

## **God's People in Exile**

### **What Comes After?: The Preparation of a Prophet**

*1:3 The word of the Lord came to the priest Ezekiel the son of Buzi, at the Kebar River in the land of the Babylonians. The hand of the Lord came on him there.*

#### **Ezekiel 2**

Why was Ezekiel lying down? and why does God want him standing up? [1:28-2:2]

God spoke directly to Ezekiel; was His message one of comfort and encouragement? Was Ezekiel likely to have viewed this little chat as a great blessing? [3-7]

In verse 8 is Ezekiel already looking for a place to run and hide from God? Eat a scroll? Is Ezekiel still experiencing a vision (like we saw in chapter 1), or is he actually standing on his feet talking with God and munching on strange snacks? [9-10]

#### **Ezekiel 3**

How many times did God have to tell Ezekiel to eat? [2:10-3:3]

What assignment has God given Ezekiel? [4] How does God describe Ezekiel's target audience? [5-7, see 2:5-7] What preparation does God give Ezekiel for the task he's been appointed to? [8-11] How is verse 10 similar to verses 1 and 3?

How did Ezekiel get to his job site? [11-15] When Ezekiel said “the hand of the LORD was strong upon me” what else was going on? Where did Ezekiel go, and what happened when he got there? What did Ezekiel do for the first seven days on his new job?

What happened at the end of those first seven days? God said “I have appointed you” -- to what task? What are the consequences of failure? [17-21]

Go and speak! No, stay and keep silent. Is Ezekiel ready to serve? [22-27]

**Next week:** Ezekiel chapters 4 and 5.