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LESSON ONE

Chapters Thirty-three and Thirty-four

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Ezekiel 33–34
“The Rulers and Prophets of Ezekiel”
“Ezekiel at a Glance”
“Then ‘You’ Will Know That I Am the LORD”
Cross-references

A COVENANT OF PEACE FOR A NATION IN TURMOIL

When the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel as recorded in chapter 24, it was so significant that he was to record “the name of this day, this very day. The king of Babylon has laid siege to Jerusalem this very day” (24:2). God told Ezekiel that on the day when the Lord took away their stronghold, “their joy and glory, the delight of their eyes and their soul’s desire, and also their sons and their daughters,” someone would escape and bring the news to Ezekiel’s ears—and his mouth would be opened (24:25-27). God sends His message first to Israel, His covenant people; then in Ezekiel 25–32 He tells them how He will deal with the nations.

However, though all this sounded so astoundingly bad, so fatal, so final for His people, God was not finished speaking as we will see. He had more to say through Ezekiel to the exiles in Babylon, more that would bring hope. It was the future that Jeremiah, Ezekiel’s contemporary, had spoken of—plans that would conquer despair. This is what we will study, beloved of God, in the final segment of Ezekiel’s message.

Ezekiel Part 2 will amaze you, so much so that you’ll probably find yourself shaking your head and saying . . .

“I didn’t know that!!”
“You mean this is yet to happen?”
“But I thought . . . I heard . . . I . . .”
“I just didn’t know . . . ”



8. And what's your prayer as we bring today's study to a close? Write it out. It's always good to go back and see what you've asked the Lord for and how He has answered.

DAY TWO

After prayer, asking the Lord to be your teacher—"For you have taught me" (Psalm 119:102b)—spend the day observing Ezekiel 33:1-20.

1. As you read the text, you will find it helpful to mark the following words/phrases each in a distinctive way (using colors and/or symbols), including synonyms and pronouns. In doing so you can see how often a key word or phrase is used and thus observe with greater accuracy what God is saying. Remember, when Jesus was tempted by the devil, He reminded the father of all lies that we live not by bread alone but "on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Thank you for wanting to do so!

You will want to make a **Key Word Bookmark**. The bookmark is a list of the words you want to mark throughout this segment of Ezekiel with the marking styles/colors you are going to use. You can use a large index card or the inside back cover of your Precept book. By the way, suggested markings for words used frequently in the Bible are listed on a bookmark on the back cover of your workbook.

Add the following and mark them as you observe Ezekiel 33:1-20:

- a. *the word of the LORD*
- b. all references to *Ezekiel*. Choose a color.
- c. *sword*
- d. *wicked, iniquity, transgression, sin(s), injustice*
- e. *righteous, righteousness, what is right*
- f. *blood*
- g. *turn(s)* (You don't need to put this on your bookmark.)
- h. all references to time. You might use a green circle.



2. Now summarize each paragraph below or in the margin of your Observation Worksheet. A bold verse number denotes the beginning of a paragraph.
 - a. 33:1-6
 - b. 33:7-9
 - c. 33:10-11
 - d. 33:12-16
 - e. 33:17-20
3. Now, what is the context (the setting) of this message? What argument does God anticipate from the people?
4. Finally, think of the insight this gives you into the character of God. What does this tell you about Him? Is this the way people you know think about God? And what does this insight into God's character mean to you since God is immutable, never changing?



DAY
THREE

1. Today we are going to observe the rest of Ezekiel 33. As you do, you'll see why we divided the observations this way. Beginning at verse 21, read through the remainder of the chapter to familiarize yourself with its content. Then, keeping in mind what you learned on Day One, record the timing of this segment below. Don't forget to seek the Spirit's help in understanding God's Word.

2. Now observe Ezekiel 33:21-33. As you do, continue to mark key words that were in the beginning of the chapter. Add to the list:
 - a. All references to *the land* when it refers to the land God gave Jacob (Israel) and his sons in covenant as an everlasting possession. Many of us double underline it in green as a geographical location and then color it blue since Israel's flag is blue and white.
 - b. *mountains of Israel*
 - c. *heart*. If you studied Ezekiel Part 1 with us, you know the importance of this word. Our heart is our command center, control center. While it is not used a lot, you'll see how key it is in this segment.
 - d. There are many references to the *people* throughout the book. If you haven't marked them, you may want to in this segment of the chapter, since what is said is quite significant. You might want to choose a color rather than a symbol since you are going to mark this in the next chapter and too many symbols can keep you from readily seeing what you marked.
 - e. *know that I am the LORD*

3. Summarize the paragraphs below or on your Observation Worksheet.
 - a. 33:21-22

 - b. 33:23-29

 - c. 33:30-33



6. Compare Ezekiel 33:21-22 with Ezekiel 24:25-27. Write down what you see about Ezekiel.

7. Finally, analyze what you observed today. How does it apply to life today? To the times? Give it some thought—and write it out!

