

This week in **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** we encounter the godly servant who was called the PROPHET IN EXILE, Ezekiel. What Jeremiah was to the people of Judah in Jerusalem, the prophet Ezekiel was to the captives in Babylonian exile. Ezekiel himself was among those of the priestly lineage who were carried away in the deportation of 597 BC, before the final destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC.

His home in exile became a place called Tel Abib by the Kebar River and from that home he fanned out to minister to the exiles. Of priestly heritage through the line of Aaron, Eleazar & Zadok, Ezekiel brings to his role as prophet a unique acquaintance with worship, the temple, and the priesthood.

If there is a special theme to Ezekiel's prophetic message, it is that, by both its severe punishment & subsequent restoration, Judah will come to know its God as the true God of the universe who rules over the affairs of individuals & nations.

Like virtually all the prophets of Judah, Ezekiel predicts the fall of Jerusalem due to Judah's many sins; he brings harsh judgment against Judah's oppressors; and he prophesies about the coming restoration. Like the other prophets, he points to a coming Kingdom that will last for eternity (Jesus and the church).

Ezekiel's call to ministry as a prophet happens in the 5th year of his exile, when he is 30 years old (does that sound like anyone else???). Ezekiel's writing is filled with symbolism, allegories, parables, and proverbs so get ready for some eye-opening readings later this week in Ezekiel.

Before we kick off with Ezekiel, we will wrap up the prophetic word of Jeremiah in both the book named for him and the book of Lamentations. I hope you have come to realize that Jeremiah is not just a prophet of 'doom & gloom' but also a prophet of hope & restoration.

Is BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY making a difference? According to one mom and her children, it is making a BIG DIFFERENCE. This mom recently wrote me and said, "My family is really enjoying doing BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY together. We use the YouTube app on our TV and gather around the table together. My kids have learned so much and I have also gained a lot of knowledge thanks to BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY."

Now, as I close out all my online Bible classes, it is our hope, it is our wish, it is our prayer that we all live for Jesus 24/7...may God bless YOU!



~Michael Cox

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10:15 AM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Will Livingston
 Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston

R#508 - "A Wonderful Savior"
R#47 - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Prayer.....Jason Powell

SC - "Here I Am to Worship"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
 Jonathan Bonde / Luke Fader

SC - "How Great Is Our God"

Scripture Reading.....Bryce Ellis
 Sermon.....Michael Cox

"What is the Kingdom of God Like?"
Luke 13:18

R#911 - "Bring Christ Your Broken Life"
R#652 - "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Ed Courtney

6:00 PM Order of Worship

Welcome.....Will Livingston
 Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston

R#144 - "O Worship the King"
R#827 - "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Prayer.....Tom Shelton

R#382 - "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?"

COMMUNION

Scripture Reading & Prayer
 Jonathan Bonde / Luke Fader

R#643 - "Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom"

Scripture Reading.....Bryce Ellis
 Sermon.....Willie Bagwell

"God Shall Wipe Away All Tears"
Revelation 21:4

SC - "Pierce My Ear"
R#989 - "Soon and Very Soon"
B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"

Prayer.....Ed Courtney

9AM Adult Bible Classes:

Auditorium
 Michael Cox
 Room#118
 Old Testament History
 -Andy McCormick
 Room#112/Library
 First Principles
 -Danny Griffith
 MPB-1st floor
 Young Professionals
 -Tim Togami

Children's 9AM BIBLE CLASSES:

MPB-2nd floor:
 9th - 12th
 Josh Romo
 Room#113: 5th -8th
 Will Livingston
 Room#114: 1st -4th
 Stephanie Johnson
 Room#108: 4yrs -K
 Martha Dean
 Room#107: 3yrs
 April Bonde/Keri Powell
 Room#104: 1-2 yrs
 Kerry McCormick
 Hannah Landrum
 Room#106: 3-18 mo.
 Cradle Roll
 Angela Livingston

Our Record: 8/16/2025

9:00 AM Bible Class.....107
 10:15 AM Worship.....212
 PM Worship.....95
 Wednesday Bible Class.....70
 Contribution.....\$8,298.50

AUGUST ELDERS / DEACONS

ED COURTNEY
 TOM SHELTON

BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:
 Pam Shelton & Vicki Cole

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Welcomes You!

*Through the LORD's mercies
 we are not consumed,
 Because His compassions fail not.
²³ They are new every morning;
 Great is Your faithfulness.
 Lamentations 3:22-23*

Introducing A Congregational Evangelism Seminar

~by Rob L. Whitacre

We are thankful to announce that you have been enrolled into the House to House/ Heart to Heart School of Evangelism! This will provide your congregation with a total of 12 months of preparation, promotion, training, and support. Our goal is to transform the culture within congregations to be focused on local evangelism and church growth. In order to accomplish this mission, we will be conducting a seminar soon and we need your help. "Go Ye" means "Go All." The word, "ye" is plural and thus requires the mobilization of every Christian in the local congregation to reach the lost in your community.

There was a time in our not so distant past when these types of seminars were being held all over our nation. Christians carried film strips (Jule Miller) in the back of their trunks and went house to house teaching anyone who would listen to the Gospel of Christ. Now most of our training is inwardly focused and are geared towards keeping the saved, saved. Success is seen in how many sister congregations attend our events and rarely on how many non-Christians attend. A few years ago, a brother called and invited us to come do this seminar. He said, "Brother Rob, we have not had an evangelism seminar in central Texas in over 20 years." We are at a crisis stage for churches of Christ in America, but it is not too late.

What is an evangelism seminar? It is an effort to train the saved to teach the lost. We will spend time equipping Christians with a soul winning strategy. We will relay stories of real people who are coming to know their Savior and provide you the simple principles used to get them into a Bible study and help them obey the Gospel. We will spend time with elders and preachers and help them develop a winning strategy for the local congregation.

