



KNOWING GOD

A STUDY
OF THE
BOOK OF EZEKIEL

KNOWING

GOD'S CALL

ON YOUR LIFE

EZEKIEL 2-3

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PRAYS

In Jesus name we pray for...

- One another
- Our children
- Our family groups
- Our military and first responders
- Lord, heal the sick and forgive our sins!
Lord, we pray for You to pour out Your Spirit of Revival.
- WordServe, The Bible Seminary, Simple Grace, and Cinco Ranch Campus
- Our Unreached People Groups (UPGs):
The Ban*jar, Makas*ar, and Bug*is of Indonesia, and the Raj*put of India

We ask all this for the glory of Your name.

Please pray for this request shared during last week's worship service.

**Pray for
others**

Conociendo a Dios

“Conociendo Su Llamado” - Ezequiel 2-3

26 de septiembre de 2021

Conociendo A Dios				
<i>Un Estudio del Libro de Ezequiel</i>				
Tema	Época	Título	Texto	Fecha
Caída de Judá	Antes del Asedio	Conociendo a Dios	Ezequiel 1	Sept 19
		Conociendo Su Llamado	Ezequiel 2-3	Sept 26
		Conociendo Como Habla Dios	Ezequiel 4-5	Oct 3
		Conociendo Sus Limites	Ezequiel 6-11	Oct 10
		Conociendo Su Disciplina	Ezequiel 12-17	Oct 17
		Conociendo Su Corazón	Ezequiel 18-22	Oct 24
		Conociendo Nuestra Falta de Fidelidad	Ezequiel 23-24	Oct 31
Enemigos de Judá	Durante el Asedio	Conociendo Nuestro Orgullo	Ezequiel 25-32	Nov 7
Futuro de Judá	Después del Asedio	Conociendo Al Buen Pastor	Ezequiel 33-34	Nov 14
		Conociendo Nueva Vida	Ezequiel 35-36	Nov 21
		Conociendo Avivamiento	Ezequiel 37	Nov 28
		Conociendo El Fin	Ezequiel 38-39	Dec 5
		Conociendo El Futuro	Ezequiel 40-48	Dec 12

Información de contexto

- El tema del libro de Ezequiel es conocer a Dios: 68 veces Dios dice a través de Ezequiel “sabrán que yo soy el Señor”.
- Conocemos a Dios a través de un encuentro con Él (Ez. 1-3), a través de las consecuencias de nuestra desobediencia (Ez. 4-32), y a través de la restauración y salvación (Ez. 33-48).
- El pueblo judío está en el exilio en Babilonia (Irak) debido a su repetida desobediencia al Señor (2 Reyes 24). El año es 593 a.C. Ezequiel es un sacerdote de 30 años exiliado en Babilonia.
- Mientras está en Babilonia, Ezequiel tiene un encuentro con la Presencia de Dios que cambia su vida y le da dirección a su ministerio de vida (1: 1,28).

¿Qué es un llamado?

- Diccionario Webster - llamado: Un fuerte impulso interior hacia un curso de acción en particular, especialmente cuando va acompañado de la convicción de la influencia divina.

- Angie Ward: "Llamado es una convicción dada por Dios sobre la dirección de tu vida".
- Ezequiel 1-3 es una descripción del llamado de Ezequiel.

Seis aspectos de su llamamiento (Ezequiel 2-3)

