

Our God is YHWH

A Study of Ezekiel's Prophecy

The Monster in the Nile

Lesson 12

Ezekiel 29-30

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School

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Ezekiel

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

Dates in Ezekiel's ministry

| Ref. | Event | Ezekiel's date (d/m/y) | Julian calendar (d/m/y) |
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| Visions Before the Siege of Jerusalem | | | |
| 1:1 | Ezekiel's age at his call | 5 – 4 – 30 | 31 July 593 |
| 1:2 | Ezekiel's call and message | 5 – (4) – 5 | 31 July 593 |
| 8:1 | The case against Israel | 5 – 6 – 6 | 17 Sept 592 |
| 20:1 | The justice of the Lord God | 10 – 5 – 7 | 9 Aug 591 |
| Visions During the Siege of Jerusalem | | | |
| 24:1 | Woe to the bloody city | 10 – 10 – 9 | 15 Jan 588 |
| 26:1 | Oracle against Tyre | 1 – (11) – 11 | 12 Feb 586 |
| 29:1 | Oracle against Egypt | 12 – 10 – 10 | 7 Jan 587 |
| 29:17 | The message to Egypt | 1 – 1 – 27 | 26 Apr 571 |
| 30:20 | Babylon' victory over Egypt | 7 – 1 – 11 | 29 Apr 587 |
| 31:1 | Warning to Pharaoh | 1 – 3 – 11 | 21 Jun 587 |
| 32:1 | Lament over Pharaoh | 1 – 12 – 12 | 3 Mar 585 |
| 32:17 | Pharaoh in the grave A reminder to the watchman | 15 – (12) – 12 | 17 Mar 585 |
| Visions after the Fall of Jerusalem | | | |
| 33:21 | Night visions after the fall | 05 – 10 – 12 | 19 Jan 586 |
| 40:1 | Visions of the future in Israel: the temple, the land & the city | 10 – 1 – 25 | 28 Apr 573 |

Ezekiel's Visions in Order of Revelation

| Year of Captivity of Jehoiachin | Month | Day | Chapter |
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| Visions Before the Siege of Jerusalem | | | |
| 5 | 4 | 5 | Ezekiel 1-7 |
| 6 | 6 | 5 | Ezekiel 8-19 |
| 7 | 5 | 10 | Ezekiel 20-23 |
| The Siege of Jerusalem Begins | | | |
| 9 | 10 | 10 | Ezekiel 24-25 |
| 10 | 10 | 12 | Ezekiel 29:1-16 |
| 11 | 1? | 1 | Ezekiel 26-28 |
| 11 | 1 | 7 | Ezekiel 30:20-26 |
| 11 | 3 | 1 | Ezekiel 31 |
| The Fall of Jerusalem | | | |
| 12 | 10 | 5 | Ezekiel 33:21-39:29 |
| 12 | 12 | 1 | Ezekiel 32:1-16 |
| 12 | 12 | 15 | Ezekiel 32:17-33:20 |
| 25 | 1 | 10 | Ezekiel 40-47 |
| 27 | 1 | 1 | Ezekiel 29:17-30:19 |



Important Dates in Ezekiel's History

- ▶ 612 BC - The fall of Nineveh to Babylon
- ▶ 609 BC - The death of Josiah – stalemate at Haran
- ▶ 605 BC - The Battle of Carchemish – 1st exile to Babylon (Daniel)
- ▶ 597 BC - The 2nd exile – Jehoiachin (Ezekiel & 10,000 others)
- ▶ 593 BC - Ezekiel called and sent as a prophet to the exiles in Babylon
- ▶ 588 BC - The siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar begins
- ▶ 586 BC - The fall of Jerusalem to Nebuchadnezzar and 3rd exile to Babylon
- ▶ 585-573 BC - The siege of Tyre by Nebuchadnezzar
- ▶ 571 BC - The final vision for Ezekiel after 22 years
- ▶ 568 BC - The defeat of Egypt by Nebuchadnezzar and start of 40 year exile

