

Study Guide





LifeLight

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A Priest Called to Prophecy

2 Kings 24–25; Exodus 33; Numbers 12; Matthew 25; Revelation 4–5; 8; 11; 22

Distribute before session 1 for use in session 1.

Use enrichment magazine pp. 2–4.

Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week's assembly.

Hymn

God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons;
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast.
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

Anoint them prophets, men who are intent
To be Your witnesses in word and deed,
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent,
Their eyes awake to ev'ry human need.

Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may
Find Jesus' mercy and from sin release.

LSB 682:1–3

Prayer

Most Holy Spirit, open the Word of the Lord to us and inspire our hearts to believe in the one true God by faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Give us both the boldness and the faithfulness of an Ezekiel so that we may cling to the abounding love of our heavenly Father and rely with confidence on the forgiveness of our sins and our life's renewal in His image. Cause us to hear the magnificent truths of Your Word for our good. With a heart for Your saving message, cause us to spread Your Word throughout the world, starting with our neighbors. Lift us up, encourage us, and lead us through Christ into the way that is everlasting. Amen.

Digging Deep

My Personal Study for Week 1

Day 1 • Read 2 Kings 24–25

1. a. In 2 Kings are described two examples of the Babylonian practice of deporting some captives and leaving some behind. According to 2 Kings 24:10–16, who among the people of Judah did the Babylonians take into exile?

b. Who was left behind?

c. Was Ezekiel part of the first or second deportation to Babylon?

2. a. What happened to the temple in Jerusalem during the two Babylonian attacks?

b. Would Ezekiel have witnessed the temple's destruction firsthand?

3. Why would Jerusalem remain a place of Israelite pride and devotion, even after the Babylonians destroyed it and burned the temple?

b. What were the promises that He made in this covenant ritual?

4. According to 2 Chronicles 36:17–23 and Jeremiah 25:1–14, Judah would be in exile seventy years. What is the significance of this length of time?

7. Read Exodus 33:12–23. When God made His glory pass by Moses in a vision, what did He do to protect him?

8. Given that no one could see God’s face and live (Exodus 33:20), how was God’s revelation in Jesus Christ different, so that people could see His face and receive blessing instead of condemnation?

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**Day 2 • Read Genesis 15:5–18;
 Exodus 33:12–23**

5. The Old Testament records numerous examples of God revealing His presence to people as He did with Ezekiel. Read Genesis 15:5–18. What did the Lord reveal about Himself to Abram (Abraham) in this passage?

6. a. In what form did God reveal Himself to Abram?

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Day 3 • Read Leviticus 8; Micah 6:6–8

9. Ezekiel was from a priestly family. Read Leviticus 8. What was the ordination (consecration) ritual for priests in the Old Testament, starting from the time of Moses?

Heavenly Vision in the Land of Exile

Ezekiel 1–2

Distribute before session 2 for use in session 2.

Use enrichment magazine pp. 5–8.

Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week's assembly.

Hymn

Immortal, invisible,
 God only wise,
 In light inaccessible
 hid from our eyes,
 Most blessèd, most glorious,
 the Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious,
 Thy great name we praise.

Great Father of glory,
 pure Father of light,
 Thine angels adore Thee,
 all veiling their sight;
 All laud we would render:
 O help us to see
 'Tis only the splendor
 of light that hides Thee.

LSB 802:1, 4

Prayer

Almighty God, who dwells in unapproachable light upon a majestic throne, we recognize that we are unworthy to see the fullness of Your glory. Yet, You have sent us Your only Son, who has shared in Your eternal glory since before the beginning of the world. He made You known to us, not in a blinding vision of justice, but in the humble form of a servant. We ask that You would forgive and purify us with the precious blood of Jesus, so that we may ascend the hill of the Lord and praise You as Your holy and redeemed creation. Speak to us Your powerful Word, send us to our callings as Your light in the world, and prepare our hearts for that great day when we will finally see You as You truly are, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Digging Deep

My Personal Study for Week 2

Day 1 • Read Ezekiel 1:1–14

Because Ezekiel recorded his visions with symbolic language, it is helpful to compare his words with other parts of Scripture in order to gain context for understanding God's revelation to him.

1. Compare what Ezekiel sees in this chapter with the visions in Isaiah 6:1–7 and Revelation 4:1–8.

a. Which elements are the same?

b. Which are different?

2. Read Jeremiah 1:13–15, in which the prophet sees something coming from the north. Why would this direction have special significance for Ezekiel and his fellow exiles?

3. **Challenge question.** Read Genesis 8:1; Exodus 14:21-22; 2 Kings 2:11; and John 3:3-8. Why is the Holy Spirit associated with wind?

7. How does the appearance of the creatures and the wheels bring attention to God's attributes?

4. Read John 1:14-17. Note especially the references to "glory." What did John and his fellow disciples see about Jesus that could be described as His glory?

8. Read two of the following passages: Deuteronomy 11:12; 2 Samuel 7:19; 1 Kings 9:3; Job 36:7; Psalm 11:4; Isaiah 11:3; Amos 9:8; Zechariah 3:9; 4:10. What does God do with His "eyes?"

5. If "no one has ever seen God" (John 1:18), then what did Ezekiel see by the canal in Babylon?

9. *For personal reflection. Sharing optional.* What would you do if you saw a vision like this in the middle of a church service?

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Day 2 • Read Ezekiel 1:15-21

6. How were the wheels in Ezekiel's vision constructed?

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Day 3 • Read Ezekiel 1:22-29

10. What are the two sounds that Ezekiel hears as part of this vision?