The Glory of the God, Julius von Schnorr, 1851-60

Introduction and Title
Introduction

- Ezekiel: Prophet/Priest
- Babylonian Captivity
- Dramatizes God’s message

Ezekiel’s Vision, Bible of Paris, c. 1275-1300
Introduction

- Dry bones
- Promise of restoration
- Judgment > Future glory

_Ezekiel's Vision of Dry Bones, Giorgio Ghisi, c. 1500_
Title

- Hebrew: yehezke'l = “God strengthens” or “strengthened by God”
- Called to prophetic ministry (3:8-9)
- Occurs 2x in this book
- Occurs nowhere else in the OT
Title

Greek Septuagint: Iezekiel

Latin Vulgate: Ezechiel
Ezekiel, Michelangelo Buonarotti, 1510
Author: Ezekiel

- Son of Buzi (1:3)
- Wife died as a sign
- Priest called as a prophet

*Bust of the Prophet Ezekiel, Johann Josef Christian, c. 1764*
Author: Ezekiel

- Temple, priesthood, sacrifices, *shekinah*
- Visions
- Careful and artistic

*Portrait of Ezekiel, Jeronimo de Prado 1547-1595*
Authorship Evidence

- First person singular used throughout
- Identified as Ezekiel (1:3; 24:24)
- Unity and integrity of Ezekiel’s prophetic record
- Consistent style, language, and thematic development

Ezekiel, Benedetto Antelami, c. 1200
Authorship Evidence

- “They shall know that I am the Lord”
- “Son of Man”
- “The word of the Lord came to me”
- “Glory of the Lord”

Ezekiel, Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1308-11
Date and Setting

The Vision of Ezekiel, Francisco Collantes, 1630
586 B.C.

597 B.C.

605 B.C.
Ezekiel’s Age

- “Thirtieth year” (1:1)
- Age 25: Babylon
- Age 30: Commissioned

*Ezekiel’s Weighing Hair*, Michael Buesking, 2002
Jeremiah

625 B.C.
Born

622

605
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597
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Daniel
(14:14, 20; 28:3)

Ishtar Gate of Babylon, Oriental Museum, Chicago
Talk Thru
Survey

- Prophecy to the Jewish exiles in Babylon
- Message of judgment
- Promise of restoration/blessing

*The Vision of Ezekiel (detail)*, Fra Angelico, c. 1450
Survey

- Like Isaiah and Jeremiah
- Horror and hope
- Condemnation and consolation

*The Vision of Ezekiel (detail), Fra Angelico, c. 1450*
“They shall know that I am the Lord.”

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Judgment on Judah
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Judgment on Gentiles
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2:1

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4:1

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24:27

Return of Israel to the Lord
32:32

Restoration of Israel in the Kingdom
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Topics

Before the Siege (592-587 B.C.)

During the Siege (586 B.C.)

After the Siege (585-570 B.C.)

Judah’s Fall

Judah’s Foes

Judah’s Future

Place

Babylon

Time

c. 592 - 570 B.C.
Theme and Purpose
Two-Fold Theme

- Condemnation (1-32)
- Consolation (33-48)
- Sin brings judgment

Ezekiel Lying on His Side, Unknown author/date
Two-Fold Theme

- Promise of blessing and restoration
- Divine consolation

Ezekiel’s Vision, Bible of Paris, c. 1275-1300
Themes

- Emphasis on God’s sovereignty, glory, and faithfulness

- Temple perversion, destruction, and restoration
Temple-Theme

- God’s heavenly glory  
  (1:28; 3:12,23)

- God’s departing glory  
  (9:3; 10:4, 18–19; 11:22–23)

- God’s earthly glory  
  (43:1–5; 44:4)

Ezekiel’s Vision of the Cherubim and Eyed Wheels, William Blake, c. 1803-05
Purpose

- Through judgment and blessing
- God is Lord
Keys to Ezekiel
Key Word

Restoration of Israel
“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...”
Key Verse

“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.” (36:24–26)
“Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by...”
“So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’” (36:33–35)
Key Chapter: 37

- Vision of the valley of dry bones
- Israel’s future

Ezekiel's Vision of Dry Bones, Gustave Dore, 1866
Contribution to the Bible

The Vision of Ezekiel, Pieter Pauwel Rubens, 1605-08

Contribution to the Bible
Contribution

- Methodical style
- Careful dating
- Diligent organization

The Prophet Ezekiel, unknown Italian Sculptor, 1107-17
Contribution

- Mystery
- Vibrant imagery
- Symbolism

Valley of Dry Bones, Bible of Paris, c. 1275-1300
Contribution

- Parables
- Allegories
- Apocalyptic visions

Valley of Dry Bones, Bible of Paris, c. 1275-1300
Signs

“I have made you a sign to the house of Israel” (12:6)

