

Ezekiel 1-2

Good evening, Church.

It is so wonderful to be here with you all tonight.

We are going to start a new book of the Bible.

Please turn in your Bibles to Ezekiel.

On Wednesday Nights, we have committed ourselves to studying the Old Testament and we have already completed a large portion of it.

When we finish our study of the Old Testament, I will do one New Testament Book on Wednesday, the Book of Revelation.

Then, we will go into Genesis and start the journey again.

I imagine we have about two more years until we finish unless I catch a tailwind at some point.

I do have some announcements before we get into our study...

Ladies, please don't wait too long to register for the Women's Luncheon coming up with Peggy Brown from U-turn for Christ.

It will be a sweet time of fellowship, and Peggy will bring a great encouragement from God's Word that day.

This is for Jr. High and above... so mothers bring your daughters if they are in that age range.

Plus, you will have a wonderful lunch.

Now for you, Men... This Saturday will be our monthly Men's Breakfast.

We will meet in the Children's Ministry Sanctuary for Breakfast at 8 a.m. and then head over here, where Pastor Joe will teach out of Proverbs this time.

I also want to encourage you married couples to sign up for the marriage dinner on Valentine's Day this year.

We have Pastor Don McClure coming to share that evening.

That night, we will have a nice dinner, teaching, and some games will be played.

You can sign up online, at the back kiosks, or through the app.

So, with that said, let's pray...

We have now come to the Prophet Ezekiel's writings.

God called Ezekiel to be a prophet out of the priesthood, like Jeremiah, Zechariah, and John the Baptist.

He had been raised his entire life to serve in the Temple as a priest, to be a man of the cloth and the Word.

But, as we will see, in the thirtieth year, when he would begin that service as a priest, God would call him instead to be His Spokesman to the Jewish exiles in a foreign land, in Babylon.

Ezekiel will rebuke them for their sins and expose their idolatry.

The most fascinating part of Ezekiel's prophetic utterances is his revelation of the Glorious future that God had prepared for the Jews.

The priesthood may have been easier for Ezekiel because the Jewish people respected the priests.

As a priest, he could read the Law and its instructions, and he would know precisely what his calling entailed.

But prophets were often despised and persecuted, and their lives were so unpredictable, as they received their messages and orders from God as the occasion demanded.

They had no way to plan for what would come next in their ministry.

There was danger in being a faithful prophet of Yahweh.

Their messages were rejected because the people wanted happier messages, and they did not want to hear the reality of the consequences of their rebellion.

In the timeline of Jewish History, the prophet Jeremiah had been prophesying for four years when Ezekiel was born in 622 BC.

Maybe growing up, Jeremiah's Words and Warnings resounded loudly in Ezekiel's heart and mind.

It's likely that Daniel and Ezekiel knew each other before the Captivity, though there's no evidence they saw each other in Babylon.¹

Remember, there were three separate sieges in which the Babylonians conquered Jerusalem and took captives.

In the first siege, Daniel the Prophet was taken.

It was in the second siege that Ezekiel was taken captive.

Daniel and Ezekiel prophesied in Babylon at the same time. However, Daniel was a statesman in the Royal Courts.

¹ Wiersbe, W. W. (2000). [Be reverent](#) (pp. 11–12). Chariot Victor/Cook Communications.

As we will see, Ezekiel was approximately 200 miles north near the River Chebar...

Ezekiel's ministry was to the captives from Judah, not the Royal Court.

There were many false prophets still working among God's people, even in captivity, who were giving the people a false hope of a quick deliverance, usually from Egypt.

Remember, Jeremiah had sent a letter to the captives in Babylon, explaining that they would be in captivity for seventy years and that they should settle down, raise families, and even pray for their captors.

This letter would have arrived around the time of Ezekiel's ministry.

But the people loved to hear the false prophets, and in ministry, it is difficult to change a person's mind when they are entrenched in a false belief or under false theology.

The only hope is to keep sowing the Good Seed of God's Holy Word, hoping those Seeds will take root in a person's heart and mind and deliver them.

Ezekiel was called to sow the Good Seed, a herald of truth in a day where truth was scarce.

Now, Ezekiel will be called to do some bizarre things to bring home the point of his messages.

He will see some of the strangest visions in God's Word.

