

Bible Study – Ezekiel 4

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom and Shabbat Shalom to all those who are with us here in our living room this evening.

Wow, these weeks are going by quick, aren't they? Here we are now in January of 2023. I keep wondering what happened any year after about 2010. The last 10-12 years have just been flying on by. It's going very, very quickly, but praise YAHWEH that every day, every month, every year that goes by, we are closer to His Kingdom that's coming, and let us start in prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before Your throne, and we thank You and we bless You, Father, for another week of life. We thank You for Your provisions and we thank You for Your blessings. And we thank you, Father, for always watching out for us, and particularly in the Shemita year. We pray, Father, and ask for Your guidance and Your Spirit to guide and lead the study. We pray Your Kingdom to the earth as is in heaven, and we particularly pray for elders and our brethren in the underground congregation and the suffering that sometimes they go through. We thank You for the great sacrifice of sending Your Son to pay the penalty of our sins. And in the name of Your Son, Yahshua, we pray. HalleluYah.

Alrighty, so we will start with a little bit of world news before we get into Ezekiel the 4th chapter here.

~ World News Update ~

It's interesting, at times there seems there's a lot of world news going on, more than other times. And recently there has seemed like there is a lot of world news going on, but the vast majority of the world news going on, these days seem to be around war.

We have had in last month, and before that we are getting different hurricanes and volcanoes, earthquakes and different storms that have been happening. Some of the weather is really unusual, that's been going around the world, which is another sign of the end time. The other thing we do see still with COVID, I haven't been talking a lot about it, but sometimes we do post on our site. We do have our own site on Brighteon.com, different videos and wow, the rates of people getting cancer, people dying prematurely with the myocarditis, the swelling of the heart and the heart conditions.

It's just unbelievable, and from where all the experts are saying, we haven't really even begun to see it yet, because there was a study that came out, I forget where it was from, if it was from Oxford or where, but it was a study that just came out this week that I read that said, by the time you take the third COVID shot, you have AIDS. You have immune deficiency that cannot be healed, and we see now some people taking up to the fourth shot and even going to the fifth shot, and we're really hitting a time where we're going to see in this world, which we've already started to see.

It's amazing how in the news they'll still just deny it. They'll keep denying it, saying it's fake, that it's not happening. You cannot trust what you're seeing in the regular news. You can't trust what you're seeing from your government, because we're not stupid, we see with our eyes.

I don't know if anybody saw the story this past week where there was a football player from the National Football League, the big football league in America, and this guy just turned around and fell over, and he had a heart failure, basically. And he was vaxxed, there's no doubt about it.

And if it's one person, you know, sure, they still have to check into it to see what caused it and everything else. But right away they say, "Oh no, no, it's a lie." They're saying it's not the vaccine, well, they don't know, they haven't checked it either, they haven't been... but we could say 100% for sure, there are hundreds and thousands of athletes that are dying. Young people in their 20s that are just dropping dead, because they've been vaccinated.

So, that's one of the stories, but I just want to go in here, just for a few minutes so we can get into the Bible study, is just some of the war footing that's going on, I have a story here from the AP Wire. It says, **North Korea's Kim orders exponential expansion of nuclear arsenal.**

So, you know, sometimes in the past, I always look at, say, not really worried about a place like North Korea too much because, granted, they are crazy, you don't know what the leader's going to do, but at the same rate, they're limited,

they're limited with what they have, they're limited with their army, they certainly cannot beat the United States. And I've always said that the ones you really have to watch out for really are just Russia and China, which we're going to see in a minute.

But in the times we're living in now, there's a good chance that if Russia and China can coax North Korea into sending a missile to America and one nuclear missile that they would send, if it would hit LA or New York or one of these other places, you'd be talking about millions of people killed, you know? You'd have half a million to a million killed initially and then within a few days to a week from the nuclear fallout depending on where the air is blowing and other things happening at the time.

You would have millions of people that would be killed and I could see North Korea doing it. I certainly can see it, especially if they're threatened in the way that it seems that things are happening right now. But they are pushing their program and they are developing some pretty heavy weapons that are there and they're developing them pretty quickly.

The next one that comes here is from Business Insider. It says, **A nuclear attack would most likely target one of these six U.S. cities and an expert there says none of them are prepared.**

I don't believe it, because I don't believe that America, I guess they always knew there was always the chance that a nuclear bomb could hit there, but certainly they haven't prepared. The biggest thing they've been saying here for the last maybe four or five years, is an EMP weapon that basically would knock all the electric on everything else. That would probably be worse than a nuclear attack, because an EMP could knock the electric out of the country for basically a decade if they hit it enough and it wouldn't be that hard.

You would just have to put a missile about a mile in the air and blow it up to knock out all the magnitude of everything electric, everything would fry and you would not be able to have any electric for years, which would... Think about it, everything, a hospital, sick people, cars, everything run by electronic ignition. You would have such disaster and death.

