

Class #1 - Introduction to Ezekiel

Objectives:

- Clarify the definition and purpose of the prophet.
- Appreciate the historical context of Ezekiel's time.
- Connect the historical events to the book's structure.

Ice-Breaker

In a small group (or pair), list what you know about Ezekiel (prophet or book):

On Prophets

- Key texts:
 - Deuteronomy 18:15-22
 - Jeremiah 23:16-22
 - A prophet is ...
- Purpose of the Prophet
 - Interpret _____
 - Enforce _____
 - Declare _____ Events

Historical Setting for Ezekiel

World History

- **800s - 600s BC:** _____ in Power
- **612:** Nineveh Falls to _____
- **605:** Assyria loses, _____ now in power (Nebuchadnezzar)

Israel's History

- **720s BC:** _____ Kingdom Falls
- **609:** _____ killed by Pharaoh
- **605:** First captives to _____
- **598:** Second Wave of Captives
- **586:** Jerusalem, temple _____

Structure of the Book of Ezekiel

