

Ezekiel 4

King James Version (KJV)

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem: (This is in the captivity so the tile is a Babylonian tile. If they are wet, you could draw on them and then sun-bake them dry)

² And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about. (fort = siege tower) (5 attacks – 5 = grace)

³ Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel. (This pan is a flat pan to bake bread; a pan without sides. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Put Jesus between you and the deception that was in Jerusalem at the time; as it will be in the end days)

⁴ Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.

⁵ For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. (Israel went into captivity 200 years before Judah did)

⁶ And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.

(Ezekiel-1:1 Chebar means a passage of time. Ezekiel preached from 484 to 463 BC; 390 days + 40 days = 430; Jesus was crucified in AD 33; 430 + 33 = 463 years; the same number of years from the end of Ezekiel's ministry to the time Christ would come to redeem the world. This takes into account the 110 year correction in Jeremiah 24, because years were counted by kings, even if he didn't reign the entire year) (God was foretelling the exact number of years from that time to the time that Messiah would come into the world to defeat death)

⁷ Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it. (The

uncovered arm signifies that you are ready to do battle) (Prophecy = teach them)

⁸ And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege. (This is symbolic for the time after Ezekiel to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The bands are symbolic for - nothing will change the prophecy)

⁹ Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof. (fitches = black cumin – the seeds of a plant that grown in the Med region)

¹⁰ And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. (Twenty shekels = 200 grams; not very much; symbolic of a famine)

¹¹ Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. (the sixth part of an hin = 1.5 pints; again just enough to stay alive but still very lean)

¹² And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight. (That is an abomination – cooking bread over a human dung fire)

¹³ And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them. (They <Israel> are an abomination with their perversion, idolatry, and false religions)

¹⁴ Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. (Ezekiel testifies that he never polluted himself with the perversion of the Israelites)

¹⁵ Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith. (Cooking over a cow dung fire was acceptable, even in the early days of America. Dry cow paddies make a good fire to cook over)

¹⁶ Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: (The famine then was for food. In the future, the famine will be for hearing the Word of God; in a world of perversion and idolatry and political correctness)

¹⁷ That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity. (They don't know why this is happening; just like people today, that see our prosperity going away, and yet practice political correctness and perversion as being a "lifestyle". They don't realize that their perversion is taking God's blessings away from our country)