

02. Ezekiel's Ordination Vision

Ezekiel 1:1, 4–28a

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A. Trying to Make Sense of Ezekiel's Inaugural Vision

1. The Importance of Ezekiel's Visions

- a. The Inaugural Vision (1:1–28; 2:9–3:3)
- b. The First Temple Visions (chaps. 8–11).
- c. The Vision of the Dry Bones (37:1–14)
- d. The Final Great Temple Vision (chaps. 40–48)

2. The Context of Ezekiel's Inaugural Vision: The Structure of the Call Narrative

- a. The Superscription (1:1–3)
- b. Ezekiel's Inaugural Vision (1:4–28a)
- c. The Commissioning of Ezekiel (1:28b–3:11)
- d. The Preparation of Ezekiel (3:12–15)
- e. YHWH's Induction Speech for Ezekiel: Four Case Studies (3:16–21)
- f. The Initiation of the Prophet (3:22–27)

3. The Nature of the Account of Ezekiel's Inaugural Vision

B. The Theological and Ministerial Significance of Ezekiel's Inaugural Vision

1. The vision proclaims the transcendent glory of God.
2. The vision proclaims the transcendent holiness of YHWH.
3. The vision proclaims the sovereignty of YHWH.
4. The vision proclaims YHWH's interest in his people.
5. As a corollary, the vision proclaims the presence of YHWH among the exiles.
6. The vision hints at Judah's impending judgment of YHWH.
7. The vision serves notice that whoever would enter into divine service must have a clear vision of the one into whose service he/she is called.