# Ezekiel 3

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## Warning to Israel

- <sup>1</sup> Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.
- <sup>2</sup> So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.
- <sup>3</sup> And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.
- <sup>4</sup> And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.
- <sup>5</sup> For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel;
- <sup>6</sup> Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.
- <sup>7</sup> But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.
- <sup>8</sup> Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.
- <sup>9</sup> As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.
- <sup>10</sup> Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.

- <sup>11</sup> And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.
- 12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place.
- <sup>13</sup> I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.
- <sup>14</sup> So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.
- <sup>15</sup> Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days.
- <sup>16</sup> And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- <sup>17</sup> Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.
- When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
- <sup>19</sup> Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.
- Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
- Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

- <sup>22</sup> And the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.
- Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.
- Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.
- <sup>25</sup> But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:
- <sup>26</sup> And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they are a rebellious house.
- <sup>27</sup> But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

### **HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES**

Blood — pi (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew dam (nī) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

**Glory** — בַּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (τίς) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

Iniquity — עָוֹן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** ( $\mu\nu$ ) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

**Lord** — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנֵי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (הְּוָהְיִ), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנֵי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Righteous — צַדִּיק (Tzaddik)

Righteous one

The Hebrew **tzaddik** (צַּדִיק) describes one who is righteous, just, or lawful—conforming to God's standard. From the root tzedek (צָּדֶק), meaning righteousness or justice.

Sin — חַטָאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַפָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

Spirit — חַהַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוֹחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

Word — דָבַר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבֶר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

### CROSS REFERENCES

**Ezekiel 3:1** Parallel theme: Ezekiel 3:15; 1 Timothy 4:15

**Ezekiel 3:2** Parallel theme: Jeremiah 25:17

**Ezekiel 3:3** Parallel theme: Psalms 19:10; 119:11; 119:97; 119:103; Jeremiah 15:16;

Colossians 3:16

**Ezekiel 3:5** Parallel theme: Isaiah 33:19; Jonah 1:2

**Ezekiel 3:7** Parallel theme: Ezekiel 2:4; 1 Samuel 8:7; Luke 10:16

**Ezekiel 3:8** Creation: Jeremiah 1:18

Ezekiel 3:9

Parallel theme: Ezekiel 2:6; Isaiah 41:10; 41:14; 50:7; Jeremiah 1:8; 1:17; 17:18; Micah 3:8; 1

Timothy 2:3. **Creation:** Zechariah 7:12

**Ezekiel 3:10** Word: Job 22:22; Psalms 119:11; Luke 8:15; 1 Thessalonians 2:13. **Parallel** 

theme: Ezekiel 2:8; Proverbs 8:10; 19:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:1

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Parallel theme: Ezekiel 2:5; 2:7; 33:2; 33:12. References Lord: Ezekiel 33:17; 33:30.

References God: Ezekiel 3:27

**Ezekiel 3:12** Spirit: Ezekiel 3:14; 8:3; 11:1; Acts 8:39. Parallel theme: Acts 2:2

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Jeremiah 23:9; Habakkuk 3:16

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12:28; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Colossians 1:28; Hebrews 13:17. Word: 2 Chronicles 19:10

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**Ezekiel 3:19** Sin: Ezekiel 33:9. Parallel theme: Ezekiel 14:14; 14:20; 1 Timothy 4:16;

Hebrews 12:25

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Resurrection: Acts 9:6. Parallel theme: Ezekiel 8:4. References Lord: Ezekiel 1:3; 37:1

Ezekiel 3:23 Glory: Ezekiel 1:28; Acts 7:55. Parallel theme: Revelation 1:17

**Ezekiel 3:24** Spirit: Ezekiel 2:2. Parallel theme: Daniel 10:19

**Ezekiel 3:25 Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 4:8

**Ezekiel 3:26** Parallel theme: Ezekiel 24:27; Psalms 51:15; 137:6

Ezekiel 3:27 References Lord: Ezekiel 24:27; 29:21. References God: Ezekiel 3:11

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