Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 345 – Son Of Man Stand Through Written Within And Without (Ezekiel 2:1-10)

1. How did the Lord speak unto Ezekiel?

   Through the Spirit: *"(1) And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. (2) And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me"* (**Ezekiel 2:1-2**).

   - The "He" was the one described as the "likeness of the glory of the Lord" (**Ezekiel 1:28**). The "He" is contextually clarified as being "the Lord God" (**Ezekiel 2:4**).
   - The phrase "Son of man"…
     - Sometimes referred to Jesus (**Daniel 7:13-14**, **Matthew 8:20**, **Matthew 9:1-6**, **Matthew 16:13-28**, **Luke 24:7**, etc.).
     - Outside of this chapter, we will see Ezekiel referred to in this way many more times (**Ezekiel 3:1**, **Ezekiel 3:3**, **Ezekiel 3:4**, **Ezekiel 3:10**, **Ezekiel 3:17**, **Ezekiel 3:25**, **Ezekiel 4:1**, **Ezekiel 4:16**, **Ezekiel 5:1**, **Ezekiel 6:2**, **Ezekiel 7:2**, **Ezekiel 8:5**, **Ezekiel 8:6**, **Ezekiel 8:8**, **Ezekiel 8:11**, **Ezekiel 8:12**, **Ezekiel 8:15**, **Ezekiel 8:17**, **Ezekiel 11:2**, **Ezekiel 11:4**, **Ezekiel 11:15**, **Ezekiel 12:2**, **Ezekiel 12:3**, **Ezekiel 12:9**, **Ezekiel 12:18**, **Ezekiel 12:22**… and about 69 more times than what I just cited.
     - Daniel was once referred to in this way (**Daniel 8:15-18**).
     - This terminology is used in reference to generations of men in general (**Psalms 8:4**, **Psalms 144:3**, **Jeremiah 49:18**, **Jeremiah 49:33**, **Jeremiah 50:40**, **Jeremiah 51:43**, and **Hebrews 2:6**).
   - The Lord told Ezekiel to stand and that He would speak unto him for Ezekiel had fallen (**Ezekiel 1:28**).
   - The Spirit entered him… (**Ezekiel 3:12-14**) as such occurred to prophets of old (**Numbers 11:25**, **I Samuel 16:13**, **II Samuel 23:2**, **Nehemiah 9:30**, and **II Peter 1:20-21**).
   - The Spirit spake unto Ezekiel (**Ezekiel 3:24**).

2. Who was Ezekiel being sent to?

   The children of Israel: *"And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day"* (**Ezekiel 2:3**).

   - Sent by the Lord (cf. **Jeremiah 1:7**) to the children Israel as such was the work of the prophets of old (**II Chronicles 36:14-16**, **Ezra 5:1**, and **Hebrews 1:1-2**).
   - Ezekiel would have to work against false prophets (**Ezekiel 13:16**).
   - Israel was long rebellious (**Deuteronomy 9:24**, **Ezra 9:7**, and **Nehemiah 9:16-18**).
   - This was the trend of as displayed by their fathers (**Jeremiah 3:25** and **Acts 7:51-53**).

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3. Was Ezekiel expected to only speak to those who would listen?

No, he was to speak the Lord's word regardless of whether or not they listened: *"(4) For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD. (5) And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them… (7) And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious"* (**Ezekiel 2:4-5**; **7**).

- God sent Ezekiel though they were stubborn (**Jeremiah 5:3**).
- Again, Israel never really changed from these characteristics (**Deuteronomy 31:24-27** and **Isaiah 48:1-8**).
  - We must remember that God's work and the teaching to accomplish such had a different goal then than now (**Psalms 106:43-45**; cf. **Genesis 22:18, Matthew 1:1**, and **Hebrews 7:14**). Besides that, this generation was mostly lost.
  - Now, we stop teaching when individuals display stubbornness because we are commanded to do so (**Matthew 7:6, Matthew 10:14**, **II Timothy 2:23**, **Titus 3:9-11**, etc.) as the word CANNOT work on hard hearted people (**Luke 8:1-15** and **Acts 28:17-28**).
  - The fact is, we are to constantly evaluate whether or not someone or a group of people are teachable (i.e. **I Corinthians 3:1-3** and **Hebrews 5:8-14**).
- "thou shalt say unto them… Thus…" (**I Kings 22:14** and **Jeremiah 26:2-3**).
- Whether they hear or not (**Ezekiel 3:10-11**), their choice (**Acts 13:46**).
- They shall know a prophet had been among them (**Deuteronomy 18:22**, **Ezekiel 33:9**, and **Ezekiel 33:30-33**).

4. Should Ezekiel have feared the people?

No: *"And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house"* (**Ezekiel 2:6**).

- God told Ezekiel not to fear (**Ezekiel 3:8-9**; cf. **Jeremiah 1:8** and **Micah 3:8**).
- God referred to Israel as scorpions, briers, and thorns (**Micah 7:4**).
- Words looks, etc. don't matter (**Luke 6:22-23**).

5. What did Ezekiel have presented before him to eat?

A roll of a book that had written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe: *"(8) But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. (9) And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; (10) And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe"* (**Ezekiel 2:8-10**).

- **Jeremiah 1:9** and **Revelation 10:8-11**; cf. **Jeremiah 36:29-32**

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