

Ezekiel 17:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Analysis

This prophetic formula marks a new oracle. The repetition of 'the word of the LORD came' throughout Ezekiel emphasizes prophetic authority—these aren't Ezekiel's opinions but divine revelation. True prophecy never originates with human will (2 Peter 1:21) but comes by God's initiative.

Historical Context

Ezekiel received visions and oracles between 593-571 BC during Babylonian exile. As a priest-turned-prophet, he communicated God's word to a skeptical, rebellious exile community that blamed God for their suffering.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do you distinguish between human wisdom and divine revelation in your spiritual life?
2. Do you approach Scripture as merely good advice or as God's authoritative word to you?

Interlinear Text

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H1961	And the word	of the LORD	H413	came unto me saying
	H1697	H3068		H559

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