

# Ezekiel 12:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,

## Analysis

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**The word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,** The prophetic formula introduces another sign-act prophecy concerning exile. Chapter 12 contains dramatic enacted prophecies where Ezekiel performs symbolic actions representing Jerusalem's coming captivity. The formula's repetition (occurring over 50 times in Ezekiel) establishes each oracle's divine origin. God initiates revelation; the prophet receives and proclaims it faithfully.

## Historical Context

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Dated to approximately 592-591 BC, this prophecy preceded Jerusalem's fall by 5-6 years. The exiles in Babylon believed Jerusalem would survive and they'd soon return. False prophets encouraged this delusion (Jeremiah 28-29). Ezekiel's sign-acts contradicted false hope, declaring that Jerusalem faced exile, not deliverance. Within years, the prophecy was vindicated when King Zedekiah was captured trying to escape besieged Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:4-7).

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does the prophetic formula establish Scripture's authority as divine communication?
2. What comfort does divine initiative in revelation provide versus human religious speculation?
3. In what ways should recognizing God as Scripture's source shape our reading and obedience?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיְהִי י'	דְּבַר	יְהוָה ה	אֵל י	לֵאמֹר:
H1961	<b>The word</b>	<b>of the LORD</b>	H413	<b>also came unto me saying</b>
	H1697	H3068		H559

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