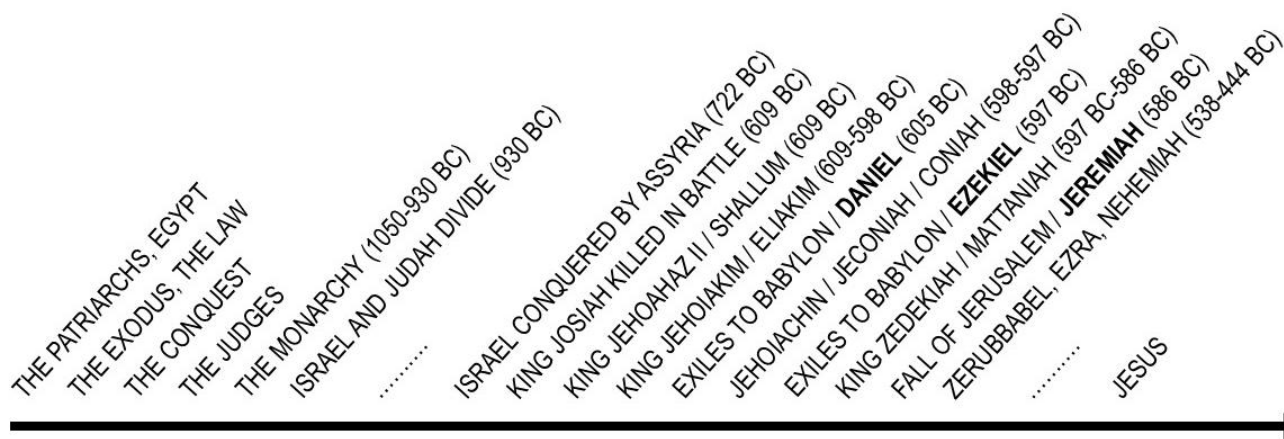




EZEKIEL 2:1–3:27

¹ And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ² And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³ And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶ And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷ And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house ...

¹⁶ And at the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ¹⁸ If I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ¹⁹ But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul ... ²² And the hand of the LORD was upon me there. And he said to me, “Arise, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you.” ²³ So I arose and went out into the valley, and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and I fell on my face. ²⁴ But the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and he spoke with me ... (Ezekiel 2:1-3:27)



Introduction

- In the Old Testament, a prophet (seer, man of God) _____
 (Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, the Twelve).
- The message of a prophet could involve warnings of _____, promises of _____, encouragement to _____, and predictions of the _____.
- In the New Testament, a prophet spoke for God. The apostles and prophets were _____ gifts to the church (1 Corinthians 12:28-29, Ephesians 2:20, 3:5, 4:11, 2 Peter 3:2).

The Big Idea of Ezekiel 2:1-3:27

- The words _____ by the prophet Ezekiel and the words _____ in the book of Ezekiel were and are _____ words (Ezekiel 2:2, 3:24, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21).

Ezekiel's Call and Commissioning

- Ezekiel was sent to deliver a message of _____ to God's people (2:1-3:3).
- Ezekiel was assured that God's people would not _____ to him (3:4-15).
- Ezekiel was made a " _____ " for the exiled people of Israel (3:16-21).
- Ezekiel was called to speak God's words and _____ God's words (3:22-27).

Application

- When we read Ezekiel, we are reading the breathed-out _____.
 - What does Ezekiel teach us about _____?
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