

A Study of the Prophets

O.T. Survey Lesson 181--Ezekiel 33:1-34:31

Introduction: Having decreed His judgment upon the nations surrounding Israel, God reveals His unchanging commitment to His promise to bring blessing to the world through the seed of Abraham. This very promise assured the continuing existence of a remnant of Israelite people until the Messiah's coming. In view of that purpose, Ezekiel is urged to warn the people with the messages God gives Him and declare His gracious forgiveness to those who would repent (33:1-33). Inasmuch as Israel's shepherd had failed to properly care for God's people, God consoles the captives by promising to be their shepherd through the Messiah, yet to come.

Lesson aim: To show that the fulfillment of the promise of the Davidic shepherd is fulfilled in the kingdom of Christ.

Ezekiel as God's watchman--Ezekiel 33:1-33

1. What principles does God establish in his description of the watchman of a city? (v. 1-6)
2. What did God say He was making of Ezekiel? (v. 7) What principles would govern Ezekiel's work as watchman for Israel? (v. 8-9)
3. How did God respond to those who expressed the idea that they were "rotting away" in their sins? (v. 11) On what basis did God say a man would live or die? (v. 12-16)
4. What did God say about those who complained that God's ways were not right? (v. 17-20)
5. What remarkable event occurred on the eve of Jerusalem's fall? (v. 21-22)
6. What did those who lived in the "waste places" of the land think about their prospects of dwelling in the land? (v. 23-24) What charges

did God make concerning these people? (v. 25-26)
What did He say would happen to them? (v. 27-29)

7. How did God say the people viewed Ezekiel's sermons? (v. 30-33) What did God say would be the consequence of this attitude?

Israel's false shepherds--Ezekiel 34:1-10

1. Make a list of the charges God makes against the shepherds of Israel (v. 1-8). What did God say He would do to these shepherds? (v. 10)

The true shepherd to come--Ezekiel 34:11-31

1. Who did God say would pastor His sheep? (v. 11) What things would He do for them? (v. 12-16)
2. How did God say He would "judge between one sheep and another"? (v. 17-22)
3. Who did God promise to be shepherd over His sheep? (v. 23) What else would "David" be over them? (v. 24) What kind of covenant would God make with His sheep? (v. 25)
4. What kind of showers would God send upon them? (v. 26) Describe the blessings God promised to bring upon His people in the future (v. 27-29)
5. What would the reception of these blessings cause Israel to know? (v. 30-31)
6. Has the prophecy of the shepherd named "David" been fulfilled? If so, how?