



JUNE 2026 | DAY 28

ONE STORY THAT LEADS TO JESUS

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SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 21
Ezekiel 22
Ezekiel 23
Ezekiel 24
Psalms 143

Ezekiel's accusations reach a fever pitch in today's reading. Innocent blood stains Jerusalem's streets. Its stench lingers over the city like a foul smog. Its priests, princes, and prophets prey on the vulnerable, wringing out the poor for profit and crushing immigrants under their feet.

Ezekiel tries to startle the Israelites into recognizing the horrific state of their city with another graphic allegory. This time, he compares Samaria and Jerusalem to two promiscuous sisters.

For Ezekiel, Jerusalem's covenant adultery goes hand-in-hand with bloodshed. Throughout today's reading, the prophet emphasizes the connection between the people's rejection of Yahweh and their mistreatment of Yahweh's image bearers. Idol worship leads to incest and usury, deception and desecration, bribes and breaking the Sabbath, extortion and oppression.

Ezekiel's intense accusations come with equally vivid warnings of judgment. Yahweh is about to unsheathe a sharp sword against Jerusalem. The people of Israel will be melted down like dross in a furnace and scoured like a filthy cauldron over a blazing fire. The adulterous Southern Kingdom failed to learn from her northern sister's mistakes, so she will share her sister's fate. Yahweh will give her into the hands of the foreign armies (she thought) she so desperately wanted.

The most heartbreaking image comes at the end of today's reading. Ezekiel's wife dies. Yahweh tells the prophet not to mourn for her in public. Ezekiel's shocking response to the loss of his beloved wife points to the Israelites' response to the loss of Jerusalem. Soon, their corrupted, bloodstained city will fall. Only agonized silence will remain in its wake.



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Psalms 144

Ezekiel's scathing prophecies of judgment don't stop at Israel's borders. Today, we begin a new section of Ezekiel (chapters 25-32) focused on the prophet's oracles of judgment against seven non-Israelite nations. A key refrain ties this section together: God declares that when he brings justice, they "will know that I am Yahweh."

The passage begins with oracles against Israel's neighbors, Ammon, Moab, Edom, and Philistia. These nations cheered at the terrible downfall caused by Israel's corruption. Now, they face the terrifying results of their own injustice and violence.

Next, Ezekiel delivers oracles against sister nations Tyre and Sidon. These Mediterranean coastal cities piled up gold and silver through international trade. Their exorbitant wealth made Tyre's king so proud that he claimed to be one of the gods—the Hebrew word *elohim*, as you'll learn in the video.

It's not the first time a human has assumed a divine identity and experienced the consequences of such pretending. Like the first humans in Eden, the king of Tyre will lose the splendid riches of his garden land. Yahweh's evil-wrecking storm will de-create Tyre's world-famous ships. Babylon's armies will break over the city in mighty waves, washing its ruined towers into the sea.



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Then the camera pans from stormy seas and cosmic collapse to quiet houses and blooming vineyards. Ezekiel has placed his message of hope for Israel at the precise center of this section to make an important point: If Yahweh fights against the nations on Israel's behalf, that means Yahweh fights for those who remain faithful to his way, those who remain his covenant partners. Even now, at the heart of God's judgment is a desire to restore his people and the original blessing he intends to give through them, to everyone on Earth (see Gen. 12:2-3).



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Ezekiel 29
Ezekiel 30
Psalms 145

As you continue your journey through the biblical story, keep your eyes peeled: You might spot a dragon. In today's video, we meet the chaos dragon, a monstrous symbol of violence and de-creation destruction in the ancient world.

When you know what to look for, you can spot this snakey creature lurking in quite a few corners of the Bible. Today's reading shows a great example.

In the first of Ezekiel's seven oracles of judgment against Egypt, the prophet compares ancient Egypt's Pharaoh to a scaly monster, prowling in the waters of the Nile. But the dragon is no match for Yahweh's hook of justice. God will drag the Egyptian "snake" from its watery lair and leave it to shrivel under the scorching desert sun.

Once again, the armies of Babylon bring about this de-creation judgment. Babylon's strong arm will break the arms of Egypt, leaving the nation crippled and powerless. The fertile floodplains and prosperous cities along the Nile will be burned to a desolate wasteland.

Be warned, raging dragons: Yahweh the dragon slayer has unsheathed his sword of divine judgment.



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Ezekiel 31

Ezekiel 32

Ezekiel 33

Psalms 146

The end of Egypt's empire is coming. Today's reading opens with three more oracles against the nation. They describe Pharaoh's downfall in cosmic terms.

A towering tree falls with an earth-shaking crash, littering the valleys with splintered ruins. The great sea dragon will be hauled from the watery depths, writhing with helpless fury in Yahweh's net. Finally, Pharaoh and his army will go down to the realm of the dead (Hebrew: sheol) to lie in the disgraced ranks of the slain.

