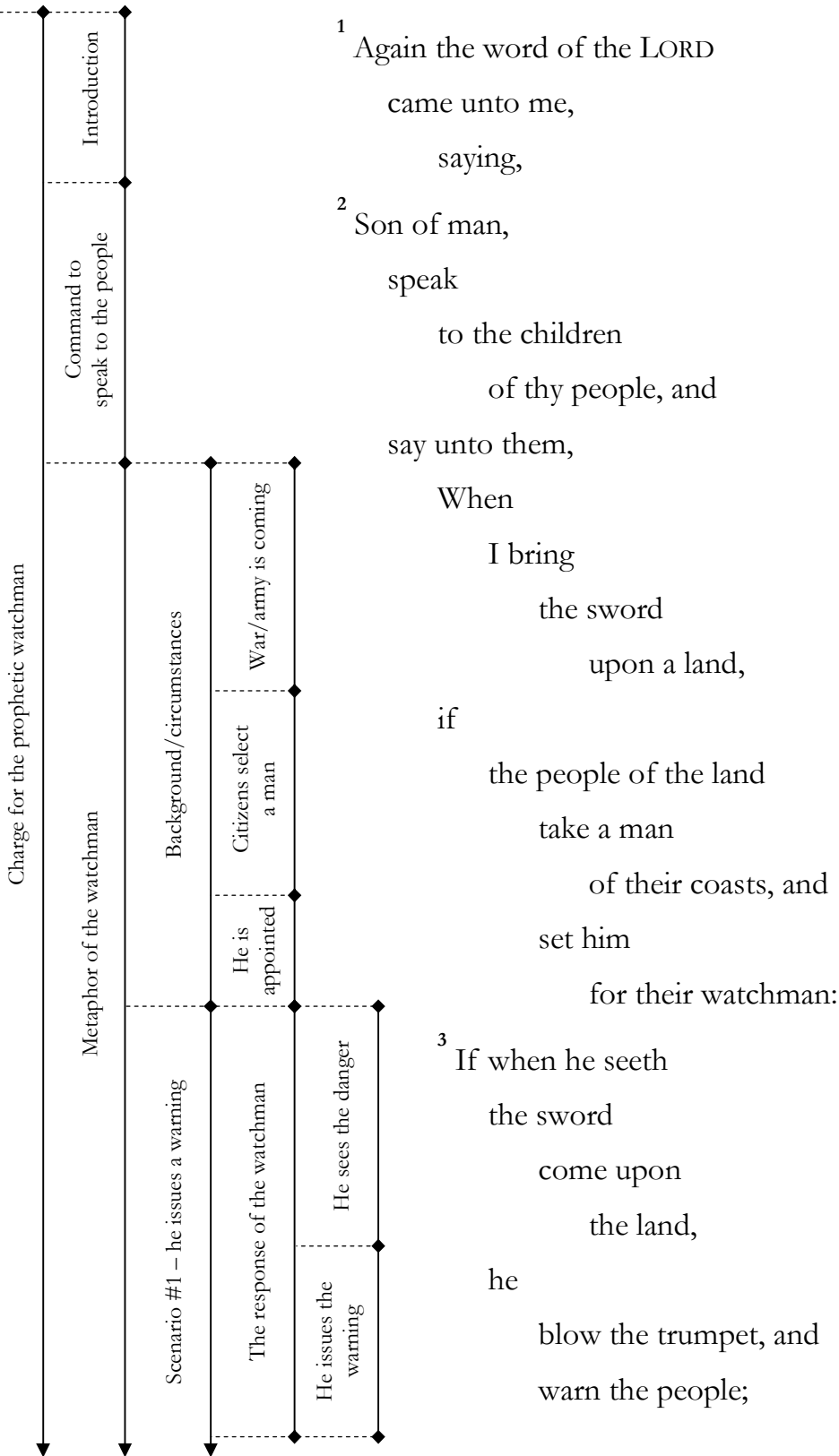


Ezekiel 33:1-20

*Final Summons – a **life** or **death** choice*



Charge for the prophetic watchman (continued)

Metaphor of the watchman (continued)

Scenario #1 – he issues a warning (concluded)

Case B – warning
is heeded

He
lives

Recap/Summary

Case A – the warning is not heeded

Consequence:
responsible for
his own death

... he will be taken
by the sword

If a person does not heed ...

⁴ Then
whosoever
heareth
the sound
of the trumpet, and
taketh not
warning;
if
the sword
come, and
take him away,
[then] his **blood**
shall be
upon his own head.

⁵ He
heard
the sound
of the trumpet, and
took not
warning;
his **blood**
shall be
upon him.

But he
that taketh warning
shall **deliver his soul.**

Charge for the prophetic watchman (continued)

Application to Ezekiel

Metaphor of the watchman (concluded)

Commission as
a watchman

Intro

Scenario #2 – he does not issue a warning

The watchman is
responsible for it.

... there are consequences.

That person dies
in his guilt

If anyone is taken by
the sword . . .

