

Ezekiel: A Response to Pain Ezekiel 24:15-27

Pain and tragedy is a reality for every person. Ezekiel illustrates to us that when Christians respond to pain and tragedy differently than how the world expects, we get the world's attention. We can redirect our pain towards a purpose.

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A Grief Observed

C.S. Lewis, "We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, 'blessed are they that mourn,' and I accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course, it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not imagination."

- Jeremiah
- Daniel
- Ezekiel

Ezekiel 2:1

"And he said to me, 'Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.' And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, 'Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me'"

Ezekiel 3:17

"Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me."

Structure

- Chapters 1-24: Pre siege of Jerusalem (Judgment on Judah)
- Chapters 25-32: During the siege of Jerusalem (Judgment on surrounding nations)
- Chapters 33-48: Post siege of Jerusalem (Hope and Restoration)

Ezekiel 24:15-19

And the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Son of man, behold, I am about to take from you the desire of your eyes with a blow; but you shall not mourn and you shall not weep, and your tears shall not come. Groan silently; make no mourning for the dead. Bind on your turban and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover your mustache and do not eat the bread of men."

So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. And in the morning I did as I was commanded. The people said to me, "Will you not tell us what these things that you are doing mean for us?"

Ezekiel 24:20-24

Then I said to them, "The word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I am about to profane My sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes and the delight of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom you have left behind will fall by the sword. You will do as I have done; you will not cover your mustache and you will not eat the bread of men.'

Your turbans will be on your heads and your shoes on your feet. You will not mourn and you will not weep, but you will rot away in your iniquities and you will groan to one another. Thus Ezekiel will be a sign to you; according to all that he has done you will do; when it comes, then you will know that I am the Lord God.”

Ezekiel 36:25-27

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Ezekiel 37:27

“My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.”