Portrait of a Saint

Ezekiel—"Son of man...go, speak to the house of Israel."

It was the year 597 B.C. The King of Judah had rebelled against the Babylonians and now Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Jerusalem. He took as captives the Jewish royal family and 10,000 other inhabitants of Jerusalem. Among those exiled to Babylon were the priest, Ezekiel and his family.

There were many events that led up to this Babylonian oppression and things would get much worse for Judah and Jerusalem. In another 11 years all the people of Jerusalem would be taken into captivity, the walls torn down, and the Temple built by Solomon 400 years before would be completely destroyed.

The book of Ezekiel begins "In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River..." The words of Psalm 137 come to mind. Surely Ezekiel would be among those who wept:

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?

Almost 1,000 years before this, God had rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt through his servant Moses. After this rescue from Egypt, the Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. They were taught of God's love for them, of the promises He had made to their forefathers, and of the law they should

keep in obedience to God. The first and foremost of these laws was:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deut 6:4-5)

They were told that as long as they obeyed, they would stay in the Land and God would bless them. If they disobeyed and forgot God, He would send them out of their land, disperse them among their enemies and no longer bless them.

Throughout the many years Israel as a nation continued to disobey the LORD and worship worthless idols. Although there were a few faithful people such as the prophets, most practiced many of the abominable acts of their pagan neighbors and were unrepentant of their behavior. Through the prophets God continually warned them of the consequence of what they were doing. They would not listen. As a consequence, the northern kingdom of Israel was taken captive by the Assyrians in 722 BC. The southern kingdom of Judah remained for another 120 years. The Babylonian raids against Judah and Jerusalem began in 602 BC and it was in 597 BC that Ezekiel was among those deported to Babylon.

Through Ezekiel God continued to warn his people of impending total destruction against Judah and Jerusalem unless they repented. In the opening chapters of Ezekiel, in a vision God reveals his glory to him and calls him "Son of man":

I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking. Ezekiel 1:27-28

After this, God tells Ezekiel his mission. He is to speak to the Israelites:

He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. Ezekiel 2:3

Whether the Israelites listen or not, Ezekiel is to go and speak to them. They will know that God has sent his warnings through his prophets. God says this again in other words when he tells Ezekiel that he is to be a watchman to Israel:

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me Ezekiel 3:16-17

Ezekiel became a watchman to those remaining in Judah and Jerusalem. If they listened and repented, then Judah and Jerusalem would be saved. If they did not repent, then destruction was coming. The next several chapters of Ezekiel are warnings of what was about to happen to Jerusalem:

"Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself am against you, Jerusalem, and I will inflict punishment on you in the sight of the nations. Because of all your detestable idols...I will inflict punishment

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on you and will scatter all your survivors to the winds. Ezekiel 5:8-12

God in his mercy and compassion did not want his people to suffer and perish. He wanted them to return and repent:

" ... Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live! Ezekiel 18:30-32

Judah and Jerusalem would not listen to Ezekiel or to the other prophets that God sent to them. There was no repentance. So there was no remedy, only destruction and captivity.

The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. But they mocked God's messengers, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians. 2 Chronicles 36:15-17

In chapter 10 Ezekiel sees in a vision again the glory of God. This time however it's a vision of the glory of God departing from the Temple in Jerusalem. When Solomon had completed building the Temple, there was great celebration in Jerusalem. Solomon's prayer was answered and the glory of God filled the Temple. Now, 400 years later, the glory departed. How Ezekiel must have mourned when he

saw this vision.

Prophecies concerning judgment against Israel and Judah and against many of the neighboring nations continue through chapter 35. All seems hopeless. But the prophecies are not finished. Chapter 36 begins the prophecies of restoration and redemption. God has not rejected his people forever. He will bring them back to their land. He will give them a new heart and make them clean:

"'For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. Ezekiel 36:24-29

In chapter 37 Ezekiel sees a vision of a valley of dry bones that come together and are made into living people again. This is a vision of resurrection. It's a vision of the rebirth of God's people Israel:

This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them. Ezek 37:21-28

The last several chapters of Ezekiel describe a Temple that is to be built in the restored Jerusalem. Ezekiel again sees a vision of the glory of God. This time the glory of God returns to the Temple:

