

Ezekiel 20:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

'Then came the word of the LORD unto me, saying.' This formula introduces God's response. Rather than answering the elders' question, God will deliver a comprehensive indictment of Israel's historical rebellion. The response isn't what they expected or wanted—not reassurance but confrontation with persistent pattern of unfaithfulness.

Historical Context

Prophets often delivered unwelcome messages. The elders sought comfort; God provided conviction. This pattern appears throughout Scripture—God addresses real needs, not felt needs; root issues, not surface symptoms. True prophecy confronts rather than flatters.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do we respond when God's word addresses different issues than we brought to Him?

2. What does it mean to truly seek God rather than seek confirmation of our preferences?

Interlinear Text

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

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