

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

### **What Comes After?: A Restoring God**

#### **Ezekiel 33**

Who is the message of verses 1-6 directed to? Who sins, who dies, and who gets blamed? [6] Who is the message of verses 7-9 directed to? Why, do you imagine, did God do it this way?

What was the general mood or attitude of the people of Israel? [10] How does God respond to them? [11] What does God want from His people? [12-16] Why do the people accuse God of being unfair? [17-20]

What error did the sons of Israel make in verse 24? How does God respond to them? [25-26] What message must Ezekiel deliver to them in 27-29?

Ezekiel was apparently a popular man among the exiles; why did the people keep coming to him? How did God view their apparent devotion to hearing the word of the Lord? [30-33]

#### **Ezekiel 43**

*39:23 - The nations will know that the house of Israel went into exile due to their iniquity, for they were unfaithful to me. So **I hid my face from them** and handed them over to their enemies; all of them died by the sword.*

Where is Ezekiel now, and what does he see? [1-5] Who or what gets filled? [5] Does that create a problem (see Exodus 40:34-35 and 1 Kings 8:10-11)? God gives Ezekiel another message to deliver to the sons of Israel in verses 6-12; is this a message of condemnation and judgment, or a message of restoration and promise?

In verses 13-26 God describes the exact size of the altar and the procedures that must be followed for its purification and dedication. Why are these important (refer back to verse 11)?

What is the promise of verse 27? Why is that significant (see 39:23)?

**The End**

Exodus 40:34-35 -- Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord **filled** the tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

1 Kings 8:10-11 -- Once the priests left the holy place, a cloud filled the Lord's temple. The priests could not carry out their duties because of the cloud; the Lord's glory **filled** his temple.