

# ***The Call of God in the Midst of Exile***



Ezekiel 1:1-3:3

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## **I. IN THE MIDST OF HOPELESSNESS**

### **A. IN EXILE**

#### **1. God's People in Exile**

#### **2. What about God's Promises?**

Genesis 12:1-3

2 Samuel 7

#### **3. Away from the Presence**

### **B. A PRIEST WITHOUT A TEMPLE**

#### **1. Ezekiel**

a. Priest in Exile.

b. 30 years old, age of Ordination (Numbers 4:30)

## **II. GOD SURPRISES**

### **A. WITH HIS PRESENCE (1:3)**

#### **1. God reveals His glory**

#### **2. God joins the Exiles (see Chapter 8)**

#### **3. God can even dwell in Babylon!**

### **B. WITH HIS WORD! (1:3, 28)**

#### **1. God Speaks because He seeks our friendship!**

Psalm 25:14

#### **2. God Speaks because He wants us to speak for Him!**

(2:4; 3:1-3)

a. Difficult Words (2:9-10)

b. Sweet and life-giving when digested! (3:1-3)

John 6:66-68

## **CONCLUSION**

**1. Our Place:** Exiles in Babylon (1 Peter 1:1; 2:11)

**2. Our Strength:** The Presence and Word of God

**3. Our Privilege:** Friendship with God

**4. Our Calling:**

a. Priests: Minister unto God (1 Peter 2:5; Acts 13:1-3)

b. Prophets: To speak and be bold (Acts 4:29-31)

**5. Our Hope: Our true city (Hebrews 12:28; 13:14)**

Sometimes people look at these passages, and conclude: