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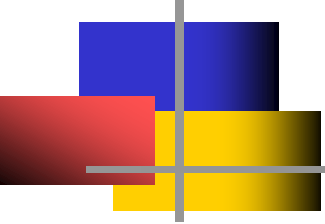
- Visual images to help illustrate God's truth in a clear, understandable, and memorable way
- Often strangely different or bizarre behavior
- Sometimes challenging to accomplish, or requiring great sacrifice by the prophet (Jer. 13:1ff; Ezek. 4:4-6)

The Sign-Acts of the Prophets

- Hosea – take a wife of harlotry (1:2-9), buy her back (3:1-5)
- Isaiah – go naked and barefoot (20:1-4)
- Ezekiel – shut yourself up (3:24-27), draw a picture of Jerusalem on a brick (4:1-3), lay on your side and eat bread (4:4-17), cut your hair (5:1-4), clap your hands (6:11-12), be mute (24:25-27; 33:21-22), etc.

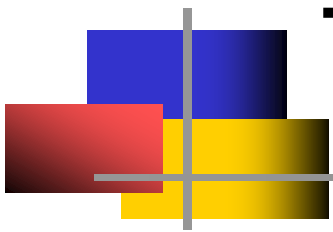
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- Zechariah – make an ornate crown of silver and gold and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak (6:9-15)
- Jeremiah - buy a linen girdle (13:1-11), buy a potter's vessel (19:1-13), make a yoke (27:1-11), buy a field (32:6-15), offer wine to the Rechabites (35:1-11), and take great stones and hide them in the mortar (43:8-13)



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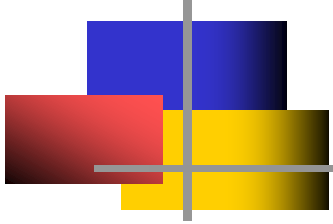
- Ezekiel's first sign-act (4:1-3)
- Ezekiel's second sign-act (4:4-8)
- Ezekiel's third sign-act (4:9-17)



The First Four Signs of Ezekiel (4:1 – 5:4)

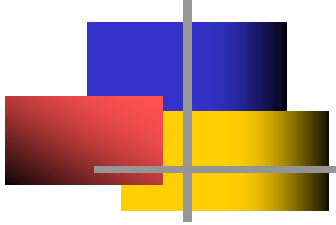
1. **Sketching a besieged city:** punishment will be coming (4:1-3)
2. **Laying down on the side:** punishment will be for iniquity (4:4-8)
3. **Eating polluted bread:** punishment will be severe (4:9-17)
4. **Shaving and dividing the hair:** punishment will be varied (5:1-4)

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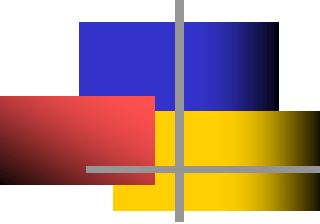


- Why is the number for Israel (390, 190 in the LXX) larger than for Judah (40)?
- Are the numbers to be kept separate, or added together (430)?
- Are the numbers literal or figurative (Egyptian bondage, Hos. 8:13; or, wilderness wandering, Num. 14:33)?

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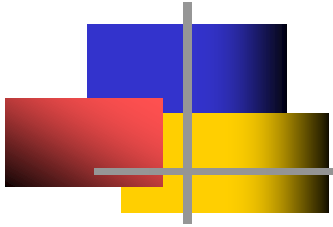
- Are the numbers consecutive, or congruent?
- Is there a starting point (terminus a quo) and stopping point (terminus ad quem) for each number?
- Are the numbers exact, or “round” numbers?



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- Do the numbers look forward to a future time, or look backward to a past time?

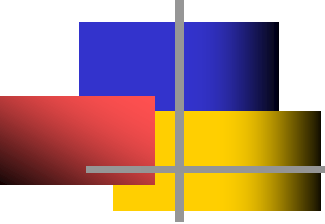
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- The Lord will besiege Jerusalem (4:1-3)
- The Lord (1) holds his people accountable for their iniquities and punishes them and (2) it is binding and inescapable (4:4-8)
- The Lord's punishment will be (1) in another nation and (2) it will be severe – little food, fear, dismay, and pine away (4:9-17)

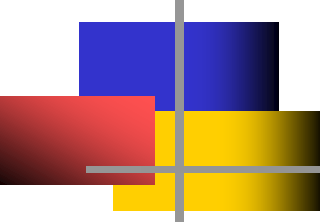
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- The Lord will cause a fire to burn for all (5:1-4)