1. _____ - El llamado proviene de escuchar la voz de Dios (1: 28-2: 5)
 - El término "llamando" significa literalmente que Alguien te está llamando (hablándote). Escuchar un llamado requiere escuchar.
 - El llamado de Ezequiel fue muy dramático (una visión del trono-carro volador de la gloria de Dios seguida por la voz audible de Dios). La mayoría de las historias de llamadas de la gente no son tan dramáticas.
 - Siete maneras en que Dios habla a su pueblo en los tiempos del Nuevo Testamento:
 - 1) A través de las Escrituras (2 Timoteo 3: 16-17; Hechos 1:20; 2: 17-21)
 - 2) A través de impresiones (Hechos 8:29)
 - 3) A través de las circunstancias (Hechos 5: 1-11; 10: 44-48; 16: 6-7)
 - 4) A través de las personas (Hechos 9: 26-28; 11: 27-30; 13: 1-3; 18: 24-27; 21: 10-11; 2 Samuel 12)
 - 5) A través de ángeles (Hechos 5: 19-20; 8:26; 12: 5-11; 27: 23-24)
 - 6) A través de una voz audible (Hechos 9: 1-9; 23:11)
 - 7) A través de sueños y visiones (Hechos 2: 17-21; 9: 10,12; 10: 3-19; 16: 9-10; 18: 9)
 - Salmo 46:10 - Quédense quietos y reconozcan que yo soy Dios.
 - Os Guinness: "En primer lugar, estamos llamados a Alguien (Dios), no a algo (como la maternidad, la política o la enseñanza) o a algún lugar (como el centro de la ciudad o Mongolia exterior)".
 - Aplicación # 1 - Como estilo de vida, buscaré con regularidad estar quieto ante el Señor, buscarlo ante todo y escuchar Su dirección para mi vida. Leeré Su Palabra regularmente con un oído atento, y también buscaré escuchar al Señor a través de otras personas, circunstancias, impresiones y visiones (pero siempre confirmadas por la Palabra de Dios).
2. _____ - Debemos elegir no tener miedo de seguir nuestro llamado (2: 6-7; 3: 9)
 - Cuatro veces se le dice a Ezequiel que "no temas" (2: 6.6.6; 3: 9)
 - El resto del libro de Ezequiel contiene muchos mensajes muy difíciles para que Ezequiel los entregue al pueblo judío exiliado.

Ezequiel necesitará recordar repetidamente su llamado y ser valiente (sin miedo) para cumplir con su llamado.

- Rick Warren: "Es interesante notar que hay 365 versículos en la Biblia que dicen, 'No temas'. ¡Dios nos proporcionó un mensaje de 'No temas' para todos los días del año!"
- Marcos 5:36 (LB) - No tengas miedo. Solo confía en mí.
- Aplicación # 2 - ¿Qué aspectos de mi llamado me tientan a tener miedo y no cumplir con mi llamado? Hoy, elijo confiar en Dios con esos temores y marchar hacia adelante en fe y obediencia de todos modos.

3. _____ - Todos estamos llamados a compartir la Palabra de Dios con los demás. Al hacerlo, debemos asegurarnos de recibir, digerir y obedecer la Palabra de Dios por nosotros mismos primero (2: 8-3: 3,10)

- Jeremías 15:16 - Fueron encontradas tus palabras, y las comí, y tus palabras se convirtieron para mí en un gozo y el deleite de mi corazón.
- El apóstol Juan tuvo una experiencia similar en Apocalipsis 10: 8-11.
- John Owens: "Nadie predica bien su sermón a otros si no lo predica primero a su propio corazón".
- Aplicación # 3 - ¿Cuál es mi plan para internalizar la Palabra de Dios?

4. _____ - El hecho de que Dios nos llame a algo no significa que vaya a ser fácil, cómodo y sin dificultades. Dios nos llama a ser firmes en nuestro llamado sin importar las dificultades (3: 4-15)

- La tarea de Ezequiel fue muy, muy difícil. Dios estaba llamando a Ezequiel a ser tan obstinado en la entrega del mensaje de Dios como la gente fue obstinada en desobedecerlo.
- Gálatas 6: 9 - No nos cansemos de hacer el bien, porque a su tiempo segaremos, si no nos damos por vencidos.
- Aplicación # 4 - ¡Con la ayuda y el poder de Dios, perseveraré en ser firme en el llamado de Dios en mi vida sin importar las dificultades o rechazos!

