### Ezekiel

## Chapter 4

1‘And you, O son of man;  
 Must go find a brick,  
 Then set it in front of your face.  
  
 ‘Draw a map of JeruSalem upon it,  
 2Then surround it with a circle of forts.  
 Also draw a siege mound and camps,  
 And encircle the city with weapons.  
  
 3‘Then, go find an iron frying pan,  
 And set it as a wall between you and the city,  
 Then prepare your face to oppose it…  
 Prepare for a siege, then attack it…  
 And to the sons of IsraEl, this will serve as a sign!  
  
 4‘Then, go to sleep on your left side,  
 And lay the sins of the house of IsraEl upon you…  
 You must bear their unrighteous ways  
 For the number of days that you’ll sleep [on that side].  
  
 5‘For I’ve appointed two things that you must do  
 Because of their unrighteous deeds:  
  
 ‘The unrighteous ways of the house of IsraEl  
 Must be born upon you,  
 For 390 [full] days.  
  
 6‘Then, after that, you must sleep on your right  
 For the house of Judah’s unrighteous ways.  
 You must do this for 40 more days…  
 A day for each year, is what I’ve established!  
  
 7‘And as for the siege on JeruSalem;  
 Prepare your face and stiffen your arm;  
 For against [that city], you must then prophesy.  
  
 8‘{Look!} Because I’ve appointed their bondage on you,  
 Don’t turn from one side to the other,  
 Until the days of your siege are fulfilled.  
  
 9‘Take wheat, barley, and beans for yourself,  
 As well as wild oats, lentils, and millet,  
 And put them into an earthenware pot;  
 Then, use them to bake loaves of bread.  
  
 ‘Make enough for the number of days  
 (All the 390)  
 That you must sleep on your side.  
 10And the weight of the food that you can consume  
 Will be just 10 ounces a day,  
 Which you may eat at various times.  
  
 11‘You must also measure the water you’ll drink…  
 You may drink just 10 ounces from time to time.  
  
 12‘And bake the barley cakes that you’ll eat  
 Over human manure,  
 Which you must hide in the coals  
 Before the eyes [of the people].’  
  
 13‘For this was said by Jehovah, the God of IsraEl:  
  
 ‘This is the type of uncleanness  
 That the sons of IsraEl will eat  
 Among the nations where they will be thrown.’  
  
14But I said:  
  
 ‘Absolutely not, O Lord God of IsraEl!  
  
 ‘For my soul has never been defiled or made unclean by decaying flesh, nor have I eaten wild animals from [the day] that I was born until now… Nothing unclean has ever entered my mouth!’  
  
15So [the Lord] said to me:  
  
 ‘Then, rather than using human manure,  
 I’ll allow you to use cattle dung…  
 You may bake your loaves over that.’  
  
16And he said to me:  
  
 ‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘{Look!} I’ll break JeruSalem’s trust in its bread;  
 For they’ll have to ration it out,  
 And they’ll ration the water they drink ‘til it’s gone.  
  
 17‘Since there won’t be enough water or bread,  
 Each man [will steal] from his brother,  
 And because of their unrighteous deeds,  
 They will then melt away.’