He will go from vivid visions of heavenly places and things to practical insights.

He will be used to speak against various nations besides Judah.

And we can look back through history today and see many of his prophecies fulfilled already.

He will also see into the distant future, describe Israel's future restoration, and even describe events that were fulfilled in our modern time, specifically in 1948 and 1967...

His visions and prophecies are incredibly contemporary; some are even being fulfilled now.

This prophet's writings provide a lot of background and understanding for John's New Testament prophecy, Revelation.

So, before we get into our verses, we must understand that the Kingdom of Judah had suffered immensely at the hands of the Babylonians, and many wondered if God had abandoned His people.

The Temple had been robbed of its precious treasures. It was a dark time for the Jews...

But as we will see, no matter how dark it gets in this world, or even for us, God is still on the throne and is still accomplishing His will here on earth.

In all the complexities of Ezekiel's mysteries, we can see that God is still the Sovereign Lord of Israel and all the earth.

Look now, starting in verse 1...

Ezekiel's Vision of God

1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. 2 On the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity, 3 the word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was upon him there.

On our calendar, this would be in July.

Here, we see Ezekiel among those who were taken captive.

The Babylonians had a sizeable Jewish colony at Chebar, and Ezekiel was there.

The Word of the Lord came to Ezekiel in a vision, and the Lord's hand laid hold of him and claimed him for a unique ministry.

We will see that the phrase “The Word of the Lord came” is used fifty times in Ezekiel’s prophecy, which speaks to the authority of his message.

We will also see many mentions of the hand of the Lord being upon him.

The Word of the Lord brings enlightenment, whereas the hand of the Lord will give Ezekiel the power to minister.

Look now, as Ezekiel's prophetic vision unfolds...

Verse 4...

4 Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

Ezekiel sees a whirlwind engulfed in flames...

We see the destructive force of a whirlwind and fire mixed in LA.

Ezekiel sees this heavenly fireball descending from the North...

Now, this could be a mention of the Babylonians being used by God in judgment, coming from the North to destroy Jerusalem and the Temple.

But, there are times in Scripture where North is used for heaven.

We saw this when Isaiah spoke of Lucifer's fall from heaven...

Isa 14:13 For you have said in your heart:

'I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north;

Ezekiel's vision is that of a heavenly fireball with an explosive center.

Flames are shooting forth out of its core, licking up the cloud.

We can imagine here a fire raging and engulfing itself...

The Brightness is the color of amber... This Hebrew word describes a brilliant, burnished medal with a silver and gold compound.

The cloud looks like polished brass.

I took this picture when the fire was blazing last summer in the mountains behind us...

Picture #1

We see a cloud of Amber in color...

Here, Ezekiel is capturing a vision of God's throne.

As we can see, it is nothing like our earthly language can even describe it.

It is not a throne like a king's chair we would see ornately elevated in a castle somewhere.

No, as we will see, it is beyond human description, as it is part throne and part chariot.

Supported by angels with wings, God's throne will move about, traveling on the backs of heavenly creatures called Cherubim.

This thing moves not by horsepower but by angel power.

Remember the Mercy Seat on top of the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies in the Temple.

It was a replica of God's Throne in heaven...

Interestingly, one of the descriptions of that Holy Box refers to it as a Chariot in...

1 Chron. 28:18 and refined gold by weight for the altar of incense, and for the construction of the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim that spread their wings and overshadowed the ark of the covenant of the Lord.

Remember when Elijah, the prophet, was taken to heaven? He was taken up in a fiery chariot from within a whirlwind.

Deut. 33:26 "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,
Who rides the heavens to help you,
And in His excellency on the clouds.

We see in David's song in 2 Sam 22:11 He rode upon a cherub, and flew; And He was seen upon the wings of the wind.

God seemingly is always on the move, riding His heavenly throne chariot.

Ezekiel here is trying to make sense of this incredible sight...

He continues now in verse 5...

5 Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. 6 Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. 7 Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. 8 The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. 9 Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.

It may have seemed as if nothing could exist in this raging fireball, but suddenly, four living creatures appeared out of this raging whirlwind.

When we study the Book of Revelation, we see that John describes something similar in Revelation 4.

There are four living creatures before God's throne, just like Ezekiel's here.