5. _____ - Dios nos ha llamado a todos a ser atalayas en nuestros muros (3: 16-21)

- Los vigilantes eran guardias responsables de proteger a las ciudades de los ataques enemigos por sorpresa y otros peligros potenciales. Las antiguas ciudades israelitas a menudo colocaban vigilantes en muros altos o en torres de vigilancia. Su trabajo consistía en vigilar y advertir a la gente del pueblo de las amenazas inminentes.
- Aplicación # 5a - Somos responsables de las personas que viven dentro de nuestros muros (nuestra esfera de influencia ... como nuestra familia, vecinos, compañeros de trabajo, compañeros de escuela, comunidad). Hay peligro acechando fuera de los muros, y tenemos que hacer sonar la alarma.
 - El peligro de la eternidad separado de Dios en el infierno.
 - El peligro de una cultura mundana que nos atrae a nosotros ya nuestros hijos lejos del Señor.
- Aplicación # 5b: el 10 de octubre, agregaremos dos nuevos grupos de personas a nuestra esfera de influencia (dentro de nuestros muros) mediante la adopción formal de los pueblos azeri y afar:

Tres cosas para prepararse para esa semana:

 1. Ore antes de firmar la declaración con otros miembros y asistentes regulares de su iglesia.
 2. Vaya a <https://www.whatisgrace.org/missions> y lea sobre los Afar y Azeri para que esté haciendo una adopción informada.
 3. Asegúrese de sumergirse en toda la experiencia (sonidos, sabores, vistas en un recorrido experiencial después de cada servicio).

6. _____ -

Algunas veces Dios nos dará una parábola o palabra profética asociada con nuestro llamado (3: 22-27)

- Uno de los juicios de Dios sobre una nación es la falta de un profeta o la falta de una Palabra del Señor. Por ejemplo, los 400 años de silencio (también conocido como Período Intertestamental) fue parte del juicio de Dios. La atadura y el mutismo de Ezequiel (3: 25-28) es una imagen profética del silencio crítico.
- Aplicación # 6: ¿Le ha dado Dios una imagen asociada con su llamado a la que puede aferrarse cuando los tiempos se ponen difíciles?

Knowing God

“Knowing God’s Call on Your Life” – Ezekiel 2-3

September 26, 2021

KNOWING GOD				
<i>A Study of the Book of Ezekiel</i>				
Theme	Time	Message Title	Text	Date
Judah’s Fall	Before the Siege	Knowing God	Ezekiel 1	Sept 19
		Knowing God’s Call on Your Life	Ezekiel 2-3	Sept 26
		Knowing How God Speaks	Ezekiel 4-5	Oct 3
		Knowing God’s Boundaries	Ezekiel 6-11	Oct 10
		Knowing God’s Discipline	Ezekiel 12-17	Oct 17
		Knowing God’s Heart	Ezekiel 18-22	Oct 24
		Knowing Our Unfaithfulness	Ezekiel 23-24	Oct 31
Judah’s Foes	During the Siege	Knowing Our Pride	Ezekiel 25-32	Nov 7
Judah’s Future	After the Siege	Knowing the Good Shepherd	Ezekiel 33-34	Nov 14
		Knowing New Life	Ezekiel 35-36	Nov 21
		Knowing Revival	Ezekiel 37	Nov 28
		Knowing the End	Ezekiel 38-39	Dec 5
		Knowing the Future	Ezekiel 40-48	Dec 12

Background Information

- The theme of the book of Ezekiel is knowing God: 68 times God says through Ezekiel “they shall know that I am the Lord.”
- We know God through encounters with Him (Chap 1-3), through consequences for our disobedience (Chap 4-32), and through restoration and salvation (Chap 33-48).
- The Jewish people are in exile in Babylon (modern day Iraq) because of their repeated disobedience to the Lord (2 Kings 24). The Year is 593 B.C. Ezekiel is a 30-year-old priest in exile in Babylon.
- While in Babylon, Ezekiel has an encounter with the Presence of God that changes his life and gives direction to his life ministry (1:1,28).

What is a Calling?

- Webster’s Dictionary – calling (*n.*): a strong inner impulse toward a particular course of action especially when accompanied by conviction of divine influence.
- Angie Ward: “Calling is a God-given conviction about your life’s direction.”
- Ezekiel 1-3 is a description of Ezekiel’s calling.

