

Ezekiel

Chapters 1 – 3

About 5 years after the first group of Jews were exiled to Babylon, Ezekiel received a vision while he was with the exiles in Babylon.

Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord
and he heard a voice saying:

"I am choosing you to speak my message to the people.

Whether the people listen to you or not,
you must keep on proclaiming my message.

You are to be a sentry to the House of Israel,
a lookout who warns them of danger coming."

Lord, please help people listen to your message
and obey it

Chapters 4 – 11

Ezekiel used many images to describe the fall of Jerusalem.
But the people and their leaders would not believe him.

God used Ezekiel to say to the exiles:

"I will bring you back to your homeland of Israel.
I will give you a new heart and a new spirit.

Then you will keep my commandments.
Then you will know that I am the Lord."

Grant to us, O Lord, a heart renewed