

Messianic Prophecies: **Ezekiel**
Five Portraits of Jesus: I. The Majestic Refuge

II. THE RIGHTFUL RULER

Ezekiel 21:25-27

One of the major themes in Ezekiel: our God is a God of **HOPE**

I. The Context

Genesis 49:10

Chapter 21: the Sword of the Lord about to cut and destroy

II. The Climax: Zedekiah is doomed

A. His _____: v25a

Profane

Wicked

B. His _____: v25b

His Day has come

His punishment is coming to a climax

C. His _____: v26a

Remove the turban

Remove the crown

III. The Cataclysm

A. The Reversal of Power: v26b

B. The Ruin complete: v27a

C. The Restoration to come: v27b

A King is coming Whose right is to rule

Cf. Gen 49:10: Judah will reign until his Ruler comes, whose inherent right is to rule. The Final Ruler.

So Ezekiel saying the End is at hand for the rule of David's House, but after some period of time, there will come the One to Whom the Rule ultimately belongs!

This is an amazing prophecy!

1. Others (cf Hananiah: Jer 28) said Judah and Jerusalem would endure. Ezekiel said No!

2. If this is the ruin of this nation, we would expect it to disappear from the stage of human history.

Where are the Canaanites, Philistines, Hittites, Amorites, Moabites, Assyrians, even Babylonians today?

But Ezekiel says Yes, this nation will be restored.

70 years later it was! And Jerusalem was rebuilt.

3. Even if restored, you would expect a whole new monarchy to rise up from the leaders who restored it. And that is what happened.

But then in 6bc the angel Gabriel comes to a peasant girl in Galilee and says **Luke 1:30-33**

God would lift up this lowly one, born in a stable, to be Ruler of the Heavens and Earth, to restore God's Kingdom and Eden forever!

For God is not only the God of Justice (v25-26)

He is the God of _____.

The Gospel is about Hope. No matter how hopeless your situation may seem.

His Rule will be good (contra Zedekiah)

His Rule will be unlikely (exalt the lowly)

His Rule will be inevitable (only a fool would resist it)

So when you read NT promises of the Final Hope:

Eg: Romans 8:18-25. Just as sure as Ezek 21:25-27. Same Author. You

know God fulfills His promises. So your _____, based on the _____, *must* issue in _____ for the _____.