I've read articles coming from the government, the United States government, that says, if that ever did happen, you could be looking at 70% of the country dying within a year. You're really talking about big things with that. Like I said, they're not ready for EMP and they're not ready for a nuclear attack here.

The cities they talk about here that would be targeted are **New York, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington D.C.** Not surprising. And the article actually, I sent this out today with the newsletter that I sent out with these stories. They say big cities don't have designated fallout shelters as part of the 21st century reality what we're dealing here.

Here's another article that just came in from yesterday. **US warship sails through sensitive Taiwan Strait, China is incensed.**

US warship sails through the sensitive Taiwan Strait on Thursday, part of what the US military calls routine activity, but it has riled China. And recent years US warships on occasion and those from allies such as Great Britain and Canada, have sailed through the Strait drawing the ire of China, which claims Taiwan against the objections of its democratically elected government.

So again, this is a flexing of muscles. The problem is with these kind of things. You never know which one can even by accident, like we saw last week, the fighter jets that nearly hit each other, the China fighter jets with the US. And it could start a war, a thing like that.

And just, what I just pulled off this last one, just today, **Vladimir Putin sends warship armed with hypersonic missile past the UK on the Atlantic Ocean in sights of New York.**

So, he said he's not kidding. President Vladimir Putin sent a frigate to the Atlantic Ocean in range of Washington D.C. and New York City, armed with hypersonic cruise missiles in a fresh warning to the West that he will not back down. And here it is that America is sending that missile defense system to Ukraine. And like I said, when you're talking about having nuclear weapons, there's a reason why countries like North Korea and some of these other countries push to have nuclear weapons. Because once you have a nuclear weapon, they basically, they can't do anything to you because of the damage that you could cause back.

So, they're treating Russia as if Russia is like another Iraq or Afghanistan. And it's just not the case. And there's all these stories out. Some say Putin has cancer and Putin may die. And I'm telling you, if you look in the history of Putin, Putin is not a war monger by trade and there are other Russian leaders that would be way worse than Putin.

And actually, they talk about Putin being part of the secret service, the KGB. Putin left the KGB in Russia, because he was more of a centralist. He was more of one that wanted to negotiate strength and whatnot. Not to say that Putin wouldn't use a nuclear weapon, I believe he would. But like they say, watch what you pray for.

And getting rid of Putin, I don't believe it's going to solve this problem. I don't believe it's going to end the war. And I believe if Putin does die or is killed or whatever, I believe Medvedev, who was his president before, or worse, will come in. And I think that especially depending on if Putin is assassinated, how he would die, would be big problems coming there.

But Putin, this ship that he sent, it is armed with hypersonic missiles. And let me just see here that it says, the hypersonic missile could overcome any missile defence system and would deliver pinpoint and powerful strikes against the enemy at sea and on land. Beside the Atlantic Ocean, they're also sending these missiles, these ships to the Indian Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. So, I think Putin is setting up for... if something is going to happen in the next few months that he's going to be ready on every front.

Beyond Russia, the United States and China, a range of other countries are trying to develop these missiles, including Germany, Australia, France, North and South Korea, and Japan. So, these missiles, I think he said they go something like nine times the speed of sound... Ah, five times. Russia, Chinese, United States, are in a race to developed hypersonic missiles due to their speeds, about five times the speed of sound and their maneuverability that comes from there.

So, I think it's important, the Bible says we need to watch and pray, and I think we need to be watching what's happening here as we're in a new Roman year. Not, YAHWEH's calendar, we know YAHWEH's calendar goes from Aviv to Aviv. But as there's a new Roman year that's here, and what will 2023 bring? I think everybody hopes it's better than what 2022 brought, but who knows?

~ Bible Study ~

For YAHWEH's people, we are in the Shemita. Like I said, many things happen in the Shemita. It's a year of building up and a year of tearing down. But for the people of YAHWEH, He promises us that if we prepare and we trust in Him, that He will give us for the sixth, the seventh and the eighth year, for up to three years [Lev 25:20-22]. So, let's not lose that blessing. Let's ask YAHWEH for that blessing and allow Him to bless His people as the time moves on here.

Let's go to Ezekiel 4 now. Ezekiel 4 and starting in verse 1. I won't rehash, I don't think anything from before here. We pretty much know what we were going over. YAHWEH's sending Ezekiel out. We had the creatures with the wheels and YAHWEH's telling Ezekiel what he's going to do, and now we're here. He tells him in chapter 4, he says:

Ezekiel 4:1-2 *And you, son of man, take a brick to yourself, and lay it before you, and engrave on it a city, Jerusalem. And lay a siege on it, and build a fort on it, and pour out a ramp on it. And place a camp on it, and set battering rams all around on it.*

So, kind of interesting that He just tells him to take a brick and engrave, carve a city on that brick. What do you think he's doing this? Because, well, number one, he's prophesying of the Israelites going back into captivity. And where were they initially in captivity? Egypt. What were they doing in Egypt? Making bricks. YAHWEH uses a lot of symbolism in the Bible. I think Ezekiel, probably Isaiah too. He uses a lot in Isaiah.

