The Book of Ezekiel "Ezekiel's Call- Part 2" Week 4: February 23, 2020 Ezekiel 2:7-3:3 Answers

Continuing from Last Week's Lesson:

- Vss. 2:7-3:3, "...Behold, and hand was sent unto me." Whose Hand? (Ezek. 3:2, "So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat the roll").
 - o Would you want this job? Sounds pretty dangerous... like today!
 - Scrolls "Written on both the inside and the outside."
 - There are only **Two** scrolls described this way in Scripture.
 - One is given to Ezekiel to "Eat" (3:1).
 - The other is the Seven <u>Sacred</u> Scrolls which all bring <u>Judgment</u> (Rev. 5).
 - o "Lamentations, mourning, and woe..." This accurately summarizes the contents of Ezek. 4-32.
 - It does not, however, reflect the latter part of this book; in which the prophet spoke of Israel's restoration. This could explain why Ezekiel was recommissioned in **Chapter 33**.
- Ezekiel 3 The Preparation of the Prophet
 - o <u>Jeremiah</u> was a different type of individual from Ezekiel. Jeremiah was the prophet of the <u>Broken Hearted</u>, tears often streaming from his eyes.
 - At that crucial moment in history, God needed Jeremiah to let His people know that it was breaking His heart to send them into captivity.
 - Furthermore at this time: The temple had not yet been burned, nor the city of Jerusalem destroyed. (It would not be until 7 years after this delegation of captives arrived in Babylon that the destruction would occur).
 - Therefore, the false prophets were telling the people that they were God's people and they would go back home.
 - o Receive the Word Within (2:8-3:3)
 - Being a priest, Ezekiel knew that the Hebrew Scripture pictured God's Word as food to be received within the <u>Heart</u> and <u>Digested</u> inwardly.
 - Job valued God's Word more than his Necessary food.