The Heart of the Matter

Stuart Briscoe chose an apt title for his little book on Ezekiel: All Things Weird and Wonderful. A reader can’t read the prophet Ezekiel’s writings three minutes without encountering the strange, the phenomenal, the wonderful. In his own unpredictable manner, Ezekiel told his readers about the Lord; he genuinely desired that people understand who God is. How needed are his words in our own day! Ezekiel wrote, preached, dramatized, warned, and prophesied for more than two decades. With great enthusiasm and imagination, he vigorously declared God’s message before an exiled generation of Jews—discouraged captives who needed a strong leader. Because modern minds see humanity as awesome and God as tiresome, a big dose of Ezekiel is long overdue. May God, Jehovah, emerge and, in all His glory, eclipse humanity beneath His almighty shadow as we hear and heed Ezekiel’s message.

Discovering the Way

1. Introduction: Let’s Meet the Man
Ezekiel began his ministry to the Babylonian exiles when he was a 30-year-old, married man—a man clearly blessed by God, who commissioned him to preach that hope comes when we focus on God’s glory.

2. Content: Let’s Survey His Book
The book of Ezekiel can be divided into four sections: personal (chapters 1–3), judgment on Judah (chapters 4–24), destruction of the nations (chapters 25–32), and restoration of God’s people (chapters 33–48).

Starting Your Journey

Four timeless principles come from the book. First, those who significantly impact others for God have God’s hand on them, God’s Word in them, and God’s message speaking through them. Second, truth gains authenticity when it is modeled. Third, nothing is impossible with God. Fourth, there is always hope when we focus on God’s glory.
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**Theme**: God will be known through His judgment and restoration; God is sovereign over heaven and earth.

**Key Verse**: 39:28

**Christ in Ezekiel**: The tender twig becomes a stately cedar (17:22–24); the caring Shepherd (chapter 34)

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