

## Historical Perspective for the Book of Ezekiel

God's warnings to Israel & Judah through His prophets

✓ Hosea – 760-710BC

*"The Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take to yourself a wife of \_\_\_\_\_ and have children of harlotry; for the land commits flagrant harlotry, \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord."  
Hosea 1:2*

*"The Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah (unpitied/unloved), for I will no longer have \_\_\_\_\_ on the house of Israel, that I would ever \_\_\_\_\_ them."  
Hosea 1:6*

✓ Micah – 740BC

*"For behold, the Lord is coming forth from His place. He will come down and tread on the high places of the earth. The mountains will \_\_\_\_\_ under Him and the valleys will be \_\_\_\_\_, like wax before the fire, like water poured down a steep place. All this is for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel.*

*What is the rebellion of Jacob? Is it not \_\_\_\_\_? What is the high place of Judah? Is it not \_\_\_\_\_? For I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in the open country, planting places for a vineyard. I will pour her stones down into the valley and will lay bare her foundations. All of her \_\_\_\_\_ will be smashed, all of her earnings will be burned with fire and all of her \_\_\_\_\_ I will make desolate, for she collected them from a \_\_\_\_\_ earnings, and to the earnings of a harlot they will return."  
Micah 1:3-7*

Neither Israel nor Judah stayed faithful to God but rather chose to serve idols and the surrounding \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) In 722BC God brought the nation of \_\_\_\_\_ against Israel (the ten northern tribes) because of their idolatry and they were taken away into captivity. Reading – Isaiah 7:18-8:8
- 2) Judah failed to learn from the divine \_\_\_\_\_ against Israel and so eventually suffered similarly in 606BC when God brought \_\_\_\_\_ against them. Reading – Habakkuk 1:5-11
- 3) There were three \_\_\_\_\_ of Judeans by the Babylonians (Chaldeans) – 606BC, 597BC & 586BC
  - a) The initial deportation in 606BC of the "brightest & best" which included \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

- b) A second deportation in 597BC which included \_\_\_\_\_. This is also when king Jehoiachin's exile began (woefully foretold by Jeremiah at 22:24-23:8 except for the promise of an eventual return to live "on their own soil")
- c) A third deportation took place in 586BC when the walls of \_\_\_\_\_ were breached and the city, including the \_\_\_\_\_, was burned

What the text tells us about Ezekiel himself – 1:1-3

- a) "30th year" likely refers to his \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) He was a \_\_\_\_\_ and as such would normally have begun his ministry in his 30th year according to Numbers 4:3, 23, 30, 35 & 43
  - c) He was among the Judean \_\_\_\_\_ in Babylon
  - d) God began sending Ezekiel visions in the 5th year of King Jehoiachin's exile which would be about 592 BC which is why he is placed among the \_\_\_\_\_ deportation that took place in 597 BC
- ⇒ Ezekiel's \_\_\_\_\_ among the exiles and the prophecies God gives him are further evidence that while God has arranged for this exile to take place, he has not \_\_\_\_\_ his people
- ⇒ See also Jeremiah 29:1-14 and hear a famous passage in its \_\_\_\_\_ showing God's intentions for a \_\_\_\_\_ of and to Jerusalem