

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 170--Ezekiel 4:1-5:17

Introduction: The book of Ezekiel has two major divisions. Chapters 1-32 announce God's judgment on Israel and the heathen nations around them; chapters 33-48 reveal the redemption and restoration of Israel and the defeat all governments opposed to the kingdom of God. In this section we see Ezekiel revealing judgment upon Jerusalem by means of various symbolic actions.

Lesson aim: To reveal the consequences of Jerusalem's sins against the Lord.

Ezekiel prophesies Jerusalem's fall by symbolic actions--Ezekiel 4:1-5:27

1. What object was Ezekiel instructed to use as a representative of the city of Jerusalem? (v. 1) What did Ezekiel do? (v. 2-3) What message is contained in these symbolic actions?
2. What action did God call upon Ezekiel to perform in v. 4-8? How long was he to lie on his left side? What did this represent? How long on his right side? What did this represent?
3. Read v. 9-17. What did God instruct Ezekiel to make for food? How much was he allowed to eat each day? How much water was he allowed to drink? What message was the Lord conveying to His people through Ezekiel's actions?
4. What did God tell Ezekiel to do with his hair and beard? (5:1) Ezekiel was to divide the hair into what four groups. What was to happen to each one? (v. 2-4)
5. What did God say He had done for Jerusalem? (v. 5) How had she responded to these privileges? (v. 6)

6. Because of Jerusalem's sins, what did God say He would do? (v. 7-9) How desperate would the people be for food during the seige? (v. 10)
7. Describe in detail the things the Lord would bring upon His people because of their sins (v. 11-17)