Six Aspects of Your Calling (Ezekiel 2-3)

1. _____ – Calling comes from hearing the voice of God (1:28-2:5)

- The term “calling” literally means that Someone is calling to you (speaking to you). Hearing a calling requires listening.
- Ezekiel’s calling was very dramatic (a vision of the flying throne-chariot of God’s glory followed by the audible voice of God). Most people’s calling stories are not that dramatic.
- Seven Ways God Speaks to His People in New Testament Times:
 - (1) Through Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Acts 1:20; 2:17-21)
 - (2) Through promptings (Acts 8:29)
 - (3) Through circumstances (Acts 5:1-11; 10:44-48; 16:6-7)
 - (4) Through people (Acts 9:26-28; 11:27-30; 13:1-3; 18:24-27; 21:10-11; 2 Samuel 12)
 - (5) Through angels (Acts 5:19-20; 8:26; 12:5-11; 27:23-24)
 - (6) Through an audible voice (Acts 9:1-9; 23:11)
 - (7) Through dreams and visions (Acts 2:17-21; 9:10,12; 10:3-19; 16:9-10; 18:9)
- **Psalm 46:10** – *Be still and know that I am God.*
- Os Guinness: “First and foremost we are called to Someone (God), not to something (such as motherhood, politics, or teaching) or to somewhere (such as the inner city or Outer Mongolia).”
- Application #1 – As a lifestyle, I will regularly seek to be still before the Lord, seek Him first and foremost, and listen for His direction for my life. I will read His Word regularly with a listening ear, and I will also seek to hear the Lord through other people, circumstances, promptings, and visions (but always confirmed by God’s Word).

2. _____ – We must choose to not be afraid to pursue our calling (2:6-7; 3:9)

- Four times Ezekiel is told to “fear not” (2:6.6.6; 3:9)
- The rest of the book of Ezekiel contains a lot of very difficult messages for Ezekiel to deliver to the exiled Jewish people. Ezekiel will need to repeatedly remember his calling and be brave (not afraid) in order to fulfill his calling.
- Rick Warren: “It’s interesting to note that there are 365 verses in the Bible that say, ‘Fear not.’ God provided us with one ‘Fear not’ message for every day of the year!”
- **Mark 5:36** (LB) – *Don’t be afraid. Just trust Me.*
- Application #2 – What aspects of my calling tempt me to be afraid and to not fulfill my calling? Today, I choose to trust God with those fears and to march forward in faith and obedience anyway.

3. _____ – **We are all called to share God’s Word with others. As we do so, we must be sure to receive and digest and obey God’s Word for ourselves first (2:8-3:3,10)**
- **Jeremiah 15:16** – *Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart.*
 - The Apostle John had a similar experience in Revelation 10:8-11
 - John Owens: “No one preaches his sermon well to others if he does not first preach it to his own heart.”
 - **Application #3** – What is my plan for internalizing the Word of God?
 - Engaging a Bible reading plan (Quiet Time Journal)
 - Memorizing Scripture
 - navigators.org/resource/topical-memory-system
 - Obeying God’s Word
 - Sharing God’s Word with others.
4. _____ – **Just because God calls us to something doesn’t mean that it’s going to be easy and smooth and without difficulties. God calls us to be steadfast in our calling regardless of the difficulties (3:4-15)**
- Ezekiel’s assignment was very, very difficult. God was calling Ezekiel to be as stubborn in delivering God’s message as the people were stubborn in disobeying it.
 - **Galatians 6:9** – *Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*
 - **Application #4** – With God’s help and power, I will persevere in being steadfast to God’s calling on my life regardless of difficulties or rejections!
5. _____ – **God has called all of us to be watchmen on our walls (3:16-21)**
- Watchmen were guards responsible for protecting towns from surprise enemy attacks and other potential dangers. Ancient Israelite cities often stationed watchmen on high walls or in watchtowers. Their job was to keep watch and warn the townspeople of impending threats.
 - **Application #5a** – We are responsible for the people who live within our walls (our sphere of influence... like our family, neighbors, coworkers, school mates, community). There is danger lurking outside the walls, and we need to sound the alarm.
 - The danger of eternity separated from God in Hell.
 - The danger of a worldly culture luring us and our children away from the Lord.

- Application #5b – On October 10th, We will add two new people groups to our sphere of influence (within our walls) by formally adopting the Azeri and the Afar peoples:

We the people of Grace Fellowship Church adopt the Afar of Ethiopia and the Azeri of Azerbaijan, and we commit to pray and give and go and learn and serve so that they might hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and become co-heirs with us of God's Kingdom.

