- 4) The Peace Offering (see Leviticus 3)

Feasts - 45:18-25

- 1) Feast of Passover - verses 21-24
- 2) Feast of Tabernacles - verse 25

Access - 46:1-15 –

Inheritance - 46:16-18 –

Offerings - 46:19-24 – How the offerings of the priests were to be prepared is detailed here.

Chapter 47:1-48:29 – Day 6 – The Land

The River - 47:1-12

- 1) The Flood of Noah
- 2) The patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob) – Wells and oasis sanctuaries
- 3) The Tabernacle - The laver of cleansing is present.
- 4) The Temple - Bronze ocean and ten water chariots
- 5) Ezekiel’s Temple – A RIVER!
- 6) New Testament – Rivers of living water!

The Borders - 47:13-23

The Tribes 48:1-29

- 1) Verses 1-7 – Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben, and Judah
- 2) Verses 8-22 – The “holy section”
- 3) Verses 23-29 – The portions allotted to Benjamin, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun, and Gad

Chapter 48:30-35 – Day 7 - The City

North Side – Reuben, Judah, and Levi – verse 31

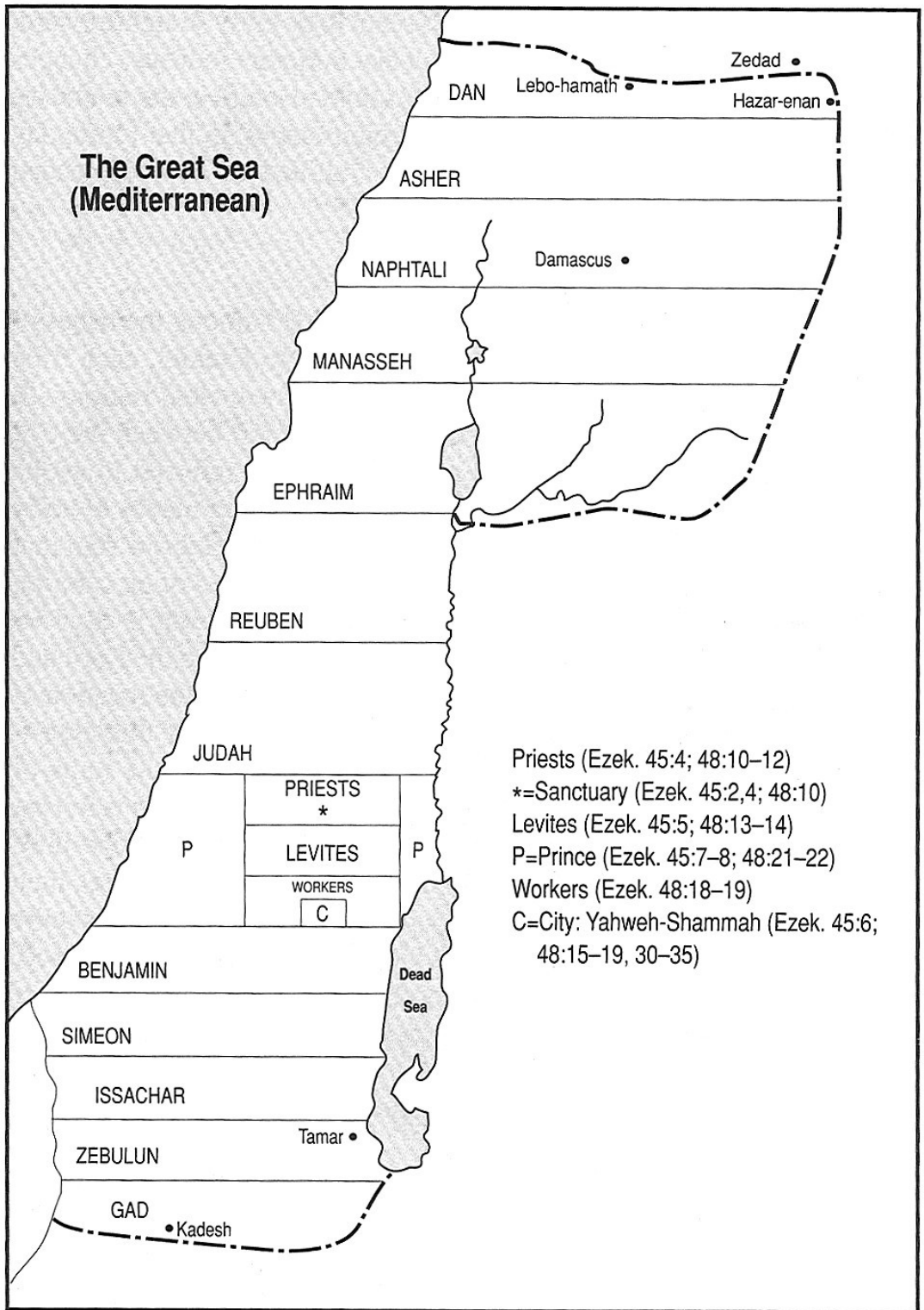
East Side – Joseph, Benjamin, Dan – verse 32

