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Ezekiel and Us

The setting of the times was.

Ezekiel's Main Message

Telling everyone about God's judgment and salvation, calling them to repent and obey.

1. The Vision of God's Holiness.

Ezekiel 1:27-28

A. The Call of Ezekiel. Chapter 2

- God calls and commissions Ezekiel.
- Note, God commands, and then empowers.
- Also note, the "Fear Factor".

Ezekiel 2:1-6

B. The Call of Ezekiel. Chapter 3

- What is he told to do?
- Eat the scroll with the words of God on it, and then speak from what is in you.
- "Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them."

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- Because God is morally perfect, He can help us live above our tendency to compromise with this world.
- When we focus on His greatness, He gives us power to overcome sin and to reflect His holiness.

2. The Vision of Seeing Sin.

- The art of visuals, God's drawings and illustrations. (S.A.L.T.)
- Think about each person's responsibility to trust God about the inevitability of God's judgment.

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- The fact is someone must pay for sin.
- The choice is I pay or someone else.
- Jesus Christ paid for sin; will you choose to accept His gift in your place?

3. The Vision of God's Restoration Gift.

- God sets up the New Covenant through Ezekiel words.

Key verses are Ezekiel 36:24-26

- The dry bones vision in chapter 37 is an illustration of chapter 36.

Ezekiel 37:1-3

- Our hope and our prayer is that God will put His Spirit into our churches and our domination.

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- Have I received God's gift of life, restoration, and forgiveness of sin?
- If so do I need a fresh reconnecting and filling of the Holy Spirit?

What about Us, Me?

- How will I respond today, tomorrow?
- Will I surrender myself to obey God, in whatever, where ever, and whenever He asks?