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## **A Covenant of Peace for a Nation in Turmoil**

When the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel as recorded in chapter 24, it was so significant that he was to record “the name of the day, this very day. The king of Babylon has laid siege to Jerusalem this very day” (24:2). God told Ezekiel that on the day when the Lord took away their stronghold, “the joy of their pride, the desire of their eyes and their heart’s delight, their sons and their daughters,” someone would escape and bring the news to Ezekiel’s ears—and his mouth would be opened (24:25-27). God sends His message first to Israel, His covenant people; then in Ezekiel 25–32 He tells them how He will deal with the nations.

However, though all this sounded so astoundingly bad, so fatal, so final for His people, God was not finished speaking as we will see. He had more to say through Ezekiel to the exiles in Babylon, more that would bring hope. It was the future that Jeremiah, Ezekiel’s contemporary, had spoken of—plans that would conquer despair. This is what we will study, beloved of God, in the final segment of Ezekiel’s message.

### TAKING IT IN

1. For those of you joining our Ezekiel course for the first time: Welcome!

As you begin, why don’t you take a few minutes to talk to the Lord and ask Him by His Spirit to give you wisdom and understanding as you, a person who desires to handle His Word accurately as 2 Timothy 2:15 says, diligently “present yourself approved to God . . . accurately handling the word of truth.”

- a. Read Ezekiel 1:1-3 and note below

- 1) the timing of Ezekiel 1

- 2) where Ezekiel is

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- b. In the Appendix, you'll find "The Rulers and Prophets of Ezekiel." (If you are new to our study of Ezekiel, take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the chart by noting the bold heading to the left of each line.) To put the Book of Ezekiel in context, find the 70-year Jewish Captivity under the line for Judah's Last Kings.
- 1) In what year was Jehoiachin taken captive?
  - 2) Who was also taken in the same captivity?
  - 3) Compare this with the timing of Ezekiel 1:2. Approximately how much time has passed since these were taken captive?
- c. Now read Ezekiel 2:1-10 and note the people Ezekiel is to speak to—how God Himself describes them.
- d. Moving to Ezekiel 3, read the first eleven verses.
- 1) What is Ezekiel to do with the scroll?
  - 2) What should the people do? Will they? Why?

- e. Seven days later God has more instructions for Ezekiel. Read Ezekiel 3:16-21. Summarize below God's instructions.
- f. In the Appendix, you will find an "Ezekiel at a Glance" chart where we've recorded the themes of the first thirty-two chapters of Ezekiel, which will take us up to Part 2 of Ezekiel. By way of review, or if this is your first experience with Ezekiel, read the chapter themes to familiarize yourself with the content of the book up to this point.
2. After prayer, asking the Lord to be your teacher—"For You Yourself have taught me" (Psalm 119:102b)—observe Ezekiel 33.
- a. As you read the text, you will find it helpful to mark the following words/phrases each in a distinctive way (using colors and/or symbols), including synonyms and pronouns. In doing so you can see how often a key word or phrase is used and thus observe with greater accuracy what God is saying.

Make a **Key Word Bookmark**. The bookmark is a list of the words you want to mark throughout this segment of Ezekiel with the marking styles/colors you are going to use. You can use the blank side of the one provided on the back cover of your workbook.

Add the following to the bookmark and mark them as you observe Ezekiel 33. An asterisk denotes words with a suggested marking on the reverse side of the bookmark.

- 1) *the word of the LORD*
- 2) *wicked, iniquity, transgression, sin(s)\**
- 3) *righteous, \* righteousness*
- 4) *blood\**
- 5) *turn(s)* (You don't need to put this on your bookmark.)

- 6) references to time\*
  - 7) references to *the land*\* when it refers to the land God gave Israel
  - 8) *mountains of Israel*
  - 9) geographical locations\*
  - 10) *heart*
  - 11) *know that I am the LORD*
- b. Now summarize each paragraph below or in the margin of your Observation Worksheet. A bold verse number denotes the beginning of a paragraph.
- 1) 1-6
  - 2) 7-9
  - 3) 10-16
  - 4) 17-20
  - 5) 21-22
  - 6) 23-29
  - 7) 30-33







3. And what's your prayer as we bring this week's study to a close? Write it out.

*You are going to be awed at what you learn next week! Blessings from the Precept family here and around the world—they pray for you.*

## EZEKIEL 33

### Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

AND the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

- 2 “Son of man, speak to the sons of your people and say to them, ‘If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman,
- 3 and he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows on the trumpet and warns the people,
- 4 then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his *own* head.
- 5 ‘He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have delivered his life.
- 6 ‘But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman’s hand.’
- 7 “Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them warning from Me.
- 8 “When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require from your hand.
- 9 “But if you on your part warn a wicked man to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your life.

