

Our God is YHWH

A Study of Ezekiel's Prophecy

A Nation Regenerated

Lesson 15

Ezekiel 35-37

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																																						
<u>judgment for Jerusalem</u>													<u>judgment for the nations</u>																																						
1 Ezek. called																																																			
2-3 Ezek. sent	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 imminent judgment without hope											26-28	③ Tyre & Sidon											36	③ a new covenant											47-48	③ the land													
	15-19	④ the unfaithfulness of Israel											29-32	④ Egypt											37	④ the dry bones												YHWH SHAMMAH													
	20-23	⑤ the unanswerable closing argument											33	⑤ the watchman · the fall of Jerusalem											38-39	⑤ Gog												"the LORD is there"													
glory revealed													glory departed													glory restored																									
593 BC													Jerusalem siege begins													Jerusalem destroyed													571 BC												
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The Restoration of Israel (34-39)

- ▶ The Good Shepherd (34)
- ▶ A Prophecy Against Mount Seir (35)
- ▶ A Prophecy to the Mountains of Israel (36:1-21)
- ▶ A Vindication of the Holiness of YHWH (36:22-38)
- ▶ The Valley of Dry Bones (37:1-14)
- ▶ One Nation Under God (37:15-28)
- ▶ The Last Battle (38-39)

Prophecy Against Mount Seir (35)

- ▶ The family of Seir (Horites) and Esau (Edom)
- ▶ Esau – despised the blessing of Abraham (Gen 25:34); everlasting enmity (35:5)
- ▶ The two-fold message (35:1-4) – against . . . and for . . .
- ▶ Because of everlasting enmity (35:5-9)
- ▶ Because Edom decided to possess the land of YHWH'S presence (35:10-13)
- ▶ All the earth rejoices . . . Mount Seir and Edom are desolate
- ▶ “They” (all the earth) will know that the God of Israel is YHWH

“O Mountains of Israel” (36:1-21)

- ▶ A message to the Promised Land – compare Ezekiel 6
- ▶ The word of YHWH: “I am for you” (36:1, 9)
- ▶ The enemy took possession . . . “for good reason” (36:2-4)
- ▶ YHWH will act in “the fire of My jealousy” (36:5-7)
- ▶ Blessing for the land (36:8-15)
- ▶ The explanation for this blessing: “Concern for My holy name” (36:16-21)

The Restoration of Israel (36:22-38)

- ▶ The vindication of YHWH'S holy name in a holy nation (36:22-23)
- ▶ The essential divine work of salvation (36:24-27)
 - Take from the nations and bring into your own land
 - Sprinkle clean water – cleansing from filthiness and idolatry
 - A new heart (Gen 8:21; Jer 17:9; Hos 10:2; Prov 4:23)
 - A new spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45-50)
 - The Spirit of YHWH – partakers of the divine nature
- ▶ The result (36:28-38)
 - For the land
 - For the people
 - For the nations
 - For YHWH

The Vision of Restoration (37:1-14)

- ▶ A valley of dry bones (37:1-10)
 - The question: “Can these bones live?”
 - A strange answer: “Preach to them!”
 - The miracle of resurrection from the dead
 - The breath of God (RUAH v. NISHMAH in Gen 2:7)
- ▶ The interpretation (37:11-14)
 - The bones are “the whole house of Israel”
 - Sovereign YHWH will raise them from the dead
 - A resurrected nation brought to the land
 - The whole nation will have the Spirit of God within (partakers of the divine nature)
- ▶ Israel will know that YHWH has spoken and done it

The Davidic Kingdom (37:15-23)

- ▶ The unified nation (37:15-23)
- ▶ Two sticks labeled “Judah” and “Ephraim” brought together
- ▶ Regathered from the nations
- ▶ No more defilement
- ▶ The people of God

The Davidic Kingdom (37:24-28)

- ▶ King David will rule over them
- ▶ They will have one Shepherd
- ▶ They will obey
- ▶ They will live in the land given to Jacob – forever
- ▶ An everlasting covenant of peace
- ▶ “My sanctuary in their midst forever” – “My dwelling place also”
- ▶ They will be the people of YHWH
- ▶ All nations will know that YHWH is God by His physical presence

A Nation Regenerated

- ▶ Ezekiel teaches how the blessing of Abraham comes to Israel by a new covenant
 - The great nation is a holy nation and a kingdom of priests by salvation
- ▶ The blessing of Abraham also comes to all nations by that same covenant
 - We are a holy nation and a kingdom of priests by salvation
- ▶ The everlasting covenant of peace is secured by the death and resurrection of Christ