But Jerusalem has gone the way of Egypt's Pharaoh. The city now sits at the head of a corrupted empire. It must fall first. In Ezekiel 33, we reach one of the lowest points of the whole book. A survivor comes to Ezekiel with terrible news: The Babylonian army has burned Jerusalem to the ground.

Framing this story are two passages focused on correcting false beliefs among the Israelites. The exiles in Babylon finally own up to their wrongdoing, but feel guilty to the point of hopelessness. Meanwhile, the survivors in Jerusalem think that God has chosen them to rebuild the nation among Judah's scorched ruins, even though they continue to practice idolatry and injustice.

Ezekiel gives both communities the same message: Yahweh offers a hopeful future if (and only if) they repent. This repentance is not merely about apologizing. It means turning from their current ways of life. They must trust and follow Yahweh.



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The first and last sections of chapter 33 again describe Ezekiel's prophetic mission to speak the truth to the people—whether they listen to his warnings or not. Now that Ezekiel's worst prophecies have come true, perhaps the people will wake up and start listening. Perhaps?



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Ezekiel 34
Ezekiel 35
Ezekiel 36
Ezekiel 37
Psalms 147

Israel's severe judgment has arrived. Jerusalem has gone down in chaos and flames. The catastrophe leaves Ezekiel and the Israelites reeling. How could God let this happen? Has Yahweh abandoned his people for good? Yahweh's answer is an emphatic no. God is more powerful than Israel's rebellion. He promised, all the way back in Ezekiel 11, to restore his people, to transform them by giving them a new heart and a new Spirit. God keeps every promise he makes.

To drive this point home, Yahweh takes Ezekiel on a gory field trip. The prophet finds himself in a valley filled with dry bones, bleached white by the scorching sun. There, Yahweh gives Ezekiel a strange command:

Prophecy over these bones!

Ezekiel shrugs. Living humans never listened to him anyway. At least this audience of skeletons can't gripe about his message. As the prophet speaks, the bones around him begin to shake. Jawbones clatter toward skulls. Femurs snap into hip sockets. A spine slithers over a sternum on its way to reunite with a ribcage. Ezekiel ducks out of the way as a skeleton clacks to its feet.

God's Spirit has come to breathe life into even the most dead and desolate places. These no-longer-dry bones are just the beginning. Watch the video to learn about Yahweh's message of hope in the second half of Ezekiel.



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Ezekiel 38
Ezekiel 39
Psalms 148

Yahweh cares about his reputation, his name. Yahweh invited Israel to reflect his holiness, justice, and love to the world as his covenant partners, so that the nations could know the truth about his character. When the Israelites tarnished Yahweh's reputation with their idolatry and injustice, Yahweh promised to purify and restore his kingdom of priests for the sake of his name.

After Yahweh deals with evil among his covenant partners, he turns his attention to the nations to do the same. In today's reading, Ezekiel represents the nations' evil with the supervillain Gog. This symbolic character combines all the worst rulers in the Bible into one menacing archetype of human rebellion against God.

Gog musters seven allies from the farthest corners of the globe to defy Yahweh's plan to restore his people. The whole world teams up to take Israel down.

Yahweh responds to Gog's cosmic rebellion with cosmic judgment. The ground will thrash with an earthquake that flips the mountains upside down. Hail and sulfur will pour from the skies. The bodies of Gog's soldiers will become a feast for vultures. The leftover weapons and armor will provide Israel with seven years' worth of firewood.

This resounding defeat is bad news for Gog, but good news for humanity. Yahweh refuses to let evil sully his good world—or his good name.



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Ezekiel 40
Ezekiel 41
Ezekiel 42
Ezekiel 43
Psalms 149

The book of Ezekiel is many things—complex, confounding, even crazy. Boring is not one of them. This wild ride of a book started with a bejeweled God-mobile flying through a lightning storm and only became stranger from there. We’ve seen dung bread, grotesque allegories, water dragons, reanimated skeletons, and mountains dripping with blood. As the book concludes, the prophet cuts away from flashy visions and graphic metaphors to ... four chapters of building dimensions? In today’s reading, Ezekiel illustrates an elaborate vision of a new temple. Don’t let the details bore you. These chapters contain more than architectural minutiae. Like the tabernacle blueprints in Exodus, Ezekiel’s vision of God’s sacred dwelling space includes imagery that connects the temple to Eden. It’s a new Heaven-on-Earth place, bigger and more beautiful than the temple Solomon built in Jerusalem. Ezekiel’s temple tour concludes with another vision of Yahweh’s glory. The last time Ezekiel saw the God-mobile, it flew away from the Jerusalem temple, which Israel’s idolatry and injustice had hopelessly defiled. Now, Yahweh’s glory returns to fill the new, purified temple. This hopeful sign points to the day when God’s presence will return to his people—though perhaps not in the form one might expect. Watch the video to learn more about the temple and its surprising fulfillment in Jesus.