

A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

A Quick Discussion Guide on the Book of Ezekiel

1. Ezekiel is asked to witness or perform several dramatic “sermons”. Comment on the use of drama in both the “regular” and “exceptional” communication of the Gospel to God’s people and to the world:

2. God warned the people of Israel at the dedication of the Temple in Solomon’s day, “*But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name.*” (2 Chronicles 7:19ff). What lessons does Ezekiel’s vision of the departing of the Glory of the Lord from the Temple teach us about the Sovereign LORD?

3. Take five minutes and read Ezekiel 18. What are the 3-5 main thoughts that you draw from this insightful chapter?
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4. Most congregations within our church body include within their constitution a statement similar to this: *Our God has implanted within us Christians the new man, who desires to live righteously* (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:24). *Consequently, members of his church will: ... (3) When they have erred, permit themselves to be admonished and corrected by their fellow Christians in the spirit of Matthew 18:15-18.* (emphasis added)

How does this reflect the duty that God laid on Ezekiel (confer chapters 3 and 33)?

Talk about how this plays itself out among us...

5. What images of hope and joy from latter chapters of Ezekiel resonate most with you?

6. Write your memory passage below: