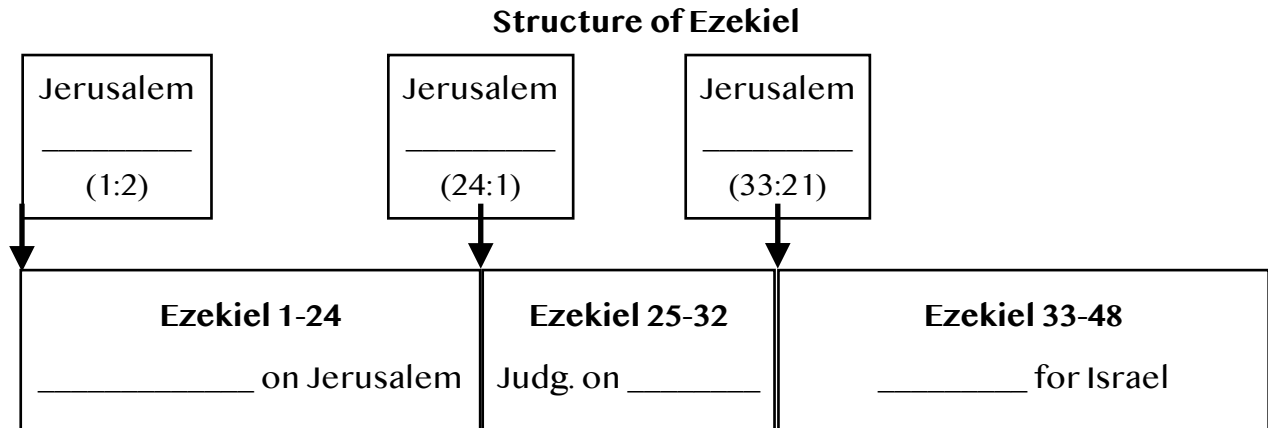


Class #30 - Turning Point (Ezekiel 33)

Objectives:

- Explain why God repeats Ezekiel's job description at this point in the book.
- Identify the major historical event that is reported in this chapter.
- Give one example of an attitude/statement of the people that God rebukes.



The Watchman (33:1-9)

- God once again uses the figure of the _____ to describe Ezekiel's role as a prophet of God.
 - What is it? How does it describe Ezekiel's job?
- Why is this whole thing repeated at this point in the book? For whose benefit?

Can We Survive? (33:10-20)

- The people say: "Our _____ are upon us; how can we _____?" (33:10)
 - What do you make of this response?
- God's answer:
 - I take no _____ in the death of the wicked. (33:11)
 - A _____ man who turns to iniquity will _____. (33:12-13)
 - A _____ man who turns from sin will _____. (33:14-16)
 - The point: _____! (33:11)

- The people's response: The way of the Lord is not _____. (33:17-20)
 - Why would they say this? What do they mean?

Jerusalem Broken (33:21-22)

- As predicted in 24:26, refugees comes to Ezekiel to tell him that Jerusalem has been _____ by the Babylonians.
- Now, God _____ the mouth of Ezekiel which He had made mute in 3:26.
 - Why now? What's going on here?

For Those in Israel (33:23-29)

- Those _____ after the fall of Jerusalem were saying that the _____ belonged to them. (33:24)
 - What do they mean Abraham was one? (See Isaiah 51:2)
- What is God's response to this attitude? (33:25-26)
- What will He do instead? (33:27-29, see Jeremiah 40-41)

For Those in Exile (33:30-33)

- The Jews in exile were excited to _____ the message of Ezekiel. (33:30)
- But they did not _____ what he said, they just found enjoyment. (33:31-32)
- How does this correct our attitude about sermons, preachers, etc.?