

## A Prophet Among Them

Ezekiel 2:1-5,7

(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.

Here we find God calling Ezekiel to warn of coming judgment on the house of Israel. And during this conversation we find the Lord telling Ezekiel that he is being sent to only be a voice of warning announcing the wrath to come and not to worry whether or not his message is received, but simply to be a prophet among them.

*Review the context.*

Verse 3 - God sends Ezekiel

Verse 5,7, 3:11 their response is not his worry

3:15-16 – Ezekiel is astonished for 7 days

Verse 17-21 God tells him of a watchman.

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### 1. A Prerequisite *before the Man of God can be Sent* (3:1-4) EAT THE WORDS!

Ezekiel had to eat the words before God would send him with the message. You will find several times in the Bible that the Lord gave someone a book to eat. Jeremiah and John are perfect examples.

**Jeremiah 15:16** Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

**Jeremiah 20:9** Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

Eating the roll or book here it making the message come from the heart and not just out of duty. Letting the message settle deep within himself so that nothing could stop this work.

### 2. A Prophet's Message *is of God and not of Self.*

**Eze 2:7** And thou shalt speak my words unto them,...

**Eze 3:11** And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD...

### **3. A Prophet Must Go *where he is Sent***

These were a rebellious people unrepentant in heart, but nonetheless Ezekiel was sent to them.

Rebellious (2:3,5,6,7,8, 3:9,26,27...)

### **4. A Prophets Ministry *is judged by God at the judgment Seat.***

Not whether or not the people were saved, but whether or not the message was given!

*“And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forebear...” (2:5)*

Ezekiel 2:5,7, 3:11,27

Blood will be on your hands if you warn not! (3:18,20)

*“...but his blood will I require at thine hand.”*