We learn later on from Ezekiel they have a heavenly title... **Ezekiel 10:15 And the cherubim were lifted up. This was the living creature I saw by the River Chebar.**

The first mention of these high heavenly ranking creatures is in **Gen 3:24 So He drove out the man; He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.**

The Devil or Lucifer was also from this class of angelic beings...

We are told in **1 Sam 4:4 the Lord of hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.**

Many more Scriptures detail these living creatures, or cherubim, who are always associated with God's Throne.

They are His attendants.

We see that they have four faces and four wings...

Interestingly, their feet are described as having the soles of calves' feet, which, according to the Law, was a mark of a clean animal having a split hoof.

Maybe that is a mark of these creature's holiness.

They match the details of the golden cherubim over the Ark of the Covenant.

Since each cherub had four faces looking in each direction, they never had to turn or back up.

Any of you teaching your teen angels how to drive know that backing up is where many problems come from.

So, these angels could move in any direction, and they would be going forward.

These living creatures each had four faces, four wings, and human-like hands under their wings, and they had polished bronze hooves.

Ezekiel gives incredible insight here.

I asked the guys today to get an AI-generated picture of this, which they came up with...

AI Picture

Look now at verse 10...

10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.

This gets a little more puzzling as each cherub has the face of a man, lion, ox, and eagle.

Some believe, and I think this is the camp I belong to, but some believe that all four faces represent an attribute of God, more specifically, the four faces of Jesus.

Man represents the intelligence of God, being the most intelligent creature on earth.

The lion is the king of the beasts, speaking to God's majesty.

The ox is a servant, picturing God's faithfulness, whereas the eagle soars through the heavens, speaking to God's sovereignty.

Chuck Smith even sees this in the four Gospel depictions of Jesus; he states: "In Matthew, Jesus is likened unto a lion. He, by Matthew, is described as, "the Lion of the tribe of Judah." Mark pictures Jesus as the servant, or the ox, a beast of burden used for plowing. Luke brings out the human side of Jesus and, thus, the face of a man. John brings out the divine power and majesty of Jesus, and thus the face of the eagle."²

Pastor Sandy Adams points out... in the wilderness, God's glory dwelt in the Tabernacle, but was surrounded by twelve tribes... Four tribes were camped on the east side of the Tabernacle under the

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banner of Judah, the lion. Westward were the four tribes camped under the banner of Ephraim, the ox. To the south were tribes associated with Rueben, the man. And on the north were the tribes under the banner of Dan, the eagle. So again, you have God surrounded by a lion, an ox, a man, and an eagle.³

Next, Ezekiel notes their motion...

11 Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two wings of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And each one went straight forward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.

³ <https://www.sandyadams.org/sermon/ezekiel-1/>

Again, their movement is always straight because they can see any way they move.

They have wings to move swiftly, and we see them go wherever the Holy Spirit wants them to.

It seems we, as believers, are equipped with the same mechanics.

We are instructed to walk in the Spirit, to be filled with the Spirit, and even to be led by the Spirit; we are taught in **Eph. 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**

We are people driven by the Holy Spirit.

Our problem is not our inner mechanics but our wheels.

We don't have All-Cherub Drive, with four wheels moving in sync with the Spirit.

Our legs are a little more clumsy in our obedience.

Our hearts are often willing, but our feet are not wheeling us to where we need to go.

We see in verse thirteen that these creatures move about like lightning with the appearance of hot coals.

I am not sure my imagination can recreate what Ezekiel is saying here.

Verse 15 now...

15 Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

To help our imaginations out, it is crucial to understand a few terms here.

The Hebrew color “beryl” is a pale green and sometimes appears emerald green.

The word “workings” can also be translated as “operations.”

The wheels move like a wheel within a wheel, maybe something like a gyroscope.

This means that God's throne-chariot could move in any direction...

It could stop completely, make vertical descents and climbs, and even have instant acceleration.

Look at verse 17 now...

17 When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went. 18 As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them. 19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20 Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, because there the spirit went; and the wheels were lifted together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

Again, we get lost in the description because Ezekiel is describing something outside our world, and there is nothing in our world to compare it to.

In his Revelation, we see that John reaches for things like what he sees, but nothing does justice to the accurate picture.

Overall, the imagery here speaks of God's omniscience, as He sees and knows all.

