

EZEKIEL

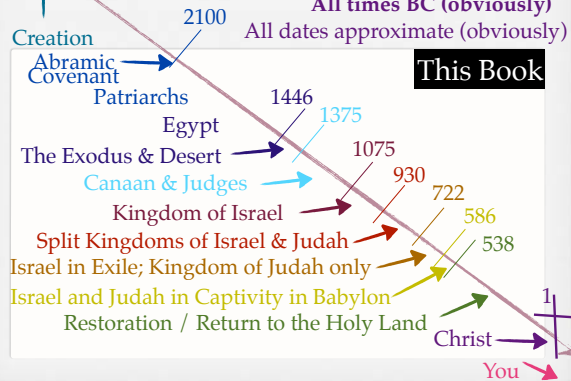
Book of Oracle of Destruction and Restoration



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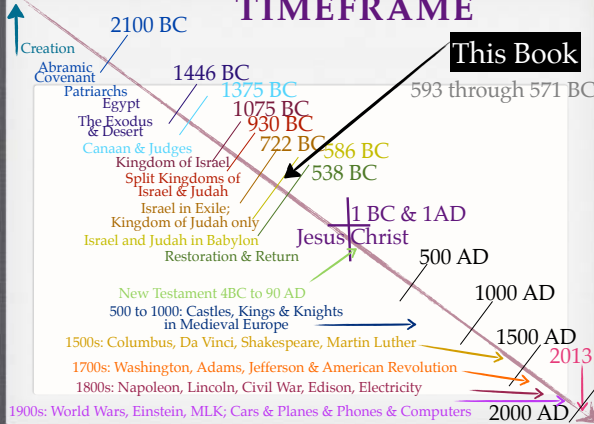
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All times BC (obviously)
All dates approximate (obviously)

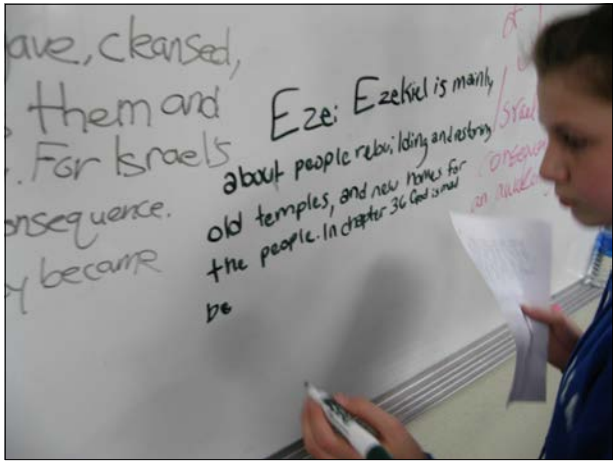


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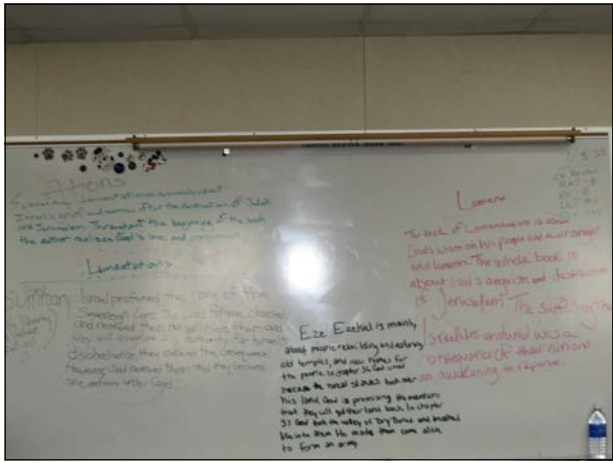
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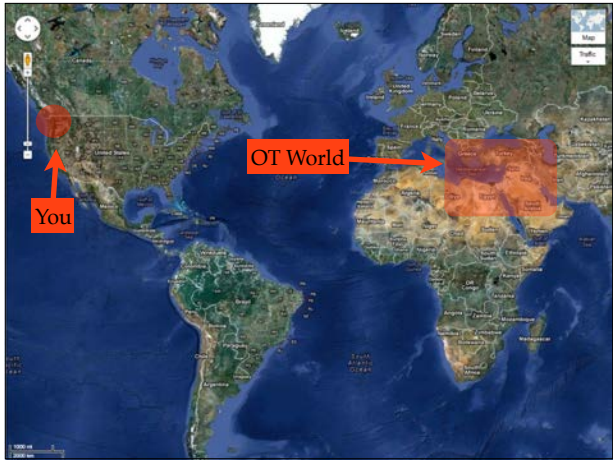
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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets ✓
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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AUTHOR

- Ezekiel, among the Jews exiled to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in 597BC; became a prophet by call in 593 BC; prophesied until 571 BC.
- The number of dates he uses gives us the date of this book more precisely than any other OT book.
- Examples: 1:1, 1:2, 8:1; 20:1; 24:1; 33:21; 40:1

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

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- Original Recipients: His job was to relay the “harsh, heart-rending, hope-crushing word of divine judgment: Jerusalem would fall (see chs. 1-24).” CSSB 1230
- But, also to give a message of “the Lord’s consoling word of hope for his people—they would experience revival, restoration and a glorious future as the redeemed and perfected kingdom of God in the world (chs. 33-48).” CSSB 1230

STORYLINE

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- Oracle of judgments against Israel (1-24)
- Oracles of Judgment against the Nations (25-32)
- Oracles of Consolation for Israel, Prophetic of the Messianic Israel of All Nations (33-48)
- CSSB 1232-1233

Major OT Themes found in this Book:

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1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God’s Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God’s Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION (WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT GOD FROM THIS BOOK)

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- “‘Because I live, you will live also,’ said our Lord. As He rose from the dead, so we shall rise bodily on the day of His return.”
- “It is just as astounding a miracle when the Holy Spirit summons spiritually dead people from the grave of sin to life in God. Nowhere in Scripture is this transition more vividly portrayed than in Ezekiel’s vision of dead bones becoming clothed with living flesh by the power of God’s Word and Spirit.” (Chapter 37) ITBOTB 31
- To explain why God’s glory departed from Israel and how His glory would return (LSB 1306)

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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- Spirit Wind (Casting Crowns)
- (Thanks CD and AP!)

KEY VERSES

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- Ezekiel 34: 24-26
- Copy them.
- “I will make with them a covenant of peace...” (25)
- ‘God pledges Himself to bring back the harmony and bliss He once provided in an unmarred paradise’ LSB 1366.

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REQUIRED READING

- 2, 34, 36, 37, 40

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- When you're in need of hope, restoration; you've lost a loved one and want to hear about God's plan of redemption (chapter 37).

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LUTHER SAYS:

- "...this prophecy contains two things. The first is that Israel and Judah shall return to their land after their captivity...The second thing...is that God promises to create something new in the land, to make a new covenant unlike the old covenant of Moses that they dream about...This, too, has been fulfilled. For when Christ came and found the people of both Israel and Judah gathered again out of all lands so that the country was full, **he started something new: he established the promised new covenant...exactly in that same physical land...**" LSB 1307

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- I like Chapter two where Ezekiel has a conversation with God.
- This book has a clear view of the Trinity--Father in Chapter 2; Son in 34 (v.23-24 especially); Spirit in 36 among other places, of course.

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LIFE LESSONS FROM EZEKIEL

- Ezekiel:
Read Chapter 37. How does this chapter inspire you?

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ACTIVITIES
