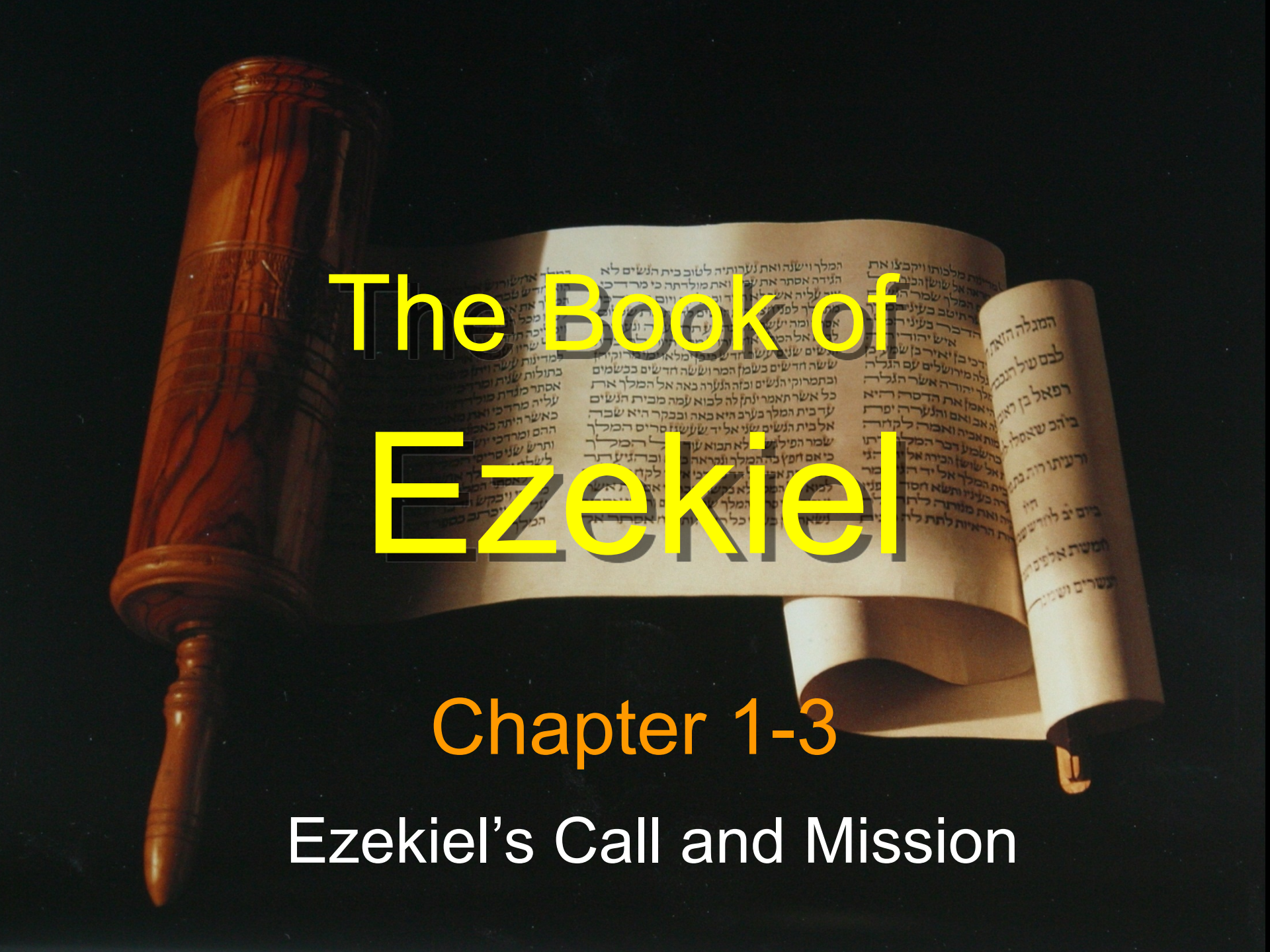
