

The Prophecy of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 1:1-3

Main Point:

Since you need the prophecy of Ezekiel, listen to it and obey it.

1. You need the prophecy of Ezekiel.
2. The prophecy of Ezekiel gives you a view from God's perspective.
3. The prophecy of Ezekiel gives you a graphic portrayal of sin and its effects.
4. The prophecy of Ezekiel gives you a reason for hope in the midst of sin and its effects.
5. The prophecy of Ezekiel gives you a foreshadowing of Christ and directs you to the glory of God.

Historical timeline

640 BC (approx.) - Josiah becomes king of Judah and reforms worship

609 BC - Josiah killed in battle, Judah comes under the power of Egypt, Jehoiakim becomes the king of Judah (and undoes reforms)

605 BC - Babylon defeats Egypt and takes control of Judah, first deportation of exiles to Babylon (including Daniel and friends)

598 BC - Jehoiakim rebels against Nebuchadnezzar, Jerusalem sieged by Babylon, Jehoiakim dies

597 BC - Jehoiachin becomes king of Judah and surrenders to Nebuchadnezzar, second deportation of exiles to Babylon (including Jehoiachin and Ezekiel)

592 BC - Ezekiel called to be a prophet of God in Babylon

587 BC - Jerusalem destroyed (after Zedekiah's rebellion against Nebuchadnezzar and 18 months of famine and suffering), third deportation of exiles to Babylon