



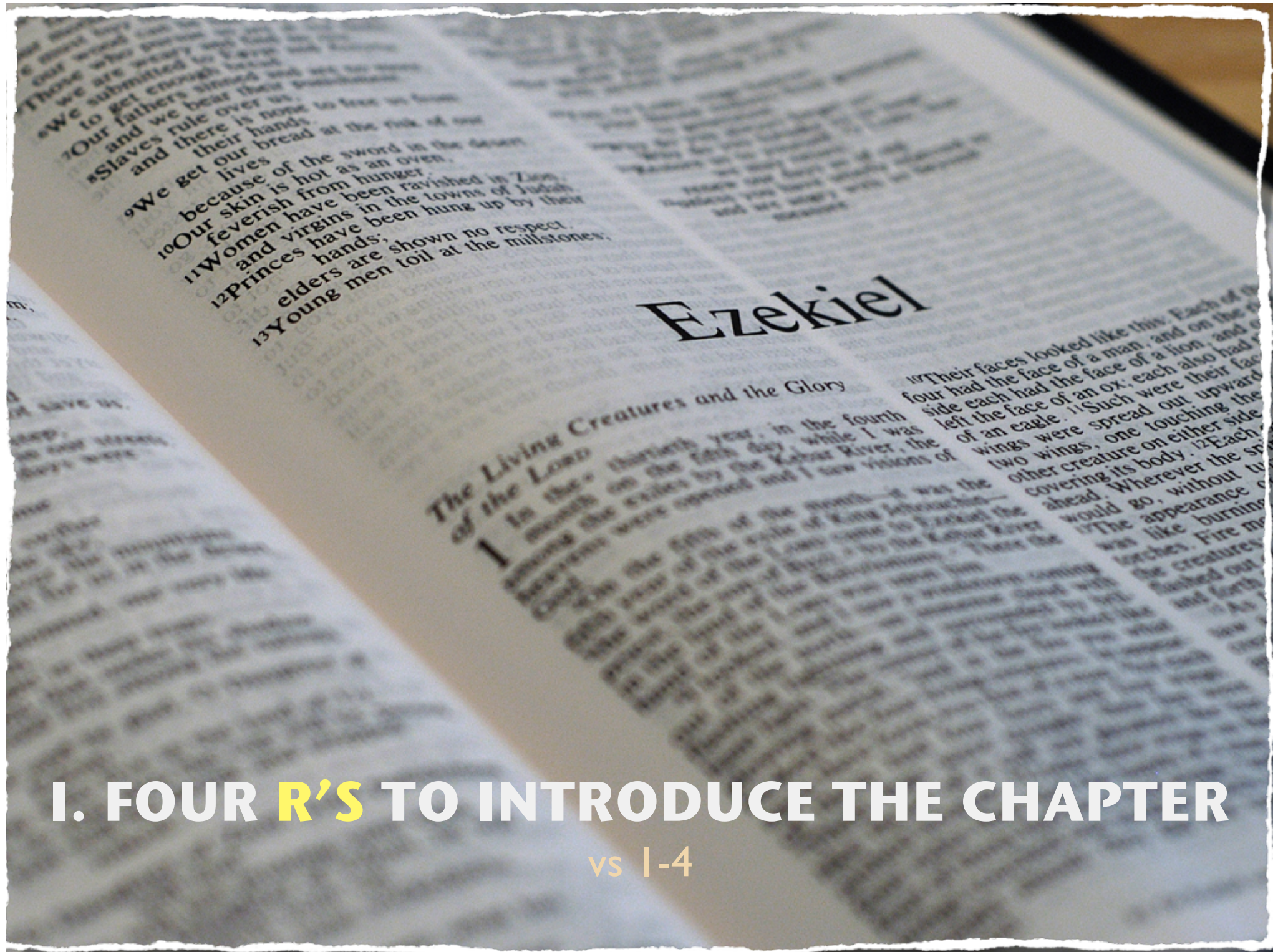
Ezekiel 35

God Judges Edom

The Living Creatures and the Glory of the Lord

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I. FOUR R'S TO INTRODUCE THE CHAPTER