Sometimes, we are tempted to think that God cannot see what we are doing in the secret, but nothing is hidden from His sight.

Before we move on to Ezekiel's vision, I will briefly mention that some people try to attribute some of these things to UFOs or extraterrestrial appearances.

Some believe that Ezekiel saw a UFO here and had an encounter with aliens.

They also say that the wise men saw a UFO, that Elijah was taken up in a UFO, and that Jesus ascended in a UFO...

They even say the light that blinded the Apostle Paul on the Damascus Road was a UFO.

So, of course, Ezekiel sees these flaming fireballs as UFOs in their minds.

The spinning wheels are just flying saucers.

Today, of course, with all the Drone business over our country and the unexplained objects in the skies, there are more and more people who believe UFOs are a real thing.

Our military has videos they cannot explain; our government openly discusses them.

So, are UFOs real? Well, there are legitimate phenomena that cannot be explained...

Maybe there is a demonic connection, as we know that Satan is **Eph. 2:2, the prince of the power of the air.**

I think many of the things being reported have not been adequately identified.

But here in Ezekiel, we don't have an unidentified flying object because we know what it is...

It is God's throne propelled by angels.

Ezekiel has no doubts about what he sees here; they are cherubim.

One commentator suggests... The reason people like to suggest that Ezekiel saw a UFO is because his description resembles the sightings of what people have seen today. But could the reverse be true? I believe what some people are reporting as UFOs and assume are alien spacecraft is actually what Ezekiel saw... cherubim or angels! I believe the UFO sightings that we find today are physical manifestations of fallen angels.⁴

Maybe he is right; maybe Satan is a part of all of this and involved in deceiving the world.

We know that in the last days, Satan's puppet, the Antichrist, will use Satanic power to deceive like this...

2 Thess. 2:9-11 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous

⁴ <https://www.sandyadams.org/media/pdf/2474.pdf>

deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

I think an excellent way for the world to explain the rapture away is by alien abduction.

We see movies preparing human imaginations for it, and even today, we see reports of these things in the news.

Allen Hynek was an astronomer at Northwestern and an Air Force investigator on Project Blue Book. In the 1970s he believed UFOs were manned by aliens from other planets. But by 1982, Mr. Hynek had changed his mind. A biographer writes, “Hynek submitted that perhaps UFOs were part of a parallel reality, slipping in and out of sequence with our own. This was a hypothesis that obviously pained him as an empirical scientist. Yet, after 30 years of interviewing witnesses and investigating sighting reports, radar contacts, and physical traces of saucer landings, no other hypothesis

seemed to make sense to him.” Hynek thought UFOs were more inter-dimensional than inter-planetary. Rather than from outer space, they were indigenous to Earth. He equated them with “poltergeist” since they behaved like ghosts or demons.⁵

Perhaps all the UFO messaging will lead to the rise of the Antichrist, as he uses it as a way to unite the whole world under his leadership.

Think about Armageddon, where he leads all the world’s armies in a war against this other-worldly King of kings coming from the heavens.

In the end, maybe the world will fall under this Satanic ruse...

Well, that is enough of that rabbit trail. I could keep going, but we will get back to our study here in Ezekiel.

Look now, verse 22...

22 The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the living creatures was like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads. 23 And under

⁵ <https://www.sandyadams.org/sermon/ezekiel-1/>

the firmament their wings spread out straight, one toward another. Each one had two which covered one side, and each one had two which covered the other side of the body. 24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army; and when they stood still, they let down their wings.

Ezekiel is hit with the awesomeness of the power of their wings, with a roaring noise like that of a waterfall, perhaps the voice of God, or even a vast host of people.

In Revelation, John describes the voice of the Glorified Jesus like this...

Rev 1:15 His voice as the sound of many waters

But there are also scenes of millions upon millions of worshippers in glory, perhaps describing the tumult like an army.

When these Cherubim stop, their wings take on a resting position.

Verse 25 now...

25 A voice came from above the firmament that was over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings.

26 And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. 27 Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. 28 Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

Ezekiel Sent to Rebellious Israel

So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

In his vision here, Ezekiel is getting a glimpse into the spiritual realm.

Now, the spiritual realm is very real, but in this life, we are more keenly aware of the physical realm, the material realm... where we can see, hear, touch, and smell.

