**THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL**

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you,

and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes

and be careful to observe my ordinances (Ezek 36:26-27).

**Session One: Ezekiel Chapters 1 – 24, September 19 – December 19, 2022**

 TWELVE MONDAY EVENING DISCUSSIONS, WITH REFLECTION AND PRAYER

 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. using Zoom Questions: jenjesen@aol.com

 Ezekiel’s prophetic words and actions as reflected in the Book of Ezekiel constitute “one of the most God-centered books” in the Bible.[[1]](#footnote-1) Ezekiel in Babylon, not unlike his contemporary Jeremiah in Jerusalem, was charged by God with convincing those exiled Judeans from the defeat of 598 b.c.e. and further those from the massive deportation that followed Babylon’s devastation of Jerusalem and its temple in 588 b.c.e. that the disasters and resulting trauma were of the people’s and of their leader’s own making. Actions have consequences, and Israel’s repeated rebellions against Yhwh and Yhwh’s will required a divine response with acts of judgment. Still, like Jeremiah, Ezekiel assures the exiles that judgment is not Yhwh’s last word. Once cleansed by the experience of exile Ezekiel foresees “… a purified people living is a purified land, where the sanctity of the temple has been restored and where Yhwh lives among his people forever.”[[2]](#footnote-2)

Sept 19 Introduction to Ezekiel

Sept 26 Ezek 1:1 – 3:15

Oct 3 Ezek 3:16 - 5:17

Oct 10 Ezek 6:1 – 7:27

Oct 17 Ezek 8:1 – 10:17

Oct 24 Ezek 10:18 - 12:28

Oct 31 Ezek 13:1 – 15:8

Nov 7 Ezek 16:1 – 53

Nov 14 Ezel 17:1 – 18:32

Nov 28 Ezek 19:1 – 20:49

Dec 5 Ezel 21:1 – 22:31

Dec 12 Ezek 23:1 – 24:27

There will be handouts, and suggested readings for each session. Sessions will be recorded, and the recordings made available to all. My schedule prevents me from offering the course in person in Baltimore.

Suggested Textbooks: **A Bible**. Dr. Jensen lectures from the New Revised Standard Version.

***Ezekiel***. By Joseph Blenkinsopp. Interpretation. Westminster John Knox Press. 2012, ISBN 978-0-664-23863-6

Suggested tuition for the twelve weekly sessions: $90 per person or $120 per couple (any twosome). Please make checks payable to Joseph E. Jensen.

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 **Registration Form**

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1. Paul M. Joyce, “Ezekiel,” p. 972 in *The Jerome Biblical Commentary for the Twenty-First Century* (John J. Collins, Gina Hens-Piazza, Barbara Reid IOP, and Donald Senior CP, eds. 3d ed. London. T&T Clark. 2022). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Michael A. Lyons, *An Introduction to the Study of Ezekiel* (T&T Clark Approaches to Biblical Studies; London. Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2015) 184. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)