

- I. Ezekiel the watchman of his generation
 - A. The priest's call and encounter with God's glory. Called into the prophet's ministry—a watchmen to warn, a preacher to the Jewish captives in Babylon. (CH 1-3)
 - B. Ezekiel addresses Jerusalem, the Temple and the Nation. Judgment and captivity is certain and long-term. (CH 4-24)
 1. Ezekiel's illustrated sermon: a sign to Israel of her captivity among the Gentiles—CH 4:1-13
 2. A fascinating discovery of God's sovereignty over the Nation of Israel in by Grant Jeffery's book, "Signature of God" Chapter 8.
 - a) Ezekiel lays on his side bearing the sin of the Nation: 390 days for Israel, 40 days for Judah. A day for each year.
 - b) A mathematical calculation to the length of Israel's captivity is presented as follows: 390 for Israel + 40 for Judah = 430 years punishment decreed, subtract 70 years of time served in Babylon =360. 360×7 (the 7 times punishment rule of Leviticus 26:18) =2520 years without rest, that is no national sovereignty.
 - c) In summary: Israel was without its sovereignty for 2520 years, from the end of Babylonian captivity to the day of its birth as a sovereign nation on May 14, 1948.
 3. God commanded Ezekiel not to mourn the loss of his wife as an illustration of the coming judgment to the nation who turned away from God to worship idols. —Ezekiel 24:17-25
 - C. Ezekiel prophesies judgment to the surrounding nations because of their treatment of His people Israel. (CH 25-32)
 - D. Ezekiel warned of imminent judgment upon Israel because she turned away from God to worship idols. (CH 33)
- II. The restoration of Israel in the last days
 - A. God says, "I myself will shepherd Israel back into the land I promised Abraham"—Ezekiel 34:11-31
 - B. Curses on Mt. Seir and its people—Ezekiel 35-36:7
 1. Mt. Seir represents Esau, Edom, Amalek, Ishmael, Ammon, Lot, Moab; which today represents Arabic peoples, Jordanians, Palestinians, and Saudi's
 2. Why is God against Mt. Seir? —v. 1-4
 - a) They shed the blood of the children of Israel—v. 5-9
 - b) They sought to take the land promised to the children of Israel—v.10-15
 - c) Remember Genesis 12:2,3
 3. God is jealous for His land and will judge Edom and the rest of the nations around the mountains of Israel—36:1-7

- a) Today's Middle East controversy has drawn Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Syria into conflict with Israel: Wars of 1948, 1956, 1967, 1973, 1982, 2006
- b) Asaph's psalm: Israel's prayer concerning the tents of Edom and the bordering nations who sought their destruction in King David's.—Psalm 83:4
- C. Blessings on the Mountains of Israel for its people—Ezekiel 36:8-38
 - 1. Where are the Mountains of Israel? The West Bank (Judea & Samaria) & Golan Heights.
 - 2. God attached an oath to 15 promises about His land—v. 7-36
 - a) Why does God make these promises? The Name YHWH is at stake—v 21-23,33
 - b) The land would become fertile again for the Jews—Isaiah 35:1 (context: Isaiah 34 deals with the judgement of all nations; Isaiah 35 deals with the restoration of Israel)
 - 3. Understanding the roots of the Palestinian controversy
 - a) A history of ancient hatred, the story of Jacob (Israel) & Esau (~2000 BC)—Genesis 27:41-28:9; Genesis 32:28
 - b) Esau's descendants, the Edomites (~1400 BC) would not let Israel pass through to the promise land—Deuteronomy 2:4-8,19; Numbers 20:14,18-21
 - c) the Edomites attack on King Jehoshaphat (~850 BC), note the content of the prayer—2 Chronicle 20:10-11,24
 - d) God had given Esau's descendants Mt. Seir as their own possession; not the Mountains of Israel—Deuteronomy 2:4-12
- D. The re-gathering of Israel in the last days—Ezekiel 37:1-21
 - 1. Judah & Israel shall be one nation—verse 15-28
 - 2. A second and greater Exodus predicted from the land of the North (former Soviet Union) and all nations—Jeremiah 16:14-16
 - a) 1.2 million immigrants from former Soviet Union as of 2013
 - b) 3.1 million immigrants total as of 2013 according to Jewish Virtual Library
 - c) Current Jewish population in Israel stands at 6.5 million as of 12/2017
 - d) 5.7-6.8 M. Jews in U.S. as of 12/2017
 - 3. Israel's Hebrew language restored—Zephaniah 3:9
- E. God's deliverance from Israel's enemies.
 - 1. An invasion by a coalition of nations—Ezekiel 38:1-6,7
 - a) Gog of Magog—head, prince or ruler
 - b) Magog, Gomer, Togarmah, Meshech, Tubal —Turkey (According to all of the best, most scholarly Bible Atlas's: Moody, Zondervan, Holman, and more).

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- c) Gomer is also related to the Cimmerians who settled on the Eurasian steppes, ie Ukraine, Russia, etc.)
 - d) Persia—1935 Persia changed its name to Iran
 - e) Cush & Phut—Ethiopia and Lybia... ..and many people with you.
2. An invasion when Israel is a sovereign Nation—Ezekiel 38:8,11,14
- a) When Israel is at rest— Ezekiel 38:11 (meaning she has taken possession of her land and ceased from her wanderings, see: Hebrews 4:16-18; Psalms 95:8-11)
 - b) When Israel dwells securely and confidently. God's question, "will you not know it?" is a statement of the certainty of judgment for coming against His land.—Ezekiel 38:14. (Israel will be a flaming torch to her enemies. — Zechariah 12:6)
 - c) The fact that the prophets of Israel fore-told of Gog under another name must be reference to anti-Christ. "Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?"—Ezekiel 38:17
3. God's supernatural intervention...
- a) God's judgment: global earthquake causing 'every wall to fall', hailstone, fire and brimstone. This is the same description of judgments in Revelations, the Trumpet judgments, during the battle of Armageddon— Ezekiel 38:17-23
 - b) The defeat and burial of Gog in the Valley of Hamon-gog— Ezekiel 39:1-20
 - c) Israel and the nations will know God's intervention— Ezekiel 39:21-29
- F. The Building of the millennial temple and the establishment of the Kingdom from Jerusalem—Ezekiel 40-48