**Outline w/ Pivotal Texts**

1. Ezekiel 1-32 – Judgment/Removal: Against Judah and the rest of the nations
   1. 1:1-3:15 – The call and sending of Ezekiel
   2. 3:16-7:27 – Announcement against Jerusalem (imminent judgment)
   3. Ch. 8-11 – Visions of idolatry and the flight of the glory of Yahweh
   4. Ch. 12-19 – Idolatry and the Lord Yahweh
   5. Ch. 20-23 – Judgment coming closer and closer (warnings intensify)
   6. Ch. 24 – The beginning of the siege of Jerusalem
   7. Ch. 25-32 – Seven oracles against seven cities/nations
2. Ezekiel 33-48 – Grace/Restoration: A vision of the future
   1. Ch. 33-37 – Three symbols of restoration announced immediately after the fall
      1. The Good Shepherd
      2. Dry Bones Resurrected
      3. Two Rods
   2. Ch. 38-39 – The final battle (Gog and Magog typological; used in Revelation too)
   3. Ch. 40-48 – Vision of the coming kingdom of God: the glory of Yahweh returns

New Temple, New Jerusalem, New Heavens, New Earth

## Core Seminars—Old Testament

**Class 22: Ezekiel**

* Jewish exiles go off to Babylon in 605, 597, and 586 BC.
* The covenant people are engaged in gross idolatry.
* The covenant curses have now come upon them.
* God promises restoration for sinful people

**Theme**

*The old covenant has failed; not because it itself was defunct, but because the people were not able to keep it due to their sinful hearts. Therefore a new covenant is needed which will involve new hearts for the people of God.*

1. **Biographical Sketch and Structure of the Book**
   1. Exile in Babylon, written likely from ca. 593 to 571 B.C., and trained as a priest
   2. Two halves  
        
      1. Chapters 1 through 24: Judgment of God’s people
      2. Chapters 25 through 48: Condemnation of the nations, and restoration of God’s people
   3. Three visions
2. **A Vision of God the King (Ch. 1-3)**  
   1. God is not like us

* 1. God is all-powerful and all-wise

* 1. God is not limited by circumstances
  2. God takes the initiative
  3. God communicates

1. **A Vision of God’s Departure (Ch. 8-11)**
   1. Prophecies against Israel because of their sin
   2. Idolatry and spiritual unfaithfulness
   3. God is faithful to his promise to judge sin
2. **A Vision of God’s Coming and the Promise of Paradise (Ch. 40-48)**

* 1. A new temple

* 1. Return to the land
  2. Restored relationship with God

* 1. Foreshadowing of Christ and his work, and the reason God offers hope for a sinful people