And Ezekiel, a lot of symbolism here, and in the ancient days, people were very simple minded. Basically, how they thought was how they acted. Like we talked about that more, talking about Gilgal. You know that Moses comes before YAHWEH, at mount Sinai and YAHWEH says, take off your sandals for where you stand is holy ground [Exo 3:5]. And that YAHWEH tells Joshua afterwards when he goes into the Holy Land, that every place the sole of your foot will step, will be yours [Jos 1:3]. So, what happens when they get to Gilgal, to the first stop there? They build Gilgal in the shape of a sandal, because this is the way that people think.

So, this is why, when YAHWEH is doing symbolism, He's not just doing it for the sake of doing it, He's doing it to try to get through to them. He's doing it because they're simple minded people that are functional type thinkers in a good or bad way. It doesn't mean that that's all good, not that they were pure minded, but He's going to show them things in a way that they can understand. And actually today... it would probably work the opposite today, because people are so brainwashed and so much have a Babylonian western mindset. It probably wouldn't work the same way. Let's look at verse 3.

Ezekiel 4:3 *And you, take a griddle of iron to yourself, and place it as a wall of iron between you and the city. And place your face against it, and it shall be under siege, and thrust upon it. It is a sign to the house of Israel.*

So, I mean in one sense, as you're reading this, you could almost think of kids playing army. Like they're building this little fort and they're building, they're taking a brick and okay, this will be the city. And then they're taking a piece of iron and putting it in between him and the city and placing it... That's the way it seems, because that's the way our mindset works.

But in that day, it actually was functional. It was actually to show them exactly what was going to happen, because today we have movies, we have TV, we have videos. There's a lot of graphic ways that we could actually see things. And when you look at a movie, like I mentioned before, The 10 Commandments movie with Charlton Heston. And although it isn't 100% accurate, it's a real good movie. They really go into detail on that movie.

And I know if I never watched the movie, in my mind, I wouldn't concept the Exodus the same way. Because in the Bible, it tells us the exodus and we understand what happened, but in the movie they're showing you these hundreds of thousands of people that are walking out with their animals and with their children. And, a woman's having a baby as they're going and as they're marching. And the old people and young people. And you're really going to feel for what it would have been like at that time.

So, in that day, they didn't have that. They didn't have anything like that. So, YAHWEH had to, when He had a prophet go... many times, He would do things that way. We would think that are really, really odd maybe, but He's doing it, because He's trying to show them. He's trying to really show them what exactly He's talking about and what's going to come, because this is their last chance. If they don't change, which He already says, most of them are not going to change, the punishment that's going to come from there. And in verse 4:

Ezekiel 4:4 *And you, lie down on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it. The number of the days that you shall lie down on it, you shall bear their iniquity.*

So, okay, like I said, it's almost like a child's game, right? You're going to take a brick, you're going to carve Jerusalem, carve this here, make this here. You build a siege mound and build a fort and build a ramp, you know, you're having fun, right? And you're putting a griddle between, a griddle of iron and an iron plate basically, as a wall between them and the city. And now you're going to lie on your side for their iniquity, right? But look at the next verse, verse 5.

Ezekiel 4:5 *For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of days: three hundred and ninety days. And you shall bear the house of Israel's iniquity*

So now, this isn't a game, this isn't a game. He's going to literally lay on his side and we're going to see what's going to happen. He's going to have to prepare this food here and do this stuff for 390 days. And that's only for the house of Israel as we'll see, then there's another 40 days after that.

So it's like, number one, if you were Ezekiel, what would you be thinking while you're doing this? And what are the people thinking? See, in that day, they actually were woken up by some of these things, because they understood who YAHWEH's prophets were, they understood they did odd things. And this is actually what prophets did if you look at them. These are the kind of odd things that the prophets would do.

I'll read you another story here in a minute or two. But today, because of movies, maybe movies can make things more visual, but they also make it more fake. Because there's a lot of those movies, those Bible movies that are not real. And prophets aren't these wild long-hair guys with one tooth. That's all you see in these false prophecy movies.

So, this is reality though, and He's telling him for 390 days. Now, as we're looking through... where we have to

understand, and this is what I said, one of the main reasons I'm going through Ezekiel is because I believe these chapters we're going through now, are also for our time now. And I'll show you as we move on into... in a couple of weeks, with some of the things that are said in the chapters.

There's no doubt that when you see some of these chapters, this is talking about YAHWEH's wrath in the world in the end time. But also, this is for Ezekiel's time. Ezekiel's not building this little city out of his brick and doing these things and laying on his side just for something that's going to happen several thousand years later. It's also for there. So we're seeing something that's a dual prophecy.