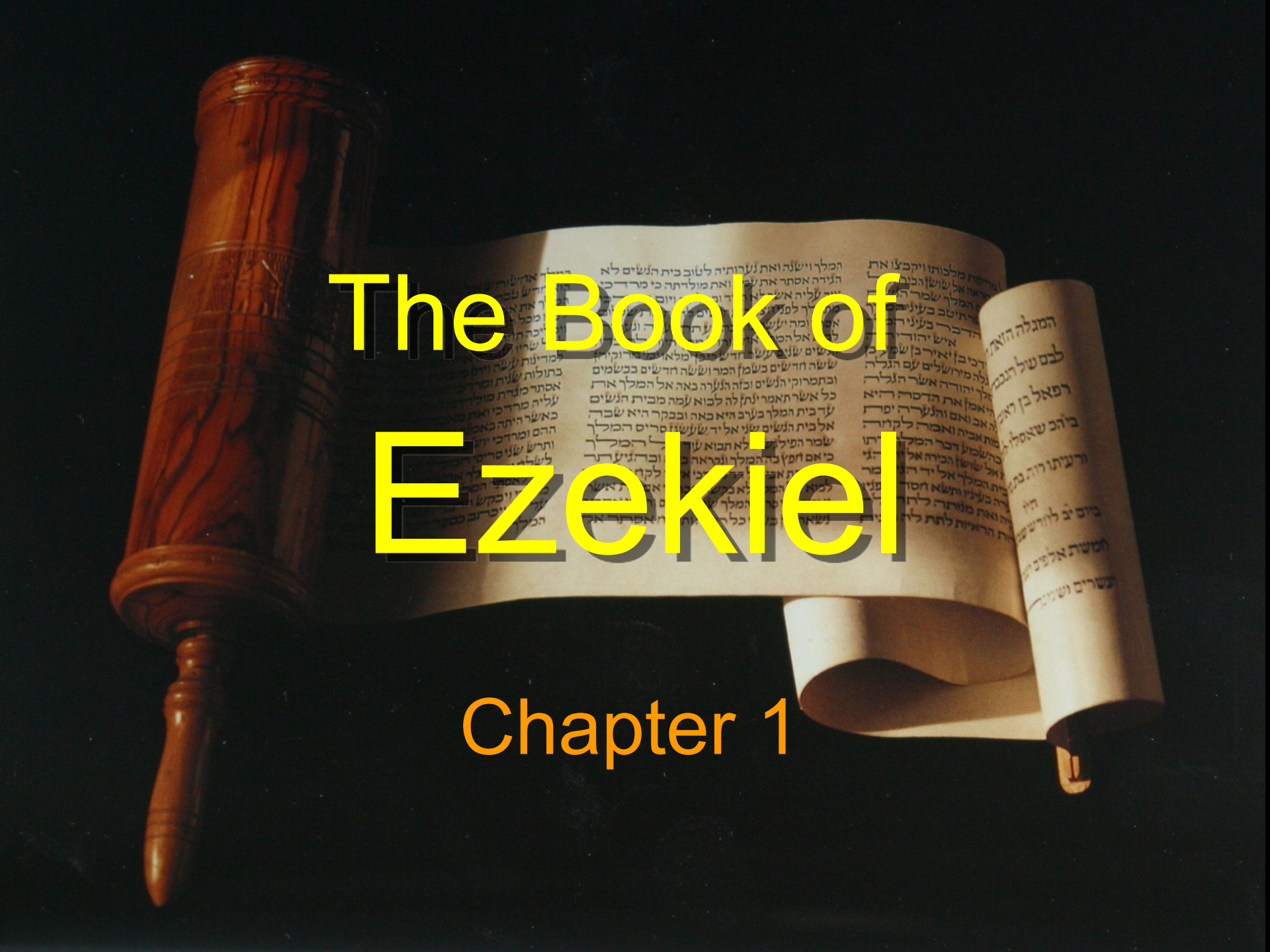


