

Class #4 - Strange Acts

Objectives:

- Recall three elements of Ezekiel's acting out of the siege of Jerusalem.
- Identify the portion of the Law of Moses being invoked in chapter 4.
- Offer an explanation for the purpose of sign acts for Ezekiel's message.

Opening Discussion

Why might God be having Ezekiel perform such strange actions as a prophet?

Lying Down on the Job (Ezekiel 4:1-8)

- God tells Ezekiel to make a _____ of Jerusalem under siege. (4:1-2)
- Then he is to set an iron plate between himself and the city, symbolizing the barrier between Jerusalem and _____. (4:3)
- Ezekiel is to lie on his side for a total of 430 days, first on the left (facing _____) for Israel and then on the right (facing _____) for Judah. (4:4-6)
- What does it mean for Ezekiel to "bear the iniquity" of Israel/Judah?
- Why is Ezekiel bound with ropes while prophesying against Jerusalem? (4:8)

A Strange Diet (Ezekiel 4:9-17)

- During this time, Ezekiel is to eat the food of _____.
 - Ingredients indicative of _____ resources.
 - About _____ ounces of bread and _____ pints of water a day.
 - The fuel represents the _____ of life in a siege.
- This picture matches the _____ of the covenants listed in passages like Leviticus 26 (v.26 in particular) and Deuteronomy 28 (see vv.49-57).