



Outline of Old Testament: Ezekiel by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

Ezekiel = "God Will Strengthen" **[God Is Prevalent]**
Israelite Prophet in Babylonian captivity **Blueprint for Redemption**

Contemporary with Jeremiah (in Judah) and Daniel (in Babylon)

I. Prior to Jerusalem's Destruction Chapters 1-23

- A. His Prophetic "Call" by Chebar **1:1-3:27**
 - 1. Time and place of God's call **1:1-3** (**5th year of captivity**)
 - 2. Vision of Heaven **1:4-28** **Revelation 1:12-17; 4:1-11**
 - 3. Sent to the stubborn **2:1-3:27**
 - a. Unafraid of their response **2:1-8**
 - b. Unafraid of his message **2:9-3:3**
 - c. Unafraid of speech differences **3:4-15**
 - d. Unafraid of warning Israel **3:16-22**
 - e. Unafraid of persecution **3:23-27**

- B. His Prophetic Parables of Jerusalem **4:1-7:27**
 - 1. Laying down on the job **4:1-17**
 - 2. Hairpieces **5:1-6:14**
 - 3. "The worst of the Gentiles" **7:1-27**
 - 4. Hairlifted to Jerusalem **8:1- 12:28** (**6th year of captivity**)
 - a. God driven out of His sanctuary **8:1-6**
 - b. Icons in the dark (OR stations of idolatry) **8:7-12**
 - c. Women crying for a "He-man" **8:13-14**
 - d. Wrong-way Worship **8:15-18**
 - e. Marking the "bad guys" **9:1-11:23**
 - (1 killing the "good guys" **9:1-11**)
 - (2 overdrive **10:1-22**)
 - (3 God will destroy the most of the "bad guys" **11:1-23**)
 - f. Bundling message for captives **11:24-12:28**

- C. His Prophetic Plainness **13:1-19:14**
1. Against **ALL** heart-felt but not God-sent prophecies **13:1-23**
 2. Against **ALL** forms of idolatry **14:1-11**
 3. Against **ALL** unfaithful **14:12-23**
 4. Jerusalem is fuel for the fire **15:1-8** because
 - a. It was adopted by God out of mercy **16:1-7**
 - b. It was married by God out of grace **16:8-14**
 - c. It was adulterated by giving it all away **16:15-63**
 - (1 Brazen beautiful harlot for: idols, Egyptians, Philistines, Assyrians Chaldeans **16:15-30**
 - (2 Adulterous wife paying lovers **16:31-43**
 - (3 Mother-daughter proverb: Older corrupt sister, Samaria, younger sister, Sodom, twice as bad **16:44-59**
 - d. It was not a forgotten covenant **16:60-63**
 5. Parable of the double eagles **17:1-24**
 6. Sin, and its consequences, are entirely individual **18:1-32**
Luke 13:1-5
 7. Lamentation for Israel
 - a. A mother lion **19:1-9**
 - b. A mother vine **19:10-14**
- D. His Prophetic Pronouncements
1. Israelite rebels purged in Wilderness **20:1-32**
(**7th year of captivity**)
 2. Israelite rebellious now being purged **20:33-44**
 3. Unquenchable Southern forest fire **20:45-49**
 4. The Sword of God Against **21:1-22:31**
 - a. Jerusalem **21:1-27**
 - b. Ammonites **21:28-32**
 - c. a city of blood **22:1-16**
 - d. all is dross **22:17-22**
 - e. perverted prophets, priests, princes **22:23-31**
 5. Whoring sisters: Oholah and younger Oholibah **23:1-23:49**
 - a. once belonged to God **23:2-4**
 - b. Oholah given to her Assyrian lovers **23:5-10**
 - c. Oholibah went after Assyrians, Chaldeans **23:11-35**
 - d. Both were judged **23:36-49**

II. During Jerusalem's Destruction Chapters 24-32

- A. Better Than Satellite Television **24:1-27** (**9th year of captivity**)
1. The day Jerusalem was besieged by Babylon **24:1-14**
 2. The day Ezekiel's wife died **24:15-27**
- B. "Read All About Them" **25:1-32:32**
1. Down with Ammonites **25:1-7** - still gone **25:7**
 2. Down with Moab **25:8-11** - still nowhere **25:10**

3. Down with Edom **25:12-14** - still unwanted **25:13**
4. Down with Philistia **25:15-17** - never recovered **25:16**
5. Down with Tyre **26:1-28:24** - still fulfilled **26:13-14**
6. Israel will return when they have changed **28:25-26**
7. Down with Egypt and her allies **29:1-32:32** - today **29:13-16**
 - a. **29:1** (**10th year of captivity**)
 - b. **29:17** (**27th year of captivity**)

