

Ezekiel 3:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The Spirit entering Ezekiel and setting him on his feet demonstrates the Holy Spirit's empowering work—transforming prostrate weakness into standing strength. Divine glory humbles; divine Spirit strengthens. This pattern recurs: encounter with God's holiness produces humility, followed by Spirit-empowerment for service. The standing position represents readiness to receive divine commission. God doesn't leave His servants prostrate but equips them for active obedience.

Historical Context

The Spirit's entry into prophets enabled their ministry (cf. 2:2; Num. 24:2; 1 Sam. 10:6). Old Covenant Spirit-filling was typically temporary and functional, unlike New Covenant permanent indwelling (John 14:16-17). Ezekiel's experience foreshadows fuller Pentecostal empowerment. Ancient Near Eastern prophets claimed divine inspiration, but Israelite prophecy uniquely emphasized Yahweh's Spirit as the source.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the Spirit's lifting of Ezekiel from prostrate to standing picture the Holy Spirit's work in our lives?
2. What does this pattern of humbling followed by empowering teach us about preparing for divine service?

Interlinear Text

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| בָּא | בִּי | רוּחַ | וַתָּעַמְדָּ נִי | עַל | כְּגִלִּי | וַיִּדְבֹּר |
| entered | H0 | Then the spirit | into me and set | H5921 | me upon my feet | and spake |
| H935 | | H7307 | H5975 | | H7272 | H1696 |
| אֲנִי | וַיֹּאמֶר | אֵלַי | בָּא | הִסָּגֵר | בֵּית וְ | בֵּיתְךָ: |
| H854 | with me and said | H413 | entered | shut | thyself within | thine house |
| | H559 | | H935 | H5462 | H8432 | H1004 |

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 2:2 (Spirit): And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

Daniel 10:19 (Parallel theme): And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.