And why 390 days? It's interesting, because a biblical year, most, a basic biblical year is 12 months, times 60 days, 360. And that's why when you're looking at a prophetic... what we talked about in Leviticus 26, many times before, when He says, *seven times more punishment, seven times more punishment*. You take 360 times seven, you come out with 2,520.

And that was Judah's punishment from the time that they go into captivity in 572 BC, actually, the exact time that Ezekiel is writing here, when he's actually writing chapters 40 through 48 about the third sanctuary of YAHWEH, the third temple. If you add that up, amazingly enough, you come, where their punishment ends in 1948, exactly when Israel becomes a nation again.

So YAHWEH is specific, and YAHWEH is to the point. But here it's kind of interesting, because it's not 360 days, it's 390 days. So what does that tell you? It tells you it's an intercalary year, that it's one of the years that you had... because what happens? We know the original Bible was 12, 30 day months, and I'm not going to get into that, but we can know it from Genesis 6 and 7 and 8, when you're talking about Noah's flood. He goes into the boat on the 17th day of this month, it comes out the 17th day of that month. And it comes out exactly to 150 days, which was 5 months later.

So, we know that we're 30 day months. Whatever happened, we talked about this before, it could be Hezekiah's long day [2Kin 20:8-11], it could be anything. But something happened where the moon cycle went from a 30 day cycle to now on average 29 and a half day cycle. So when you're looking at an average year of 12 months, it's only 354 days now, which means that every, about 3 years you have to add a month onto the calendar, or what's going to happen if you don't add a month, after so many years? You'll wind up having Passover in the middle of the winter, or the summer before.

And this is what happened even with the Roman calendar, the Julian calendar, the earlier one, that when they first started that calendar, that's what happened. That they were off so many days, and as so many years went by, the season started to get off, and that's where they came up with the newer version of it, where you have a leap year every 4 years. And so on.

So what happens is, YAHWEH's cycle, the moon cycle is a 19 year cycle, it goes in ... every after 19 years, it repeats itself. And within those 19 years, there's about 7 intercalary years, meaningly that where you have to add a month. And it's real simple actually, how will you know when there's another month? Well, if the 12th month is over, and you haven't come to the equinox yet, because we know the equinox is the dividing of the year, the equinox is the dividing of winter to summer.

So, that usually comes on March 21 to 23, within that 2 day period. So, let's say, the 12th month ended, and it's March 3rd, you add a month. If the 12th month ended, and it's March 30th, you don't add a month. So it's really, really simple that anyone could understand it. Again, we have lessons online about this and my book on the calendar, you could read it.

But here, the reason why I'm saying it here is for the fact of it is 390 days, so it is one of those intercalary years that's happening. And it could be important, because in the end time, as we're looking at different things, like in the book of Daniel, we always wonder why does it say... maybe I'll just go there for a second. In *Daniel 12, in verse 11*, he says:

Daniel 12:11 *And from the time the continual sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that desolates set up, there shall be a thousand, two hundred and ninety [1290] days.*

So again, an extra 30 days, because the two witnesses prophesied from 1,260 days, this is 1,290 days. But then it says:

Daniel 12:12 *Blessed is he who waits and reaches to the thousand, three hundred and thirty five [1335] days.*

So, there's another 45 days there, and we wonder, is it because of an intercalary year? It could be. That's the whole point. Here we know it, because it's 390 days, so we know it. It's a different intercalary year. And we even have in our note here, that it's about Israel's punishment, a day for a year [Exo 14:34], being the punishment, right?

So, when you're looking at 390 times seven, you come out with a punishment that's 2,730 years. So, the key is, one is the starting point. One is the starting point, but we know it's coming soon, that Israel's, the northern tribes, Ephraimites their captivity, is just about over.

But I was thinking about it. There's another way that you could also interpret this for that time. I believe the note that we have in our Bible is more for the end-time prophecy. But for that time, when you're looking at the 390 days, and the 40 days for Judah after that, that comes out to 430, a day for a year, right? And when you look at the time that Israel first turned away from YAHWEH, what would you say was the real time when they first turned away and rejected YAHWEH?

It would have to be when they asked for a king, because that's what happened. You know that even... maybe I'll go there. In Samuel... even YAHWEH said to Samuel, don't feel bad, because they haven't rejected you, they've rejected Me. *Chapter 8, 1 Samuel in verse 7.*

1 Samuel 8:7; 19-20a *And YAHWEH said to Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people, to all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from reigning over them ... And then he tells them what this king is going to do, and verse 19 ... And the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and said, No, but a king shall be over us. And we shall be, even we, like all the nations.*

We will be like the other nations, and this is a big... this is, I think, the biggest lesson that YAHWEH is trying to show us now, because as it's the time to leave for the wilderness, what is the main reason that some people, some brethren don't want to go to the wilderness? It is because they're too connected to the system of the world. They don't want to leave it.

