

GLORY SEEKER

The Book of Ezekiel



HOW TO USE THIS BOOK:

1. PERSONAL READING

- Use this guide to help you read your Bible and pray every day.
- Use the prayer point suggestions below to guide your prayers as well as writing down people you are seeking to reach.

2. GOSPEL COMMUNITY

- Take this to **GC** each week so you can follow along with the Bible Study.
- Use the **Whole Family Learning** ideas on page 46.

PRAYER POINTS

- We want to encourage you to be on mission to your non-Christian friends, family and contacts. Who are you on mission to? Make a list and pray for them regularly.

GLORY SEEKER – EZEKIEL

WEEK	PASSAGE	THEME
1	Ezekiel 1-3	Ezekiel's Call
2	Ezekiel 4-7	Coming Judgement for Jerusalem
3	Ezekiel 8-12:20	The Result of Israel's Idolatry
4	Ezekiel 12:21-14	False Prophets
5	Ezekiel 15-19	Jerusalem Will Fall
6	Ezekiel 20-24	The Fall of Jerusalem
7	Ezekiel 25-32	Judgement on the Nations
8	Ezekiel 33-36	God's Restoration
9	Ezekiel 37-39	Covenant Restored
10	Ezekiel 40-48	God with his People

INTRODUCTION: EZEKIEL

A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF EZEKIEL

The Author: Ezekiel was an Israelite priest and prophet taken to Babylon among the first captives in 598BC.

When was it written and who for: The prophesies were given and presented to the Israelite people by Ezekiel from 593BC (Ezekiel 1:2) until 571BC (Ezekiel 29:17), during the fall of Jerusalem and captivity to Babylon.

Themes and Purpose: The book of Ezekiel is a series of prophetic visions and oracles that announce the fall of Jerusalem due to her sin and disobedience. Themes included within this are:

- God's holy wrath and sovereignty, as well as his mercy and compassion. "They will know that I am the Lord" is a repeated phrase throughout the book of Ezekiel, showing God's desire for his name to be known not only in Israel, but to all the nations.
- The loss of the land and God's presence among them.
- The promise of the Holy Spirit as part of covenant faithfulness.

WEEK 1: EZEKIEL 1-3

EZEKIEL'S CALL

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 1:1-3 and 2 Kings 24:8-17.

1. What do we learn about who Ezekiel is, where he is, and the role he has for Israel?
2. What is the state of Israel at this time in history? (see 2 Kings 24:8-17)
3. Considering this, what do you expect God's word to the people, through Ezekiel will be about?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 1:4-28

1. How is God described in this passage?
2. How does Ezekiel react to 'seeing the glory of God'?
3. What do we learn about God in these verses? Does that challenge your view of God?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 2:1-7

1. How is Israel described by God in this passage and why won't they listen?
2. What does God command Ezekiel to do?
3. How have you encountered people rejecting God's word today? How does this affect your personal evangelism?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 2:8-3:15

1. What does God command Ezekiel to do?
2. What is the significance of the scroll and how it tastes?
3. What is it that helps Ezekiel?
4. What does this passage teach us about evangelism today and the possible opposition we may face?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Ezekiel 3:16-27

1. What does it mean for Ezekiel to be a 'watchman for the house of Israel' (see Jeremiah 6:17-21)?
2. What will happen to those who do not listen to God's warnings?
3. What is the reason for God making Ezekiel mute? What is the significance of this?
4. What do these verses teach you about God in regard to his justice and power?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If you missed any studies throughout the week, you could do them on these days.

WEEK 1 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 2:1-3:27

What are some of the biggest challenges you face with personal evangelism in your life?

READ EZEKIEL 2:1-3:27

What roles are given to Ezekiel (see also 1:3)?

How are the Israelites described in this passage? How do they respond? to Ezekiel's message and why?

'The hand of the Lord was upon me' (1:3; 3:14, 22) is repeated throughout this section of Ezekiel. What do you think this means for Ezekiel?

What different things does the Spirit do to Ezekiel throughout this passage? What do you think are the significance of these things?

What do you think it means to be a 'rebellious people'? How do you see this payout in the world today?

'People do not reject God's word because it is too hard to understand, but because they do not want to obey it'. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?"

Considering your answers to the above two questions, what affect does this have on the way that we do evangelism?