- 10 “Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus you have spoken, saying, “Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are rotting away in them; how then can we survive?” ’
- 11 “Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord GOD, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’
- 12 “And you, son of man, say to your fellow citizens, ‘The righteousness of a righteous man will not deliver him in the day of his transgression, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he will not stumble because of it in the day when he turns from his wickedness; whereas a righteous man will not be able to live by his righteousness on the day when he commits sin.’
- 13 “When I say to the righteous he will surely live, and he *so* trusts in his righteousness that he commits iniquity, none of his righteous deeds will be remembered; but in that same iniquity of his which he has committed he will die.
- 14 “But when I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and he turns from his sin and practices justice and righteousness,
- 15 *if a* wicked man restores a pledge, pays back what he has taken by robbery, walks by the statutes which ensure life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
- 16 “None of his sins that he has committed will be remembered against him. He has practiced justice and righteousness; he shall surely live.
- 17 “Yet your fellow citizens say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right,’ when it is their own way that is not right.
- 18 “When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, then he shall die in it.
- 19 “But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and practices justice and righteousness, he will live by them.
- 20 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not right.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

- 21 Now in the twelfth year of our exile, on the fifth of the tenth month, the refugees from Jerusalem came to me, saying, “The city has been taken.”
- 22 Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me in the evening, before the refugees came. And He opened my mouth at the time *they* came to me in the morning; so my mouth was opened and I was no longer speechless.
- 23 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,
- 24 “Son of man, they who live in these waste places in the land of Israel are saying, ‘Abraham was *only* one, yet he possessed the land; so to us who are many the land has been given as a possession.’
- 25 “Therefore say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “You eat *meat* with the blood *in it*, lift up your eyes to your idols as you shed blood. Should you then possess the land?
- 26 “You rely on your sword, you commit abominations and each of you defiles his neighbor’s wife. Should you then possess the land?” ’
- 27 “Thus you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “As I live, surely those who are in the waste places will fall by the sword, and whoever is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and in the caves will die of pestilence.
- 28 “I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and the pride of her power will cease; and the mountains of Israel will be desolate so that no one will pass through.
- 29 “Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed.” ’
- 30 “But as for you, son of man, your fellow citizens who talk about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, speak to one another, each to his brother, saying, ‘Come now and hear what the message is which comes forth from the LORD.’
- 31 “They come to you as people come, and sit before you *as* My people and hear your words, but they do not do them, for they do the lustful desires *expressed* by their mouth, *and* their heart goes after their gain.

- 32 “Behold, you are to them like a sensual song by one who has a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; for they hear your words but they do not practice them.
- 33 “So when it comes to pass—as surely it will—then they will know that a prophet has been in their midst.”

EZEKIEL 34  
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

THEN the word of the LORD came to me saying,

- 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?”
- 3 “You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat *sheep* without feeding the flock.
- 4 “Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.
- 5 “They were scattered for lack of a shepherd, and they became food for every beast of the field and were scattered.
- 6 “My flock wandered through all the mountains and on every high hill; My flock was scattered over all the surface of the earth, and there was no one to search or seek *for them.*” ’ ”
- 7 Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
- 8 “As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “surely because My flock has become a prey, My flock has even become food for all the beasts of the field for lack of a shepherd, and My shepherds did not search for My flock, but *rather* the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock;
- 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
- 10 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will demand My sheep from them and make them cease from feeding sheep. So the shepherds will not feed themselves anymore, but I will deliver My flock from their mouth, so that they will not be food for them.” ’ ”

- 11** For thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.
- 12** “As a shepherd cares for his herd in the day when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will care for My sheep and will deliver them from all the places to which they were scattered on a cloudy and gloomy day.
- 13** “I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the inhabited places of the land.
- 14** “I will feed them in a good pasture, and their grazing ground will be on the mountain heights of Israel. There they will lie down on good grazing ground and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
- 15** “I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest,” declares the Lord GOD.
- 16** “I will seek the lost, bring back the scattered, bind up the broken and strengthen the sick; but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with judgment.
- 17** “As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I will judge between one sheep and another, between the rams and the male goats.
- 18** ‘Is it too slight a thing for you that you should feed in the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pastures? Or that you should drink of the clear waters, that you must foul the rest with your feet?’
- 19** ‘As for My flock, they must eat what you tread down with your feet and drink what you foul with your feet!’ ”
- 20** Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them, “Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
- 21** “Because you push with side and with shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns until you have scattered them abroad,
- 22** therefore, I will deliver My flock, and they will no longer be a prey; and I will judge between one sheep and another.
- 23** “Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd.

