

Ezekiel 3 The Watchman

Wednesday 5/17/23

I. His Preparation v 1-3

- v 1 *eat this roll ~ scroll* : OT writings
doct: God's *word* is our food **Deu 8:3** Job 23:12 Jer 15:16
- v 3 *as honey for sweetness* Exo 16:31, Ps 19:10 & 119:103, Pr 24:13-14
spir: God's servants love His word

II. His People v 4-7

- v 4 *the house of Israel* = his church + all Christendom
Ezekiel's role as a watchman is like a pastor of a church and an evangelist.

III. His Promise v 8-9

God's strength

IV. His Proclamation v 10-13

God's word empowered with God's Spirit

V. His Place v 14-16

- v 15 *the captivity* (21x in 18v) doct: the tribulation **Deu 28:41 & 30:3**
(1) *of Tel - abib* ('sprouting', 'budding') note: Abib - 1st month of sacred year (Passover)
spir: **Who** they are = **Babies** wear 'a-bib' **1 Cor 3:1-2** **Hebrews 6:1**
(2) *by the river of Chebar* note: ~ *Cherub*
spir: **How** they become *captive* - They drink from the Devils river.

VI. His Purpose v 17-21

In this section God describes his ministry : *I have made thee a watchman.*

The watchman can be the difference between life and death. The watchman who fails to warn his people will be held accountable and punished. The watchman who faithfully warns will be rewarded by his Lord. Watchman have a strong responsibility to be faithful in their service to God.
1 Cor 4:1-2

VII. His Practice v 22-27

- v 22 *plain* - hear God's words Ps 27:11, Pr 8:8-9,
v 24 *shut thyself within thy house* - read & study God's words 1 Tim 4:11, 2 Tim 2:15
v 25-26 ~ there are times to move on Matthew 10:14