What comfort can we have when we talk about God to those around us?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 2: EZEKIEL 4-7

COMING JUDGEMENT FOR JERUSALEM

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 4

1. What is Ezekiel told to do in this passage? What do these things symbolise?
2. What reason does God give for all of this?
3. How do you feel about God's acts of judgement in this passage? Does it change what you think of who God is?

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 5

1. What are said to be the purpose, nature and reasons for God's judgement on Israel?
2. What does this show us about what God thinks of those who follow him half-heartedly?
3. Are there parts of your life that you don't fully give over to God? If so, why?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 6

1. Against what sin is God's anger particularly directed?
2. In what forms do you see this in our world today?
3. Are there idols in your life? If so, what are they? What could you do to change from your idolatry?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 7

1. What reason does God give for the judgement?
2. What does this teach you about the character of God and his purposes for this world?
3. Does this change your view of God or your view of why he does things? If so, in what way?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read 2 Kings 24:18-25:21

1. What happens to the Israelites? What would this have meant to them?
2. What reason is given for this?
3. Considering this, and what you have learnt from Ezekiel chapters 4-7, how seriously does God take disobedience towards him?
4. Are there ways in your life that you are continually disobedient towards God? Spend some time repenting of this and asking God to help you turn from this.

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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WEEK 2 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 4-5

What do you think is the world's view of sin? Do you think it is something that they care about? Why or why not?

READ EZEKIEL 4

List the three things that Ezekiel is asked to do in this chapter?

What do each of these 'acts' symbolise or represent?

How would the Israelites have felt about losing the city of Jerusalem at this time? What did it mean for them and symbolise?

What reasons are given in this passage for God's judgement on Israel?

READ EZEKIEL 5:5-14

What mention does 'the nations' have in chapter 5? What is the significance of this?

What do you learn about God's character and what he thinks of sin in this chapter?

Do you have a similar view of sin? Why or why not?

If we viewed sin the same way God did, how would this show in the way that we live?

Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What hope do we have in Christ in this passage? What are we to do in response to this?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 3: EZEKIEL 8-12:20

THE RESULT OF ISRAEL'S IDOLATRY

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 8

1. What four different types of idolatry are described in this passage? And who is doing them?
2. What do the idol worshipers say of God? (verse 12).
3. Is what they say true or not true of God? Why?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 9

1. Who was spared and not spared in God's judgement? How was this distinction made?
2. What does this teach you about how God feels about sin and repentance?
3. Is repentance a normal part of your life? Why or why not?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 10

1. What do you think the burning coals symbolise?
2. How important was God dwelling in the temple for the Israelites? What does God moving away from the temple symbolise?
3. What does this passage teach you about sin and God's relationship to it?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 11

1. Who is it that receives judgement in this passage? What have they done to deserve this judgement?
2. What hope and blessing does God give in this passage?
3. What warning is given?
4. How has this hope been realised in Christ (see Romans 7:4-6)?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Ezekiel 12 and 2 Kings 25:1-7

1. What two symbolic actions does Ezekiel take in verses 1-20?
2. How did this play out for Israel (see 2 Kings 25:1-7)?
3. Who is it that makes all this come about? What does this teach you about the character of God?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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WEEK 3 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 10-11

When you think of sin and its effect on your life, who do you think it affects the most?

READ EZEKIEL 10

What does God do in this passage?

What is the significance of verse 18? What would this have meant to the Israelites? (see Exodus 9:3 and 2 Chronicles 7:1).

READ EZEKIEL 11:1-5

What happens to Ezekiel before he prophesies? What does this teach us about Ezekiel's role?

Who is judgement pronounced upon? Why?

READ EZEKIEL 11:14-25

What glimpses of hope are given in this passage?

What does it look like to be one of God's people?

What do you learn about God's glory from these chapters?

What impact does this knowledge of God's glory have on the way you view the sin in your life?

