

Ezekiel 1;2;3

This was the appearance of the likeness of the Glory of the LORD. When I saw it, I fell down, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

Ezekiel 1:28

Readings this week:

- S Psalm 137: 1-6
- M Ezekiel 1
- T Ezekiel 2
- W Ezekiel 3: 1-15
- Th Ezekiel 3: 16-27
- F Psalm 42
- S Psalm 97

Work with your class and teacher to find out as much as you can about the prophet Ezekiel. Then fill in the identity card with all the details you have found.

IDENTITY CARD

Name _____

Father's name _____

Country of Birth _____

Nationality _____

Profession _____

Marital Status _____

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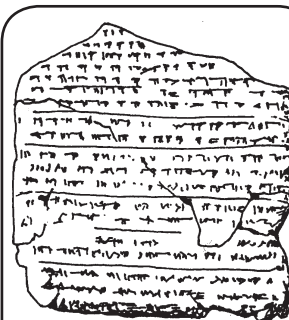
Ezekiel's life in exile was very different to the life he would have led in Israel. In particular, he wasn't able to carry out his job as priest properly. How do you think he felt about that? Psalm 136:1-6 may give you some clues too. Work with your group to discuss and then record what Ezekiel may have thought about his situation.



Ezekiel's vision gave him reassurance that he could still be close to God, and he was also given a job to do. How do you think he felt about this?

What might he have said to people about how his life had been changed by the vision?

God is near us, whatever our circumstances are, in the same way that he was with Ezekiel. Try hard to remember that all the time.



This clay tablet is part of the official record of the Babylonian empire. It includes information about Nebuchadnezzar becoming king, Zedekiah being made king of Judah after the defeat of Jerusalem in 597 BC, and the removal of many Judeans into exile. Ezekiel was one of those who went into exile at this time.

Digging Deeper

The city of Babylon was first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 10:10. In Genesis 11:1-9, it is mentioned again although the name was slightly different. What was going on here? Were they worshipping God?

Ur was about 200 miles south of Babel. It was the centre of a large Babylonian empire. What happened there?

Genesis 11:31. This happened around 2000 BC.

The fortunes of the Babylonian empire fluctuated until it was taken over by the Assyrians around 900 BC. But Nebuchadnezzar again made it supremely powerful with the battle of Carchemish in 605BC.

On a good Biblical or historical map, remind yourself where the Assyrian empire extended. (Lesson 52) and compare it with where the Babylonian empire extended.

Pray that you will listen to God's word and be a watchman in the world.