Ezekiel’s Vision 1:5-14, Benard Picart, 1728
Signs and Visions

- 9 signs (4-24)
- 10th sign (37)
- 6 visions

Ezekiel's Vision 1:5-14, Benard Picart, 1728
Parables and Apocalypse

- 6 parables
- Apocalyptic passages

Ezekiel’s Vision 1:5-14, Benard Picart, 1728
Interpretation Difficulties

- Ch. 40-48
- Spiritual view
- Literal view

The Closed Temple Door, Speculum Humanae Salvationis, c. 1450
Christ in Ezekiel

*The Christ from the Vision of Ezekiel*, unknown German painter, c.1130
Messiah as a Tender Twig
17:22-24

- “The Branch”
- Isaiah (11:1)
- Jeremiah (23:5; 33:15)
- Zechariah (3:8; 6:12)

_Ezekiel_, unknown Russian artist/date
Messiah

- King (21:26–27)
- Shepherd (34:11-31)
Applications

The Vision of Ezekiel, Tintoretto, 1577-78
Application 1

- “Know that I am the Lord”
- 69 occurrences

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37:28 “...the nations will know that I am the LORD...”
Application 2

Rebellious Israel, Gracious God

Ezekiel Prophesying, Gustave Dore, 1865
“...I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. (2:3)

“...whether they listen or not - for they are a rebellious house...” (2:5)

“...they are a rebellious house.” (2:6)

“...speak My words to them whether they listen or not, for they are rebellious.” (2:7)
“...do not be rebellious like that rebellious house.” (2:8)

“...they are a rebellious house.” (3:9)

“...for they are a rebellious house.” (3:26)

“... He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.” (3:27)
“But she has rebelled against My ordinances more wickedly than the nations and against My statutes more than the lands which surround her; for they have rejected My ordinances and have not walked in My statutes.” (5:6)
Idolatry (6:3)

Refusal to Listen (2:5)
Refusal to See/Hear (12:1)
Defiling God's Holy Name (43:7)
False Prophecy (13:6)
False Visions (12:24)
Abominations (8:17)
Violence (8:17)
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Perversion (9:9)
False Prophecy (13:6)
Divination (12:24)
Selfish Shepherds (34:2)
Profaning God's Temple (8:16)
Harlotry (16:25)
Lewdness (16:36)
“The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is very, very great...” (9:9)
“Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.” (16:60)
“I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest,’ declares the Lord GOD.
‘I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken, and strengthen the sick...” (34:15-16)
Application 3

- Can God be hurt?

*Ezekiel’s Visions, Matthaeus Merian, 1670*
“And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.”

Genesis 6:6
“...for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God...” Exodus 34:14
“And after looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart...”
Mark 3:5
“And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, ‘I feel compassion for the multitude, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat...’” Matthew 15:32
“And moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.” Matthew 20:34
“And when the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, “Do not weep.”
Luke 7:13
“...And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it…”

Luke 19:41
“Jesus wept.”
John 11:35
“And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him…”
Mark 10:21
“At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit…” Luke 10:21
“He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy. Zephaniah 3:17
“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God...” Ephesians 4:30
“...but have enraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will bring your conduct down on your own head,’ declares the Lord GOD...””
(16:43)
“...how I have been hurt by their adulterous hearts which turned away from Me, and by their eyes, which played the harlot after their idols...” (6:9)
Additional Themes
The Judgment on Judah
The Judgment on the Gentiles
The Departure and Return of the Glory of the Lord
The Coming Islamic Invasion (Chapter 38)
COUNTRIES IN THE COMING ISLAMIC INVASION

- Hungary (Bucharest, Sophia)
- Bulgaria (Sophia)
- Greece (Athens)
- Turkey
- Greece
- Italy
- Mediterranean Sea
- Libya
- Egypt
- Sudan
- Cush
- Syria
- Iran
- Iraq
- Persia
- Tunisia
- Lebanon
- Jerusalem
- Arabia
- Gulf
- Caspian Sea
- Black Sea
The Restoration of Israel
The Millennial Temple
EAST GATE DETAIL (60-6-16)
OF MILLENIUM TEMPLE
EZEKIEL 40-46
TYPICAL EACH GATE

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