

Key Points

1. Ezekiel is about God's glory, on display for all to see.
 - The demonstration of His glory (in Ezekiel) is profoundly linked with the welfare of His people - Israel.
2. Those who remain in sin/idolatry will face God's just judgment, whereas those who renounce sin/idolatry will enter into life with God.
3. God, with unmerited grace, saves His people and fulfills His covenantal promises with them.

Introductory Comments

- Authorship: the prophet Ezekiel himself, with some level of editorial work
- Historical Setting:
 - Structure: Movement from doom/judgment to salvation/hope!

Ch. 1-24	Exilic Group in Babylon (before fall of Jerusalem)	1. Ezekiel's call 2. Prophecies of judgment against Judah/Israel
Ch. 25-32	Mainly during 18-month siege of Jerusalem	Prophecies of judgment against foreign nations
Turning Point – the Fall of Jerusalem (33:21)		
Ch. 33-39	Following the fall of Jerusalem	Prophecies of salvation, hope and restoration
Ch. 40-48		Prophecies concerning the new temple and the restored community

- Ezekiel the Prophet:

General Outline

Section 1 – Ch. 1-24

- *Ch. 1-3 – Ezekiel's Call*
- *Ch. 4-11 – Prophecies of Judgment against Judah/Israel*
- *Ch. 12-24 – Further Woes/Judgment against Judah/Israel*

Section 2 – Ch. 25-32: “Negative Messages of Hope” – Prophecies Against Foreign Nations

Turning Point – Ch. 33: The Fall of Jerusalem

Section 3 – Ch. 34-39: “Positive Messages of Hope” – Prophecies of Salvation

Section 4 – Ch. 40-48 – Vision of the New Temple

Select Major Themes in the Book of Ezekiel

- The glory of God
- God reveals Himself
- God’s holiness manifested in His hatred of idolatry
- God’s enduring faithfulness through covenant fulfillment
- Leadership: Corrupt Leadership vs. Faithful Watchman
- Individual responsibility regarding sin
- The Role of the Spirit
- The Messianic Hope

The Gospel in the Book of Ezekiel

A review of the key points in this brief overview demonstrates that the gospel is at the heart of Ezekiel’s prophecy. ***Yet, the book of Ezekiel anticipated an even greater fulfillment of the good news that was to come – JESUS CHRIST!***