### Ezekiel

## Chapter 2

1He said to me:  
  
 ‘Son of man; you must stand on your feet,  
 And thereafter, I will address you!’  
  
2And at that, His Spirit came over me… It picked me up and lifted me up on my feet!  
  
Then I heard Him speaking to me. 3He said:  
  
 ‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘To the sons of IsraEl, I’ll send you…  
 To those who’re rebelling against Me.  
 For against Me, they and their fathers  
 Have been in rebellion down to this day.  
  
 4‘They’re a harsh and hard-hearted people,  
 And these are the ones to whom you’ll be sent.  
 So, tell them that thus says Jehovah:  
  
 5You should listen in terror,  
 For you are a house in rebellion.  
 And [after you do this], they’ll know  
 That you’ve served as a Prophet among them.  
  
 6‘And you, O son of man, should not be afraid  
 Or be upset by their faces.  
 For they will get all heated up,  
 Then they will rise up against you,  
 And they will have you surrounded.  
  
 ‘So, among these scorpions, you’ll have to live…  
 But don’t fear the things that they’ll say to your face,  
 For they are a house in rebellion.  
  
 7‘You must then tell them My words,  
 So that they will hear them and fear…  
 For they are a house in rebellion.  
  
 8‘Now you, O son of man, must pay close attention  
 To the One who’ll be speaking to you…  
 Don’t rebel, like that house in rebellion!  
  
 ‘Now, open your mouth very wide  
 And eat this thing that I’m handing to you!’  
  
9So at that, I looked and I saw a hand that was reaching out towards me with a rolled up scroll. 10But then He unrolled it before me… And written on both the front and backsides was a lamentation and a dirge.