The same way there were Israelites who didn't want to leave Egypt. Some of them were overseas, some of them didn't have it so bad, some of them liked it over there, they thought that because maybe they had a position or whatever, but this is the main thing that YAHWEH is trying to show us now, that we have to separate from the system.

So it's interesting, this is the time, and that was in the year 1040 BC, that Saul becomes king. The people rejected Him, but interesting enough, if you add 430 years to that, you come up to 610-609, that was the first Babylonian attack on Jerusalem. This could also fulfill that, this could be a fulfillment from that, and then 70 years from that is 539, because He says 70 years you'll be in Babylon, which they were. In 539 they came out, to go and rebuild YAHWEH's sanctuary.

So, those are the two ways that you could actually take that scripture that's over there. That for the end time, the end of Ephraim's captivity or for what he's over here with Judah, prophesying how long from the time that they rejected YAHWEH as king and took Saul, to the time that Babylonians came with the first strike was exactly 430 years later. Verse 6:

Ezekiel 4:6 *And when you complete them, even lie on your right side, the second. And you shall bear the house of Judah's iniquity forty days; a day for a year. I have given it for you, a day for a year.*

So again, he's going to be laying on his side for more than a year. It's like almost a year and three months, it's 430 days that he's laying on his side and prophesying against what's going to happen. And then verse 7:

Ezekiel 4:7-8 *And you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your arm bared; and you shall prophesy over it. And, behold, I will put cords on you, and you cannot turn from your side to your other side until you have completed the days of your siege.*

So, wow, now not is he only going to be out there, he build his little... with his brick, he build his little city, his little iron griddle in between the city and he's doing these things there and then YAHWEH tells him how long it's going to be, about a year and almost three months. And now he says that his arm is going to be bared and he's going to be put cords, rope, on him so he can't turn from one side to the other side.

So, let's be honest, okay? We believe in the Bible in faith and I believe in every single word in the Bible is from the mouth of YAHWEH. I don't doubt one word in the Bible. So, I'm not saying to doubt anything in the Bible, but if we're honest with ourselves, if today you saw somebody out there, whether it was in Israel, in Jerusalem or anywhere else, doing this, you saw that he had this little display there and he carved something into a couple bricks and he had this other thing there showing some kind of seizure, something that's coming and built a little siege mount.

And you see this person laying on his side tied up there day after day after day. What would you think? Would you say that that's a prophet of YAHWEH? Would you believe? Would you say, "Oh no, YAHWEH would never work with somebody like that. YAHWEH would never tell somebody to do that." Well, in ancient times, yes, YAHWEH told people things that were very unorthodox. Let's go to the book of Isaiah, chapter 20, because let's look at what YAHWEH told *Isaiah, chapter 20, verse 2 through 4*. So I think Isaiah had it a little bit worse even than Ezekiel. He says:

Isaiah 20:2-4 *at that time YAHWEH spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loosen the sackcloth from your loins, and take your shoe off from your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. And YAHWEH said, Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years (a sign and a wonder on Egypt and on Ethiopia) so shall the king of Assyria lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old; naked and barefoot, and with uncovered buttocks; to the nakedness of Egypt.*

And somebody was, "Oh no, it's only an analogy." No, it's not an analogy. This is what they used to do. When they would take people captive, they would strip them naked to shame them so that they'd have no will to fight. Just like they did in World War II with the Jewish people. The first thing they'd do was cut their hair off, take away any identity of them as a male or a female, and strip them of any kind of human dignity whatsoever.

And here, YAHWEH is telling Israel what's going to happen to them like this. So, He has His prophet go out there and actually walk naked and barefoot saying, just as he's doing that. So, if that happened today, number one, the person would get locked up. Probably they'd bring him to a mental institution, but it wouldn't mean that the person is crazy.

But my point is, as we're getting closer to the end, the one thing that YAHWEH has really shown me also is, like I said, because of movies and because of TV and because of internet and all these things, which in one way, they could be a blessing, they could help us understand things about YAHWEH and His history that we would have never understood before without that. But it also has blinded us to reality. We are living in a Babylonian world, that Satan has deceived the whole world that is blinded to the truth of things.

And as we're going to go into the end time, there's a time that's going to come up fairly soon, and I don't know when, when I say fairly soon, it could be a matter of months or a couple of years. But one thing is for certain, there'll be a time where there will be no more internet access for people that preach the truth. And we already seen it, it already started with COVID.

When this was happening several years ago, and a man by the name of Alex Jones, who talked a lot of this stuff that's happening now, we was talking about this 15, 20 years ago. And because he was not orthodox, because he was talking about some of these really odd things that seem so unbelievable that nobody could believe it, people just brushed him off as, "Ah, he's just a conspiracy theorist."

So, when they banned him from Facebook and Twitter and all these other things, people didn't really care. They said, why this guy is just crazy, which that doesn't matter. But then when COVID came and it wasn't just Alex Jones, it was anybody that was preaching the truth, any ministry that was preaching the truth, any kind of ... news personality, and then it got down to doctors.

