

# **Our God is YHWH**

*A Study of Ezekiel's Prophecy*

## **Payday for Sin**

**Lesson 3**

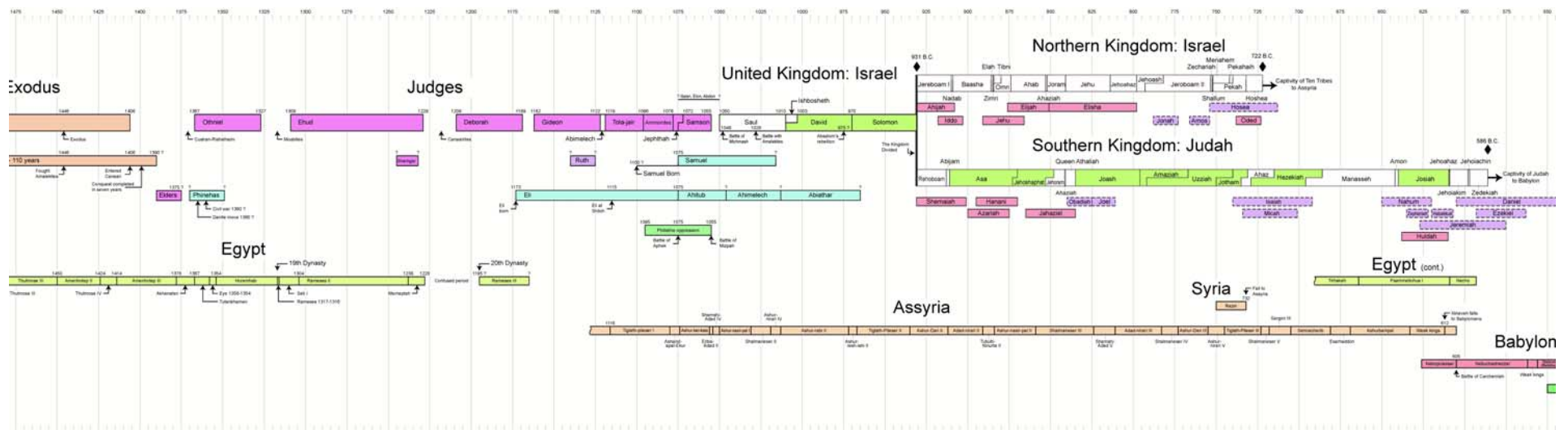
**Ezekiel 6-7**

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# The Gospel in Ezekiel

- ▶ Salvation from sin and the curse through the cross of Jesus Christ (Heb. 13:20-21)
- ▶ The death of the Son of God who is the Son of Man (Gen. 3:15)
- ▶ The critical role of the nation Israel (Gen. 12:2) – a land and a monarchy
- ▶ A slow process in history
  - Compared to Ishmael (Gen. 25:12-18) and Esau (Gen. 36:31)
  - Patriarchs were aliens in the Promised Land – only possessed a graveyard
  - In Egypt for 400 years and ended up in slavery
- ▶ Became a great nation in Egypt (Deut 26:5; 2 Sam. 7:23-26)
- ▶ The Law of Moses defined the nation: a holy nation and a kingdom of priests (Ex 19:6)
- ▶ History revealed that they were neither a holy nation nor a kingdom of priests
  - 446 years of anarchy under judges and king Saul
  - 414 years of rebellion under the Davidic monarchy and in the divided kingdom
  - Superficial religion (Psalm 78:34-39)

# Time Line of the Nation Israel

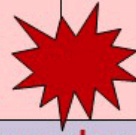


# The Ministry of Ezekiel

- ▶ Ezekiel the priest, with exiles in Babylon for 5 years, is called to be a prophet
- ▶ False prophets prophesy relief (Jer 28) but Ezekiel will prophecy judgment (3:18)
- ▶ A spectacular vision of God – the fire, the figure of a man, and the rainbow
- ▶ A distinctive ministry:
  - The hand of YHWH, the word of YHWH, the Spirit of YHWH (1:3; 2:2; 3:10-11)
  - Mute, except for the word of YHWH – for 7½ years
  - A strange title: son of man
  - A purpose: to teach that their God is YHWH

# Ezekiel

| God is YAHWEH = God is LORD                          |   |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |                           |    |    |    |    |    |                            |    |    |    |                              |                                     |    |    |    | 593-571 BC = 22 years |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| the wrath of the LORD God                            |   |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    |                           |    |    |    |    |    |                            |    |    |    | the holiness of the LORD God |                                     |    |    |    |                       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 1<br>①<br>the<br>call<br><br>2-3<br>②<br>the<br>send | 4-7 ① the coming judgment of Jerusalem      |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |    |    | 24 ① the boiling pot ·<br>the sign of Ezekiel |    |    |    |                           |    |    |    |    |    | 34 ① Israel's<br>Shepherd  |    |    |    |                              | 40-42 ① the temple                  |    |    |    |                       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|  | 8-11 ② God's glory departs from Jerusalem   |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |    |    | 25 ② Ammon, Moab,<br>Edom, Philistia          |    |    |    |                           |    |    |    |    |    | 35 ② Mount<br>Seir         |    |    |    |                              | 43-46 ② the service                 |    |    |    |                       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|  | 12-14 ③ the imminent judgment               |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |    |    | 26-28 ③ Tyre & Sidon                          |    |    |    |                           |    |    |    |    |    | 36 ③ Israel's<br>mountains |    |    |    |                              | 47-48 ③ the land                    |    |    |    |                       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|  | 15-19 ④ the unfaithfulness of Israel        |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |    |    | 29-32 ④ Egypt                                 |    |    |    |                           |    |    |    |    |    | 37 ④ the<br>dry bones      |    |    |    |                              |                                     |    |    |    |                       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|  | 20-23 ⑤ the rebuke of the elders and Israel |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |    |    | 33 ⑤ the watchman ·<br>the fall of Jerusalem  |    |    |    |                           |    |    |    |    |    | 38-39 ⑤<br>Gog             |    |    |    |                              | YHWH SHAMMAH<br>"the LORD is there" |    |    |    |                       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| glory<br>revealed                                    |   |   |   |   | glory<br>departed |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    | Jerusalem<br>siege begins |    |    |    |    |    |                            |    |    |    | Jerusalem<br>destroyed       |                                     |    |    |    | glory<br>restored     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 593 BC   |   |   |   |   |                   |   |   |   |    |    |   |    |    |    | 588 BC                    |    |    |    |    |    |                            |    |    |    | 586 BC                       |                                     |    |    |    | 571 BC                |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |





# Payday for Sin (Ezekiel 6-7)

- ▶ Ezekiel 6
  - I Myself am bringing a sword (6:1-7)
  - I will leave a remnant (6:8-10)
  - I will spend My wrath on all your habitations (6:11-14)
- ▶ Ezekiel 7
  - The end is coming soon (7:1-9)
  - Behold the day: a payday for sin (7:10-27)

# Prophecy to the Mountains of Israel (6)

- ▶ The word of the Sovereign YHWH to the land of Israel (6:1-7)
  - The coming sword (6:3)
  - Destruction of idol worship sites (6:4)
  - Death to the idolatrous people (6:4b-5)
  - Destruction of idol worship sites, including their homes (6:6)
  - Death to idolatrous people (6:7a)
  - “You will know that I am YHWH” (6:7b)
    - The necessity of knowing YHWH (Hosea 4:1; 5:4; 6:6)
    - YHWH will by no means leave the guilty unpunished (Exodus 34:7)
    - YHWH fulfills His word (Lev 26; Deut 28-29)

# Prophecy to the Mountains of Israel (6)

- ▶ “I will leave a remnant” (6:8-10)
  - Among those who escaped the sword and were scattered to the wind (5:2-4; 6:8)
  - Remnant preserved because of the character of YHWH (Psalm 98:1-3)
  - The remnant to retain the purpose of God for Israel (12:16:14:22-23)
  - They will remember their God (6:9)
    - They will realize the offense of their adulterous hearts and eyes – turned from God to idols
    - They will loathe themselves for their evils and abominations.
  - They will know that their God is YHWH – His ways are not in vain.



# Prophecy to the Mountains of Israel (6)

- ▶ The rebels among the exiles (6:11-14)
  - Clap your hands and stomp your feet – derision and disgust (Lam 2:15)
  - The house of Israel will fall by sword, famine, and plague for their evil.
  - Both far and near – location will be no protection
  - God will spend His wrath on them
    - For idolatry
    - All their habitations will be more desolate than “the wilderness toward Diblah”
  - Then they will know that their God is YHWH – by His wrath toward them

# The Inevitable Punishment (7:1-27)

- ▶ The end is coming (7:1-4)
  - “The end is coming” – stated 4 times in 2 verses
  - To the land of Israel – no land means no nation
  - I will send My anger
  - I will judge you according to your ways
  - I will not spare you – no pity
  - I will bring your ways on you and your abominations – given over to sin
  - You will know that I am YHWH (7:4) – the instructive intent

# The Inevitable Punishment (7:1-27)

- ▶ A unique disaster is coming (7:5-9)
  - Nothing like it in history – before or after (5:9)
  - The imminence is illustrated with the figure of one awakening from sleep
  - Their doom has come to them
    - “doom” is a crown or wreath – the reward for their ways
    - A reward of tumult and not the expected joy for the course they had chosen
  - Verses 8-9 repeat verses 3-4 – emphasizes the wrath and the lesson
  - They would learn that their God is YHWH by “the smiting”
  - The end is the destruction of the Temple, Jerusalem, and the nation

# The Inevitable Punishment (7:1-27)

- ▶ The end of the nation Israel as it then existed
  - Israel is not the Church
  - The Church is the Body of Christ (Eph 2:22) – describes union with Christ
  - Israel is a nation consisting of the children of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
  - The remnant are true believers – the Israel of God (Gal 6:15-16)
    - Characterized by a new heart (Rom 2:28-29; 9:6, 27-29; Gal 3:7; Eph 2:11-13)
  - The remnant will finally fulfill their purpose (Rom 11:12, 25-29)
  - The end will come for the pretenders of Israel

# The Inevitable Punishment (7:1-27)

- ▶ Behold the day! (7:10-27)
  - Doom – the wages of sin – the rod budded
  - Neither the buyer or the seller will survive in their iniquity
  - No one will respond to the trumpet call to assemble the defenses
  - The sword, the plague and the famine will not be stopped
  - The survivors will be no better off
  - Fear and shame will dominate the people
  - Their silver and gold will be useless to them
  - Their iniquity will destroy them
- ▶ The beauty of His ornaments – were profaned so He will profane them
- ▶ They will be enslaved by the worst of the nations – Babylon
- ▶ No peace, no prophet, no priest, no elder, no king, no prince
- ▶ Only God's judgment by which they will learn that God is YHWH



# Payday for Sin

- ▶ The history of Israel is given for our learning (1 Cor 10:6)
- ▶ YHWH will by no means leave the guilty unpunished (Exodus 34:7)
- ▶ Our God is a consuming fire (Deut 4:24; Heb 12:29)
- ▶ God's longsuffering is not indifference
- ▶ Grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18)