8. Record the theme(s) of Ezekiel 33 on the “Ezekiel at a Glance” chart.

DAY
FOUR

1. As you pray before beginning today’s study, ask God to show you personally what He wants you to learn about “shepherds.” Then observe chapter 34 which has a lot to say about sheep and shepherds. In addition to your key word list, mark the following:

- a. *shepherd(s)* Don’t add shepherds to your bookmark since it’s used only in Ezekiel 34.
- b. references to the *sheep, flock* as you marked the “people” in Ezekiel 33.
- c. *the Lord*. Color-code the references in this chapter.
- d. *nations*



- e. *dwell securely*
 - f. *covenant*. Since all that God does is based on Covenant (a solemn binding agreement made by passing through pieces of flesh) and since the Bible is divided into two segments: the Old Testament (Covenant) and the New Testament (Covenant), the Precept team makes a habit of marking references to covenant throughout their Bibles. By the way, some students do their observations in the text of the *New Inductive Study Bible*. Among its many inductive study helps, you'll find suggested markings for key words that you can use consistently throughout the Bible.
 - g. Watch the varied references to *the land*, for example “renowned plantations.” Don't miss a one!
 - h. *David*. He is mentioned in Ezekiel 34 and 37 and in the book of Jeremiah with respect to future prophetic events.
 - i. Be sure to watch and mark indicators of time such as *then* so you can follow the sequence of events.
2. Now do your paragraph summaries below or on your Observation Worksheet.
 - a. 34:1-6
 - b. 34:7-10
 - c. 34:11-16
 - d. 34:17-19
 - e. 34:20-24
 - f. 34:25-31
 3. Record on your “Then ‘You’ Will Know That I Am the LORD” list in the Appendix what you learned from marking the phrase.



4. Now before we call it a good day of observation, think once again of the timing of this message. How did it bring hope and encouragement at this time in Israel's history? And what about us today? What, where, and who is your hope in, in our time in history?

5. Record the theme of Ezekiel 34 on the "Ezekiel at a Glance" chart.

DAY
FIVE

1. Today we want to make sure we have a good grasp of Ezekiel 33 and 34. These chapters set us up for the final segment of God's Word through Ezekiel—for Israel and for us today. These events must yet take place before prophecy is "sealed up" as Daniel 9:24 says and the Messiah sets up His kingdom on earth. They also tell us how the Lord will be worshiped when He reigns as King of kings. For a good review of yesterday's observations, make a list of what you learned from marking the references to the shepherds of Israel.



- c. Jeremiah 25:30-38—As you read of what is yet to come in these verses, note what you learn about the shepherds. How would you define a shepherd according to this passage? Does it relate only to Israel?
- d. Jeremiah 50:6-7—As you read this, think of how significant, how critical leaders are to a country, a nation, a people. If you live in a nation that chooses its leaders, how well have you carried out your privilege and responsibility when voting? What should you consider when choosing leaders—what criteria are most important?



- b. Read Jesus' words in John 10:11-18.
- 1) What do you learn about the shepherd from this passage?

 - 2) What is Jesus saying in verse 16?

 - 3) Does it have any significance for you as an individual? If so, what?
- c. Now carefully read John 10:24-30. What do you learn? List your insights.



- d. Let's go back to Matthew for a minute. Read Matthew 26:31-33. How does Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Zechariah 13:7? *You must study the Precept course on Zechariah, who details Israel's salvation as no other prophet does. It really is incredible!*
- e. Now take a look at Hebrews 13:20-21 and record what you learn that ties in with John 10.
- f. How do the passages you just studied in the New Testament relate chronologically to Ezekiel 34:23-31?

Don't you absolutely stand in awe at how God's Word unfolds and fits together! Aren't we privileged and blessed as we discover truth for ourselves, becoming established in His Word so we can live lives of reverence for Him (Psalm 119:38)? We are thankful to God, Beloved, that you esteem His words more precious than your necessary food. You will never regret it . . . never! Rather when you see your Great Shepherd face-to-face, you will be so thankful you did.

5. Now, before you see what your commentaries say about Ezekiel 33–34, let's think "application."



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Ezekiel Part 2

Lesson 1, Chapters 33–34



EZEKIEL 33

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THE word of the LORD came to me:

- 2 “Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman,
- 3 and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people,
- 4 then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.
- 5 “He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life.
- 6 “But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.
- 7 “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.
- 8 “If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.
- 9 “But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.