Read Psalm 130:3-4. What hope and peace does this offer us?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 4: EZEKIEL 12:21-14

FALSE PROPHETS

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 12:21-28

1. What is the meaning of the proverb in verse 21?
2. What is God's answer to this?
3. What is today's equivalent to this? (see 2 Peter 3:8-10)
4. How does this affect the way you live?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 13:1-23

1. Who is Ezekiel prophesying against? in this passage?
2. What is God's response to them? Why?
3. What are some examples of false prophets today?
4. How can you guard yourself against them? (see 2 Peter 2)

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 14:1-11

1. Who is prophesied against here? And what have they done?
2. What will God do to them? Why?
3. Are there any idols you have in your heart? What can you do to rid yourself of them?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 14:12-23

1. What does Ezekiel ask the people to imagine in this passage?
2. What is the point of all this?
3. How do you think the Israelites would have responded to this message?
4. How is it possible for one to be saved? (see Romans 3:21-26)

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Deuteronomy 6:20-25

1. What reasons are given for why they are to obey God's commands?
2. Considering this, and what you have learnt so far from Ezekiel, would you describe righteousness as 'works based' or 'a right response'?
3. When you are struggling to obey God, what is the motivation that keeps you going? Is it works based or out of thankfulness to what he has done for you?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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WEEK 4 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 14:12-23

Think of different religions that you know of. What does their 'salvation' or hope rely on?

READ EZEKIEL 14:12-23

What does Ezekiel ask his readers to imagine four times?

Is the righteousness of some men enough to save a whole city?

Considering this, what do we learn about what hope there is for one's salvation?

How do you think the Israelites would have reacted to this? What are some things they could have been relying on for their salvation?

How does God explain his actions in this passage?

What does this passage teach about one's responsibility and relationship with God?

Considering this, have you thought for yourself what your standing before God is? Are you leaning on someone/something else?

Read Romans 3:21-26. What great hope and truths do we learn in this passage?

Considering this, what should your response be to God and Jesus? How does this response show itself in your day to day lives?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 5: EZEKIEL 15-19

JERUSALEM WILL FALL

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 15 and Isaiah 5:1-7

1. How are the Israelites described in the passage? What are the two reasons for why God has done this?
2. What are the similarities and differences between these two passages?
3. Do you think God is just in his actions toward Israel? Why or why not?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 16

1. How does God describe his relationship with Israel?
2. Considering how God describes Israel in this passage, what sense do we get of what God thinks of people being unfaithful to him?
3. What response should we have when presented with our unfaithfulness?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 17

1. What sin is Ezekiel specifically rebuking here?
2. What do we learn about God's purposes and the actions of men (see verse 22-24)?
3. How do you respond to the sovereignty of God? Is it something that brings you fear or comfort? Or both?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 18

1. How is a righteous person described in this passage? What is their reward? What is the opposite of this and what will be the result?
2. What happens to a repentant person?
3. What is Israel's complaint to God? How does God respond to this?
4. Have you turned to God and repented of your sin? If so, is this something you continue to do daily? If not, what is holding you back?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Ezekiel 19

1. This chapter describes 3 kings in Israel's history. Try and identify who Ezekiel is referring to and what they all have in common.
 - a. Verse 3-4; see 2 Kings 23:31-24
 - b. Verses 5-9; see 2 Kings 24:8-15
 - c. Verses 10-14; see 2 Kings 25:4-11
2. What is the purpose of showing the sinfulness of the kingship within Israel and thus the purpose of this lament?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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WEEK 5 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 16

Think of a time when someone made you a promise and then did not keep that promise? How did you respond and feel towards that person?

READ EZEKIEL 16

How is Israel described in this passage? Why do you think God uses such shocking imagery?

What is the significance of Israel being described as a faithless wife?

Why do you think Ezekiel was given these words to say to Israel? What does this suggest the Israelites thought about themselves and God's actions towards them?

As God's covenant people, what were the Israelites meant to look like? See Deuteronomy 5:1-21

What should have been Israel's response to hearing these words?

What words of hope does God offer to the Israelites in this passage? (see verse 60-63). How has God worked this out in history?

What similarities does our world today share with the Israelites at this time (Read Romans 3:9-18). Considering this, what is God calling all people to?

Have you repented to God and received his mercy and grace through Christ? If so, think of one area that you have noticed particular change. If not, what is holding you back from doing this?

Consider Ezekiel 16:36 and Luke 18:14. What is our response to be to God's salvation work?