The response of the watchman

He does not warn

He sees the danger

7

So thou,

O son of man,

I

have set thee

a watchman

unto the house of Israel;

6
But if

the watchman

see

the sword come, and

blow not

the trumpet, and

the people

be not warned;

if

the sword

come, and

take any

person

from among them,

[*then*] he

is **taken away**

in his iniquity;

but

his **blood**

will I require

at the watchman's hand.

Charge for the prophetic watchman (continued)

Application to Ezekiel (continued)

Scenario #2 – Ezekiel does issue the warning to them		Duties as watchman
If Ezekiel does give them the message of warning then there will be consequences.	Deliver the warning
Ezekiel is responsible for his death	If Ezekiel fails to warn them . . .	Hear His word
Wicked man dies in guilt	The Lord gives Ezekiel a message of warning to deliver	

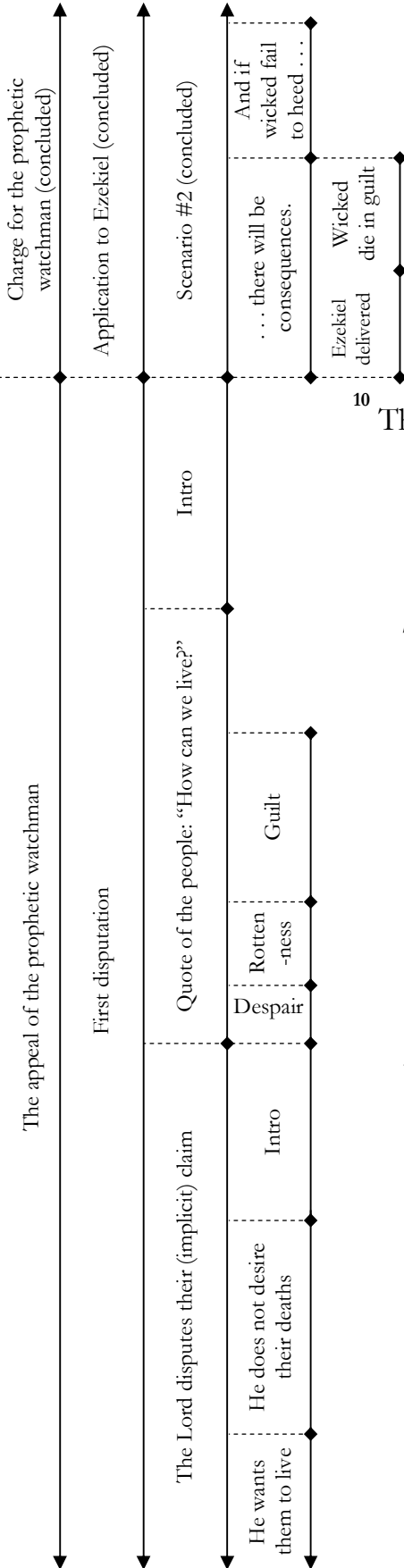
therefore

thou shalt
hear the word
at my mouth, and
warn them
from me.

⁸ When I
say
unto the wicked,
“O wicked *man*,
thou
shalt surely **die**”;

if thou
dost not speak
to warn the wicked
from his way,
[then] that wicked *man*
shall **die**
in his iniquity; but
his **blood**
will I require
at thine hand.

⁹ Nevertheless,
if thou
warn the wicked
of his way
to turn from it;



if he
do not turn
from his way,
[then] he shall **die**
in his iniquity; but
thou hast **delivered**
thy soul.

¹⁰ Therefore,
O thou son of man,
speak
unto the house of Israel;
Thus ye speak,
saying,
"If
our transgressions and
our sins
be upon us, and
we pine away in them,
how should we then **live**?"

¹¹ Say unto them,
As I live,
saith the Lord GOD,
I have
no pleasure
in the **death**
of the wicked;
but that
the wicked

The appeal of the prophetic watchman (continued)

First disputation (continued)

The Lord's counterargument

The Lord disputes their claim (concluded)

Case of the righteous developed

Two cases introduced

Why die?

Live (concl)

Past wickedness will not cause them to fall

Past righteousness will not save

¹²

Therefore, thou son of man,
say

unto the children
of thy people,

The righteousness
of the righteous
shall not **deliver** him
in the day
of his transgression:

as for the wickedness
of the wicked,
he shall not fall thereby
in the day
that he turneth
from his wickedness;

neither shall the righteous
be able to **live**
for his *righteousness*
in the day
that he sinneth.

turn from his way and
live:
turn ye,
turn ye
from your evil ways;
for why will ye **die**,
O house of Israel?

The appeal of the prophetic watchman (continued)

First disputation (continued)

The Lord's counterargument (continued)

Case of the wicked developed

Case of the righteous developed (concluded)

Turning (repentance)

Initial divine pronouncement: Death

Final pronouncement: Death

Irrelevance of past behavior

Turning (apostasy)

Initial divine pronouncement: Life

Specifics

In general

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When

I shall say
to the righteous,
that he shall surely **live**;

if
he trust
to his own righteousness, and
commit
iniquity,

[then] all his righteousnesses
shall not be remembered;

but
for his iniquity
that he hath committed,
he shall **die** for it.

