

# Ezekiel 4

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## The Siege of Jerusalem Symbolized

- 1** Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem:
- 2** And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.
- 3** Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.
- 4** Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.
- 5** For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.
- 6** And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.
- 7** Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.
- 8** And, behold, I will lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.

**9** Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.

**10** And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.

**11** Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.

**12** And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.

**13** And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.

**14** Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

**15** Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.

**16** Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment:

**17** That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Iniquity** — **יְעֻמָּד** (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (יְעֻמָּד) 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.

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### **Lord** — **אֲדֹנָי** / **יְהֹוָה** (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

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

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Ezekiel 4:2** **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 21:22; Jeremiah 6:6

**Ezekiel 4:3** **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 12:11; Isaiah 20:3. **References Israel:** Ezekiel 12:6; Isaiah 8:18

### **Ezekiel 4:4**

**Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 4:8; Leviticus 16:22. **Sin:** Leviticus 10:17; Numbers 18:1

**Ezekiel 4:5** **Parallel theme:** Numbers 14:34

**Ezekiel 4:6** **Parallel theme:** Numbers 14:34; Revelation 13:5

**Ezekiel 4:7** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 52:10. **Prophecy:** Ezekiel 21:2

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

**Ezekiel 4:9** **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 4:13; 4:16; Isaiah 28:25

**Ezekiel 4:10** **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 26:26

**Ezekiel 4:12** **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 36:12

**Ezekiel 4:13** **Parallel theme:** Daniel 1:8

## **Ezekiel 4:14**

**References Lord:** Isaiah 66:17; Acts 10:14. **References God:** Ezekiel 9:8; 20:49; Jeremiah 1:6.

**Parallel theme:** Exodus 22:31; Leviticus 17:15; Deuteronomy 14:3; Isaiah 65:4

**Ezekiel 4:16** **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 5:16; 14:13; Leviticus 26:26; Psalms 105:16.

**References Jerusalem:** Isaiah 3:1

**Ezekiel 4:17** **Parallel theme:** Ezekiel 24:23. **Sin:** Ezekiel 33:10; Leviticus 26:39

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