

Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

Session 27: The Major Prophets (Part II)

Remember Acts 17:11

The Major Prophets:

Isaiah

Jeremiah

- **Lamentations**

Ezekiel

Daniel

The Prophet of the Messiah

The Prophet of Judgement

The Cries of Judah

The Prophet of Restoration

The Final Judgement of Babylon:

Ref. Isaiah 13, 14; Jeremiah 50, 51

- In The Prophetic “Doom” of Babylon
 - o Never to be inhabited again
 - o Building materials never to be reused
 - o Like Sodom and Gomorrah
- The Conquest of Babylon by Cyrus the Great (539 BC)
 - o City Reused as Persian Capitol
 - o Later Abandoned in Favor of Bagdad (c. 1000AD)
 - o Building Materials Reused in Surrounding Villages

Ezekiel (Circa 622-572BC):

- “God Strengthens” (Called: “Son of Man”)
- Born During the Reign of King Josiah of Judah
 - o Tribe of Levi (Priest)
 - o Part of the 1st Babylonian Captivity (c. 597) (Rebellion of Jehoiachin)
 - o Commissioned as a Prophet at Age 30
 - o Book Compiled (c. 570)
 - o Prophetic Instruction Through “Sign Acts”

Themes in Writing:

- Judgement for Disobedience, Oppression, & Disloyalty
- Coming Restoration Through the Messianic Kingdom
- Messiah’s Arrival as the King who Reconciles

Highlights:

- The Throne (Chariot) of God 1
- Origin & Judgement of Satan 28
- Valley of Dry Bones 36, 37
- Gog & Magog 38, 39

Outline:

The Call of Ezekiel **1-3**

- Ezekiel Turns 30 (Year of Ordination)
- Witnesses the Glory of God (Chariot/Throne)
(Why is God’s Presence in Babylon?)
- Warn Jerusalem of Another Captivity & Destruction

The Case Against Judah **4-11**

- Build a Model of Jerusalem
- Shave Hair and Cut with Sword
- Lay On One Side Eating Unclean Bread
- The People WILL NOT LISTEN (Hard Heart)
- Vision of God’s Presence Leaving the Temple
(Driven Out by Idolatry/Remnant Will Return)

The Judgement of Judah **12-24**

- Judah is a Burnt Stick
- Judah is an Unfaithful Wife
- Judah is a Captured/Dangerous Lion
- Israel & Judah as Adulterous Sisters
- Ezekiel is Prosecutor: Jerusalem is Hopeless

The Judgement of the Nations **25-32**

- Philistia, Amon, Moab, & Edom
- Egypt & Tyre are gods in Their Own Eyes
- All Will Be Consumed in Judgement by Babylon

The Fall of Jerusalem **33**

- The Destruction is Confirmed by a New Exile

The Hope of Israel **34-37**

- A New David (Messiah the King)
- A New Heart (of Flesh)
- A New Life (Valley of Dry Bones)

The Hope of the Nations **38-39**

- International Coalition Defeated (7 Nations)

The Hope of Creation **40-48**

- A New Jerusalem & New Temple
- God’s Presence Returns
- The Messianic Kingdom

Sign Acts:

- Becomes a Hermit
- Makes a Model of Jerusalem & Attacks It in Public
- Binds Himself
- Is Struck Dumb
- Lie on His Side for 430 Days
- Prepare Bread in an Unclean Manner
- Shave Head & Beard

The Throne (Chariot) of God:

Ezekiel 1, 10 (Is. 6; Rev. 4)

Angels	Num. 2	Gospels	
Lion	Judah	Matthew	(Messiah)
Ox	Ephraim	Mark	(Servant)
Man	Ruben	Luke	(Son of Man)
Eagle	Dan	John	(Son of God)

Biographical Details of the Enemy:

- 5 “I Will” Statements Is. 14
- “Anointed Cherub” Ez. 28

The Restoration of Israel:

“The Valley of Dry Bones” (Ezekiel 37; Cf. Is. 11:11)

- Brought Back to Life in the Flesh
 - o Is. 11:11 “The Second Time”
- Later Quickened by the Spirit
 - o Cf. 36:22-24

The Millennial Temple (Ch. 40-48):

- Physical Description
 - o Highly Detailed (Only Symbolic?)
 - o All Nations to Worship There
 - o Offerings will Resume
 - o Open Only on Sabbaths & New Moons

For Discussion:

- Share Reading and Journal Highlights.

Consider Along with the Bible:

- Have You Ever Known a Hopeless Person?
- Have You Ever Witnessed a Hopeless Person Reformed by Salvation?
