

## Outline w/ Pivotal Texts

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

### I. Biographical Sketch and Structure of the Book

- A. Exile in Babylon, written likely from ca. 593 to 571 B.C., and trained as a priest
- B. 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
- C. Three visions

## **II. A Vision of God the King (Ch. 1-3)**

- A. God is not like us
- B. God is all-powerful and all-wise
- C. God is not limited by circumstances
- D. God takes the initiative
- E. God communicates

## **III. A Vision of God's Departure (Ch. 8-11)**

- A. Prophecies against Israel because of their sin
- B. Idolatry and spiritual unfaithfulness

- C. God is faithful to his promise to judge sin

## **IV. A Vision of God's Coming and the Promise of Paradise (Ch. 40-48)**

- A. A new temple
- B. Return to the land
- C. Restored relationship with God
- D. Foreshadowing of Christ and his work, and the reason God offers hope for a sinful people