- 10 “And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’
- 11 “Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?
- 12 “And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins.
- 13 “Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die.
- 14 “Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right,
- 15 if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
- 16 “None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.
- 17 “Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just.
- 18 “When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it.
- 19 “And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this.
- 20 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”



- 21** In the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the month, a fugitive from Jerusalem came to me and said, “The city has been struck down.”
- 22** Now the hand of the LORD had been upon me the evening before the fugitive came; and he had opened my mouth by the time the man came to me in the morning, so my mouth was opened, and I was no longer mute.
- 23** The word of the LORD came to me:
- 24** “Son of man, the inhabitants of these waste places in the land of Israel keep saying, ‘Abraham was only one man, yet he got possession of the land; but we are many; the land is surely given us to possess.’
- 25** “Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: You eat flesh with the blood and lift up your eyes to your idols and shed blood; shall you then possess the land?
- 26** “You rely on the sword, you commit abominations, and each of you defiles his neighbor’s wife; shall you then possess the land?
- 27** “Say this to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and whoever is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in strongholds and in caves shall die by pestilence.
- 28** “And I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and her proud might shall come to an end, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that none will pass through.
- 29** “Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations that they have committed.
- 30** “As for you, son of man, your people who talk together about you by the walls and at the doors of the houses, say to one another, each to his brother, ‘Come, and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.’
- 31** “And they come to you as people come, and they sit before you as my people, and they hear what you say but they will not do it; for with lustful talk in their mouths they act; their heart is set on their gain.



- 32 “And behold, you are to them like one who sings lustful songs with a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument, for they hear what you say, but they will not do it.
- 33 “When this comes—and come it will!— then they will know that a prophet has been among them.”



EZEKIEL 34

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THE word of the LORD came to me:

- 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?
- 3 “You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.
- 4 “The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.
- 5 “So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts.
- 6 “My sheep were scattered; they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.
- 7 “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
- 8 “As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep,
- 9 therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
- 10 “Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.



- 11 “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.
- 12 “As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
- 13 “And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.
- 14 “I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.
- 15 “I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.
- 16 “I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.
- 17 “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.
- 18 “Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet?
- 19 “And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?
- 20 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
- 21 “Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad,
- 22 “I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.



- 23 “And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
- 24 “And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.
- 25 “I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, so that they may dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.
- 26 “And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing.
- 27 “And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land. And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them.
- 28 “They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. They shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid.
- 29 “And I will provide for them renowned plantations so that they shall no more be consumed with hunger in the land, and no longer suffer the reproach of the nations.
- 30 “And they shall know that I am the LORD their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord GOD.
- 31 “And you are my sheep, human sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Lord GOD.”



EZEKIEL AT A GLANCE

Book

Theme:

Segment Divisions

Author:

Date:

Purpose:

Key Words:

Judgment		Dates	Chapter Themes	
	Vision of God's glory	5 th year	1 Ezekiel's vision of living creatures and Lord's glory	
	Ezekiel sent & appointed watchman		2 Ezekiel sent to rebellious nation of Israel	
Jerusalem	Signs to exiles: siege, judgment, scattered		3 Ate the scroll/ Watchman	
			4 Sign of Jerusalem's siege	
	5 Judgment on Jerusalem—1/3, 1/3, 1/3			
	To Israel's mountains, lands: end is coming		6 To mountains of Israel: desolation for idolatry	
	7 To land of Israel: judge acc. to your ways			
Judgment on Jerusalem	Vision: Jerusalem's abominations & God's glory	6 th year	8 Vision of abominations in temple	
			9 Man with writing case—no mark, death	
			10 Cherubim and Lord's glory to east gate	
	Judgment on Jerusalem		Judgment on Jerusalem	11 Sword against leaders/ Heart of flesh/ Glory departed
				12 Baggage—sign of exile/ God's Word no longer delayed
				13 Woe to false prophets
				14 Elders & idols / When a land sins
				15 Jerusalem given to fire
				16 Jerusalem's whoredom / Restoration



Segment Divisions

Judgment		Dates	Chapter Themes	
Jerusalem	Judgment on Jerusalem		17 Parable of eagles/ King Zedekiah to Babylon	
			18 Righteous live, wicked die	
			19 Lamentation for princes of Israel	
	Sword against bloody city	7 th year		20 To the elders—abominations of the fathers
				21 Lord’s sword against Jerusalem & Ammon
				22 Judge the bloody city
				23 Whores—Oholah & Oholibah
		9 th year	24 Siege on Jerusalem this day—parable of pot	
	Nations	Judgment on nations		25 Prophecy against Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistines
	Tyre		11 th year	
				27 Lamentation over Tyre
				28 Prince, King of Tyre/ Sidon
Egypt	10 th year			29 Prophecy against Pharaoh & Egypt
	11 th year			30 Sword against Egypt
				31 Egypt brought down like Assyria
	12 th year			32 Babylon’s sword will destroy Egypt



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