

# EZEKIEL

## AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #26



AUTHOR: THE PROPHET EZEKIEL



WRITTEN: 590-570 BC

**Prophecies Come True in this Time Period: 585 BC to the future**

Old Testament: 39 Books

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New Testament: 27 Books

**CLAIMS TO FAME:** The story of Ezekiel's wheel is in Chapter 1; Ezekiel has some visions that concern our times (modern times).

### FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Ezekiel sees the Wheel of Time in the air
- Valley of the Dry Bones, signifying the rebirth of Israel in modern times

### MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, house of Israel?' **Ezekiel 33:11**

This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: They sparkled like topaz, and all four looked alike. Each appeared to be made like a wheel intersecting a wheel... **Ezekiel 1:16**

Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.' **Ezekiel 37:4-5**

## Important Points about the Book:

- The Book of Ezekiel begins before the Babylonian invasion and exile. Ezekiel prophesies about it in the early chapters of the book. His warnings become so extreme: he even predicts that people will resort to cannibalism of loved ones in order to find food if people didn't turn away from their horrific actions. But the people refused to listen.
- Ezekiel then lived among the Jewish exiles in Babylon. He lived in a riverside community south of Babylon called Tel Aviv where over 10,000 exiled Jews had been taken. He prophesied there for around 22 years.
- Ezekiel gave his people hope. But he also prophesied about the end of times, and those prophesies included Israel becoming a nation again after years of wandering the earth. That came true in 1948. It was prophesied by Ezekiel after God gave him a vision of mountains of dry bones coming back together and gathering flesh on their bones. Because that took place in Ezekiel 37, many Bible scholars are carefully watching Ezekiel's final chapters, 38-40 to see what details emerge in our world that will fit those prophesies.