

# EZEKIEL

## AT-A-GLANCE

### BOOK(S) WRITTEN:

Ezekiel

### TYPE OF BOOK(S):

Major Prophecy; Ezekiel is the third of four major prophets (including Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel).

### PROBABLE DATES OF WRITING:

590-570 BC



#### AUTHOR BACKGROUND:

Ezekiel then lived among the Jewish exiles in a riverside community south of Babylon called Tel Aviv (also spelled Tel-Abib). More than 10,000 exiled Jews had been taken there. He prophesied there for around 22 years.

He was a contemporary of the prophet Daniel, and like Daniel, made prophecies about not only the restoration of Israel, but also the end of times.



#### UNUSUAL PLACES THIS AUTHOR WROTE:

Ezekiel wrote while in exile, and it is not clear whether he ever got to see Jerusalem as an adult. He spoke to people whom God had exiled due to their constant, stubborn rebellion against him. Therefore, a majority of Ezekiel's message communicates judgment for sins committed.



#### UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THIS AUTHOR WROTE:

Ezekiel's prophecies were accompanied by strange, sometimes terrifying, visions. One is recorded in Ezekiel 1, a description of a flying object some have described as a UFO covered in eyes. The other, recorded in Ezekiel 37, covers the prophecy of the dead bones. In the vision, a valley filled with bones comes to life as the bones come together and begin to move around. It is a symbol of the restoration of Israel which happened in 1948.