

I love Ezekiel. He was a war refugee in the prime of his life. He was trained to be a priest in Jerusalem. Yet, he found himself idle in a Babylonian refugee camp - without any way of living into his calling. That is until he gets a vision, lots of visions. They are weird: wheels upon wheels, bones that rattle and incense being offered to bugs.

He is worth studying because he found a way to live in God meaningfully without outward trappings of success.

All he had was God's voice. When you find yourself at the end of your rope, you always have God's presence and God's voice.

We are supposed to live meaningfully to the fullest extent possible, even if we find ourselves and our communities without the life we dreamed about. It goes without saying that there is more to Ezekiel than dry bones. PT



EZEKIEL

5 YEARS AFTER EXILE...

1-11 ACCUSATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

1-3 EZEKIEL COMMISSIONED
SON OF MAN! ACCUSE ISRAEL OF BREAKING THE COVENANT AND WARN THEM OF IMMINENT DESTRUCTION.
• WORSHIP OF OTHER GODS
• SOCIAL INJUSTICE

4-5 EZEKIEL'S SIGN ACTS
EZEKIEL THE SCAPEGOAT, BEARING ISRAEL'S SINS
DRAWING THE 24 HOURS SIEGE
CARRYING THE SIEGE

6-11 THE TEMPLE VISION

12-24 JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL

USE OF PARABLE & ALLEGORY

EZEKIEL AS LAWYER 19.18.20
GOD, HAVE MERCY!
GOD
MORAL, ETHICAL, A JOB
JEREMIAH'S JUDGMENT IS PRESERVED
GOD'S GOODNESS DEMANDS HE BRING JUSTICE
THEY'VE REACHED A POINT OF NO RETURN

34-37 HOPE FOR ISRAEL

MESSIANIC KING
A NEW DAVID
GOD'S SPIRIT
A NEW ISRAEL WITH A NEW HEART
VALLEY OF DRY BONES
AN IMAGE OF ISRAEL: FROM EXILE & DEATH

11 ISRAEL'S IDOLATRY HAS DRIVEN GOD AWAY...
...BUT HE HASN'T ABANDONED HIS PEOPLE.
ISRAEL'S NEW HEART
A REMNANT WILL RETURN WITH NEW, TRANSFORMED HEARTS.

BAD NEWS: NO ONE'S GOING TO LISTEN.
ISRAEL'S HARD HEART
(RECALL DEUTERONOMY ch.30)

RECALLS GENESIS 2: XX
HUMANS = DIRT + DIVINE BREATH
THE ONLY HOPE IS FOR GOD TO REMAKE HUMANS TO LOVE GOD & OTHERS.

JUDGMENT
HOPE

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