

Our God is YHWH

A Study of Ezekiel's Prophecy

Payday for Sin

Lesson 3

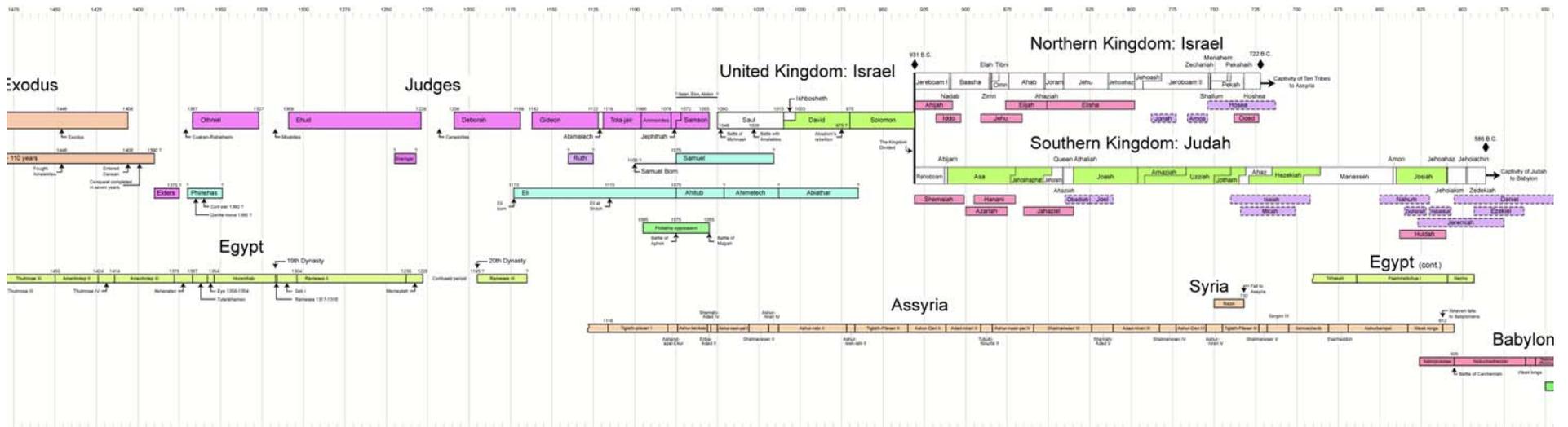
Ezekiel 6-7

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