Three things to prepare for next week:

1. Pray about signing the above statement next Sunday with other members and regular attenders of your church.
2. Go online to Grace Fellowship's website and read up on the Afar and Azeri so that you are making an informed adoption. Info at WhatIsGrace.org/Missions
3. Be sure to dive into the entire experience next Sunday (sounds, tastes, sights in an experiential tour after each service). If you have kids, grab them after the service and come back and take them through the experiential tour.

6. _____ –

Sometimes God will give us a parable or prophetic word associated with our calling (3:22-27)

- One of God's judgments on a nation is the lack of a prophet or the lack of a Word from the Lord. For example, the 400 years of silence (also known as the Intertestamental Period) was part of God's judgment. The binding and muteness of Ezekiel (3:25-28) is a prophetic picture of judgmental silence.
- Application #6 – Has God given you a picture associated with your calling that you can cling to when times get difficult?



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Starting Steps is three sessions that are created to help you connect and engage you in the life of Grace Fellowship Church.

**Starting Steps
begins October 3**

Learn more and register at
WhatIsGrace.org/Connection



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One of our lifetime goals:
Adopt 10 UPGs

We are adding to our family!

**Unreached People Group
Adoption Day is Oct. 10!**



Learn more about our
Unreached People Groups (UPGs)
at WhatIsGrace.org/Global-Missions

Adult Ministries

Discipleship

We are planning a Discipleship Path study in English and Spanish in Mid fall. The study is a journey with resources founded on Jesus' model of discipleship. It is transformational discipleship. There are 6 books with 5 sessions each. Takes 30 weeks to complete. If you are interested please contact Nidia Rivera at nrivera@WhatsGrace.org

Care

Fall Registration For Care Ministry:

DivorceCare—Encouragement, hope and healing for those dealing with divorce.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University
Learn God's way of handling your finances.

GriefShare—Support and healing for those dealing with the passing of a loved one.

Marriage Matters—Renew and strengthen your marriage.

Struggling with an Addiction—If you're caught in any type of addiction, contact Barry Morton at bmorton@WhatsGrace.org.

Visit WhatsGrace.org/Care, or call Care Ministry at 281-646-1903 for more info and registration.

Need confidential care? Contact Care Pastor Cindi Lomax at clomax@whatisgrace.org.

Missions

25 Blessings: Join Bridges International to welcome international students on Sat., Sept. 25! Small Groups, take on the Double Dog Dare (DDD) challenge through October to Serve Our Seniors! Info at WhatsGrace.org/Missions.

UPG Adoption Sunday is October 10! Grace Fellowship is adopting two new unreached people groups! Save the date for this family friendly celebration!

Emergency Response: We are supporting relief efforts for the recent Haiti disaster, the situation in Afghanistan, and people impacted by Hurricane Ida. Visit WhatsGrace.org/Missions to help.

Prayer

Prayer Course 101: Sept. 20-Nov. 1 from 6-7:30pm. The course will provide Biblical and experiential teaching on prayer. We will unpack Scripture; offer an active learning environment; discovering what prayer is, Who created it, and why. Register at WhatsGrace.org/Prayer.

Need Prayer? Call 281.398.2GOD or go to WhatsGrace.org/prayer-wall.

Kids Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities: You could be greeter, lesson creator, large or small group leader, assistant teacher or nursery teacher. For more info contact Cindy at saavedracb@yahoo.com

Student Ministry

Getting Connected is a Priority! Get connected every Wednesday from 6—8pm at North Katy Campus.

Young Adults: Meeting every Sunday at 4pm

Contact Kyle Welsh at kwelsh@WhatsGrace.org for more information.

Get Connected

New to Grace? Welcome! We would love to say, "hello" and answer any questions you might have.

Starting Steps: Are you new to Grace Fellowship or maybe you've been here a while and want to take your next step? Starting Steps are sessions created to help you make a connection and engage you in the life of Grace Fellowship. Starting October 3. Learn more at WhatsGrace.org/Connection or contact Nidia Rivera at nrivera@WhatsGrace.org

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