- 24 “And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.
- 25 “I will make a covenant of peace with them and eliminate harmful beasts from the land so that they may live securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.
- 26 “I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing.
- 27 “Also the tree of the field will yield its fruit and the earth will yield its increase, and they will be secure on their land. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.
- 28 “They will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make *them* afraid.
- 29 “I will establish for them a renowned planting place, and they will not again be victims of famine in the land, and they will not endure the insults of the nations anymore.
- 30 “Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people,” declares the Lord GOD.
- 31 “As for you, My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, you are men, and I am your God,” declares the Lord GOD.



EZEKIEL AT A GLANCE

**Book Theme:**

**Segment Divisions**

|                   | Judgment                                       | Dates   | Chapter Themes  |
|-------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Author:</b>    | Vision of God's glory                          | 5 <sup>th</sup> year  | <b>1</b> Ezekiel's vision of living beings and Lord's glory |
|                   | Ezekiel sent & appointed watchman              |   | <b>2</b> Ezekiel sent to rebellious house of Israel         |
| <b>Date:</b>      |  |   | <b>3</b> Ate the scroll/ Watchman                           |
|                   |  |   | <b>4</b> Sign of Jerusalem's siege                          |
| <b>Purpose:</b>   | Signs to exiles: siege, judgment, scattered    |   | <b>5</b> Judgment on Jerusalem—1/3, 1/3, 1/3                |
|                   | To Israel's mountains, lands: end is coming    |   | <b>6</b> To mountains of Israel: desolation for idolatry    |
| <b>Key Words:</b> | Jerusalem                                      | 6 <sup>th</sup> year  | <b>7</b> To land of Israel: judge acc. to your ways         |
|                   |  |   | <b>8</b> Vision of abominations in temple                   |
|                   | Vision: Jerusalem's abominations & God's glory | <b>9</b> Man with writing case—no mark, death                   |   |
|                   |  | <b>10</b> Cherubim and Lord's glory to east gate                |   |
|                   | Judgment on Jerusalem                          | <b>11</b> Sword against leaders/ Heart of flesh/ Glory departed |   |
|                   |  | <b>12</b> Baggage—sign of exile/ God's Word no longer delayed   |   |
|                   |  | <b>13</b> Woe to false prophets                                 |   |
|                   |  | <b>14</b> Elders & idols / If a country sins                    |   |
|                   |  | <b>15</b> Jerusalem given to fire                               |   |
|                   |  | <b>16</b> Jerusalem's harlotry/ Restoration                     |   |

**Segment Divisions**

| Judgment  |                           | Dates                | Chapter Themes  |   |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Jerusalem | Judgment on Jerusalem     |                      | <b>17</b> Parable of eagles/ King Zedekiah to Babylon |   |
|           |                           |                      | <b>18</b> Righteous live, wicked die                  |   |
|           |                           |                      | <b>19</b> Lamentation for princes of Israel           |   |
|           | Sword against bloody city | 7 <sup>th</sup> year |   | <b>20</b> To the elders—abominations of the fathers       |
|           |                           |                      |   | <b>21</b> Lord’s sword against Jerusalem & Ammon          |
|           |                           |                      |   | <b>22</b> Judge the bloody city                           |
|           |                           |                      |   | <b>23</b> Harlots—Oholah & Oholibah                       |
|           |                           | 9 <sup>th</sup> year | <b>24</b> Siege on Jerusalem this day—parable of pot  |   |
|           | Nations                   | Judgment on nations  |   | <b>25</b> Prophecy against Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistines |
|           | Tyre                      |                      | 11 <sup>th</sup> year                                 |   |
|           |                           |                      |   | <b>27</b> Lamentation over Tyre                           |
|           |                           |                      |   | <b>28</b> Leader, King of Tyre/ Sidon                     |
| Egypt     | 10 <sup>th</sup> year     |                      | <b>29</b> Prophecy against Pharaoh & Egypt            |   |
|           | 11 <sup>th</sup> year     |                      | <b>30</b> Sword against Egypt                         |   |
|           |                           |                      | <b>31</b> Egypt brought down like Assyria             |   |
|           | 12 <sup>th</sup> year     |                      | <b>32</b> Babylon’s sword will destroy Egypt          |   |

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THEN "YOU" WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD

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***Ezekiel Part 2***

*Then "You" Will Know That I Am the Lord*