

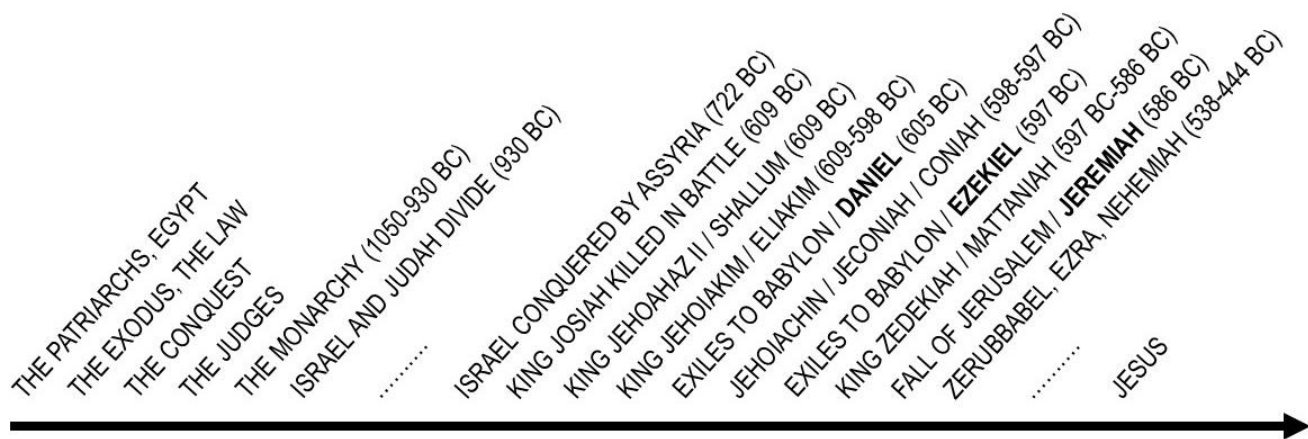


EZEKIEL 13:1-14:11

13 The word of the Lord came to me: ² “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel, who are prophesying, and say to those who prophesy from their own hearts: ‘Hear the word of the Lord!’ ³ Thus says the Lord God, Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! ⁴ Your prophets have been like jackals among ruins, O Israel. ⁵ You have not gone up into the breaches, or built up a wall for the house of Israel, that it might stand in battle in the day of the Lord. ⁶ They have seen false visions and lying divinations. They say, ‘Declares the Lord,’ when the Lord has not sent them, and yet they expect him to fulfill their word. ⁷ Have you not seen a false vision and uttered a lying divination, whenever you have said, ‘Declares the Lord,’ although I have not spoken?”...

...¹⁷ “And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own hearts. Prophesy against them ¹⁸ and say, Thus says the Lord God: Woe to the women who sew magic bands upon all wrists, and make veils for the heads of persons of every stature, in the hunt for souls! Will you hunt down souls belonging to my people and keep your own souls alive? ¹⁹ You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, putting to death souls who should not die and keeping alive souls who should not live, by your lying to my people, who listen to lies...

...^{14:1} Then certain of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. ² And the word of the Lord came to me: ³ “Son of man, these men have taken their idols into their hearts, and set the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I indeed let myself be consulted by them? ⁴ Therefore speak to them and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Any one of the house of Israel who takes his idols into his heart and sets the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and yet comes to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him as he comes with the multitude of his idols, ⁵ that I may lay hold of the hearts of the house of Israel, who are all estranged from me through their idols. (Ezekiel 13:1-14:11)



Introduction

- Ezekiel _____ during the time of the Babylonian exile.

The Big Idea of Ezekiel 13:1-14:11

- God sees through _____ and demands truth, repentance, and total devotion.

False Prophets

- They claim to have a word from the Lord but speak from their own _____ (13:2, 2 Peter 2:1-3).
- They expect God to fulfill their words even when He didn't _____ them (13:6).
- They seek to _____ from offering false hope (13:17-23, 2 Peter 2).
- They make little of _____ and God's coming judgement (13:17-19).

Gods' Response

- God proclaimed that He was _____ them (13:8, 13:20).
- God said they would not be in the _____ of the House of Israel (13:9).
- God exposed the idols they held in their _____ (14:1-5).
- God commanded them to _____ and turn to Him alone (14:6-8).

Application

- We must _____ of any messenger claiming to speak for God (Matthew 7:15-18).
- Truth must be grounded in _____ and not on human opinion.
- God's judgement is real, but His _____ is greater for those who return to Him.