

The Book of Ezekiel
“Ezekiel’s Call- Part 1”
Week 3: February 16, 2020
Ezekiel 2:1-3:3
Answers

Recap from Session 2:

- Ezekiel’s Vision of the **Glory of the Lord** may very well be a key to all the visions of the Word of God.
 - o In Ezekiel we have the **Person** who is on the Throne.
- 1. Beholding the Glory of the Lord (Vs. 1)**
 - a. The Storm (Vss. 3-4)**
 - i. Since the immense **Whirlwind** cloud Ezekiel beheld was coming from the north, it indicated the **Invasion** of **Judah** by the Babylonian army and the destruction of the land, the city of Jerusalem, and the temple.
 - b. The Cherubim (Vss. 5-14)**
 - i. Of special interest are their four faces: **A Man, A Lion, An Ox, and An Eagle (Ezek. 1:10)**
 - ii. The **Presence** of the **Cherubim** before the throne of God is assurance that God remembers His **Promise** and **Cares** for His creatures.
 - c. The Wheels (Vss. 15-21)**
 - i. There are **Four** wheels (**Vs. 16**), each with an intersecting wheel and each associated with one of the **Cherubim**.
 - d. The Firmament (Vss. 22-25)**
 - i. The **Wheels** symbolize the **Omnipresence** of God, while the **Eyes** on their rims suggest the **Omniscience** of God, seeing and knowing everything.
 - e. The Throne (Vss. 26-28)**
 - i. The wheels depicted God’s omnipresence and omniscience, and the **Throne** speaks of God’s **Omnipotent** authority.

No matter what message God gave him to preach, or what opposition arose from the people, Ezekiel would be **Encouraged** and strengthened because He had **Seen** and **Mighty** throne of God in the midst of the **Fiery** trial. He had seen the glory of God.

Session 3

Background/Introduction:

- The Babylonian Captivity actually took place in **Three** sieges, but it had been extensively prophesied well in advance. (**Isa. 29:5-7**)

- Daniel, who had been taken captive as a teenager in the **First** of three sieges, came to know from reading the Jeremiah Prophecy that the Captivity would last 70 years.
 - This is why he went into prayer which was interrupted by **Gabriel** and the famous 70 week vision of **Daniel 9**.
- **Why 70 Years?**
- **2 Chronicles 36:21**
 - This tells us why they were enslaved in Babylon for exactly 70 years. They were supposed to keep (**Till**) the ground for Six years; the Seventh year was to be a **Sabbath** for the land.
 - They failed to keep that (**Lev. 25**). So after **490** years, God said, “You owe me 70.”

1. **The Call of the Prophet**

- a. Apparently after the vision Ezekiel had seen, he was not standing up, but was down on his face. He will now receive a **Call**, a **Commission**, and an **Endowment**.
- b. **“Son of Man:”** This gives the idea of Son of Adam or **“Son of Dust.”**
 - i. This is also the title that the Lord Jesus Christ appropriated to Himself 86 times in the New Testament (Of His humanity, as the **Representative** of man).
- c. **“The Spirit entered in me:”** In Old Testament times, the Holy Spirit did **Not** indwell all believers but indwelt **Selected** persons temporarily for divine services (**I Sam. 10:9-11; Ps. 51:11**).
 - i. The Spirit of God gave Ezekiel the **Power** to do the job He had given him. He will give you the power to do that job. In fact, God’s **Work** can only be done with the power of God.
 - ii. The best position you can come to is to recognize that you are **Not able**, in your own strength, to do the job the Lord has given to you.
 - iii. The important thing then is to make sure that we are **Truly** called by God to do a certain thing.
- d. **Vs. 3: “Rebellious Nation:”** The word that is translated **“Nation”** is not the word that God generally used for His chosen people. The word in the **Hebrew** is **“Goi,”** and it is the Word that Israel used to speak of the **Gentiles**, the pagans, the heathens.
 - i. God says they are a **“Rebellious Nation.”** They have rebelled against Him and they are **“Impudent Children.”**
 - ii. **“Nation:”** Israel is usually contrasted with the “Nations” They have become **“Lo-ammi,”** Not the people of God.
- e. **Vs. 4: “I do send unto them”** When God calls, He **Empowers**.

