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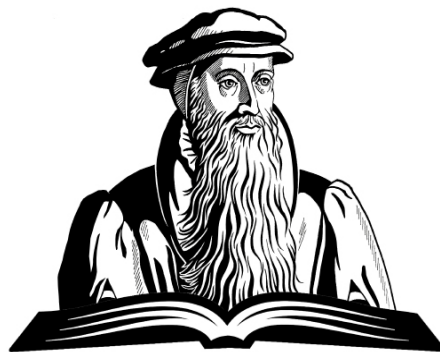
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Lesson 84

Ezekiel's Comforting Visions

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Lesson 84

Ezekiel's Comforting Visions

The Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, chapters 33 through 48

Memory Verse

"Then said He unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." —Ezekiel 37:9

God's Glory Departing

Ezekiel's warnings came true. The city of Jerusalem was surrounded by the Babylonian army. However, the people in Jerusalem and the captives in Babylon still could not believe that the Lord would ever leave the Temple and allow it to be destroyed. In chapter 10, in another awe-inspiring vision, Ezekiel again saw the glory of the Lord and the cherubims as he had seen and described in chapter one. This time however, he saw the glory of the Lord crossing the threshold of the Temple, and departing! Shortly after that, in chapter 11, he saw the glory of the Lord leave the city completely! Then, in Ezekiel 33:21, a messenger brought news of the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple. What a shock this must have been for the captives. Now they must believe it! How hopeless everything appeared to them now!

The Dry Bones, Ezekiel 37

The captives wept, "Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts" (Ezekiel 37:11). Suddenly Ezekiel, in a vision, found himself in a large valley. There he saw scattered everywhere the dry bones of many dead people who had not been buried. Then Ezekiel heard God's voice. The Lord asked Ezekiel, "Son of man, can these bones live?" Then the Lord instructed Ezekiel to prophesy to the dry bones. Ezekiel obeyed, and began speaking the word of the Lord to the dry bones. Suddenly something very remarkable happened. The bones started to move! Noisily, the bones began to assemble themselves into skeletons. Then, before Ezekiel's eyes, the bones were covered with sinews and flesh and skin. They were not yet alive however. Then the Lord spoke again. This time he told Ezekiel to prophesy to the wind, calling upon the wind to come and "breathe upon these slain, that they may live." Ezekiel did what the Lord told him, and as he did so, "breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceeding great army." This must have been a wonderful sight to Ezekiel. Then the Lord explained the meaning to Ezekiel. Although things appeared hopeless, the Lord would revive his covenant people, and return them to the promised land. What a comfort this must have been for Ezekiel and for the captives! This is also an encouragement for you. Also today, the faithful preaching of God's Word, accompanied by prayer for God's Spirit to come into our hearts, will be used by the Lord to raise dead sinners to life.

Ezekiel 40-47

The Lord was not yet finished revealing things to Ezekiel. In chapter 10, Ezekiel had seen the glory of the Lord departing from Jerusalem. In chapter 40, Ezekiel saw a glorious vision of a beautiful new Temple. He clearly saw the different gates courts, chambers and furnishings. Then, most gloriously of all, in chapter 43, Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord returning from the same direction it had left, and re-entering into the Temple! Ezekiel heard precious promises from the mouth of the Lord. But he saw more. From under the threshold near the altar, Ezekiel saw water flowing. As the waters flowed, they became deeper. Ezekiel waded through, and it came up to his ankles. Further on it came up to his knees, then up to his waist, and finally it was too deep for him to walk through. On both sides of the river, Ezekiel saw beautiful fruit trees with healing leaves. Then Ezekiel saw the river flow into the Dead Sea. As soon as the water of the river reached this barren, lifeless sea, it was miraculously healed! A great multitude of fish now filled the sea. In the last chapter of the Bible, Revelation, the angel showed the Apostle John a river too. This river flowed from the throne of God and the Lamb, and John heard God's voice calling, "Let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22: 17).

Review Questions

Ezekiel 33

1. "And it came to pass in the _____ year of our _____, in the _____ month, in the _____ day of the month, that one that had _____ out of _____ came unto me, saying, the _____ is _____."

Ezekiel 34

2. "As a _____ seeketh out his _____ in the day that he is among his _____ that are _____; so will I _____ out my _____, and will _____ them out of _____ where they have been _____ in the _____ and _____ day."

3. "And I will set up _____ over them, and he shall _____ them, even my servant _____; he shall _____ them, and he shall be their _____."

Ezekiel 36

4. "Then will I _____ clean _____ upon you, and ye shall be _____ : from all your _____ and from all your _____, will I _____ you."

5. "And I will put my _____ within you, and cause you to _____ in my _____, and ye shall keep my _____ and do them."

Ezekiel 37

6. The bones which Ezekiel saw were:

- a. Very dry
- b. Very numerous
- c. Not buried
- d. All of the above

7. Number the following events in the order in which they happened.

- _____ The bones came together.
- _____ They stood upon their feet.
- _____ Ezekiel prophesied to the wind.
- _____ Sinews, flesh and skin covered the bones.
- _____ Ezekiel prophesied to the dry bones.
- _____ Breath came into them.

Ezekiel 47

8. What happened to the stream of water after it flowed out of the temple? _____

9. What good effects did the river have after it flowed out of the temple? _____

Discussion Questions

1. Read Acts 2:2, John 3:8 and John 20:22. Then read Isaiah 44:3. What does the wind and water point to in these verses? _____

2. In Ezekiel 47:1 it says that the river came from near the **altar**. In Revelations 22:1 it says that the river flowed from the throne of God and of the **Lamb**. What is the meaning of this? _____

3. Many people wonder how some of the visions and prophesies in Ezekiel will be literally fulfilled. How can they be fulfilled in your heart? _____
