



Ezekiel | Week 1
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BIG IDEA | The *LORD* is there.

TIMELINE FOR EZEKIEL'S MINISTRY

605 BC - Babylon's first wave, Daniel taken captive

597 BC - Ezekiel taken captive to Babylon at age 25

593 BC - Ezekiel called to ministry at age 30

EZEKIEL'S ASSIGNMENT: Sharing truth with stubborn people who have been trained to hear lies as truth.

Ezekiel 1:1-2 (NLT)

¹On July 31 of my thirtieth year, while I was with the Judean exiles beside the Kebar River in Babylon, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. ²This happened during the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity

THREE COMPONENTS OF COURAGE:

1. *FUELED* with vision

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

¹⁸ Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Ezekiel 2:1-2 (NLT)

¹ “Stand up, son of man,” said the voice. “I want to speak with you.” ² The Spirit came into me as he spoke, and he set me on my feet. I listened carefully to his words.

2. FILLED with the Spirit

Luke 24:49 (NLT)

⁴⁹ “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

Ezekiel 2:3-8 (NLT)

³ “Son of man,” he said, “I am sending you to the nation of Israel, a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me. They and their ancestors have been rebelling against me to this very day. ⁴ They are a stubborn and hard-hearted people. But I am sending you to say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says!’ ⁵ And whether they listen or refuse to listen—for remember, they are rebels—at least they will know they have had a prophet among them.

⁶ “Son of man, do not fear them or their words. Don’t be afraid even though their threats surround you like nettles and briars and stinging scorpions. Do not be dismayed by their dark scowls, even though they are rebels. ⁷ You must give them my messages whether they listen or not. But they won’t listen, for they are completely rebellious! ⁸ Son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not join them in their rebellion. Open your mouth, and eat what I give you.”

2 Timothy 4:3 (NLT)

³ For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.

Ezekiel 2:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ Then I looked and saw a hand reaching out to me. It held a scroll,¹⁰ which he unrolled. And I saw that both sides were covered with funeral songs, words of sorrow, and pronouncements of doom.

Ezekiel 3:1-3 (NLT)

¹ The voice said to me, “Son of man, eat what I am giving you—eat this scroll! Then go and give its message to the people of Israel.” ² So I opened my mouth, and he fed me the scroll. ³ “Fill your stomach with this,” he said. And when I ate it, it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

3. *FED* with the Word

Ezekiel 3:4 (NLT)

⁴ Then he said, “Son of man, go to the people of Israel and give them my messages.

FUELED WITH THE VISION + *FILLED* WITH THE SPIRIT
+ *FED* WITH THE WORD = COURAGE TO SPEAK THE *TRUTH*