

“THE MAJESTY AND MIGHT OF GOD”

The Book of Ezekiel

Who wrote The Book of Ezekiel?

The Book of Ezekiel is attributed to the prophet Ezekiel, a priest, who has been called “the father of Judaism.”

How did The Book of Ezekiel get its name and/or what does that name mean?

The Book of Ezekiel takes the name of the Prophet Ezekiel’s whose name means “God strengthens.”

When did these events take place?

The Book of Ezekiel was written during the period of Babylonian exile which began with the first exile in 597 B.C. Ezekiel’s ministry actually extended from 593 B.C. to 571 B.C.

For more about The Book of Ezekiel:

See page 874 in the [Fireside Catholic Youth Bible](#).

It’s fun to listen to 4 or 5 year old’s describe their dad. You might hear them say things like: “My Dad knows everything!” Or, “My dad is the strongest person in the world!” Of course, we all realize when we grow older that there is a limit to what even Dad knows or what he can do. But for those precious few years, we are in awe of our Dad.

The Book of Ezekiel reflects this same kind of awe of God. From the very first chapter, Ezekiel uses words and examples to describe God and his power that are more imaginative than in any book that precedes it in the Bible. Not until the book of Revelation in the New Testament will you find stories or analogies to the majesty and might of God like you do in The Book of Ezekiel. Here stories of mysterious visions mind-numbing human experiences require interpretation to mean anything at all. Ezekiel presents his prophecies this way to dramatize for the Jewish reader the extent of God’s wrath in the destruction of Jerusalem and the seriousness of the debt that must be repaid to regain the lost city.

What also comes through in Ezekiel’s carefully chosen words is the fullness of God’s forgiveness and the depth of His love for His chosen people. What becomes clear in The Book of Ezekiel is that God used this pious priest to prophesy clearly the birth of Christ as the ultimate sign of God’s love for us.

Interesting Fact: The Book of Ezekiel is very interesting in the fact that it follows how worldly events affected the people of Israel.

Bonus Point: Who was forbidden to wear clothes that would cause them to sweat?