Now, if you imagine Robert Malone, the guy who invented the technology for the vaccine, the mRNA, he invented that technology. They banned him. If there's anybody that knows about the technology, it's him. He invented it and they banned him from telling the truth on it.

So, we've already seen what's happening. So, don't get too excited, because Elon Musk is taking over Twitter and giving people their Twitter accounts back. The next stage that comes is a total blackout of the truth completely and anybody that is doing it. If they're doing it from ... in the olden days they used to do from pirate ships. They used to have these

broadcasts off of the Atlantic Ocean going into UK and into Europe from these ships, they'll be coming after you. They have a lot of ways to do it.

So, you... we got to be ready for that. And just think about what I'm saying tonight. Not to say there aren't some crazy people out there that are doing some kooky things, but just remember that because when the two witnesses come, we have no idea what YAHWEH's going to tell them to do. And He might tell them to sit on their side and rope themselves up, or who knows if He would tell them to go naked or whatever.

But if He already told it to His prophets in the Old Testament, we don't know what YAHWEH may do. And what we want to do is, we want to test it by the Word of YAHWEH. That's what we want to test it by. We want to see, is YAHWEH's Spirit really leading this and does it fit the Word of YAHWEH, because if it doesn't, right, *Isaiah 8:20, if they speak not according to the Torah and the testimony, there's no light in them.*

So, that's what we want to know. Not somebody that may ... we may think fits the profile from what we think is a prophet according to the Babylonian movies and all these things. No. We want to have somebody that is going to fit the ... by the Ruach leading him, doing the miracles. And also is somebody that fits according to Scripture.

Ezekiel 4:8-9 *I will put cords on you, and you cannot turn from your side to your other side ... Back in Ezekiel 4 in verse 9 ... until you have completed the days of your siege. And you, take to yourself wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and place them in a single vessel; and make them for yourself into bread, to the number of days that you are lying on your side. You shall eat it three hundred and ninety [390] days.*

And here it is, this Scripture also proves my point of commercial Babylon, because YAHWEH is telling him this not because this is the healthiest way to eat and wow, because that's what happened. What happened? They marketed this bread. They have Ezekiel's bread. You pay like eight bucks going to health food store and it's made exactly like this. "Wheat, barley, beans, lentil, millet, spelt and it's all healthy. It's \$8. It's from the Bible".

But you know what? YAHWEH didn't tell him to eat that because it was healthy. You know why YAHWEH told him to eat that? Because that was the poor man's mixture. This is what somebody who would be poor or in a famine would eat. And actually, most of those grains were not even for human consumption. They were for animals.

So, YAHWEH is telling him to eat that, to show the Israelites, you're going into captivity where you're not going to be eating healthy food. You're going to be eating this stuff. You know? And what do they do? Like I said, commercial Babylon, they make it into a bread and they market it all over and people buy it. Thinking it's something that's biblical and healthy.

We have to change our way of thinking. We really have to understand Scripture with an ancient Hebrew mindset and get rid of that Babylonian mindset. But this is a poor man's mixture. This was coarse grain with finer grains showing poverty. And like I said, most of these grains were normally given to animals, except for barley. Barley was the main staple grain that people ate in that day.

Ezekiel 4:10 *And your food which you shall eat shall be by weight:*

So now, not only does he have to stay there for a year and almost three months, not only does he have to be tied up as he's doing this, and remember it's going to rain, it's going to be cold, it's going to be all different things. Now, he's even limited to how much he could eat and how much he could drink. So he says:

Ezekiel 4:10 *And your food which you shall eat shall be by weight: twenty shekels a day. From time to time you shall eat it.*

And that's a measurement. It's not a bill. It's not a 20 shekel bill, like 10 bucks or something like that. It's a measurement.

Ezekiel 4:11 *And you shall drink water by measure: the sixth part of a hin. From time to time you shall drink.*

So, he's eating about 8 to 10 ounces of bread and two pints of water a day. And again, why is it so little he's eating? Because he's trying to show them this is the way your captivity is going to be. If you don't change immediately, you're going to be eating grain that usually is given to animals. You're going to be tied up ... Ezekiel is tied up there because he's

showing them, you're going to be in captivity and they're going to virtually be in famine. They're not going to have enough food and enough water.

This is the whole reason why YAHWEH is doing it this way. Because He's visually showing them what's going to happen if they don't get their act together. And they don't change real quick. Then in verse 12, he says:

Ezekiel 4:12 *And you shall eat cakes of barley, and you shall bake it with dung of the excrement of man, in their sight.*

Wow, now we're really getting nasty. You know, now not only does he have to eat the worst food, the most basic food, the food that they're feeding to animals, now He's telling him, you're going to make this with the excrement of dung of a human being. You can only imagine the smell of it and then you're cooking your food over that.

