

"I Am a Sign"
Ezekiel 12

Sign #1 - Ezekiel's belongings

Remember:

A Sign – _____ to something

A Symbol – _____ something

vv. 1-2 Q. What does Yahweh tell Ezekiel? (#1)

A.

1. (a) You are living among _____ people.
2. (b) They have _____ to see but do not see.
(b) They have _____ to hear but do not hear.
3. (a) For they are _____ people.

Note: This spiritual _____ and _____ go back to the days of Moses.

Read Deuteronomy 29:2-4

Read Isaiah 6:9-10 [fulfillment – 1st mountain; Ezekiel 12:2b – 2nd mountain]

Read Matthew 13:13-16 [fulfillment – 3rd mountain]

Read Acts 28:26-28 [fulfillment – 4th mountain]

v. 3a Q. As a result of that rebelliousness what was Ezekiel told to do?

A.

1. Pack your _____ for exile.
2. Do it in the _____ and publicly so others can see you.
3. Set out and _____ from where you are to another place.

v.3b Q. What was the hope?

A. That the people would _____ despite their rebellious hearts.

v. 4 Q. What was he called to do next?

A.

1. During the _____, while they are watching, bring out your belongings.
2. Then in the _____, while they are watching, go out like those who go into exile.

v.5 3. While they watch, dig through the _____ and take your belongings out through it.

v. 6 4. Put them on your shoulder as they are watching and carry them out at _____.

5. Cover your _____ so that you cannot see the land

Q. What was this for?

A. Ezekiel was to be a _____ to the house of Israel [of what was to come].

v. 7 Q. What was Ezekiel's response?

A.

v. 8 Q. What happened in the morning?

A.

v. 9 Q. What did the Lord say? (#2)

A. He asked Ezekiel if the Jews _____ by asking him what this meant.

v. 10. Q. What did the Lord do next?

A.

1. He gave Ezekiel the _____ explanation.
2. He told Ezekiel that this had to do with the _____ in Jerusalem and the whole house of Israel who were there.

Note: _____ is never referred to as a king but only a prince.
_____ was regarded as the true king even in exile. Cf. 2 Kings 25:29

v. 11. Q. What did he tell Ezekiel to say to them?

A.

1. "I am a _____ to you"
2. "As I have _____ [in my actions], so will God do to them."
3. They will go into _____.

v. 12 Q. What details does he give to Ezekiel and the elders?

A.

1. The _____ will put his things on his shoulder at dusk and leave and a hole will be dug for him to escape.
2. He will cover his _____ so that he cannot see the land.

v. 13 3. I will _____ my net for him, and he will be caught in my snare.

v. 14 4. I will _____ to the winds all those around him – and will pursue them with a sword.

Read 2 Kings 25:1-7~ the _____ of this vision.

v. 15 Q. What is the intended result?

A. That God's people will know that he is the LORD - the _____ keeping God – when he scatters them.

v. 16aQ. What is demonstrated in the midst of this?

A. God shows _____ by sparing some of them for the purpose of pointing out the false gods of the lands that they will be sent.

v. 16bQ. Again...what is the purpose of this?

A.

Sign #2 – Trembling

v. 17 Q. What happened next? (#3)

A.

v. 18. Q. What does the Lord ask Ezekiel to do?

A.

1. To _____ as you eat your food.
2. _____ when you drink your water.

v. 19 Q. What was he then supposed to say to the people?

A.

1. It was addressed to those living in _____.
2. They will eat their food in _____.

3. They will drink their water in _____.

Q. What was going to take place and why?

A. For their land will be _____ of everything in it because of the violence of all who live there.

v. 20a. Q. What describes the land back in Israel?

A. The inhabited towns will be _____, and the land will be _____.

v. 20b Q. For what repetitive reason?

A.

vv. 21-22 Q. What does the Lord say to Ezekiel? (#4)

A. He asks why a _____ proverb was going around through the land that had to do with the _____ of visions "from God."

v. 23 Q. How did the Lord respond?

A.

1. I am going to put an _____ to that proverb, and they will no longer quote it.

2. The days are coming when every vision will be _____.

v. 24 3. For there will be no _____ visions or flattering divinations among the people of Israel.

v. 25a 4. The Lord will speak what he wills, and it shall be fulfilled without _____.

v. 25b 5. For in your days, you rebellious house, I will _____ whatever I say.

vv. 26-27 Q. What else did the Lord say about this subject? (#5)

A. The Lord noted that the people were saying that this declaration was not for _____ but for some other generation in the _____.

Read 2 Kings 20:12-21.

Q. How did King Hezekiah respond to the bad news?

A.

Q. "To live in the present" is wise counsel, but to "live in the present with no respect to the future is foolishness." Respond.

A.

v. 28 Q. What was the Lord's response to them?

A. _____ of my words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled.

Q. Review verse 2, "They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear." How is this applied to:

A.

1. Modern Jews (in general) –

2. The world –

3. The Church (apostate) –

4. Me (personally) –

Q. How does this prophetic word regarding Zedekiah, affirm your trust in God and the Scriptures?

A.

Q. How does the Apostle Peter address this in 2 Peter 3:3ff.

A.

Q. What is the real heart desire of God behind giving these prophecies...for us?

A.