

THE PROPHET EZEKIEL / *Ezekiel 1*

Served as a prophet to the exiles in Babylon from 593– 571 B.C.

- Climate of the times Ezekiel and his people are taken to Babylon as captives. The Jews become foreigners in a strange land ruled by an authoritarian government.
- Main message Because of the people's sins, God allowed the nation of Judah to be destroyed. But there was still hope—God promised to restore the land to those who remained faithful to him.
- Importance of message God never forgets those who faithfully seek to obey him. They have a glorious future ahead.
- Contemporary prophets Daniel (605–536 B.C.), Habakkuk (612–589 B.C.), Jeremiah (627–586 B.C.)