

## I. The Close Relationship Between Jeremiah and Ezekiel

### A. Similarities

1. Both are speaking at the same time
2. Both are from priestly families
3. Both are called to explain the same issues
4. Both have similar commissions

### B. Differences

1. Location
  - a. Jeremiah: Jerusalem
  - b. Ezekiel: Babylon
2. Styles are very different

## II. The Commission (Ezekiel 1-3)

### A. *A critical vision of the glory of God*

1. Begins with a storm - a tornado
  - a. Comes from the north
  - b. Parallels Jeremiah's vision of the spilled pot
2. Glory of God is in the storm
  - a. Cherubim
    - (1) Four faces always visible
      - (a) Man
      - (b) Lion on the right
      - (c) Ox on the left
      - (d) Eagle

## Assignment:

Read Ezekiel 8-11

- b. Whirling wheels
  - (1) Vertical not horizontal
  - (2) Full of eyes on ever moving rims
- c. The throne above the storm
  - (1) Expanse is over the storm
  - (2) Deep blue throne is on the expanse
  - (3) Glory of God is on the throne

B. *A Commission*

- 1. God puts Ezekiel on his feet
- 2. God commands Ezekiel to be a prophet
  - a. No volunteers
  - b. Note the emphasis on the rebellious nature of Israel
- 3. Finally Ezekiel is commanded to eat the scroll
  - a. God's message is to become part of him

C. *A Warning*

- 1. Ezekiel is appointed as a watchman
- 2. Ezekiel's responsibility before God is to blow the trumpet
  - a. God will hold each person accountable for what they do with the warning
  - b. God will hold Ezekiel responsible for whether or not he sounds the warning