South Side – Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun – verse 33

West Side – Gad, Asher, Naphtali – verse 34

The book of Ezekiel began with the captives by the River Chebar in Babylon wondering if God had abandoned them. But God was with them as seen both in the presence of the chariot throne, and in the presence of Ezekiel, God’s priest and prophet. Though the Lord desolated (left) the Temple and Jerusalem, He joined the captives in exile. Though He used Nebuchadnezzar and his armies to destroy Jerusalem and the Temple, Yahweh did not abandon His people, but led them every step of the way to this Restoration Period. As the book ends, the city of Jerusalem and the Temple have been rebuilt, the worship of Yahweh has been renewed, and the people of God have been restored to their land. Yahweh has once again taken up residence in the Temple and His glory fills the place. Even the name of the city of Jerusalem has been changed to Yahweh Shammah, “The Lord is There”! (verse 35). And the rivers of the gospel now flow out to all the nations!

- ❖ **Review of Ezekiel** – See handout
- ❖ **Homework** - Study the Review Sheet in preparation for the Student Evaluation
- ❖ **Pray / Prep for Worship**



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Ezekiel – Review Sheet

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9) Who wrote the book of Ezekiel? _____

10) At what time in Israel’s history does the book of Ezekiel take place?

- At the time of the conquest of the Promised Land
- During the time of David
- During the time of the exile of Judah in Babylon
- During the time of the apostles

11) Where is Ezekiel during this time?

- Jerusalem
- With the early exiles in Babylon
- Egypt
- Omaha

12) What does Ezekiel’s name mean? _____

13) Ezekiel was a

- priest
- prophet
- Both a. and b.

15) What name or title is Ezekiel called over 90 times in the book of Ezekiel? _____ of _____.

16) What is the main message of Ezekiel?

17) This seven-fold message shows a _____ and _____ of the nation of _____ and of the whole _____ and reminds us of the seven _____ of _____.

18) While with the exiles by the river Chebar, Ezekiel sees a vision of

- The chariot throne of God
- A large statue of a metal man
- A ladder coming down from heaven
- Four horses and riders

19) Name the four faces of the cherubim seen in this vision

20) How is the coming of God to Babylon both good news and bad news for the exiles?

Good News –

Bad News –

37) In Ezekiel 43, _____ enters the Temple through the east gate and his glory fills the Temple.

38) Who is likely “the prince” spoken of in Ezekiel 45-48

- a. Joshua the High Priest c. Ezra
- b. Zerubbabel d. Nehemiah

39) One of the great features of Ezekiel’s Temple is the _____ which flows out of the Temple, which shows the forgiveness and blessings of God going out to all the nations.

40) At the end of the book of Ezekiel, the name of the city of Jerusalem is changed to “Yahweh Shammah” which means “_____”!

Name _____

Ezekiel – Student Evaluation

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21) True or False – God commands Ezekiel to speak to the people of their sin and the judgment to come even if they won't listen to him.

22) What happens to Ezekiel to demonstrate God's judgment that is coming to Israel?

a) He is tied up with ropes c) He cuts off and destroys his hair
b) He lays on his side for 430 days d) a) b) and c)

23) Israel committed wicked sins that caused God to leave the Temple, the city of Jerusalem and the land of Israel. This is called the _____ of _____.

24) True or False – Though Ezekiel gives harsh words from God to the exiles about the coming judgment on Israel, he also gives them words of hope for their future restoration.

25) True or False - God says that Israel's sin is not as bad as the sin of Sodom

26) True or False – Israel acted like an unfaithful wife towards Yahweh

27) In chapter 23, God compares the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah to two unfaithful sisters. He calls Israel, _____, which means "her own tent" since they rejected the true worship of Yahweh. He calls Judah, _____ which means "woman of the tent" since the true Temple of the worship of Yahweh was in Jerusalem (in Judah).

28) What severe trial did God make Ezekiel endure as part of his role as priest and prophet to Israel?

a) The death of his parents c) The death of his children
b) The death of his wife d) The death of his pet turtle

29) Name the seven Gentile nations who also received judgments from God.

1. _____ 5. _____
2. _____ 6. _____
3. _____ 7. _____
4. _____

30) In what year did Nebuchadnezzar destroy the city of Jerusalem and the Temple? _____

31) Since Israel's shepherds (priests, Levites, elders) were unfaithful to Yahweh, who would be their True Shepherd when they were restored to the Promised Land? _____

32) After 70 years of captivity in Babylon, what Persian ruler ordered the exiles to return to the Promised Land?

33) In what two books of the Bible do we see the restoration of Israel to the Promised Land

_____ and _____.

34) The restoration of Israel to covenant with Yahweh and to the Promised Land is given in Ezekiel's vision of the _____ coming to life.

35) The battle of Gog in the land of Magog against Israel is likely a prophecy that was fulfilled in the book of _____.

36) Match the following features of Ezekiel's Temple with their possible spiritual significance

_____ Many gates	a. Covenant with Yahweh open to all believers
_____ Many gateposts and guards	b. God's people draw near to Him
_____ Many chambers	c. Increased holiness

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