The other thing which this also shows though, is that there's a scarcity of fuel. To be using this for cooking, instead of wood or whatever, it's showing a scarcity of food and a scarcity of fuel in their captivity. That this is the way you're going to be living.

Ezekiel 4:13 *And YAHWEH said, Even so ... verse 13 ... the sons of Israel shall eat their defiled bread among the nations there where I will drive them.*

So, this is Ezekiel's bread. This isn't the health bread. No, this is defiled food. This is like, he's doing this, because it's defiled food. And He's saying, the same way that you've defiled My nation, this is the way you're going to eat your food that's defiled. If we go to *Hosea 9, verse 1 through 4*, he says:

Hosea 9:1-4 *O Israel, do not rejoice for joy, like the other people. For you have gone lusting away from your Elohim. You have loved a harlot's reward on all threshing-floors of grain. The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her. They shall not live in the land of YAHWEH. But Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria. They shall not offer wine to YAHWEH. They shall not be pleasing to Him. Their sacrifices shall be like the bread of sorrows to them; all who eat it shall be defiled, for their bread is for their person; it shall not come into the house of YAHWEH.*

So, like he's saying, it will be ... they will eat unclean, defiled things. And that's the part, and believe me, we have hundreds of prisoners that write us, and some congregations that are in the prisons and that's what some of these people say. Some of these people say that they won't allow them to eat clean food. They won't feed it to them.

So, when you're in captivity, you're stuck there and there's only so long you can go fasting if they don't give you something that you could eat there. But this is the point that YAHWEH's trying to show them, that the captivity is not going to be a blessing. That captivity is going to be bad. It's going to be hard, and it's going to be because how much they defiled YAHWEH's sanctuary and defiled YAHWEH's land, while they were living in the land of Israel. Verse 14:

Ezekiel 4:14 *Then I said, Adonai YAHWEH! Behold, my soul has not been defiled. I have not even eaten a carcass or a torn animal, from my youth even until now. And unclean flesh has not come into my mouth.*

So, praise Elohim for Ezekiel, right? I mean, we want to be obedient and we want to follow anything YAHWEH wants us to do, even if it's to prove a point, going out with His Word. But Ezekiel is saying, he's not one of these defiled people. Ezekiel didn't defile the land of Israel. And Ezekiel has not, like he says, he hasn't even eaten something torn from his youth.

And what does that sound like? It sounds like Acts 10, right? Remember with Peter? And YAHWEH was not telling Peter to eat something unclean, but He was making a point with Peter not to call people unclean. But he didn't understand that at first, and he basically said the same thing in *Acts 10, 11 through 14*. He says:

Acts 10:11-14 *And he saw the heaven being opened and a certain vessel like a great sheet coming down on him, being bound by four corners, and let down onto the earth; in which were all the four-footed animals of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the creeping things, and the birds of the heaven. And a voice came to him, Rise up, Peter, slay and eat. But Peter said, Elohim forbid my Master, because I never did eat anything common or unclean.*

So here, there's all four-footed animals. There's goat and sheep and cow that Peter could have eaten. He's not telling you, He just said, eat it, He didn't say eat the unclean. But according to the Jewish law of that day, if there was something unclean on the same sheet with the clean, it would make everything unclean, it would make it common. That's why he says unclean or common. And that's what they were saying with Gentiles, that a Gentile was common. He couldn't be Kadosh for YAHWEH, if he's with a Gentile. So that's where that comes from. But Peter said the same thing.

And interesting enough, that when we're looking at this, this is whatever it is, 20 years after the resurrection, where supposedly they say Yahshua made all meat clean. And here's Peter saying, I never ate anything unclean. So, Yahshua never said you could eat unclean food. He said about washing with unclean hands [Mat 15]. Never talking about the food. But this proves it, Acts 10 actually proves that up to this point, X amount of years after the resurrection happened, that still the disciples were not eating unclean food.

But anyway, it's the same thing that Ezekiel says. So, Ezekiel says he's never eaten anything unclean. And like I said, when you think the way Israelites thinks, not the Babylonian way, because the Babylonian way is everything is unclean. Everything is defiled in Satan's world and the Babylonian world here. But look at actually how YAHWEH told them in Deuteronomy 23, how they were supposed to keep their camp clean. And then maybe you can understand why Ezekiel is saying what he's saying. *Deuteronomy 23 in verse 12*. And YAHWEH is telling them about, in the camp, about when you relieve yourself. He says:

Deuteronomy 23:12-14 *Also you shall have a place outside the camp, and you shall go out there ... you know, when you need to relieve yourself ... And you shall have a tool on your staff. And it shall be, as you sit outside, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back, and shall cover that which comes from you. For YAHWEH your Elohim walks in the middle of your camp to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you; therefore your camp shall be holy ... kadosh ... so that He may see no unclean thing in you, and turn away from you.*