As God's new covenant people, how does God now call us to act? (see 1 Peter 2:9-13)

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 6: EZEKIEL 20-24

THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 20

1. What refrain is repeated throughout this passage? How does God judging his people protect his name?
2. What does this reveal about God's purpose for salvation?
3. How does this affect our view of what God has done and continues to do?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 21

1. How does God accomplish his judgement on Israel?
2. What does this show about God's sovereignty?
3. What is one example of God's sovereign power in your life over the last week?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 22

1. What has Israel become to God? Why have they become like this?
2. What is the significance of this?
3. What sins mentioned in this passage challenge you? Spend some time repenting of this and asking the Spirit to change your heart.

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 23

1. What is the main grievance that God has against Samaria in this passage?
2. What is God's response to them?
3. How are you tempted to become like the world around you? In what ways can you protect yourself from being tempted in this way?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Ezekiel 24

1. How is Jerusalem's judgement described in this passage?
2. How is Ezekiel's wife described in verse 16? Considering this, what is her death meant to demonstrate?
3. What does this teach you about how God feels about the judgement he brings to Israel?
4. Do you think of God as a heartless judge? What does this passage teach about God's character?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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WEEK 6 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 24

What is something or someone that you love a lot!?! Describe how it or they make you feel.

READ EZEKIEL 24

What happens to the meat and the pot in the parable that Ezekiel tells?

What do you think is the meaning of this? And thus, what will happen to Jerusalem?

Who will bring all this about and what is the reason for this judgement?

How is Ezekiel's wife described in this passage? What happens to her? How is Ezekiel to respond to what happens?

What is the purpose of Ezekiel's wife dying? What is God teaching and showing Israel through this sign?

How do you reconcile what happens here with what you know about God (see Ezekiel 33:11)?

Are you in danger of loving and treasuring something in this world more than God? What is the object of your desire and what do you think you can do to make sure that it does not distract you from serving God wholeheartedly?

Is Ezekiel alone in experiencing the suffering of great loss for the sake of others? (see John 3:16-21.). What is the reason for God's sacrifice?

Considering God's great love for you, what do you think your response should be to him?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 7: EZEKIEL 25-32

JUDGEMENT ON THE NATIONS

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 25 & 26

1. Who is God's judgement against and why in this passage?
2. Who is the focus of Ezekiel's prophecy now focused on?
3. What does this teach you about God's sovereignty and plan for this world?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 27 & 28

1. What is the pre-eminent sin of Tyre? What will happen to them?
2. What hope is given to the people of Israel in this passage?
3. What is the essence of pride? Are there ways in your life that pride can seep in and threaten your relationship with God?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 29 and Psalm 2

1. Who is God's judgement against and why in this passage?
2. What light does this passage throw on the way that God treats 'the nations'?
3. What light does Psalm 2 bring to the interpretation of what happens in this period of history?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 30 and 31

1. What different metaphors are used to describe Egypt and Pharaoh?
2. What is the purpose of these and using this imagery?
3. What does this passage teach about what God thinks of arrogance and how it will be dealt with?
4. Do you see seeds of arrogance in your own life? Spend some time reflecting and repenting on this.

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Ezekiel 32

1. Who is the one who makes this judgement happen?
2. Do you really believe that God is the chief actor in the developments of history? Why or why not?
3. Considering your answer to the above question, how does that affect how you live and how you view what happens around you?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

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WEEK 7 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 29

Describe a time in your life when the opposite to what you expected happened. How did you feel about it?

READ EZEKIEL 29

Who is judgement pronounced against in this passage? What has shifted in terms of who Ezekiel is now addressing in his prophesies?

What are the reasons given for their judgment?

Considering this, what does God think of those who are proud? (see also Psalm 2)

What does this passage teach about who is in control? Pick out the key verses that explicitly show this.

What is the underlying purpose behind all that God does in this passage?

What have you learnt so far from the book of Ezekiel about the sovereignty of God?

What affect does this truth have on our day to day lives?

