### Ezekiel

## Chapter 5

1‘And you, O son of man,  
  
 ‘Go and buy a sharp blade  
 (A razor that’s used by a barber),  
 And shave your head and your beard.  
  
 ‘Then, [put the hair on] a scale,  
 And divide it in portions by weight.  
 2A quarter must be used to kindle a fire,  
 Which you must burn in the midst of the city,  
 [To show] the number of days of its siege…  
 Then toss the second quarter into the fire.  
  
 ‘And use a knife to cut the third quarter;  
 Then scatter it throughout [the city].  
 And toss the last quarter into the wind;  
 For I’ll empty them out with the sword.  
  
 3‘Thereafter, you must take what little remains,  
 And put it into a bag…  
 4Then, take out some [of the hairs],  
 And toss them into the fire.  
 And as they’re burning, tell the house of IsraEl  
 That this was said by Jehovah:  
  
 5‘This is what I’ll do to JeruSalem…  
 I’ll place her amid many nations,  
 And they will have her surrounded.  
  
 6‘Then, speak of My righteous decisions…  
 Yes, speak to that lawless nation,  
 And to those lawless that are living around them.  
 For they’ve pushed away My righteous decrees,  
 And they haven’t followed My Laws.’  
  
 7‘Yes, you must [give them this warning]:  
  
 ‘It’s because of this,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘That lawless ways will now come to you  
 From the nations that have you surrounded.  
  
 ‘For, you haven’t followed My Laws,  
 Nor have you observed My righteous decrees…  
 You’ve not even raised to the standards  
 Of the nations that are living around you!  
  
 8‘So because of this,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘{Look!} I am now standing against you,  
 And I’ll bring My judgments upon you,  
 There in front of the gentiles!  
  
 9‘I will bring [many bad] things upon you  
 That have never happened before,  
 Nor will they be done in the future,  
 For the disgusting things that you’re doing!  
  
 10‘For, fathers then eat their own children,  
 Or children will be eating their fathers;  
 And the rest will be scattered to the [four] winds…  
 For My righteous decisions will be poured upon you!  
  
 11‘As I live,’ says Jehovah…  
 ‘Because you’ve dirtied My Holy Things  
 With all that’s disgusting and loathsome,  
 I will push you away…  
 My eyes won’t spare or show mercy!  
  
 12‘So a quarter will be consumed by the plague;  
 A quarter will be finished by famine;  
 A quarter will be scattered to the [four] winds;  
 And a quarter will fall by the broadsword…  
 Yes, you will all be surrounded,  
 And the sword will be emptied upon you.  
  
 13‘But, after I’ve brought My anger and rage,  
 I’ll return and offer you comfort.  
 For then, you’ll know that this happened  
 Because I, Jehovah, had warned you,  
 And in My zeal, I showed you My rage.  
  
 14‘I’ll turn you and your daughters into waterless lands  
 In the presence of all that pass by.  
 15For the nations will squeeze you and scoff  
 When I bring My anger and judgments on you,  
 Along with My vengeance and rage.  
 For I, Jehovah, have spoken.  
  
 16‘I’ll shoot the arrows of famine at you,  
 And after you come to be in great need,  
 I’ll send [the nations] to finish you off.  
 Yes, I’m sending a famine among you,  
 To break your reliance on bread.  
  
 17‘I’ll not only bring a famine to you,  
 But I’ll also send ferocious wild beasts!  
 And with plagues, you will also be punished,  
 Before your blood will be spilled;  
 For upon you, I’m bringing the sword.  
 Yes, I, Jehovah, have spoken!’