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(4) Because *they are* arrogant children and stubborn. I send you to them; and you must say to them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says.

(5) And they, whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen, (because they *are* a rebellious household,) will know that there has been a prophet among them.

(6) And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns *are* with you, and you live among scorpions: do not be afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, even though they *are* a rebellious house.

(7) And you must speak My words to them, whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen: because they *are* most rebellious.

(8) But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you; Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house: open your mouth, and eat what I give you.

(9) And when I looked, a hand *was* sent to me; and a scroll of a book *was* in it;

(10) And He spread it before me; and it *was* written inside and outside: and *there was* written in it lamentations {sorrows}, and mourning, and woe.

Chapter 3

(1) Furthermore He said to me, Son of man, eat what you see; eat this scroll,^a and go speak to the house of Israel.

(2) So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat the scroll.

(3) And He said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you. Then I ate it; and it was in my mouth as honey because of its sweetness.

(4) And He said to me, Son of man, go, get yourself to the house of Israel, and speak My words to them.

(5) Because you *are* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a difficult language, *but* to the house of Israel;

(6) Not to many people of a strange speech and of a difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

(7) But the house of Israel will not listen to you; because they will not listen to Me: because all the house of Israel *are* hard headed and hardhearted.

(8) Indeed, I have made your face steadfast against their faces, and your forehead firm against their foreheads.

(9) As a gem-stone harder than flint I have made your forehead: do not fear them, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *are* a rebellious house.

(10) Furthermore He said to me, Son of man, all My words that I will speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.

(11) And go, get yourself to those of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says; whether they will listen, or whether they will not listen.

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(12) Then the Spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a great rushing sound, saying, Blessed is the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} from His place.

(13) I also heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a noise of a great rushing sound.

(14) So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was strong upon me.

(15) Then I came to those of the captivity at Tel-abib, who lived by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.

(16) And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to me, saying,

(17) Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me.

(18) When I say to the wicked, You will surely die; and you do not give him warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man will die in his sin; but his blood I will require at your hand.

(19) But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he will die in his sin; but you have delivered your soul.

(20) Again, When a righteous man turns from his righteousness, and commits sin, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he will die: because you have not given him warning, he will die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done will not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.

(21) But if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous not sin, and he does not sin, he will surely live, because he is warned; also you have delivered your soul.

(22) And the hand of the LORD {Jehovah} was upon me there; and He said to me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will talk with you there.

(23) Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, indeed, the glory of the LORD {Jehovah} stood there, as the glory which I had seen by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.

(24) Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself inside your house.

(25) But you, O son of man, indeed, they will put bands upon you, and will bind you with them, and you will not go out among them:

(26) And I will make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so that you will be dumb, and will not be one who reproves them: because they are a rebellious house.