The Book of Ezekiel

Chapter 1-3

Ezekiel's Call and Mission


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Chapter 1

The Final Kings of Judah

Josiah

Died in battle against Pharaoh Necho

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Taken to Egypt by Pharaoh Necho

Jehoiakim

2 Chron 36:4 Appointed by Pharaoh Necho

2 Chron 36:5 Reigned 11 years

Daniel 1:1 Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem in 3rd year

Daniel & Friends Taken to Babylon

2 Kings 24:1 Served for 3 years

2 Kings 24:1 Rebelled for 5 years

Ezekiel Taken to Babylon

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The Final Kings of Judah

Josiah

Died in battle against Pharaoh Necho

Jehoahaz

Taken to Egypt by Pharaoh Necho

Jehoiakim

Died aged 36

Jehoiachin

Reigned 3 months

Taken to Babylon

Zedekiah

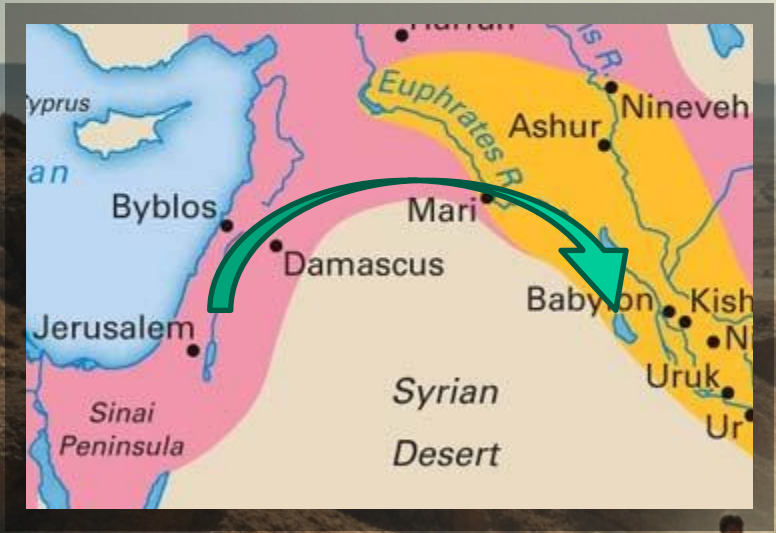
Appointed by Nebuchadnezzar

Reigned 11 years

Finally taken captive in final siege

587 B.C.

Jerusalem > Babylon



c. 900 miles
Approx. 3-4 months journey

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

Ezekiel 1:1-3

Ezekiel The Priest

- Ezekiel & his fellow Jews settled next to the Chebar River
  - The Chebar was a canal off the Euphrates
- The book begins 5 years into his time in Babylon – as he turns thirty.
  - This would have been the age he normally would have begun his priestly service in the temple in Jerusalem (cf. Numbers 4:2-3).
- There was no chance of returning to Jerusalem now.
- Instead, God calls him to be a prophet to take his message to his people in Babylon

4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the
north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a
brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as
the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.
5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four
living creatures. And this was their appearance; they
had the likeness of a man.
6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four
wings.

Ezekiel 1:4-6

Ezekiel's Vision

- As first it appeared to Ezekiel to be a hollow square, with a living creature standing upright at each corner.
- He would discover the object was a fiery chariot
- These living creatures were Cherubim (see 10:20).
- Each had a human body & four faces, with outstretched wings that met to form the sides
- Other wings formed their clothing.

7 And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their
feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled
like the colour of burnished brass.
8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings
on their four sides; and they four had their faces and
their wings.
9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned
not when they went; they went every one straight
forward.

Ezekiel 1:7-9

10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.
11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.
12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went

Ezekiel 1:10-12

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their
appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the
appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the
living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the
fire went forth lightning.
14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the
appearance of a flash of lightning.

Ezekiel 1:13-14

Ezekiel's Vision

- The whole thing seemed to be alive and could move in any direction (5-12).
- Lightning flashed from something that looked like burning coals or a blazing torch that was contained in the middle of the square (13-14).

15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

Ezekiel 1:15

- At each corner of the square was a wheel, which actually looked more like two wheels, one at right angles to the other.
- By now he could see clearly that the fiery object was a chariot, and the wheels enabled the chariot to move freely in any direction.
- Even the wheels were alive, for they shared the life of the living creatures (15-21).

16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was
like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one
likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it
were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.
17 When they went, they went upon their four sides:
and they turned not when they went.
18 As for their rings, they were so high that they were
dreadful; and their rings were full of eyes round about
them four.

