

Will They Know?

Introduction:

- A. Ezekiel (“*God will strengthen*”) lived 600 years prior to the appearance of the Son of God on earth.
- B. When Ezekiel was 17, Nebuchadnezzar—mighty king of the Babylonian empire—invaded Ezekiel’s homeland and carried a great many Jews thousands of miles away into exile.
- C. At 25, Ezekiel himself was forcibly removed from his home in Jerusalem, along with 10,000 other Jews, into Babylonian captivity.
- D. Ezekiel was a married man (24:15-18). The “delight of his eyes” died in Babylon.
- E. Ezekiel was a priest (1:3) of the LORD and at 30, he had a life-changing experience (Ezek 1).
- F. In *Ezekiel 2*, this young man is commissioned:
 - 1. Ezekiel is a “*son of man*” (2:1) being given specific instructions from the great I AM (2:2).
 - 2. The nature of sin and its horrific consequences are made crystal clear (2:3-4).
 - 3. Whether people listen or not, the LORD expects Ezekiel to tell the truth (2:5; 3:16-21).
 - 4. As long as Ezekiel stands with God, he has nothing to fear (2:6-7).
 - 5. Every step of the way, Ezekiel has a choice (2:8).
 - 6. If Ezekiel fulfills his calling, he can rest assured in at least one thing (2:5).
- G. For the next twenty years, Ezekiel serves as a spokesman for God and a watchman for the people.

“Will They Know?” Will They Know That Someone...

- Who reverently _____ God has been among them? (*Eccl 12:13-14*)
- In desperate need of a deliverer has been among them? (*1 Tim 1:15*)
- Who believes Jesus is the _____ hope for salvation has been among them? (*John 14:6*)
- Who handles Scripture as the authoritative word of God has been among them? (*2 Tim 3:16-17*)
- Who is _____ of the gospel has been among them? (*Rom 1:16-17*)
- Who depends upon God as refuge and strength has been among them? (*Psa 46*)
- Who is determined to walk in the _____ of the Lord has been among them? (*Eph 5:15-17*)
- Who is a living sacrifice to God has been among them? (*Rom 12:1-2*)
- Who submits to God in _____ their ways has been among them? (*Prov 3:5-6*)
- Who is devoted to the Lord’s church has been among them? (*Acts 2:42*)
- Who believes in the power of _____ has been among them? (*James 5:16*)
- Who believes that God wins has been among them? (*John 16:33*)
- Who _____ them has been among them? (*Matt 22:37-40*)
- Who wants God to get the glory has been among them? (*Matt 6:1*)
- Who is willing to ask for and extend _____ has been among them? (*Col 3:12-13*)
- Who cares enough about them to tell the truth has been among them? (*Eph 4:15*)