

"Ezekiel's Calling"
Ezekiel 1:28c – Chpt. 3:3

1:28c Q. How did Ezekiel respond to the vision of the Lord and his chariot?

A.

Note: This is the common response of those who encounter God this way.

Genesis 17:3 –

Joshua 5:14 –

Mark 3:11 –

Acts 9:3-4 –

Rev. 1:17 –

v. 28d Q. What happened next?

A.

Note: But this person isn't identified until verse 4.

Chapter 2

v.1 Q. What did the voice say?

A.

1. He first addressed him by an identifying phrase instead of his name: "_____."

Note: This phrase is used over _____ times in this book.

Note: "Man" is emphatic and is the word for "_____." (Not "Ish")

Note: Speaks of man's _____ because of sin and addresses any sinful _____ associated with the vision.

Note: It was first given to Ezekiel, then to _____ (8:17), and then as a self-identifying name that _____ gives himself that refers to his _____ as is found in Daniel 7.

Note: Ezekiel has already been identified as a _____ (1:3), he will be called into the _____ ministry (2), and the title "son of man" in Psalm 8 – "What are you O Son of Man that God is mindful of you?", is a regal psalm suggesting that man reigns on behalf of God here on earth. Therefore, Ezekiel is a type of Christ who is priest, prophet, and _____ in its complete fulfillment.

2. God commands Ezekiel to _____ up so that he might speak to him.

Note: The standing position is a _____ position.

v. 2 Q. How does God enable him to do so when he physically cannot?

A. The _____ came into him and raised him up.

Note: In orthodox Judaism, the Spirit is God's dynamic _____ or influence over his creation. "It" is not a _____. We would hold that he is per the study of the Scriptures, e.g. personal pronoun, "he," especially in John 16:13ff.

v. 2b/3 Q. What did God say to Ezekiel? (The commission/task)

A.

Q. How are they described?

A.

1. To a _____ nation.
2. To a people that has rebelled against me for _____ and continues today.

v.4a 3. They are _____ and stubborn.

Q. What was the message?

A.

Note: The message was, "Yahweh, who is Lord over you, is _____ to you through me." It is the _____ phrase that comes before the subsequent message.

Note: "Sovereign Lord" is more accurately "Lord Yahweh" – the _____ keeping God of Israel. God has not abandoned them. He is keeping his covenant – not the Mosaic, but the _____ – and is giving you a divine word.

Note: This is the first of _____ times this phrase is used in

v. 5 Q. What is the point?

A.

Q. What might be the larger reason for this?

A.

v. 6a. Q. And what was the charge to Ezekiel?

A.

v. 6b Q. What image does God use to describe the context of his ministry and message?

A.

v. 6c Q. What else does he add?

A.

v. 7 Q. This is another statement of verse 5, but what is emphasized?

A.

Q. How is this still a command to followers of Jesus today?

A.

v. 8 Q. What is the personal admonition to Ezekiel?

A.

Q. What is the meaning of “open your mouth and eat what I give you”?

A.

v. 9 Q. What did Ezekiel see in the vision?

A.

v. 10a Q. What did he do with it?

A.

v. 10b Q. What was on the scroll?

A. On both sides of the scroll were written words of _____ and _____ and _____.

Note: This same type of scroll was given to _____ by the Father in Revelation 5:1. It too was written with laments, mourning, and woes.

Q. Given that this is what the scroll included, what does it mean for Ezekiel to eat this?

A. To eat something means to take it inside and _____ it – to make it a part of who you are – to have a _____ understanding.

Note: The Apostle John was called to do the same in Revelation 10:8-11. It was a _____ of sorts.

Chapter 3

v. 1 Q. What is the final commission?

A.

vv. 2-3 Q. What did Ezekiel do?

A.

Q. What did it taste like?

A.

Q. What does this mean? Cp. Jer. 15:16

A.

Q. Read Proverbs 24:13-14. How does this relate?

A.

Q. How can we experience this same sweetness?

A.

Q. How does 2 Peter 1:20-21 fit in with Ezekiel's message?

A.

Q. How can we relate to the mission of Ezekiel?

A.

Q. What effect(s) do we have in the world that would be considered somewhat like Ezekiel's?

A.

Q. What can this teach us about being afraid of speaking on God's behalf (his revealed word)?

A.

Q. How does sharing a word of warning with the world fit in with its sweetness.

A.