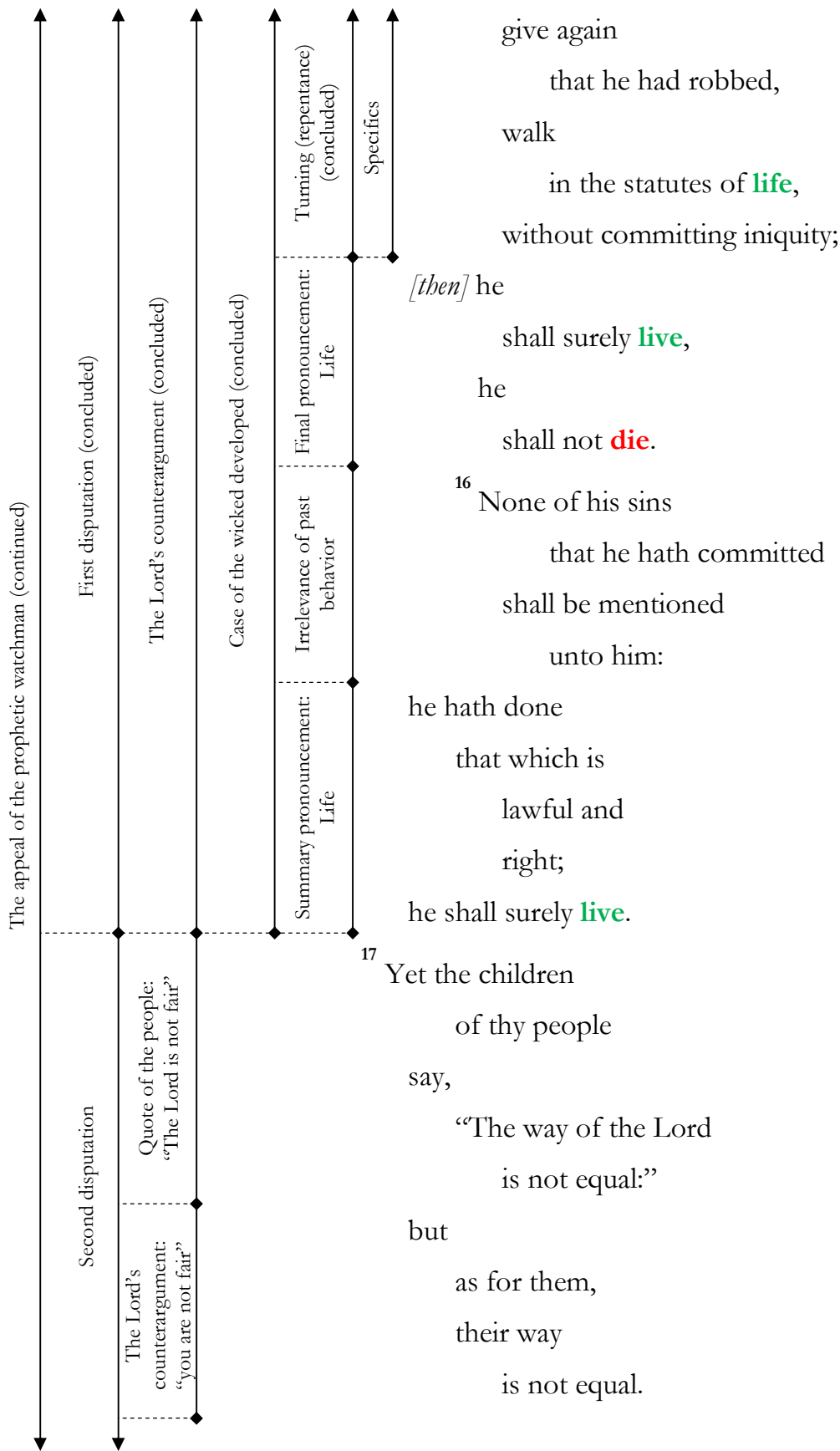
Again, when

I say
unto the wicked,
"Thou shalt surely **die**";

if he
turn
from his sin, and
do that which is
lawful and
right;

15 *If* the wicked

restore
the pledge,



The appeal of the prophetic watchman (concluded)

Second disputation (concluded)

The Lord disputes their claim (concluded)

Restatement

Their argument refuted
The people quoted again

The wicked repent and live

The righteous sin and die

¹⁸ When the righteous
turneth
from his righteousness, and
committeth iniquity,
[then] he shall even **die** thereby.

¹⁹ But if
the wicked
turn
from his wickedness, and
do
that which is lawful and right,
[then] he shall **live** thereby.

²⁰ Yet ye say,
“The way of the Lord
is not equal.”
O ye house of Israel,
I will judge you
every one
after his ways.