How is it that God is now working out his purpose for the whole world to know of his glory? (See Philippians 2:9-11)

What part do you have to play in this? How much of a priority is this in your day to day life?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 8: EZEKIEL 33-36

GODS RESTORATION

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 33

1. What role does God give Ezekiel? What is the significance of this?
2. What is God calling the people to? What will be the result if they do this?
3. What does this teach you about the importance of repentance?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 34

1. Who is judgment brought against in this passage and why?
2. What will God do to protect his people? What hope is given to the people in this passage?
3. What is God's reason for doing all this?
4. How do you reconcile this with all the judgement that you have read about in Ezekiel?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 35

1. Who is judgement pronounced upon in this passage and why?
2. Why will God do this?
3. What does this teach you about God priorities?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 36:1-15

1. What blessings are promised to God's people in this passage?
2. What does this teach you about God and his character? Consider this in light of everything else that you have learnt about God in Ezekiel.
3. In what ways have you seen God's grace to you in your life?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Ezekiel 36:16-37

1. What reason does God give for all that he has done and will do?
2. How do we see these promises fulfilled in Christ (see Romans chapters 3-8)?
3. Considering what you have learnt, how can you act more in line with this new life that you have in Christ?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If you missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

WEEK 8 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 34

When you think of peace, what is it that comes to mind?

READ EZEKIEL 34

Who is judgement pronounced upon in this passage and why?

How does God describe himself in this passage? What will he do?

What is the covenant that God makes with his people?

How do you think the Israelite exiles would have responded to this prophecy?

What hints are we given to Jesus being the one who will bring all this about in this passage?

Read Matthew 25:31-46. What similarities do you see in this teaching from Jesus and this prophecy from Ezekiel?

Read John 10: 1-18, 27-30. How have these promises to the Israelites been fulfilled? How have they not yet been fulfilled?

Considering this:

- What hope do we have?
- What should our response to God be?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 9: EZEKIEL 37-39

COVENANT RESTORED

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 37:1-14

1. What do the bones represent?
2. How does God bring new life to his people?
3. Have you received this new life? If so, what is the most significant change that has happened in your life?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 37:15-28

1. What is the meaning of the sticks and what Ezekiel does with them?
2. What are the five features of the coming messianic kingdom?
3. What is the purpose of this everlasting covenant? What does this teach you about God?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

WEDNESDAY

Read Ezekiel 38 and Revelation 20:7-10

1. What is the threat against God's people?
2. What is God's purpose in allowing the threat and then destroying it?
3. What threats do Christians face today?
4. What truths help us stand firm in these times?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 39:1-24

1. How does God describe himself in this passage?
2. What does it mean for God to hide his face from them? (verse 23. See also Deut 31:17).
3. What strikes you most about God's character in these verses? Why is that?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Ezekiel 39:25-29

1. Why does God restore Israel?
2. What attributes of God are shown in these verses?
3. Considering this, how would you describe the reason for why God does what he does?
4. How does this impact how you understand the world and all that happens?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If you missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

WEEK 9 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 37

What is the best example of new life that you can think of? Share it with your GC.

READ EZEKIEL 37

What is the scene that Ezekiel is exposed to? What is the significance of dry bones that have not been buried? (see also Jeremiah 34:17-20)

What happens to the bones and by what does it all come about?

What would this have meant to the Israelite people?

What is the meaning and significance of the sticks?

What is it that God will create? And what will it look like?

How can we see what God promised here fulfilled in Jesus? (see John 20:19-23)

Considering this, what does that mean for us today? (see Romans 8:10-11)

Give one example of how the new life that Jesus has given you has changed the way you live?

What are some ways that you can be more open to the Spirit working in your life?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WEEK 10: EZEKIEL 40-48

GOD WITH HIS PEOPLE

PERSONAL BIBLE READING GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Ezekiel 40-41

1. What is being described in this passage?
2. What does the layout of the temple teach you about God? (see diagram opposite)
3. Why was Ezekiel not able to enter the inner sanctuary? Contrast this to Hebrews 9:6-9 and the privileges we now have.

