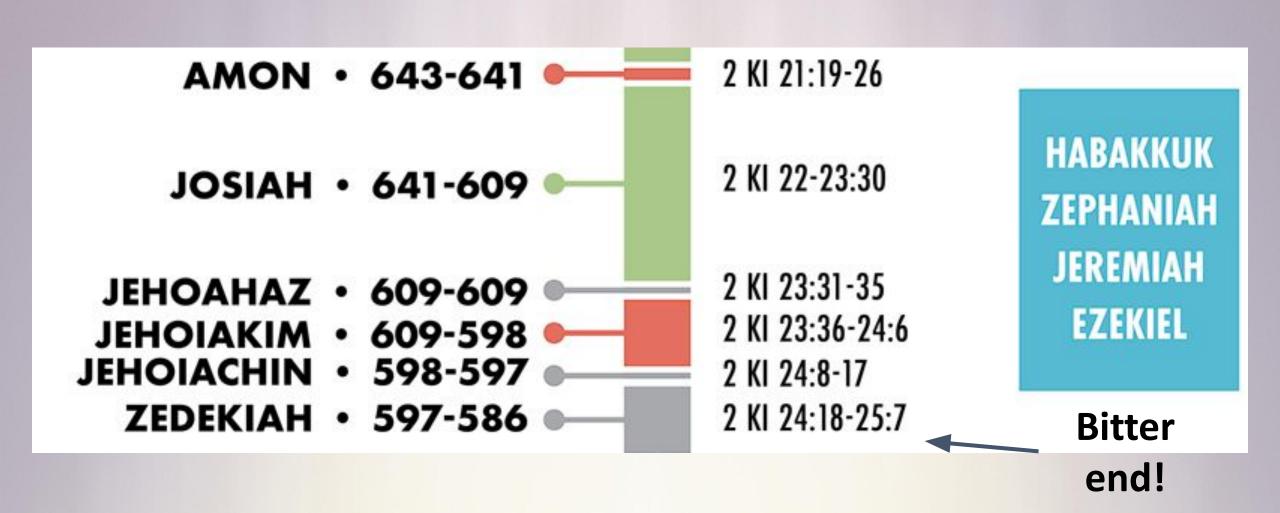


Timeline of Ezekiel



The Structure of Ezekiel

EZEKIEL

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

TYPE

PROPHECY, MAJOR



Ezekiel was a priest and one of those carried away in captivity. He prophesies from captivity for a period of over 20 years. His prophecies cover a range of topics and history, and include God's explanation of His current wrath, the recent reformation of Israel, and the Millennial Kingdom.



590-570 BC



585 BC through the end of times



The Prophet Ezekiel

EZEKIEL'S WHEEL

EZEKIEL'S **CORONATION AS A VOICE OF GOD**

GOD EXPRESSES

JUDGMENT ON THE MOCKERS

THE FUTURE

EZEKIEL 1

Ezekiel receives a vision from God and describes four living creatures and four wheels, whose descriptions have been difficult for many to visualize and understand.

EZEKIEL 2-3

Ezekiel is called to preach to the people of Israel. He is warned emphatically that he must speak or be held accountable for the evil deeds of the people.

EZEKIEL 4-24

Ezekiel is commanded to teach the Jews using examples instead of just writing them, and because of this his writing are full of visions, imagery, and symbols. Ezekiel pleads with the Jews to repent and to return to God.

EZEKIEL 25-32

Ezekiel speaks about the wickedness of surrounding nations, including Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia, Tyre, Sidon, and Egypt. These nations have mocked both God and the Judeans, and God announces His judgments on them all.

EZEKIEL 33-48

God renews Ezekiel's calling, then proceeds to give visions about the distant future. He shares his vision of dry bones symbolizing the resurrection of Israel and visions of the future, including the restoration of the Temple.

Vision and Imagination

Visions that overwhelm!

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Holy

Infinite

Alien

Mysterious

Awe-inspiring

Intimidating

Angels.....

What is an angel?

Are they good?

How does God use them?

Let's exercise our imagination

We need some upfront artists!

Please take out your paper and pens.

Ready?

Draw an angel!

Isaiah 6:1-3

Mighty Seraphim

Ezekiel 1:4-21

Four Living Beings

Daniel 8:15-18

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Gabriel

Luke 1:26-33

Gabriel and Mary

Revelation 10:1-3

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What we see

- Sin
- Suffering
- Judgement
- Longing
- Mystery

What God sees

- Holiness
- Eternity
- Glory

Golden thread

- Exodus 40 Glory fills the Tabernacle
- Second Chronicles 5 Glory fill the Temple
- Ezekiel 43:2-5 Prophecy of restored Gloy
- Matthew 17 Transfiguration
- Revelation 21 New Jerusalem

Key verses

"After this, the man brought me back around to the east gateway. Suddenly, the glory of the God of Israel appeared from the east. The sound of his coming was like the roar of rushing waters, and the whole landscape shone with his glory. This vision was just like the others I had seen, first by the Kebar River and then when he came to destroy Jerusalem. I fell face down on the ground. And the glory of the Lord came into the Temple through the east gateway. Then the Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner courtyard, and the glory of the Lord filled the Temple. Ezekiel 43:1-5 NLT

Key verses

"The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.

I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.

Revelation 21:21-23 NLT

Sanctified Imagination

C.S. Lewis:

"...reason is the natural organ of truth;

but imagination is the organ of meaning."

Sanctified Imagination

Psalm 123:1

"I lift my eyes to You,

O God, enthroned in

heaven.