

Handout 8-F

The Prophet Ezekiel

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages from the Book of Ezekiel and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. Like the prophet Jeremiah, Ezekiel's vocation was that of a _____. (Ez 1:3)
2. Ezekiel was the first prophet to receive his call outside of the country of Israel. He received his vocation to be a prophet while in the land of _____. (Ez 1:3)
3. If King Jehoiachin's exile began in the year 598 BC, the prophet received his call from God in what year? (Ez 1:2) _____
4. For some time during his ministry, Ezekiel could not or was not allowed to _____. (Ez 3:26, 24:27, 33:22)
5. Because of this imposed silence, Ezekiel resorted to prophesying using visual images or pantomime. What did Ezekiel do in each of these sections?
 - A. Ez 4:1-3 _____
 - B. Ez 4:4-8 _____
6. The Book of Ezekiel is also filled with many visions and images not found in the other prophets. These visions are highly symbolic. Artists have found a wealth of material in the visions of Ezekiel. Read the description of the vision found in Ezekiel 1:1-21, and in the space below, draw your own interpretation of that vision.



7. The four creatures were really angels, or as Ezekiel calls them in 10:20, they were _____.

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8. Ezekiel warned the people that if they didn't change their ways, horrible events would befall them. When the city of Jerusalem was besieged by King Nebuchadnezzar, the prophet warned of what horrible actions during the siege? _____

9. Again, the people abandon God during this period with all sorts of evil actions which Ezekiel preaches against, such as _____
_____. (Ez 18:11-13 and Ez 23:37)
10. To symbolize that Ezekiel's message is from God, the prophet is told to _____
_____. (Ez 3:1-2)
11. Shaving for the ancient Israelites was a sign of mourning or disgrace. Again, using startling actions, Ezekiel does what to symbolize Jerusalem's coming disgrace? _____
_____ (Ez 5:1-2)
12. When Jerusalem is destroyed because of their sins, it will not be the people left in Jerusalem who will rebuild the city but those _____
_____. (Ez 11:17)
13. Read Ezekiel 37:1-14 (and the footnote). This is one of the most famous passages from this prophet. What is the passage symbolically describing? _____

14. In ancient times, the concept that you were held responsible for the sins of your ancestors was common. Ezekiel, however, reverses that, and in Ezekiel 18:5-9, it is clear that each one of us is responsible for _____.
15. In Ezekiel 36:26-27, Ezekiel preached that it was no longer what the people did externally that made up the religion but, more importantly, what came from the _____
_____.