But there is another dimension, a spiritual realm that is very real.

The Bible tells us **John 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."**

Before we come to Jesus and are Born Again, our spiritual senses are dead.

But when we are Born Again, our Spirit is Reborn, and this is where our fellowship with God primarily exists.

Jesus said, **John 3:3 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."**

The Apostle Paul taught... **1 Cor. 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God,**

for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The spiritual realm is the eternal realm...

This life is passing, and it sure does go by quickly...

But this life is not our actual reality... for Christians, we must walk in the Spirit... and see things as the Word of God speaks...

Ezekiel is being brought into a vision, seeing the appearance of the Lord's glory and hearing His voice.

He is walking in that timeless realm, able to see and hear God vividly.

He fell on his face, and a voice from the throne would now speak. Look at Chapter 2...

Ezekiel Called to Be a Prophet

2:1 And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you."

The effect of the sights and sounds cause Ezekiel to fall to his face... and this often effect of spiritual realities...

We see this throughout the scriptures: when a person encounters a heavenly scene or the spiritual realm, they hit the floor.

Maybe you have experienced this: You are in God's Word, in prayer, and God speaks so profoundly to your life that it is almost audible.

I know there have been moments when God has shown up so dramatically that I could only fall face down and worship.

But Ezekiel here is commissioned to stand up by God, to hear what God has to say...

Verse 2 now...

2 Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. 3 And He said to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day.

Here, Ezekiel was commissioned to his ministry.

He is to go to the rebellious children of Israel, those in captivity in Babylon, and speak for God.

Understand that Jeremiah is still speaking back in Judah at this point.

And his ministry is in tangent with Jeremiah and Daniel...

Remember, Jeremiah's message was that the Jews would be better off if they just surrendered to the Babylonians rather than fight against them.

It seems that Ezekiel was one of those who listened to Jeremiah and went back with the Babylonians.

The more rebellious Jews stayed back, and they would suffer through a terrible siege and the destruction of the Holy City.

They are genuinely rebellious and have transgressed the Lord, even when Ezekiel was commissioned.

Verse 4...

4 For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus

says the Lord God.' 5 As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse — for they are a rebellious house — yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

And Ezekiel gets the reality of his ministry...

“Ezekiel, you go and speak My Word to them, and don’t worry if they will hear you.”

He is just responsible for sowing the Seed of God’s Word.

But Ezekiel is reassured that the people will know he is God's prophet after he speaks.

It is important to note that numbers do not gauge Ezekiel’s ministry, converts, or church size but by obedience.

He was expected to obey God no matter the results.

Do you understand that about your ministry?

You will only be judged by the fact that you were faithful in what God called you to do...

It will not matter if you had the most incredible, significant, and excellent ministry; what matters is that you were obedient to all God called you to.

Ezekiel is sent to warn those rebellious Jews to stop their rebellion.

The most remarkable thing to me here is that God still wants to speak to them after their disobedience has led them to dire consequences.

But the Bible describes our God as being **Ex 34:6-7 merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.**

And although they are rebellious, God is still looking to heal them.

So, Ezekiel is told now in verse 6...

6 "And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 7 You shall speak

My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious. 8 But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

And when God calls a person into the ministry, He gives no grand or false illusions...

It won't be easy...

Some people look to the ministry as being glamorous and fabulous.

But God's servants throughout His Word were told the actual reality of their calling... It will cost...

Paul was told **Acts 9:15-16** "he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

And Ezekiel is given the reality of his calling... it will be tough...

Then in verse 9...

9 Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. 10 Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe.

So here is the scroll that speaks of lamentations and mourning.

Probably the heart of God mourning over the rebellious children that He loved so much.

God's Law and His Word were given for our protection and preservation.

The Word of God is perfect, and we are to meditate on it day and night and allow it to be a light unto our path. It is our guide through life...

But when we rebel against it, there will be consequences.

Gal 6:7-10 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap

everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

So, if you are rebelling against God tonight, repent because you are inviting disaster into your life.

Obedient living involves struggle, so the saying goes, “Don’t grow weary while doing good.”

It is worth it, Church. Stay on that path of obedience. Don’t grow weary, for we will reap if we do not lose heart.

Let’s pray...