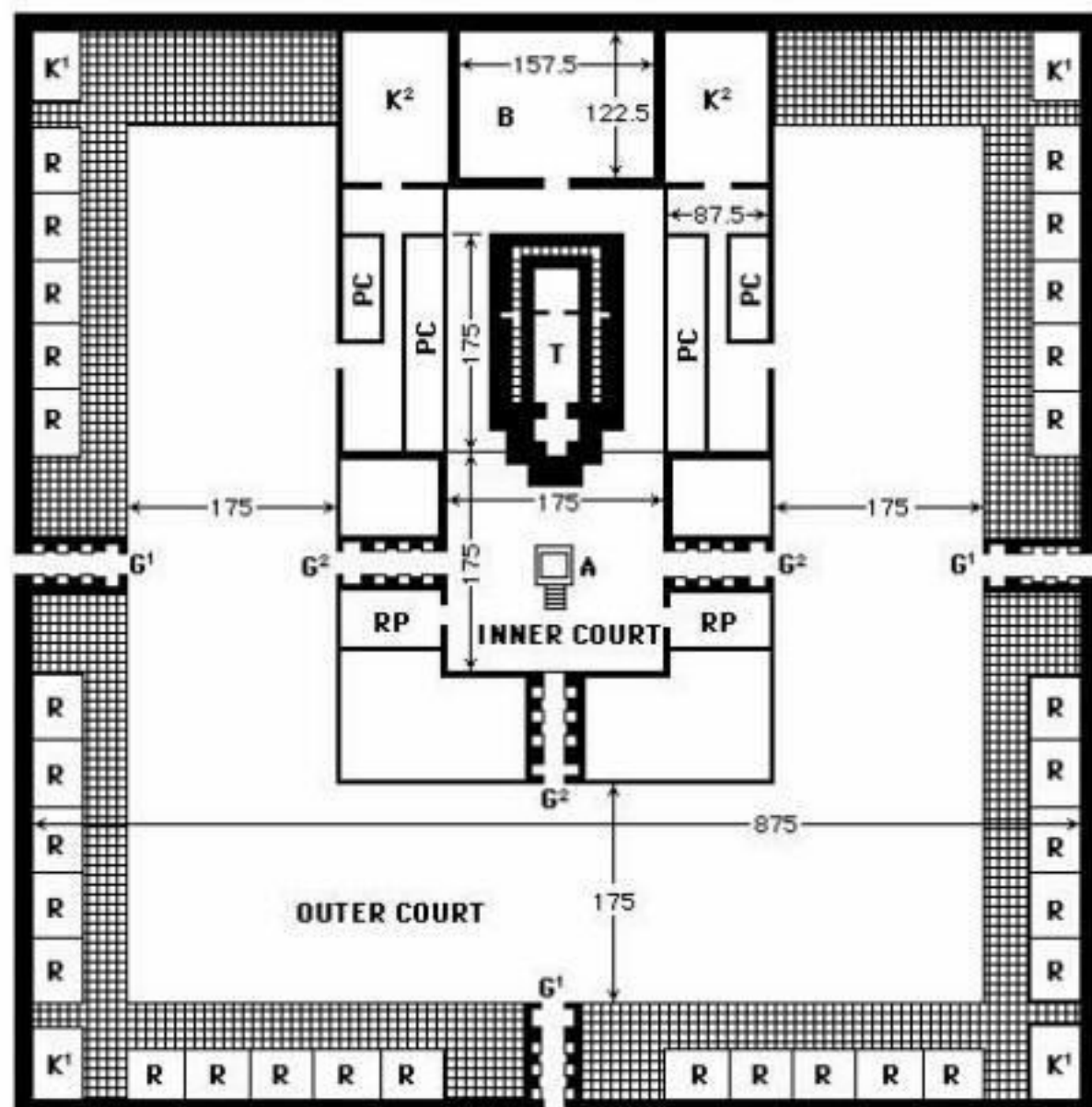
Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

TUESDAY

Read Ezekiel 42-43

1. What characteristic of God is emphasised by this description of the temple?
2. What behavior does God expect in response to this vision of a new temple?
3. How is this vision fulfilled? (see John 2:18-22)
4. Considering this and our belief in the cross, what type of behavior should we exhibit?

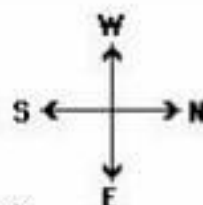
Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)



THE MILLENNIAL TEMPLE

(Dimensions are in feet)

- A** Altar (43:13-17)
- B** Building (function not explained) (41:12)
- G¹** Outer gates (40:6-17, 20-27)
- G²** Inner gates (40:28-37)
- K¹** Kitchens for people's sacrifices (46:21-24)
- K²** Kitchens for priests (46:19-20)
- PC** Priests' chambers (42:1-14)
- R** 30 rooms in outer court (40:17)
- RP** Rooms for ministering priests (40:44-47)
- T** Temple proper (40:48-41:11, 13-14, 16-26)



3. Read Hebrews 10:4-18. What light does the New Testament give to the purpose and fulfillment of sacrifices?
4. Considering this, how are we to now live our lives? (see Hebrews 10:19-25).