What can you do? First, please attend every session as each build upon the other. Second, come ready to learn with Bible in hand, and ready to take notes. This is not just a lecture. It will be both principle and practice. Third, please be praying about souls to save. Since this focuses on training Christians how to reach the lost, it is not recommended that you invite your non-Christian friends and family. After being trained, you will have plenty of opportunities and a working method to reach them.

This seminar is having a great affect upon congregations. Hundreds of souls have been saved in just the past year, and if we all work together, and follow the Great Evangelist (Jesus), many more souls will be saved. The Lord is depending upon you for this evangelistic effort to be successful. The Gospel is not a passive process. It is an active process that will work when we are willing to work it. Below is a schedule of topics. My family will be willing to answer any of your questions and materials will be available to help equip you with all the tools needed.

Saturday

6:30 PM ~ Let's Get Motivated: *This session will relay several personal accounts of conversions. It has worked and is still working.*

7:30 PM ~ Let's Stay with the Message: *This session focuses on the power of the Word. We must put the Bible back into Personal Bible studies!*

Sunday

9:00 AM ~ Let's Not Argue About the Method: *It's time to introduce "Back to the Bible" and demonstrate how to use it along with charts from my PE workbook.*

10:15 AM ~ Let's Talk About the Manner: *How do you get into a Bible Study? We will look at Jesus and how our Master Evangelist was able to develop such a large following.*

1:00 PM ~ Let's Apply the Model: *In this session, we discuss difficult situations and take your questions. How does this work in my world?*

2:00 PM ~ Let's Make the Application: *Rob sits down with elders, preachers, and deacons to provide practical suggestions on how to implement this program and train Christians in the congregation.*

2:00 PM ~ Recipes for Evangelism: *In this special ladies' session, Nicole will provide practical suggestions on how to apply what you have learned. This is based on her book, "Recipes for Evangelism" (ladies only).*

Every Saint on this side of Heaven must be concerned about every sinner on this side of Hell.

UPCOMING EVENTS (As a courtesy for hosts please RSVP on LightPost Calendar)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11:30AM●Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)**●10AM●Room #118

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

- ♦ **SENIOR MOMENTS –FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY!**●1-5PM●MPB●Bring Favorite Games & Snacks to Share!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29-30

- ♦ **CONGREGATIONAL EVANGELISM SEMINAR**●See schedule ▲▲▲ above

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- ♦ **FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK LUNCH**●11:30AM●MPB●Please bring Soups, Salads, & Sandwiches, Desserts & Drinks

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON**●11:30AM●@David's Burgers! ~3802 CENTRAL AVE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- ♦ **BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY)**●10AM●Room #118

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- ♦ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11:30AM●Bring your lunch!



Rejoice! We have a new brother in Christ!
Quentford Mansfield was Baptized on Saturday, August 8th
for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
& added to the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12)

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

⇒ **Friends & Family of Billie Gregory.**

Our sister in Christ, **Billie Gregory** passed away on Sunday, August 16.

Funeral service: was Friday August 21

Interment: was in Delight, AR

MEMBERS

Phyllis Allen●Tyler Baker●Bill Cooley

Nancy Dunn●Bob Garner●Calvin Gordon

Jean Kazimier●Walton/Elaine Kyle

Scott/Carla March●Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall

Glenda Pannell●Karen Pate●Leslie Pate

Stuart Reeves●Freddie Sharpe

Patty Sudmeyer●Neva Tharp

Festus Ugbade●Ann White

- ♦ Brooks, Steve –Prayers for Steve & his family
- ♦ Burns, Wendell & Charlie –Traveling to TN 8/18 to visit Wendell's daughter, Jennifer in final stages of cancer
- ♦ Cormier, Pris –Hypertension, follow up w/ Dr. on Friday, 8/14
- ♦ Hannah, Maxine –Health
- ♦ Honeycutt, Louise –Home now
- ♦ Pannell, Glenda –Successful surgery, feeling great, home now
- ♦ Wedsted, Ken –PET scan looked good, but may follow up w/a pulmonologist to see if a biopsy is needed

SHUT-INS

Craig Archer●Mike/Shirley Baka●Henry Cook

Pauline Crenshaw●LaVonne Depew

Ola Freibolt●**Billie Gregory**●Lorene Mount

Charles/Virginia Parker●David Pendleberry

Wes Poole●Barbara Reding●Judy Walters

Linda Woeppel

- ♦ Parker, Virginia –Home now

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Charlee Gordon●**Gloria Miller**

Avery Pozarek●John/Marsha Pruett

Don Rutherford●Wanda Smith

Bob Troutman●Harrel Walters●Kay Ward

- ♦ Lamb, Margaret (D.Myer's SIL) -Home feeling better. Will follow with radiation & PET scan
- ♦ McKensie –(daughter/former co-workers of Charles/Debbie Hunt) 22 yr old w/special needs-had brain surgery 8/14

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Edwards, Eric (Navy) aboard USS New Orleans, Bahrain, Iran
- * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA
- * Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Lemoore Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA
- * Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- * Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wethington, "A.J" Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- * Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

BATTLING CANCER

Jennifer Baker●JL Bice●Jim Blagg
Allen Constant●**Jerry Harris**●Jack Haywood
Terry Horne●Kirsten James●Jeff Janus
Sandy Land●Brenda Lavender
Deborah Long●Daryl Macon
Delorious Tolleson●Bettie Lou White
Frankie White

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- ❖ Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam
- ❖ Nigeria -Chad Wagner
- ❖ Pacific Islands -Randy English
- ❖ Philippines -Alex Coloma