Ezekiel 4 Lessons for Today

1. The Lord let's his people know in advance that judgment is coming (4:3; Acts 17:30-31; Heb. 9:27)
2. The Lord will judge his people for their iniquities (4:4-6, 17; Mt. 7:23; 13:41; 23:28; Ac. 8:23; 2 Cor. 6:14; Jas. 3:6)
3. Judgement brings fear and dismay (4:16; Heb.10:27)



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5. You cannot escape God's coming judgment (5:1-4;
Mt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:11-15)

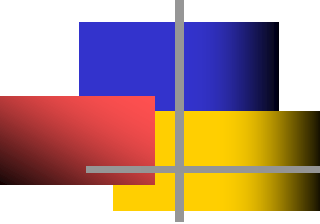


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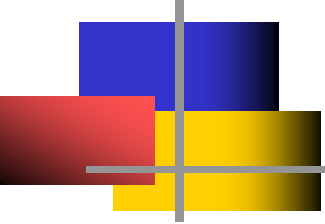
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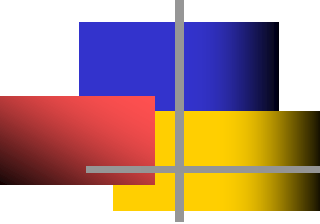
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- The fourth sign (5:1-4)
- The promise of judgement – “I will” (5:5-17)
 - God’s people judged in the sight of the nations because of God’s lack of pity (5:5-12)
 - God’s people reproached among the nations because of God’s anger (5:13-17)



Ezekiel's Five Messages of Judgment (5:5 – 7:27)

- 5:5 - Thus says the Lord
- 6:1 – And the word of the Lord came
- 6:11 – Thus says the Lord
- 7:1 – Moreover the word of the Lord came
- 7:5 – Thus says the Lord



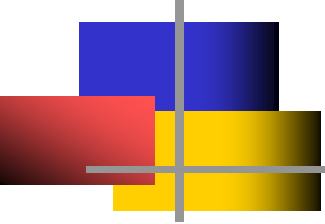
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2. The purpose of judgment – “You ... know” (6:1-7)
3. The reason for judgment – “Because ... evil” (6:11-14)
4. The extent of judgment – “The four corners” (7:1-4)
5. The description of judgment – “Your doom” (7:5-27)



“You will know that I am the Lord”

- Found over 60 times in the book (5:13; 6:7, 10, 13-14; 7:4, 9, 27; etc.)
- The Lord wants his people (and others) to know that what takes place in the world (both bad and good) is accomplished by the Lord's doing



Ezekiel 5 Lessons for Today

1. God executes judgement upon his people when they rebel against his ordinances (5:5-12)
2. God's gets angry at his people who disobey (5:13-17; Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6)
3. The Lord wants his people to know many truths about him (5:13)

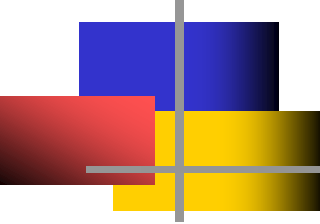


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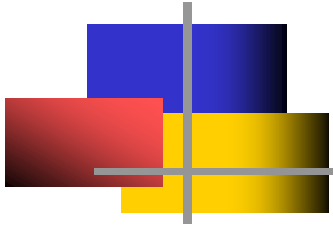
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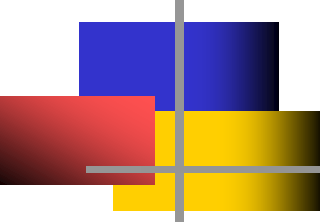
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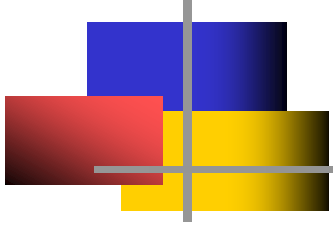
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The First Five Messages of Hope Preached by Ezekiel

1. A remnant will remember the Lord (6:8-10)
2. A remnant will have a new heart (11:14-21)
3. A remnant will be ashamed of their sin (16:60-63)
4. A remnant will be blessed by a Messiah (17:22-24)
5. A remnant will serve the Lord in holiness
(20:33-44)

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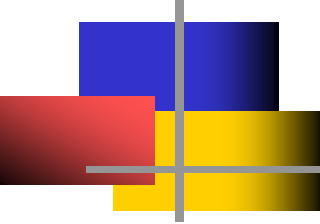


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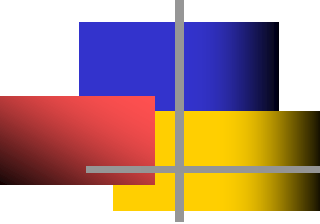
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