Ezekiel 1:16-18

19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels
went by them: and when the living creatures were
lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.
20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went,
thither was their spirit to go; and the wheels were lifted
up over against them: for the spirit of the living
creature was in the wheels.
21 When those went, these went; and when those stood,
these stood; and when those were lifted up from the
earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for
the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

Ezekiel 1:19-21

Ezekiel's Vision

- When the chariot moved, the sound of the movement of the creatures' outstretched wings was like a waterfall or thunder.
- When the chariot stopped, the creatures lowered their wings.
- Above the heads of the creatures was a shining platform that supported the throne of God (22-25)

22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of
the living creature was as the colour of the terrible
crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.
23 And under the firmament were their wings straight,
the one toward the other: every one had two, which
covered on this side, and every one had two, which
covered on that side, their bodies.
24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their
wings, like the noise of great waters, as the voice of the
Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise of an host:
when they stood, they let down their wings

Ezekiel 1:22-24

25 And there was a voice from the firmament that was
over their heads, when they stood, and had let down
their wings.
26 And above the firmament that was over their heads
was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a
sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was
the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

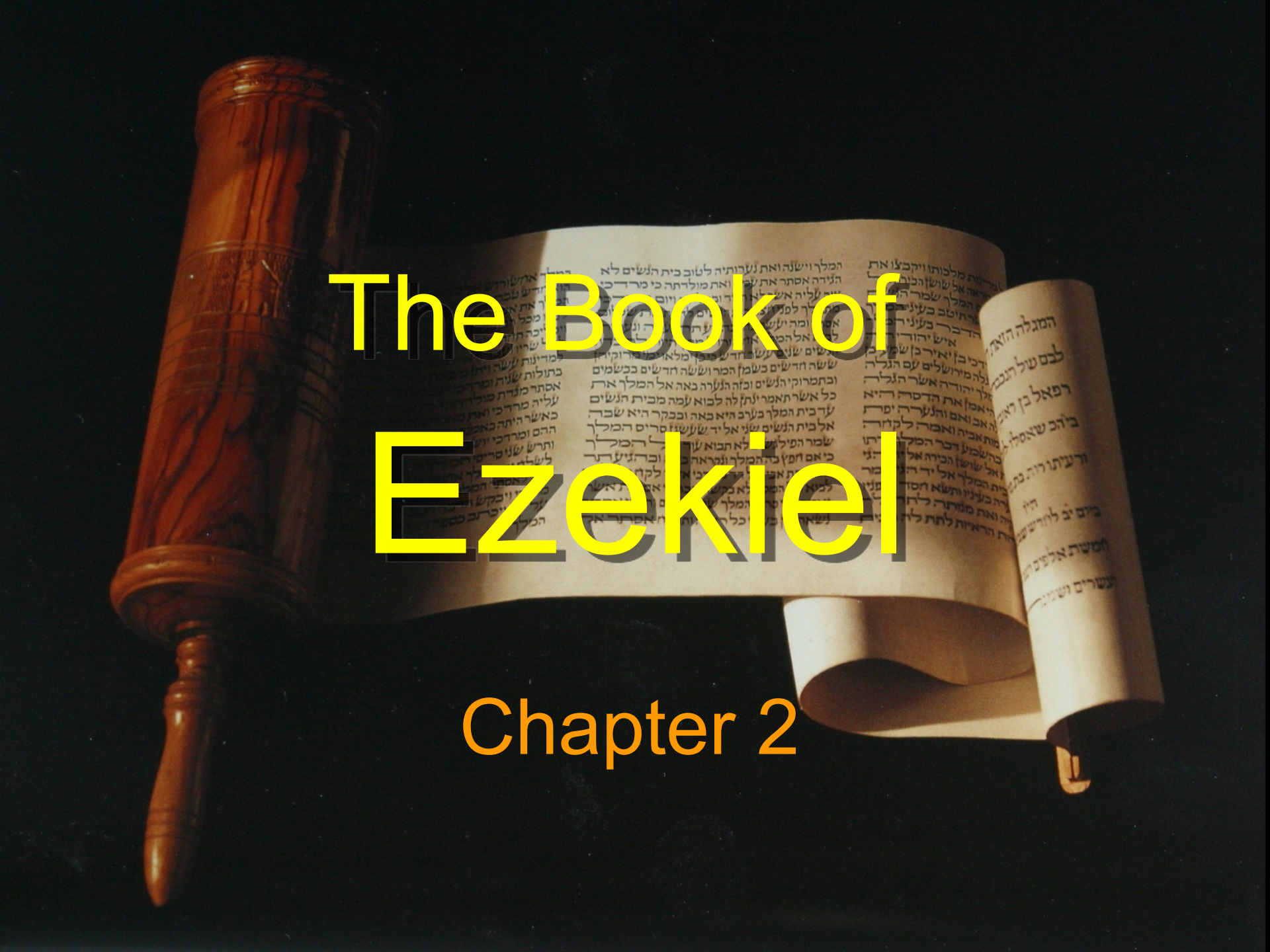
Ezekiel 1:25-26

- Seated above the throne and surrounded by a rainbow was a fiery figure, human in outline but so dazzling that Ezekiel could not describe it.


Ezekiel Chapters
1,10 & 11:22-25
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27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance
of fire round about within it, from the appearance of
his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his
loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance
of fire, and it had brightness round about.
28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in
the day of rain, so was the appearance of the
brightness round about. This was the appearance of the
likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I
fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that
spake.

Ezekiel 1:27-28


The Book of
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Chapter 2

1 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.

2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

Ezekiel 2:1-2

- Without His grace we cannot stand!

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.

Ezekiel 2:3

- The call is unmistakable
- The historical facts were not in dispute
- This is the Gospel!
- The Son of Man was sent to a rebellious people
- All we knew was how to transgress
- Yet He came anyway!

4 For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do
send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them,
Thus saith the Lord God.
5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they
will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall
know that there hath been a prophet among them.

Ezekiel 2:4-5

- We have all sinned and fallen short of His glory!
- God has spoken, His voice has been heard
- There is no excuse for mankind

6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 2:6

- The call to Ezekiel for the Jews is the same as the call to the Church for the Gentiles!
- We are not to fear man!

Do Not Fear Man!

27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in
light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye
upon the housetops.

28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are
not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him
which is able to destroy both soul and body in
hell.

Matthew 10:27-28

Do Not Fear Man!

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

1 John 4:4

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.

