

# Ezekiel: They Shall Know That I Am Yahweh

- Exodus 5.2, “Who is Yahweh, that I should obey his voice? I do not know Yahweh!” God answered by sending plagues and delivering Israel, so that Israel, Egypt, and other nations would know he is Yahweh.
- “Exodus: Who Is Yahweh That I Should Obey His Voice?” & “Leviticus: I Am Yahweh, Be Holy, For I Am Holy”
- Exodus 29.45–46, points to Leviticus and Ezekiel

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## The Book of Ezekiel

- Historical setting of Ezekiel, ministry 593–571 BC, Babylon
- One of the major themes of Ezekiel focuses on God’s acts of judgment and salvation that were designed to prove to Israel and the nations that he is Yahweh, the only true and living God, the Creator Savior. This can be seen in the basic structure of the book.
  - Ezekiel 1–24: Ezekiel’s call and oracles against Jerusalem and Judah
  - Ezekiel 25–32: oracles against the nations, with an emphasis on Tyre and Egypt
  - Ezekiel 33–39: prophecies of restoration
  - Ezekiel 40–48: Ezekiel’s vision of the new temple
- This is also seen in the use of the specific phrase: “They/You shall know that I am Yahweh” (recognition formula). This phrase is used 72x in Ezekiel; in Ezekiel 5.13; 6.7, 10, 13, 14; 7.4, 9, 27; 11.10, 12; 12.15, 16, 20; 13.9, 14, 21, 23; 14.8; 15.7; 16.62; 17.21, 24; 20.12, 20, 26, 38, 42, 44; 21.5; 22.16, 22; 23.49; 24.24, 27; 25.5, 7, 11, 17; 26.6; 28.22, 23, 24, 26; 29.6, 9, 16, 21; 30.8, 19, 25, 26; 32.15; 33.29; 34.27, 30; 35.4, 9, 12, 15; 36.11, 23, 36, 38; 37.6, 13, 14, 28; 38.23; 39.6, 7, 22, 28.
- Examples: Chapter 6; 30.20–26; 37.1–14
- Through all these acts of judgment and salvation, God wanted Israel, Judah, and the nations to know that he is Yahweh, the Creator Savior.
- God wants us to learn this lesson, too.

## The Need to Learn From What God Has Done

- Romans 15.4; 1 Corinthians 10.1–13 (6, 11–13); Hebrews 11, we need to learn from the examples of what God did in punishing those who sinned and rewarding those who believed and obeyed him
- Hebrews 2.1–4; John 20.30–31; Matthew 28.19–20, we need to learn from the teaching or instruction from God’s word, teaching about judgment and salvation
- 2 Timothy 3.10–4.5, preacher / teacher has the responsibility to teach God’s judgment and salvation from the scriptures, the examples and teachings of the scriptures

## The Need to Teach Our Children What God Has Done and What God Will Do

- Deuteronomy 6.4–9; Psalm 78.1–8; Exodus 12.21–28 (esp 26–27); 13.3–10 (esp 8), 11–16 (esp 14); Deuteronomy 6.20–25; Joshua 4 (esp 6–7, 21–24)
- God’s history of bringing salvation to us in Jesus, 2 Timothy 1.5; 3.14–15
- God has and God will punish sin, Hebrews 10.26–31
- God has and God will reward righteousness, Hebrews 11 (esp 6, 13–16, 39–40), therefore 12.1–4

Romans 1.18ff, failure to acknowledge or remember what God has done will not end well for us or our children. If we will be constantly mindful of and constantly teaching our children the great things the Lord has done, is doing, and will do, we will be blessed now and for eternity and we will bring glory to God. Who is Yahweh that we should obey his voice? He is the only true and living God. He is our creator. He is our savior. Obey the Lord today.