



Introduction

The prophet, Ezekiel, was taken to Babylon at the start of Zedekiah's reign, 11 years before Jerusalem finally fell to the Babylonians.



Questions

1. How does the LORD describe the children of Israel and their fathers?
2. What will the children of Israel know, whether or not they listen to Ezekiel?
3. What was in the scroll of a book that Ezekiel was given?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** The LORD gives a message for the rebellious children of Israel. Whether or not they will listen they will know that a prophet has been among them
- **v 6 to 10** Ezekiel is told not to be afraid of the people's opposition (see theme) when he speaks to them about the LORD's warning message. Ezekiel is shown a scroll

Timeline 570 BC (see below)



Theme

God's principles can be very unpopular

A selection of verses showing that this theme runs consistently through the Bible.

The psalmist tells us that the righteous can expect problems from the wicked:

Psalms 37 verses 12 to 14

Psalms 71 verse 4

Jesus Christ tells us that his followers can expect to be unpopular:

John 15 verses 18 to 20

The apostle Paul says that followers of Jesus should expect persecution:

2 Timothy 3 verse 12

The apostle John says that this unpopularity should not be a surprise:

1 John 3 verse 13



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 4, Q 2: v 5, Q 3: v 9 and 10



Bible timeline

