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Reflector :-

Ezekiel.

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(Notes by Mr M. Ellis)

- Framework or overview.
- Always have more info. than you need.
- Sufficient background best.
- Book starts with the days of the Fall of Judah.
- Up to now prophets were from promised land. - but Ezekiel called in another land.
- Chebar = Grand Canal in S. Mesopotamia.
- Grand description of God - "New Jewish Translation" is best
- Israel now gone - but Judah to be given a message (not in promised land).
- God showed this man by a remarkable situation (Daniel only to King, not nation).
- Revelation of God now preserved in Mesopotamia.
- Samaritan text is corrupt
- Siege of ~~Samaria~~ Samaria - Chaldean King - died 721 BC.
- Over 3 years 725-722 BC. The king died before the people moved.
- The next king carried captive peoples of Samaria
- Fall of Samaria
- Chaldean Chronicle :- Josiah died 31st year of reign in

609 B.C. (reigned 640-609 B.C.).

• { Jeremiah called in 13th year. Jubilee 18th year.

• { Passover 622 B.C.

• Renewal of Covenant. (30th year)

• Israel never returned to God. But Judah wanted to.

• Jehoshaphat, son of Judah.

• Jehopkim - appointed by Pharaoh

• 609-608 = Accession year.

• Babylonians imposed Spring-to-Spring calendars.

• Nebuchadnezzar was crown prince.

• Dan. 1 - says he was King (his father died).

• Daniel followed Babylonian reckoning

• Jeremiah followed Jewish reckoning - 605-604 BC (to Babylonians 1-year difference) - accession year.

• Josephus talks of Ezekiel's captivity - 598 BC (Kislev 3).

• Jehoiachin captive Adar 2 - 3 months reign.

• Zedekiah 11 years - 597 BC (Jer. 28:1) (4th = ~~1st~~ Sabbath)

• Ezekiel's 30th year - 593 B.C. (intercalary year) - 430 days - backed by Bible, Chaldean Chronicle and Babylonian Calendar.

• 587 BC Temple burnt.

• Jer. 52:30 - last remnant captive (40 years after 622 BC)

- Why lay on side for 40 days etc (= 40 years) - time given for Judah to reform and return to covenant and stick to it. After 40 years they were all gone because they did not do it! Total captivity after 40 years.

- Highlights :-

2:3 [Heb. is plural: "NATIONS" of Israel]

3:1 [House of Israel = Israel + Judah. Comes to those in captivity (Judah) at Chebar - still can be both Houses].

v24 [he was shut in a house].

4:1- [sight to whole House of Israel. 390 + 40. - Israel + Judah - "lost sheep" included Judah. He are seeing now the downturn of Israel]

[King Abimelech reigned 1112-1109 BC. 1112-1172 = 60 year period. In 721 BC Israel removed. ∴ 721 + 390 years = 1111 when Persian Empire collapsed, leading to the migrations into Europe] [Alexander destroyed Persian Empire 331 BC. Israel's sin was wanting human Gov., by rejecting God].

perhaps 390 days before ultimate crisis (implied here) i.e. 1 year and 1 month - a very critical period. Perhaps 40 days for Judah (+ 1260, 1270, 1335 days). Our crops could easily fail.

4:13 [shows captivity and expulsion].

5:2 [1/3 go into captivity - scattering].

v3 [some separated then burnt - impact on whole nation. Rev. 12 - some martyrs - give testimony - but not worthy of escape. Soft way too long = Loosica - leaving Christ out.

- First $\frac{1}{3}$ = Famine, Disease, Burning Dead Bodies.
- Second $\frac{1}{3}$ = Captivity, Scattered, Struggle, Siege.
(in 1 year $\frac{1}{3}$ die = cremation etc. is the only way.)
- Third $\frac{1}{3}$ = Plagues etc. - AIDS is nothing!

We only escape just before end. We may suffer prison and death. Don't skip over this. It's powerful and scary. Think through life very carefully. Today AIDS scares, but millions will die. Do we understand those things today? Crisis is so bad that it only lasts 1 year - but horrific. What of serious agricultural problems? Do we follow weather patterns? Crops do fail! Not just hunger, but frightened emotions.

1990s could bring really bad weather! Weather pictures, but gets worse. Also mildew. Are we emotionally prepared?].

6:3 [religious conflict + persecution - for or against those who 'represent' Christ. False prophets v true Christians ...]

What of earthquakes, fires, crimes etc. Defacing of churches - unable to meet here? What of Islam? Not A safe world. Yet A remnant remains. Bubonic plague now in wild animals (USA)].

7:1-6 [An end comes - time of events. Time to give up sins.]

v 18 ["baldness" = nuclear problems].

v 19 [this is balance of those at end of Tribulation who survive into Day of the Lord (out of Babylon or 7 Last Plagues) - 6 blessing tribes and 6 cursing tribes (those involved with EC)].

v 27 [The royal family ... can't reach rest]

8:6-12 [Israel (10 tribes)].

v 17 [Judah ~~3~~. Abomination of Nations].

9:4 [mark on people. Knowing how to deal justly].

11:10 [no where to escape.].

12:9, 27 [human mind is devious].

14:14-20 [character of the children must be right otherwise they don't escape. Exception as in days of Noah. Each on own SALVATION].

ch 16 [US + B in P etc].

ch 20 [time setting in 7th year. Discussions with ^{the} proph^{ets} by the Levites].

ch 21:27 ['A min, A min, A min' - throne of England overturned in prophecy. ⊛ Tradition of Jeremiah's tomb not in Lat. God intended it Masonic tradition covers this material. 1 daughter in 569 BC in Eire (Nebuchadnezzar's 7 years of insanity follows and he only reigned a short while). Ezekiel tells where UK throne comes from, not history].

22:18-22 [Parallel to Day of the Lord in Revelation (~~22:2~~?) They will have heard our message. And get out].

23:1^r A4 [Nations of Israel broke-up - pictured as two

Sisters.

1. God divorced Israel.,
2. but separated from Judah.

1. Israel left.
2. Judah killed her husband.

ch 24:1-2 [besiege of Jerusalem].

ch 33 [our captivity + mountains of Israel and people coming back]

ch 37 [people coming back, dead rise]

38:1-2 Then what happens to some nations. Gog + Magog not previously so influenced.

All mts + islands moved (incredible).

Cities of nations fall.

End of civilization as we know it.

Rotten above and below.

38:20 [chase walls (only months later) (24th day of 9th month - quake? Not sure, possible parallel)]

[Christ will defend Jerusalem against Gog + Magog]

Dr Koch has immense info. on book of Ezekiel.
Only covered some of it.