vs 1-4

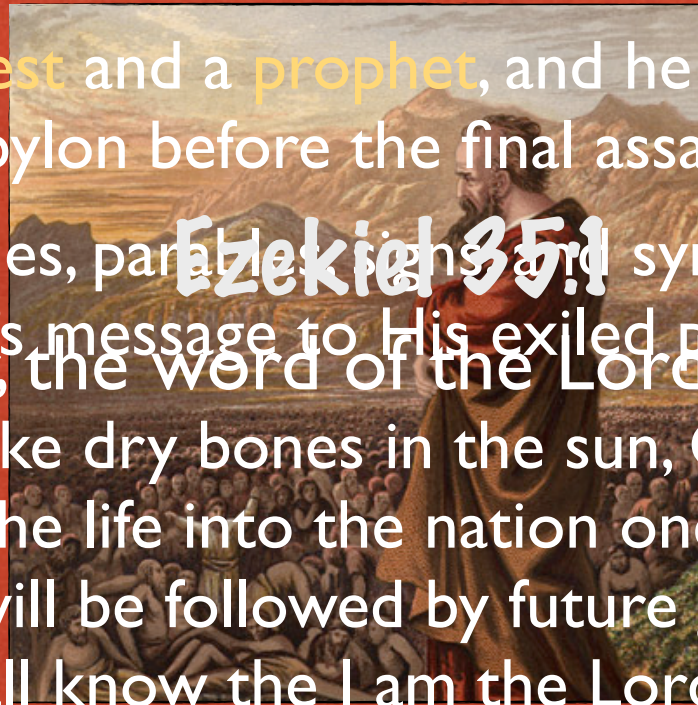
1 - The Representative: Ezekiel

Ezekiel is a **priest** and a **prophet**, and he was carried into captivity to Babylon before the final assault on Jerusalem.

He uses prophecies, parables, and symbols to dramatize

God's message to His exiled people.
“Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me”

Though they are like dry bones in the sun, God will reassemble them and breathe life into the nation once again. Present judgment will be followed by future glory so that,
“you shall know the I am the Lord.” vs 6:10



Talk Thru the Bible

I. FOUR **R'S** TO INTRODUCE THE CHAPTER

1 - The Representative: Ezekiel

Ezekiel prophesies among the Jewish exiles in Babylon during the last days of Judah's decline and downfall.

Ezekiel brings a warming message of reconstruction in Babylon. Ezekiel is a man of visions, and those visions stretch from horror to hope: from condemnation upon Judah's faithless leaders and godless foes, to consolation regarding Judah's future.

Condemnation, Consolation, & Restoration

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How did Ezekiel structure his Message?

OUTLINING EZEKIEL'S MESSAGE

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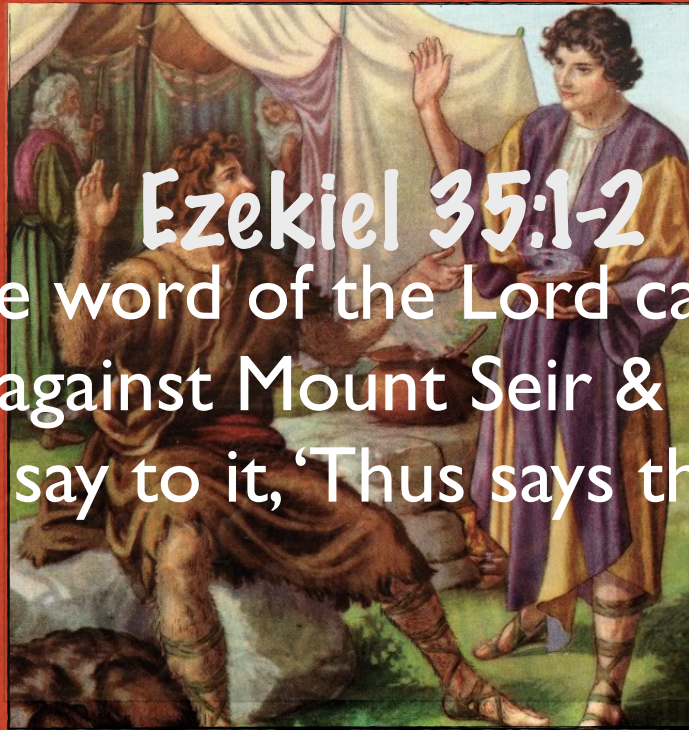
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1- The Repipresentational Edow Ezekiel



