

BBS Study Weekend Syllabus

Ezekiel (OLD13)



Overview

Thought by some to be a difficult book, this module shows the writings of Ezekiel to be both full of excitement and very relevant to the work of mission today.

This is one of our Old Testament Modules forming part of our *Applied Biblical Studies* course. Students working towards a British Bible School award will receive 5 Module Credits upon completion of all given assignments.

Module content

- This module will introduce students to the Old Testament book of Ezekiel in its original contexts, with a view to understanding its message and relevance within a contemporary setting.
- The variety of styles of prophetic language will be explored, along with a consideration of the prophet's, at times, dramatic approach to communicating his message.
- History and allegory play an important role in the message of this sixth century prophet, so students should expect to become particularly familiar with the historic setting.
- The text will be explored on a sectional basis and in light of its context within the message of the book as a whole, and with reference to the major themes found throughout the book.
- The concept of figurative language will be introduced, examining a variety of ways in which this is employed within the book.

Module outline

- I. Introduction to the book
- II. Historic and cultural context
- III. The vision by the river (1)
- IV. Ezekiel's commission (2-3)
- V. Jerusalem will be destroyed (4-5)
- VI. The unholy land (6-7)
- VII. The guided tour of the city (8-11)
- VIII. Leading the way to exile (12-14)
- IX. The fruitless vine and the unfaithful bride (15-16) *
- X. The root cause of punishment (17-22) *
- XI. The ugly sisters and the bereaved watchman (23-24) *
- XII. Foreign nations will be judged (25-32) *

XIII. Jerusalem has fallen (33) *

XIV. Life from the dead (34-39) *

XV. The renewed temple of Yahweh (40-48) *

XVI. Ezekiel and the mission of God today *

** These units will be presented during the second weekend*

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this module the student will:

- be familiar with the structure and contents of this book, as distinct from other Scripture
- have a good grasp of the historic background against which this book is set, both with regards to the history of Judah and that of the surrounding nations
- better understand the relevance of a number of significant Biblical themes prominent within this book
- recognise something of the significance of this book among the Jewish people, and its relevance for believers today
- better understand the nature of the hope we now have in Christ as foreseen particularly in the latter part of this book.

Additional assignments

These are entirely optional but are required for those wishing to complete all Learning outcomes and attain Module credit towards a British Bible School award.

1. Attend all sessions of the Study Event*
2. Read the entire book at least twice - in different versions
3. Write a 2,000 word article/essay on any **one** of the following:**
 - a. Idolatry among God's people
 - b. The Jews in Babylon
 - c. The work and responsibilities of the watchman
 - d. Ezekiel: dramatic images and visionary experiences
 - e. The 'real' Jerusalem
 - f. The 'Gospel' in Ezekiel.

For further guidelines, please consult the Student Handbook. Assignments should be submitted by e-mail to study@britishbibleschool.com with "ECP assignment" in the Subject field and your name clearly indicated. Assignments should generally be submitted within six months of the completion of class sessions.

* Under certain circumstances exception may be made up to a maximum of 20% total class time.

** You may, if you would prefer, write two x 1,000 word articles on **two** of the topics listed. Please supply word count. Word limits are to be observed +/- 10%.

Learning and assessment

Applicable to entire Module OLD13 - parts one and two - including completion of additional assignments.

Assignment	Time allocation	Outcome
Class presentations	16 hours	16 x 1 hour sessions
Reading the book	4 hours	As assigned
Essay/article (including reading)	30 hours	2,000 words
Total	50 hours	

Cost

We suggest a fee of £10 per student per weekend, just to help cover immediate costs. We are concerned that no-one is put off attending due to financial restraints so we will make available the opportunity to contribute as you are able. Refreshments will be provided, including lunch on Saturday.

Weekend details

Dates: Friday and Saturday, 26th to 27th April; 7th to 8th June 2024

Location: Aberdeen congregation's meeting place, 393 George Street, Aberdeen AB25 1EQ

Teachers: Patrick Boyns and Jon Galloway

Weekend programme - 26th to 27th April 2024

Friday:

- 19.00 - Session 1 - Introduction to the book [Patrick]
- 19.55 - Break
- 20.05 - Session 2 - Historic and cultural context [Jon]
- 21.00 - Goodnight

Saturday:

- 09.00 - Arrival
- 09.30 - Session 3 - The vision by the river (1) [Patrick]
- 10.25 - Break
- 10.35 - Session 4 - Ezekiel's commission (2-3) [Jon]
- 11.30 - Break
- 11.40 - Session 5 - Jerusalem will be destroyed (4-5) [Patrick]
- 12.35 - Lunch
- 13.10 - Session 6 - The unholy land (6-7) [Jon]

14.05 - Break
14.15 - Session 7 - The guided tour of the city (8-11) [Patrick]
15.10 - Break
15.20 - Session 8 - Leading the way to exile (12-14) [Jon]
16.15 - Farewell

Weekend programme - 7th to 8th June 2024

Friday:

19.00 - Session 1 - The fruitless vine and the unfaithful bride (15-16) [Patrick]
19.55 - Break
20.05 - Session 2 - The root cause of punishment (17-22) [Jon]
21.00 - Goodnight

Saturday:

09.00 - Arrival
09.30 - Session 3 - The ugly sisters and the bereaved watchman (23-24) [Patrick]
10.25 - Break
10.35 - Session 4 - Foreign nations will be judged (25-32) [Jon]
11.30 - Break
11.40 - Session 5 - Jerusalem has fallen (33) [Jon]
12.35 - Lunch
13.10 - Session 6 - Life from the dead (34-39) [Patrick]
14.05 - Break
14.15 - Session 7 - The renewed temple of Yahweh (40-48) [Jon]
15.10 - Break
15.20 - Session 8 - Ezekiel and the mission of God today [Patrick]
16.15 - Farewell

Additional notes