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

THURSDAY

Read Ezekiel 46-47:12

1. Where does the river flow from and what effect does it have?
2. Read Revelation 22:1-5. What are the similarities and differences in the way the rivers are described?
3. Considering this, what is the meaning of this river for the Israelites and for us today?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

FRIDAY

Read Ezekiel 47:13-48

1. How was the land to be divided up?
2. What gospel truth is foreshadowed here? (see Ephesians 2:11-13).
3. What does this teach us about what God's plans for Israel and the world were from the beginning?

Pray (Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving, Ask)

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

If you missed any studies throughout the week, you can do them on these days.

WEEK 10 GC STUDY: EZEKIEL 43:1-11

When you think of the work of the Holy Spirit what comes to mind?

READ EZEKIEL 43:1-11

What is it that fills this new temple? And how is it described?

What is Ezekiel's response to what he sees?

What is the significance of God's glory coming into the temple (see Ezekiel 10:18)?

What behavior are they to have in response to this?

Considering where the Israelites were and what was happening to them at the time of the prophecy, what do you think hearing this would have meant to them?

How do we see Ezekiel's prophecy fulfilled in Jesus? (see John 2:18-22 , Hebrews 9:15 and Revelation 21:22).

Read Ephesians 2:18-22. How does this describe what Christians are?

How is our reality now better than what was available to the Israelites?

Do you think of your body as one where the Holy Spirit dwells? Why or why not? Have you experienced times in your life which can only be understood by the Holy Spirit working in you?

GC PRAYER POINTS

WHOLE FAMILY LEARNING (WFL) IDEAS FOR EZEKIEL

1. **Read** 'God's promise remains' (pages 211-227) from the big picture story Bible.

Ask the following questions (depending on the age of your kids):

- What did the different prophets write about?
- Why were the people sad?
- Who is this forever king?

Pray together about what you have talked about.

2. **Read** 'Born Again' from The-ology (page 151) and Ezekiel 36:26

Ask the following questions (depending on the age of your kids):

- What kind of heart will God take away from his children and what kind of heart will he replace it with?
- What does it mean to be born again?
- How does this happen?

Then **pray** together about what you have talked about.

3. Have a look at the Ezekiel videos at the Bible project:
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/ezekiel/>

You could **watch** these video's and **ask** what they learnt about the book of Ezekiel or found helpful and discussion can go from there.

Pray about what you have learnt.

SUMMERLEAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH MISSION PARTNERS

FELLOWSHIP OF OVERSEAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (FOCUS)

FOCUS is a Christian international student society that seeks to share the good news of Jesus with International students at the University of Hobart.



How Summerleas can help:

- Go along to Friday Night FOCUS and/or cook for them.

What: FREE food, fun, friendship and teaching from the Bible.

When: Fridays 6.00-8.30pm (if your GC is bringing food please bring it at 5:30pm)

Where: Sandy Bay Baptist Church, 239 Sandy Bay Road

- Pray:
 - Praise God for this wonderful opportunity to reach the nations.
 - Pray that we will be keen to support this strategic ministry and that it would grow us in our passion for God's great mission!
 - Pray for Luke and the leadership team that they will speak the truth in love.
 - Pray that God will be working in the hearts of those who come along to hear and understand that Jesus is their Lord and Saviour



DEREK AND ANNA BROTHERSON

with Liam, Jasmine and Juliet in Sydney, previously in South East Asia. They were working in theological education and cross-cultural worker mobilization, as well as seeking to teach the good news of Jesus to the people they met in their community. They are now on home assignment about to start a new role as principle at SMBC!

Prayer Points

- Pray for the family as they transition into life back in Australia and as they grieve the things they miss about South East Asia.
- Pray for them as they travel around eastern Australia visiting partner churches and speaking more widely at mission-related events.
- Pray for Derek as he prepares for the role as principle of Sydney Missionary and Bible College starting in July

Here are some ideas of how you can support them:

- Sign up to their email newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/OxaAD>
- Email them! Let them know you are praying and about what is going on here.
- Send them a care package
- Write them a card
- Skype them
- Pray for them