Message of Wrath to the Nations (24-32)

- ▶ The purpose of God: All nations will know that God is the Lord YHWH
- ▶ Ezekiel 24 – The melting pot – the chosen people before the Lord YHWH
- ▶ Ezekiel 25 – The estranged family – Ammon, Moab, Edom
- ▶ Ezekiel 25 – Israel's mortal enemy – Philistia
- ▶ Ezekiel 26-28 – Tyre, Satan, and Sidon
- ▶ Ezekiel 29-32 – Egypt – Israel's ancient foe – 6 dated messages to Ezekiel
 - ▶ Lesson 12: ❶ 29:1-16 ❷ 29:17-30:19 ❸ 30:20-26
 - ▶ Lesson 13: ❹ 31 ❺ 32:1-16 ❻ 32:17-33:20

Judgment for Egypt (29-30)

- ① Judgment for Egypt (29:1-16)
- ② Payday for Nebuchadnezzar (29:17-21)
- ② A lament over Egypt (30:1-19)
- ③ The broken arms of Pharaoh (30:20-26)

#1 – The Monster on the Nile (29:1-16)

- ▶ Against Pharaoh and all Egypt
- ▶ Monster in the midst of the rivers
 - TANNIM – jackals, and Monster (Eze 29:3)
 - TANNIN – sea monster, serpent, dragon (Ex 7:9, 10, 12 - Moses' rod)
 - TANNIN – Isa 27:1 – YHWH will kill Leviathan (fleeing and twisted serpent); kill the dragon in the sea
 - TANNINIM – great fish, venomous serpents (Gen 1:21; Exo 7:12; Deu 32:33)
- ▶ The power behind the throne (Eze 28:12f; Matt 12:30; 16:23; John 8:44)
 - A counterfeit god – arrogant liar
 - Death for the monster and his followers
- ▶ The sin: a broken reed – failure to support the rebellious house of Israel
- ▶ YHWH is against Egypt
 - Death and desolation in the land
 - Exile for 40 years
- ▶ Restoration after 40 years
 - The lowest of kingdoms – never to rule over nations
 - Never a source of confidence for the house of Israel
 - They will know that the God of Israel is the Lord YHWH

Payday for Nebuchadnezzar (29:17-21)

- ▶ Historical context: siege of Tyre (585-573)
- ▶ Final vision to Ezekiel in 571 BC – 15 years after the fall of Jerusalem
- ▶ The defeat of Egypt in 568 BC – The plan of YHWH
- ▶ YHWH pays Nebuchadnezzar for his labor at Tyre: “They acted for Me.”
- ▶ On that day . . . a horn will sprout for the house of Israel; your mouth opened
- ▶ They will know that the God of the house of Israel is YHWH

A Lament over Egypt (30:1-19)

- ▶ The day of YHWH (30:1-5) – doom for the nations
- ▶ The desolation of Egypt and her allies (30:6-9)
- ▶ The alliance of YHWH and Nebuchadnezzar (30:10-12)
- ▶ A detailed description of the desolation of Egypt (30:13-19)

The Broken Arms of Pharaoh (30:20-26)

- ▶ Given before the fall of Jerusalem and after Egypt's failed attempt to help Zedekiah
- ▶ A summary of Ezekiel 29:1-16, a year later
- ▶ Emphasis is upon the direct role of YHWH
- ▶ Break both the arms of Pharaoh – 1st in the siege rescue attempt; 2nd in 568 BC
- ▶ Affirms the role of Nebuchadnezzar
- ▶ Reaffirms the intent of YHWH in history – to show that God is YHWH

The Monster on the Nile

- ▶ The Lord YHWH is not a tribal God
- ▶ He will be known throughout His creation – that He is Sovereign YHWH
- ▶ “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever.” (Romans 11:36)