

### **Basic Reading Outline for Ezekiel**

Chpt. 1:1-3:27 The Prophet's Call and Commission "A vision of God coming in a cosmic war machine"

"Ezekiel, toughen up by thoroughly digesting the scroll before venturing out." 3:1-9

Chpt. 4:1-24:27 Prophecies Against Judah Before the Fall of Jerusalem "Then they'll know that I am God"

Learning from parables and drama Suffering for your own sin, not those of another, 18:14-17

Chpt. 25:1-32:32 Prophecies Against Other Nations The Lord's victories over arrogant empires

Daniel preceded Ezekiel into leadership in Babylon, though both were about the same age, 28:1-3

Chpt. 33:1-33 Jerusalem's Fall (587 BC), But New Hope for Restoration Preparing for a new Kingdom

Note the extreme importance of Ezekiel being a faithful watchman

Chpt. 34:1-37:28 Reunification and Restoration after the Fall When dry bones can come to life again

A new community in a new land with a new Davidic leader

Chpt. 38:1-39:29 The Lord's Defeat over Arrogant, Godless, Imperialist Nations and Terrorism

Who might these evil hoards be from the North who would threaten Israel?

Chpt. 40:1-48:35 A Vision of God's Eternal Sanctuary and Throne where his glory is again fully present

Lessons about God's sovereignty and grace overshadow the various eschatological interpretations