Ezekiel 35:1-2

“Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me saying, set your face against Mount Seir & prophecy against it and say to it, ‘Thus says the Lord’”

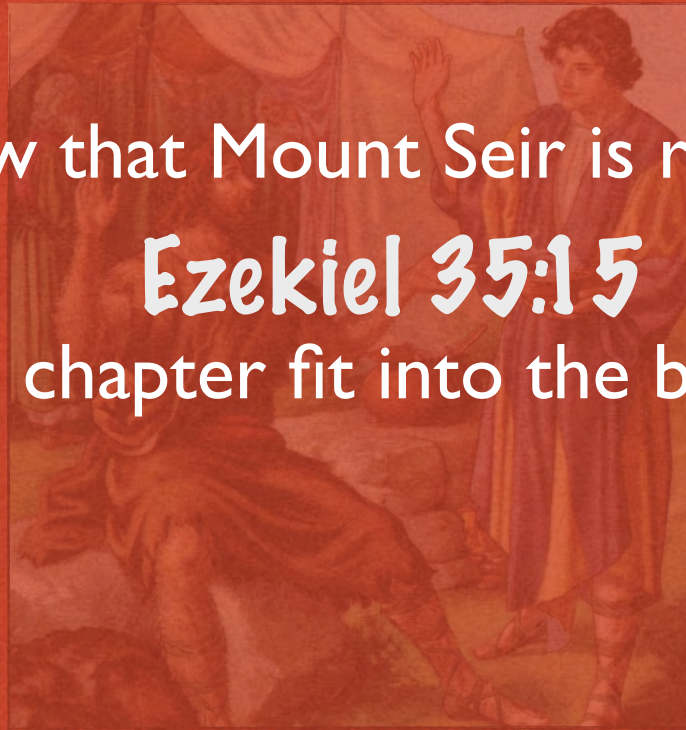
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2- The Recipient: Edom

How do we know that Mount Seir is referencing Edom?

Ezekiel 35:15

How does this chapter fit into the book of Ezekiel?



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Why a Message of Judgment to Edom?!

ESAU & HIS DESCENDANTS

- **Genesis 25:19-34**

- ▶ Esau was the Son of Isaac
- ▶ As the older twin, Esau was first in line to receive Isaac's inheritance

According to Man's Logic!

- Genesis 25:23

- **Genesis 25:29-34**

- ▶ Esau sells his birthright to Jacob for some stew

- **Genesis 26:34-35**

- ▶ Esau's rebellion brought grief

● **Genesis 27**
"I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

- ▶ Jacob deceives Isaac & takes Esau's blessing

- ▶ Esau's reaction in *Genesis 27:30-42

"I will be their God."

ESAU & HIS DESCENDANTS

- Genesis 33

- ▶ Esau & Jacob are 'reconciled' upon Jacob's return

- Genesis 36:7-8

- ▶ Esau moves on, leaving the land to Jacob's descendants

- Numbers 20:14-21

- ▶ Edom had sought to block Israel's entrance into the promised land
- "See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

Hebrews 12:15-17

- Throughout the OT

- ▶ Conflicts with Edom during the reign of Solomon, Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and Ahaz
- that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears."

3- The Reckoning: Desolation for Edom

Ezekiel 35:3-4a

“and say to it, ‘Thus says the Lord God,
“Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir,
And I will stretch out My hand against you
And make you a desolation and a waste.

“I will lay waste your cities
And you will become a desolation.”

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4- The Result: Knowledge of the Lord

Ezekiel 35:4b

“Then you will know that I am the LORD.”