III. After Jerusalem's Destruction Chapters 33-48

A. Watch Out 33:1-34:31

1. Listen for the "sirens" **33:1-11**
2. Past goodness doesn't spare from present "badness" **33:12-20**
3. Eyewitness news from Jerusalem **33:21-22**
(**12th year of captivity**)
4. Destroyed for
 - a. ruining Abraham's legacy **33:23-29**
 - b. hearing and not doing **33:30-33** **Matthew 13:22**
 - c. shepherds neglecting the flock **34:1-31** **Matthew 9: 36;**
(1 not tending the flock **34:1-10** **Mark 6:34**
(2 God will be the shepherd **34:11-22**
(3 A "David" will shepherd one flock **34:23-31** **John 10:14-16**)

B. Waste No Words About 35:1-39:16

1. Mount Seir (Edomites) **35:1-15**
2. Prospects for Israel
 - a. future prosperity **36:1-22**
 - b. future people **36:23-32**
 - c. future restoration **36:33-38**
(1 valley of dry bones come alive **37:1-14**
(2 two sticks unite **37:15-28** **John 10:16;**
Ephesians 2:11-22)
3. Gog's Bog **38:1-39:16**

C. Wanderlust Over There 39:17-48:35

1. Rejoice for the victory **39:17-20**
2. Return of God's glory **39:21-29**
3. Ruling temple rooms **40:1-43:12**
(**25th year of captivity**-14th after Jerusalem captured)
4. Restoring the altar **43:13-27**
5. Restraint on the Eastgate **44:1-3**
6. Reversion of the priesthood **44:4-31**
7. Restitution of the deeds to the land **45:1-8**
8. Revision of commerce **45:9-17**
9. Reaffirmation of covenant **45:18-46:15**
10. Reducing a prince's power **46:16-18**

11. Replacing the priest's "kitchen" **46:19-24**
12. Reviving fresh waters in the land **47:1-12**
13. Reclaiming tribal inheritances **47:13-48:35**

Eliciting Ezekiel:

- Specific times are given 14 times, more than any other prophetic book: **1:1-2; 8:1; 20:1; 24:1; 26:1; 29:1, 17; 30:20; 31:1; 32:1, 17; 33:21; 40:1**
- Ezekiel was captured during Jehoiachin's reign (**2 Kings 24:6-12**). He was also a priest (**Ezekiel 1:3**); who was married (**Ezekiel 24:18**); lived in his own house (**8:1**) and he prophesied 22 years (**1:1-2; 29:17**).
- Ezekiel begins with God's glory (Heb. "Shekinah") present (**chapters 1:28; 3:23**), which is slowly taken away from the temple, then Jerusalem, then the Mount of Olives (**8:4; 9:3; 10:4, 18, 19; 11:22-23**), but is promised to return again (**chapters 40-48**). Parallel this with Jesus Christ ("God with us," **Matthew 1:23**) entering Jerusalem, and after his rejection and crucifixion, leaving from the Mount of Olives (**Luke 19:28-24:53; Acts 1**)
- Ezekiel's symbolism is later utilized by John in the **Book of Revelation**:
 - **Ezekiel 1:4-28 = Revelation 4:6-8;**
 - **Ezekiel 2:9-3:3 = Revelation 5:1-4;**
 - **Ezekiel 10:1-7 = Revelation 8:1-5;**
 - **Ezekiel 23:22-24 = Revelation 17:1-6;**
 - **Ezekiel 38:2-39:16 = Revelation 20:7-9;**
 - **Ezekiel 39:17-20 = Revelation 19:17-19;**
 - **Ezekiel 40:3 = Revelation 11:1;**
 - **Ezekiel 43:4-5 = Revelation 15:5-8.**
- Ezekiel's wife died the same day Jerusalem was besieged, but without his mourning her to signify that Jerusalem was being punished "without mercy" because of her sins (**Ezekiel 24:15-24; Deuteronomy 7:16; Hebrews 10:28**)
- Proverbs in **Ezekiel**:
 - "Like mother, like daughter" (**16:44**), in attitude toward home and family; loathing husband and children (**16:45**)
 - "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?" (**18:2**), that the next generation would "pick up the tab;" which was no longer to be true (**18:3**)
- God punished Israel/Judah for profaning His name among the Gentiles, like they had done when delivered out of Egypt (**Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22**), and they could correct it by hallowing Him before Gentiles (**Ezekiel 20:40-44**).
- God's reasoning about His judgment in **Ezekiel 18:25**:
 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair?" **Cf also Ezekiel 33:17-20**