

The Story of God: The Bible as Narrative

Act 4: Repairing The Kingdom

Ezekiel

Study of EZEKIEL

7 YEARS: PROPHECYING COMING JUDGMENT

15 YEARS: PROPHECYING FUTURE HOPE

EZEKIEL PART ONE

Chapters 1-24

1. Intro and Visions
2. Dramas
3. Oracles against Israel
4. Death of Ezekiel's Wife

EZEKIEL PART TWO

Chapters 25-48

1. Oracles against Enemies
2. Fall of Jerusalem
3. Hope for Future
4. Temple Vision

"You will know that I am the LORD"

Ezekiel Part One

Key Themes:

1. Israel has lost their way
 2. Prepare for Imminent Judgment
 3. God is in this, and is with his “Remnant”
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Ezekiel 1: 1-3

¹ *Now it came about in the thirtieth year,
on the fifth day of the fourth month,
while I was by the **river Chebar** among the exiles,
the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.*

² *...in the **fifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile,***

³ *the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel **the priest***

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

PROPHETS

Born **Ezekiel** *Exiled* *Wife Dies*

JEREMIAH

DANIEL

Nahum

Habakkuk

KINGS OF JUDAH

JOSIAH *JEHOIAKIM* *Zedekiah*

JEHOIACHIN
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KINGS OF BABYLON

Nabopolassar *Nebuchadnezzar*

1st Exile 2nd Exile 3rd Exile

Fall of Jerusalem

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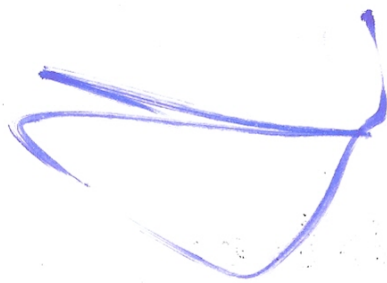
Where was Ezekiel?



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 2. Abomination of the Temple (Chapter 8)
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DRAMAS

1. **Shoebox Diorama** (Chapter 4)
 2. **Laying Down on the Job** (Chapter 4)
 3. **B.M. Barbecue** (Chapter 4)
 4. **Time for a Shave** (Chapter 5-6)
 5. **Pack Your Bags** (Chapter 12)
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Oracles against Israel

1. Evil Rulers Judged (Chapter 11)
 2. False Prophets Condemned (Chapter 13)
 3. Elders Condemned (Chapter 14)
 4. Jerusalem Condemned (Chapter 15)
 5. Israel (North and South) Condemned (Chapters 17-24)
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Death of Ezekiel's wife

“I am about to take from you the desire of your eyes with a blow...”

“...As (it was) for you Son of Man, Will it not be on that day when I take from them their stronghold, the joy of their pride, the desire of their eyes, and their hearts delight...”

“Thus you will be a sign to them, and

They will know that I am the Lord”

Ezekiel Part 1: Conclusion

- The time for Repentance is passed
 - Prepare for Judgment
 - I am with you, come back to me, and
Know that I am the Lord
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