

1. What do you say to people whose God has abandoned them?

Ezekiel 1:1–3

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A. Introduction

B. The Principal Characters in the Drama Underlying the Book of Ezekiel

1. What do verses 1–3 say about God?

YHWH, the God of Israel, operates as the divine Director and script writer for the drama to follow.

- a. He takes the initiative in revealing himself to humankind.
- b. He communicates verbally with human beings.
- c. He exercises control over his chosen agent.

2. What do verses 1–3 say about Ezekiel?

Ezekiel functions as the protagonist in the drama that follows.

- a. His Name and Position
- b. The Timing of His First Vision
- c. His Role in the Divine Scheme

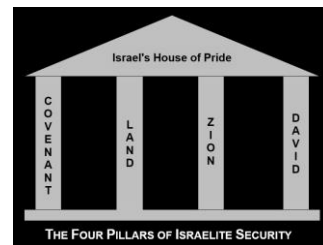
3. What do verses 1–3 say about the audience?

Jewish exiles in Babylon function as the protagonists in the drama that follows.

- a. The Social and Economic Condition of the Audience
- b. The Spiritual Crisis Gripping the Audience

The Four Pillars of Israel's Theological Orthodoxy

- (1) YHWH, the divine patron of Israel, has entered into an eternal covenant with his people.
- (2) YHWH, the divine patron of Israel, has given the nation the land of Canaan as their eternal territorial possession.
- (3) YHWH, the divine patron of Israel, has chosen Jerusalem as his eternal residence, from which he exercises sovereignty over his people.
- (4) YHWH, the divine patron of Israel, has promised the Davidic house eternal title to and occupancy of the throne of Israel.



C. Application

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