So wow, Ezekiel is understanding this, right? He's understanding not to eat anything torn and that not only when you cook with this, you wouldn't even have it in your camp. That when you had to relieve yourself, there was a place outside the camp that you would go and you would bury it, your excrement. So, here it is. For YAHWEH to say, to cook with this, it's like, oh. So, he says again in verse 14, he's never done anything like that from his youth until today. And then YAHWEH has mercy on him. He says:

Ezekiel 4:15 *Then He said to me, See, I have given to you the dung of cattle in place of the dung of man. And you shall make bread over it.*

So, cattle is a clean animal and to be honest with you, this was a common practice in that day, in the Arab world. It was a common practice that they would cook ... because especially in Israel, there was a lot of places in Israel where you had no hardwood forest, particularly Jerusalem there's no wood there. So, many times you couldn't have cooked with wood, because you didn't have wood available and they would dry out the cow's dung and then they would actually cook with that. And that's why when we go to 2 Kings 6:25, where they're talking about this great famine. This is a great famine, it says:

2nd Kings 6:25 *And there was a great famine in Samaria. And behold! They were laying siege to it until the head of a donkey was at eighty silver pieces, and a fourth of a cab of dove's dung at five silver pieces.*

So, people may read that and think, who on earth does want to buy *a fourth of a cab of dungs*? I mean, you're not going to eat that. Well, who knows? In famines, they're eating everything, as we're going to see. They're even eating their children. But that's not the reason why this is expensive of here. The reason why it's expensive is that it's being used for cooking. The dung is being used to dry out and used for cooking.

Ezekiel 4:15-16 *Then He said to me, See, I have given to you the dung of cattle in place of the dung of man. And you shall make bread over it ... And verse 16 ... And He said to me, Son of man, behold, I am breaking the staff of bread in Jerusalem. And they shall eat bread by weight, and with anxiety.*

They're not going to have it to them. See, bread is the staple food in the Middle East. And that's why the Messiah, where does He come from? Bethlehem. Beth [beit], house, lekhem, Bethlehem. The house of bread. Because bread is the staple food in the ancient world.

That's why today when you see all this stuff with people being allergic to wheat and all that, it's not normal. It's not natural. And they are, believe me, I know we are, we're allergic to it. But it's because man has chemically manipulated, genetically manipulated the wheat and manipulated the food that's coming.

But actually, in the ancient times, barley, wheat and spelt, they were the basic staple foods of life. You know, the way many parts of the world today, it's maize and rice that's eaten with every meal. In some places it's pasta, but it depends. But those are staple foods, that every society has a staple food. Here it was bread in the ancient world. So he says:

Ezekiel 4:16b *And they shall eat bread by weight, and with anxiety. And they shall drink water by measure, and in horror.*

2nd Kings 25 in verse 3. Because this is what happens when famine comes. *2nd Kings 25 in verse 3.* And this is when Babylon is coming to destroy the land. It says:

2nd Kings 25:3 *on the ninth of the month, when the famine was severe in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land*

So, wow. And that's why I say, now during the Shemita, I was encouraging people with staple things, with oil and flour and rice and maize. Try not to just to get for one year. If you could have, tried to get up to seven years, Joseph's dream, right? Joseph's store house, tried to get as much as you can. And some people were able to. Some were blessed more than others. But here we are. I pray you have enough for your Shemita. But this is what happens when the famine comes.

And we're in a time where they're predicting now, this winter, they're predicting now ... Not in a year or two from now, they're predicting this winter and spring that this famine is starting. And we've already seen it. I told you some of the articles in Africa, it's already started. And due to different things and weather conditions and the war in Ukraine, that it's just a matter of how severe it will be. So, we do need to prepare when YAHWEH warns us. And verse 17, the last verse in the chapter, it says:

Ezekiel 4:17 *because they will lack bread and water, and each one be stunned with his brother. And they will waste away in their iniquity.*

Wow. So, there's famine. There's a famine that's coming. And as we're going to see in the next chapter, YAHWEH is going to use more symbolism to show what's going to come. The famine and the war and the captivity. So these are the things how YAHWEH was waking up His people back in that day and this is what He tells us here in the end time.

When we're looking at the four horsemen of the apocalypse of Revelation, you see the same thing. You see the Babylonian spirit, the deception that's there, the white horse. And then you see the red horse, the war. You see the black horse, which is the famine and the pestilence. And then the green horse, which is death that comes after that.

So, this is where we're at. So, we will stop there for tonight. I hope that this Bible study has been enlightening to you. It's a very interesting chapter. And like I said, and especially as we're really looking into the prophets here, that we have to get the mindset away from the Babylonian mindset today.

They really, I'm telling you, every single person in the world, I believe most people in the world, maybe not everybody, but most, have been to one effect or another, to one degree or another, affected by this worldwide Babylonian mindset that goes out there, that is fictitious. It's not real. And we need to get back to the Hebrew mindset, the functional mindset, and the Biblical mindset, the way that we had.

So again, have a blessed Shabbat. And until next week.
YAHWEH bless, Shabbat Shalom.