Ezekiel 2:7

Preach The Word

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine

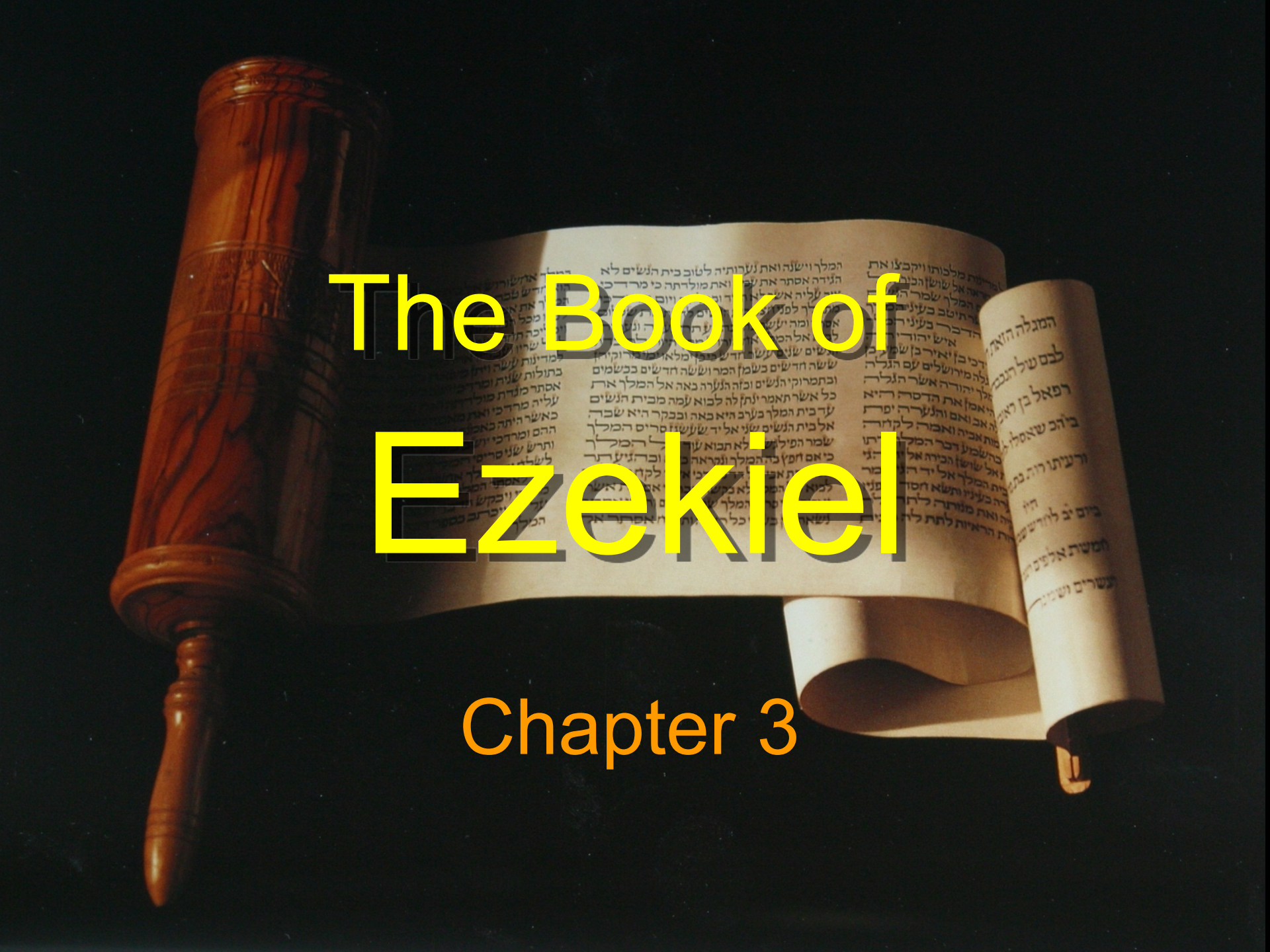
2 Timothy 4:2

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

9 And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

Ezekiel 2:8-9

- We are called to be obedient, and to speak His words (not ours!)


The Book of
Ezekiel
Chapter 3

1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel.

2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

Ezekiel 3:1-3

Our Daily Bread

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4

Our Daily Bread

11 My foot hath held his steps, his way have I kept, and not declined.
12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips;
I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

Job 23:11-12

4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.
5 For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel;
6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.

Ezekiel 3:4-6

- The irony that those close to us don't hear!
  - Consider Jonah preaching to Nineveh!

7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.

Ezekiel 3:7

- Then why preach at all?
- Because God is just!
  - God has removed all excuses, no one can blame Him!
- On judgment day no one will complain that they ‘didn’t know’ or were not told.
- Pharaoh was warned, he chose not to hear.

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.
9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.
ears.

Ezekiel 3:8-9

He Guides & Provides

[11] For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

Isaiah 50:7

He Guides & Provides

11 Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9

10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words
that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and
hear with thine ears.

Ezekiel 3:10

- The heart & mind make up the complete ‘you’
- The heart is the emotional part of us / passion
- The mind is the intellectual part / reason

11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the
children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell
them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear,
or whether they will forbear.
12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a
voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of
the Lord from his place.
13 I heard also the noise of the wings of the living
creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the
wheels over against them, and a noise of a great
rushing.

Ezekiel 3:11-13

14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I
went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the
hand of the Lord was strong upon me.
15 Then I came to them of the captivity at Telabib, that
dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat,
and remained there astonished among them seven
days.

Ezekiel 3:14-15

- It's hard to comprehend the enormity of this call!
  - Combined with the vision Ezekiel had seen
  - Who could he talk to about this?

16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the
word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the
house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth,
and give them warning from me.
18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die;
and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn
the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the
same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood
will I require at thine hand.

