"THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD" An Introduction to the book of Ezekiel Ezekiel 1:1-3

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"CAPTIVITY BOUND" A BRIEF TIMELINE

- 1445 BC The Exodus from Egypt, then 40 years in the wilderness.
- 1405 BC Blessings and Cursings (Duet. 28-30), then 45 year Conquest of the Land
- 1095 BC Kingdom for 490 years
- 931 BC Kingdom is divided. Israel and Judah. 10 northern tribes and 2 southern tribes (1 Kings 11)
- 722 BC Northern Kingdom taken into captivity by Assyrians (2 Kings 17)
- ~623 BC Ezekiel born
- 622 BC King Josiah brings short lived reforms to Judah after finding the law.
- 509 BC Josiah killed trying to stop Pharaoh Neco (2Kings 23:29, 2 Chron. 35:20-24)
- 605 BC Pharaoh Neco was defeated at Carchemish by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. (Jeremiah 46:2)
- 605 BC **1**st **SIEGE OF JERUSALEM & EXILE TO BABYLON** (2 Kings 24:1-7, Daniel 1:1-4). Daniel is taken captive, Ezekiel is left in Jerusalem.
- 597 BC **2nd SIEGE OF JERUSALEM & EXILE TO BABYLON** (2 Kings 24:10-16, Ezekiel 1:2) 10,000 Jews (Ezekiel being one of them) were taken captive to Babylon.
- 593 BC Ezekiel begins his ministry at the age of 30, having been a captive for 5 years. (Ezekiel 1:1-3)
- 588-586 BC 3rd SIEGE OF JERUSALEM began in 588 BC (2 Kings 25:1-2, Ezekiel 24:2).
- 586 B.C. JERUSALEM DESTROYED & FINAL EXILE TO BABYLON. The Temple and the city wall were destroyed, and Judah is exiled. (Ezek 33:21, 2Kings 25:3-21)