Ezekiel 25-32 - Judgement on the nations

Context

- I) What does the Old Testament teach us about God's relationship with the whole world?
- 2) How did God instruct the Israelites to relate with the nations around the Promised land?
- 3) What in the book of Ezekiel has God had to say about Israel and the nations around them?

For a map of the nations surrounding Israel in the time of Ezekiel, see the following page taken from the following web-link: http://barrybandstra.com/rtot4/images/ch12/ch12-2.jpg

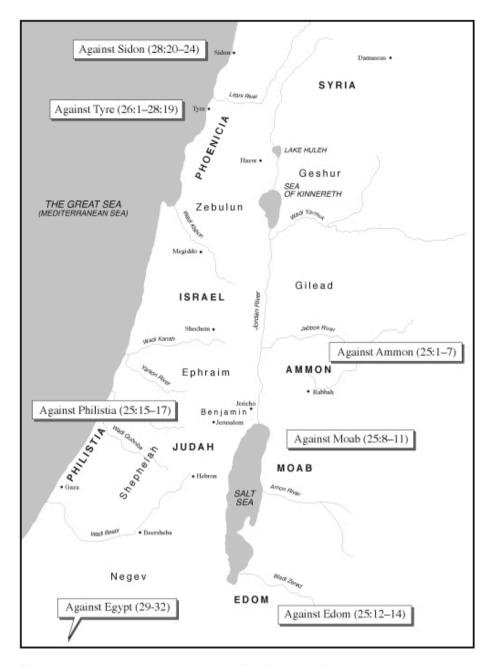
Observations

Chapters 25-32 stand out in the book of Ezekiel because of their attention away from Israel and on to the nations that surround her. Rather than choose one chapter in this section, we'll look at grabs from the whole section and see what they have to tell us about the nations that surround Israel.

Read chapter 25

I) God promises to bring judgement on nations other than Israel. What are the reasons given for each nation?

Ammon?			
Moab?			
Edom?			
Philistia?			



2) What does this tell you about God's view of those nations and about Israel?

You could look up these verses if you would like to read more about these judgements.

Genesis 19:36-38 Lot is the father of the Moabites and the Ammonites!

Zephaniah 2:8-11 — About Moab and Ammon

Psalm 35 esp. Verses 21-25 (about "aha!)

Isaiah 16:6 (about Moab)

Obadiah 10-15 esp.12 — about Edom

2 Samuel 8:13-14 + 2 Chronicles 28:17 (why Edomite might want revenge)

The following verses concern more of the nations surrounding Israel. Read each section and paraphrase what the text says.

About Tyre

About Tyre 27:1-4; 28:1-2
26:1-2
26:3-4
26:19-21 28:6-10; 27:36; 28:19
About Egypt
29:1-3; 9
32:32
About Assyria 31:1-3, 9
31:10-11
31:14
About Babylon 26:7-14
30:10, 24

29:17-20

About Israel 28:24-26
Reflecting on all the above I) What does all this tell us about God?
2) What does this tell us about Babylon in connection to God?
3) What does this tell us about God's people?
4) What is the connection between Ezekiel 25-32 and us?
New Testament Connections? Is there a New Testament passage that comes to mind after reflection on Ezekiel 25-32?
Meaning: What can you say in summary about the lesson we learn this week?
Applications How can these passage help us to think and act in God's world? I)

Prayer for the week

2)

Sovereign LORD, maker of heaven and earth, please accept our humility and thankfulness for life and the promise of new life eternal. May we see people everywhere as lost without knowing their saviour. And we pray that you will make your name known in all the earth. Amen.