Then the man brought me to the gate facing east, and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory. The vision I saw was like the vision I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the visions I had seen by the Kebar River, and I fell facedown. The glory of the LORD entered the temple through the gate facing east. Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me from inside the temple. He said: "Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever. Ezekiel 43:1-7

When God saved Israel from slavery in Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land, he made a covenant with the people. would bless them and be their God. They would enjoy the land and be prosperous. But the covenant was conditional on their obedience to God. The people broke that conditional covenant and they were thrown out of the Land. But God had made an eternal covenant with their forefathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. That covenant was not conditional. Now, in the prophecies in the book of Ezekiel, through God's power the hearts of people will be changed. They will have a part in the eternal covenant and promises given to the forefathers. The glory of God will return to the Temple and God will dwell with his people.

The final words of the book of Ezekiel are concerning Jerusalem and are words of joy and praise: "And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE."

Bible Principles

The Hope of Israel

Most of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, concern a nation of people called Israel. The history of this nation begins in Genesis 12. God speaks to a man called Abram. He tells Abram to leave his father's family and his country and go to a land that He would show him. Because Abram, whose name was later changed to Abraham, believed and obeyed, God made a covenant with him. That is, he made promises to him. These eternal promises made to Abraham concerned himself, the new land that God showed him, his descendants, and the rest of the world:

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:1-3

Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars — if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. He also said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it." Genesis 15:4-7

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God." Genesis 17:3-8

Please notice what has been promised for eternity:

Abraham would be the father of a great nation—like the sand of the sea.

The land that Abraham lived in was to be given to him and his children forever.

All nations would be blessed through Abraham.

The importance of these promises cannot be understated. The rest of Bible history and Bible prophecy concerns these promises to Abraham and his descendants. In fact, Paul the Apostle states clearly that Jesus came to confirm, that is "make sure", these promises:

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs so that the Gentiles may glorify God for his mercy...Romans 15:8-9.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of 12 sons. Jacob's name was changed to Israel and his 12 sons became the fathers of the 12 tribes (families) of Israel. Because of a famine the Israelites went down into Egypt and later became slaves to the Egyptians. About 400 years later, through Moses the prophet, God rescued Israel from Egypt and brought them back to the land promised to their fathers. were given a law and a conditional promise to live in the land. That condition was their obedience to the law. As we follow the history of Abraham's family for the next one thousand years, we learn that because of disobedience they were taken from the Land. They were scattered and dispersed to all lands. God had sent warnings to his people through the prophets for many years but they did not listen. So the Assyrians and then the Babylonians defeated them and took them captive. However, God had not rejected them forever. In fulfillment of prophecy, 70 years after the Babylonian captivity, some returned to Israel and Jerusalem. They were never a free nation again with their own independent king. After the Babylonians, the Medes and Persians ruled. They were conquered by Alexander the Great whose conquered lands were later conquered by the Romans. Each of these succeeding empires ruled over the land of Israel. Which brings us to the time of Jesus.

In all this history it may seem as though God has rejected his people and forgotten his promises to (Continued on page 4)

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Abraham. Paul has assured us, however, that it is Jesus who confirms these promises. Looking at some of the prophecies in the Old Testament we find that God has not forgotten his people. He has promised, not just a temporary return to the land, but a complete restoration of the Kingdom of Israel:

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says. For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give vou a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God. Ezekiel 36:22-28

"'My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and

increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever." Ezekiel 37:24-28

These prophecies and promises have yet to be fulfilled. There were some Israelites (Jews) who returned to Israel after the Babylonian captivity. However, after their rejection of Jesus, they were again taken captive and scattered throughout the world in 70 AD by the Romans. Jesus warned of this:

"When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near...For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written... There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. Luke 21:20-24

In the book of Acts the history of the preaching work of the Apostles is told. Paul, the Apostle, traveled to many areas outside of Israel preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. When he came to a new area he always started his preaching work by teaching in the local Jewish synagogue. When the Jews rejected his message he would turn to the Gentiles. Although many Jews did believe in Jesus, most rejected the message.

How, then, will the prophecies of Ezekiel be fulfilled? Will God reject Israel forever? What connection do the promises given to Abraham have to salvation in Jesus? These were concerns that Paul addressed in his letters to the Christian churches in the first century.