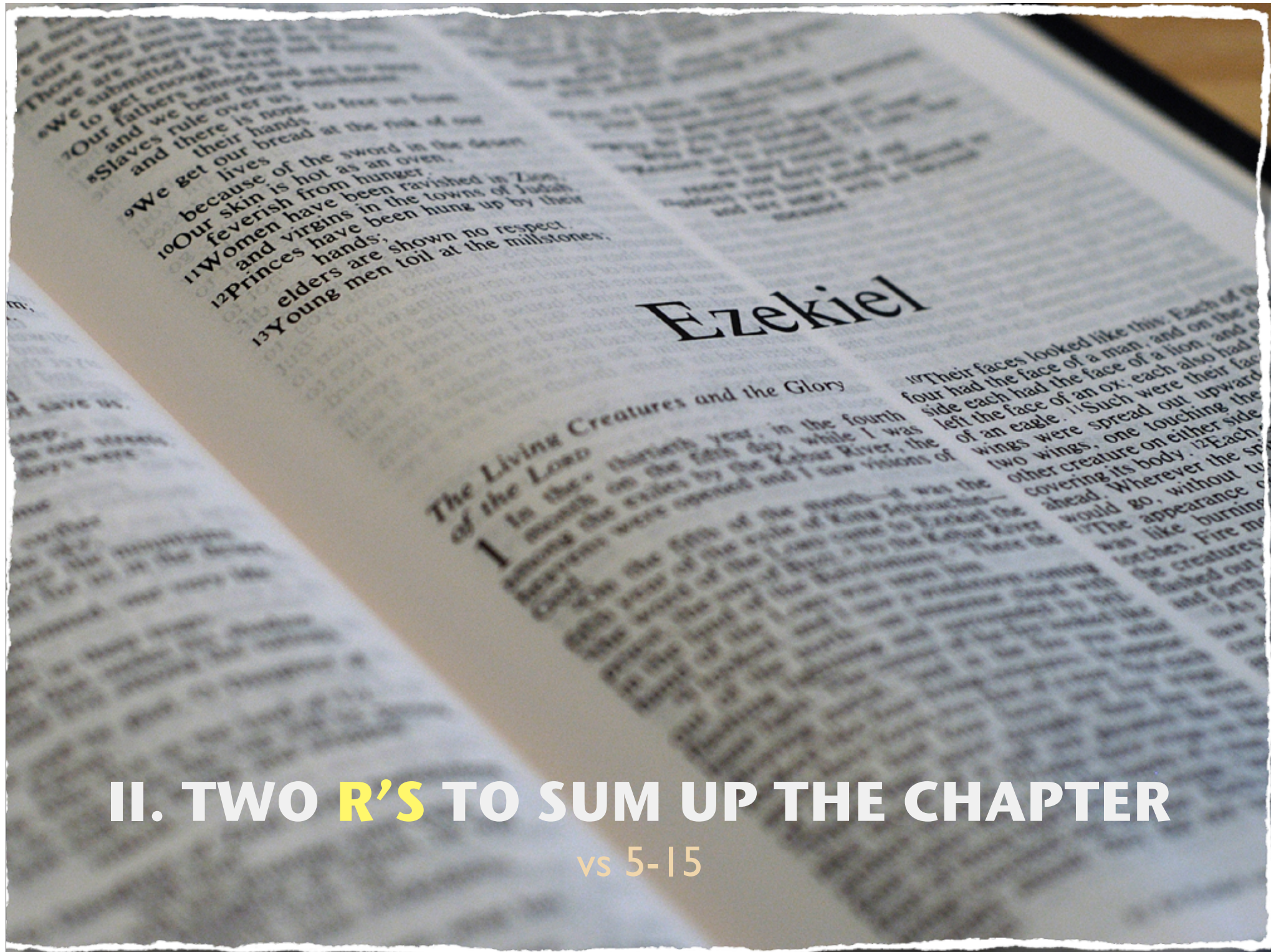
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How will Edom know if they are dead?

What benefit is this prophecy to them?

Repent like Nineveh!