Ezekiel 3:16-18

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.
20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Ezekiel 3:19-20

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

Ezekiel 3:21

22 And the hand of the Lord was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face.

Ezekiel 3:22-23

24 Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thine house.
25 But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:
26 And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they are a rebellious house

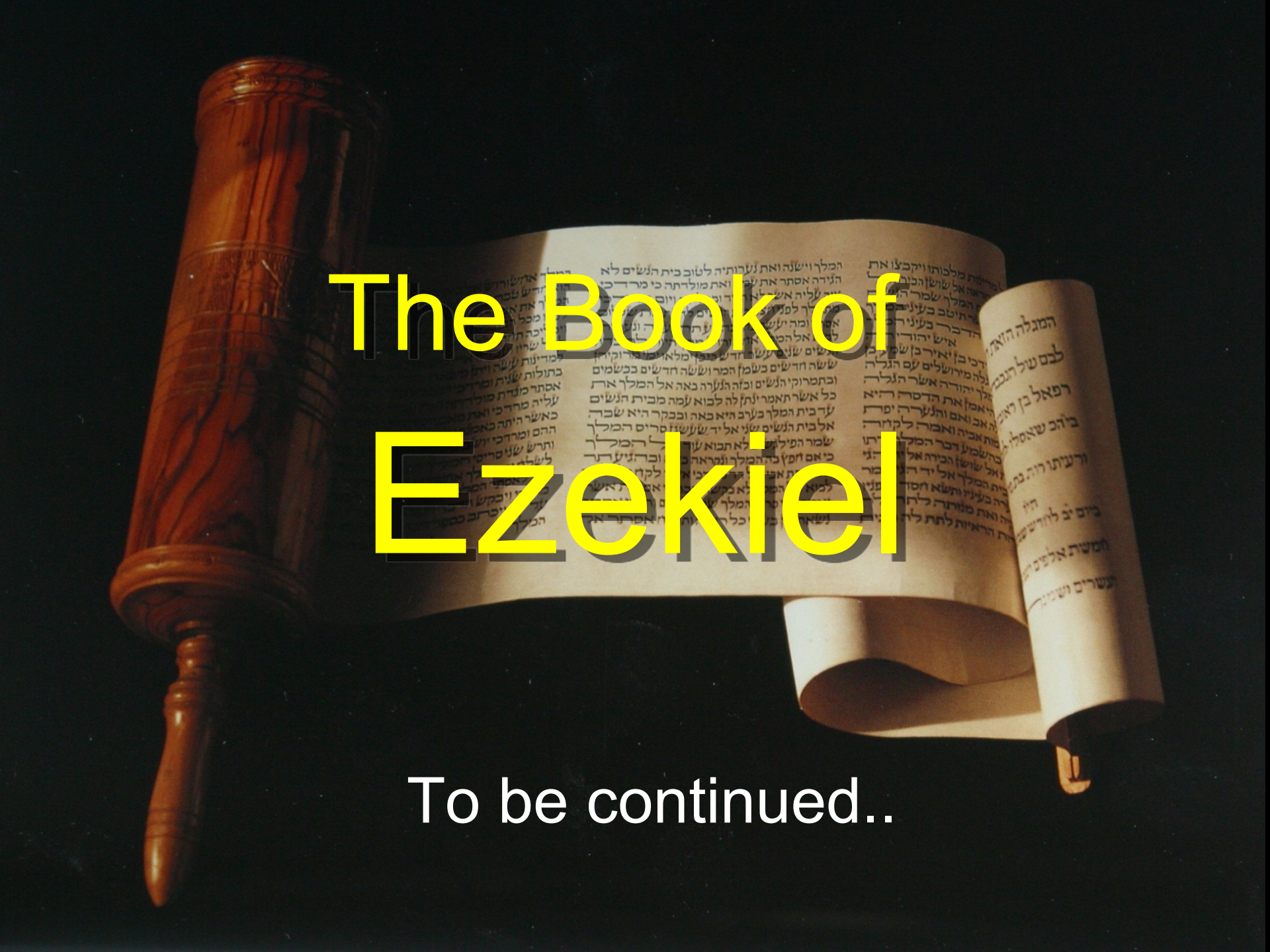
Ezekiel 3:24-26

- *"A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak"* Eccl 3:7

27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 3:27

- *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear"* Matt 13/Rev 2-3



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