I speak the truth in Christ-I am not lying, my conscience confirms it in the Holy Spirit-I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ. God who is over all be forever praised! Romans 9:1-

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Romans 11:1-2

Many have thought over the years that Israel has been rejected permanently and that the promises do not apply to them. But this is not the case. In fact Jesus gave a hint of the answer when he said that Jerusalem would be trodden down until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. As Ezekiel prophecies foretell, the time will come when Israel will not only be gathered again to the Land, but also will be given a new heart. They will be given a heart to obey God. Paul picks up this thread as he continues his discussion in his letter to the believers in Rome:

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery?

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Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring! Romans 11:11-12

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written... Romans 11:25-26

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too

have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. Romans 11:28-32

The promises made to Abraham are the essence of the gospel message not only to Jew but also to Gentile. Because of Jesus there is hope of the resurrection from the dead and life eternal. Abraham believed in the eternal promises of God. Although he never owned the land that God showed him, he believed that God would raise him from the dead and give him an eternal inheritance in the land. All those who believe with faithful Abraham also receive the promise of life everlasting:

Consider Abraham: "He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance

to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. Galatians 3:6-9

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:26-29

The hope of Israel includes all Israel. It includes the natural children of Abraham who will turn and repent when the time of the Gentiles is fulfilled and it includes the Gentiles who are children of Abraham through faith and obedience. Through Jesus it is the hope of resurrection to life everlasting, a life when the promises of God will be completely fulfilled.



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The Prophets Mourn

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance "Ecclesiastes 3:1,4

The books of the prophets are full of hope and the future glory of God's coming kingdom. They are also full of the judgments to come on those who do not listen to the prophets' warning messages and reject and disobey God. The prophets were not unaffected by the visions of destruction that they saw. Many times we wish we knew the future but the prophets saw visions of the future and it brought weeping and sorrow.

Elisha:

He stared at him with a fixed gaze until Hazael felt ashamed. Then the man of God began to weep.

"Why is my lord weeping?" asked Hazael.

"Because I know the harm you will do to the Israelites," he answered... 2 Kings 8:11-12

Jeremiah:

Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?

Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?

Oh, that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears!

I would weep day and night for the slain of my people. Jeremiah 8:21-9:1

Daniel:

I said to the one standing before me, "I am overcome with anguish because of the vision, my lord, and I am helpless.

How can I, your servant, talk with you, my lord? My strength is gone and I can hardly breathe." Daniel 10:16-17

Jesus:

As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace-but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. Luke 19:41:43

The prophets were sent to the people with a message calling for repentance and obedience. Most did not listen or repent and there are consequences for that disobedience. For those who have listened and obeyed there is, instead, the promise of salvation:

In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

In that day you will say: "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you." Isaiah 12



Ezekiel in the book of Revelation

Echoes of Ezekiel in the Book of Revelation: The prophecies given to the Apostle John in the book of Revelation continually point back to prophecies found in the Old Testament. Again, we see how the Old and New Testaments are part of one whole revelation. They are in agreement. The connections between the prophecies in Revelation and the Prophecies in Ezekiel, recorded more than 600 years before, are numerous:

	Ezekiel	Revelation		
The prophet in captivity	Ezek 1:2-3 On the fifth of the month-it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachinthe word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, by the Kebar River in the land of the Babylonians.	Rev 1:9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.		
The appearance of the heavenly throne.	Ezek 1:26-28 Above the expanse over their heads was what looked like a throne of sapphire, and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.	Rev 4:2-3 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne.		
The appearance of Him who sits on the Throne.	Ezek 1:26-28and high above on the throne was a figure like that of a man. I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him.	Rev 4:2-3 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian.(Note: Jasper and carnelian are semi-precious stones with a brilliant red/orange color.)		
The four living creatures	Ezek 1:4-10and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. In appearance their form was that of a man, but each of them had four faces and four wings Each of the four had the face of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.	Rev 4:6-8 In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.		
The water of life and the healing leaves.	Ezek 47:12 Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing."	Rev 22:1-3 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.		
The names of the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem	Ezek 48:30-34 "These will be the exits of the city: Beginning on the north side, which is 4,500 cubits long, the gates of the city will be named after the tribes of Israel. The three gates on the north side will be the gate of Reuben, the gate of Judah and the gate of Levi.	Rev 21:11-13 It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.		
In the new Jerusalem God will dwell with his people.	Ezek 48:35 "And the name of the city from that time on will be: THE LORD IS THERE."	Rev 21:2-4 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.		

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