I. FOUR R'S TO INTRODUCE THE CHAPTER



6 We get our bread at the risk of our
 lives
 7 because of the sword in the desert
 8 Our skin is hot as an oven,
 9 feverish from hunger,
 10 Women have been ravished in Zion,
 11 and virgins in the towns of Judah
 12 and their hands have been hung up by their
 hands;
 13 princes are shown no respect,
 14 elders men toil at the millstones,
 15 and young men toil at the millstones.

Ezekiel

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2 On the fifth of the month—it was the fifth day of the month—while I was lying among the exiles by the Kobar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

3 There came to me a sound as if from the north, and I saw a brightness like lightning, and I saw a radiance coming from the north, and I saw a radiance coming from the north, and I saw a radiance coming from the north.

4 The appearance of the creatures was like that of a man, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left side each had the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.

5 Such were their faces. They had four faces each, and each of their faces was toward a different direction.

6 Their wings were spread out upward, and each of them had two wings, one touching the other creature on either side, covering its body.

7 Each of them went forward as it was facing, and wherever they went they would go, without turning back.

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II. TWO R'S TO SUM UP THE CHAPTER

vs 5-15

I - The Reasons

Enmity against Whom?

a. Everlasting Enmity

▶ Against Israel

Ezekiel 35:5a

“Because you have had everlasting enmity”

II. TWO R'S TO SUM UP THE CHAPTER

- What are some things that we get bitter and have enmity for?
 - ▶ Your Job
 - ▶ Your Spouse
 - ▶ Your Extended Family
 - ▶ Your Neighbors
 - ▶ Your Fellow CBCers

How should we respond?

EVERLASTING ENMITY

Ephesians 4:31-32

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other,
just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

Even for something as egregious as what Jacob did?

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▶ Against the Lord vs 13

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II. TWO R'S TO SUM UP THE CHAPTER

I - The Reasons

b. Brotherly Betrayal

Ezekiel 35:5a

“Because you have had everlasting enmity and have delivered the sons of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, at the time of the punishment of the end,”

II. TWO R'S TO SUM UP THE CHAPTER

I - The Reasons

Genesis 50:16-21

b. Brotherly Betrayal

Examples of Brotherly Betrayal?

- ▶ Cain & Abel
- ▶ Abimelech kills his 70 brothers (*Judges 9*)
- ▶ Joseph & His Brothers

What do these examples have in common?

II. TWO R'S TO SUM UP THE CHAPTER

I - The Reasons

c. Lust for the Land

Genesis 36:7-8

“For their property had become too great for them to live together, and the land where they sojourned could not sustain them because of their livestock. So Esau lived in the hill country of Seir; Esau is Edom.”

II. TWO **R'S** TO SUM UP THE CHAPTER

I - The Reasons

Trash Talk against Whom?

d. Trash Talk

▶ Against the Lord

Ezekiel 35:13

“And you have spoken arrogantly against Me, and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard it.”
Then you will know that I, the Lord have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, They are laid desolate; they are given to us for food.”

II. TWO R'S TO SUM UP THE CHAPTER

2- The Retribution

a. God's Retribution is Even-Handed

- ▶ bloodshed for bloodshed vs 6
- ▶ land for land vs 7
- ▶ everlasting for everlasting vs 5 & 9
- ▶ rejoicing for rejoicing vs 14-15

II. TWO R'S TO SUM UP THE CHAPTER

2- The Retribution

b. God's Retribution is Effective vs 7-9

- ▶ How many of you been to Edom lately?
- ▶ Herod the Great was an Idumean
- ▶ Last known act of Edomites was dying to defend the temple in 70 AD

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2- The Retribution

c. God's Retribution is Everlasting vs 9

Ezekiel 35:9

“I will make you an everlasting desolation and your cities will not be inhabited.

Then you will know that I am the Lord.”



II. TWO R'S TO SUM UP THE CHAPTER

IN CONCLUSION

- In the end, Edom gets what they deserved
 - ▶ is Edom the only one that needs to learn from this?
- In the end, Israel does not get what they deserve
 - ▶ Romans 9:1-24
 - ▶ is Israel the only one that needs to learn from this?

***Colossians 2:13-14**

- How do I identify & deal w. bitterness/anger/envy in my life?
 - ▶ Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”
 - ▶ I Corinthians 13:4-6 “Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;