

# *“Prophetic Patterns”*

Ezekiel & Daniel...

## **INTRO: Elementary School “Fire Drill” Illustration...**

Ezekiel 2 & 3...

**2:1** = *“And he said to me, ‘Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.’* **2:2** = *“And as he spoke to me **(A)**, the Spirit entered into me **(B)** and set me on my feet **(C)**, and I heard him speaking to me **(D)**.”*

**Key:** Ez (and YOU) are Spirit...

- A).** Elected,
- B).** Entered,
- C).** Empowered,
- D).** Equipped

**2:4** = *“The descendants also are obstinate and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’*

Key: - **Like father like son....** witness/ripple affect matters  
- Obstinate & Stubborn = **pattern** vs. *oops...* = LOST!

**2:5** = *“and **whether they hear or refuse to hear** (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”*

**2:6** = *“and you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.*

**2:8b – 3:3** = God giving His prophet(s) His Word...

*...Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; **open your mouth and eat what I give you.**" 9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. 10 And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe. 3:1 Then He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll. 3 He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you." Then **I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth.***

Key: - God not only tells us to eat... He hands-feeds us!  
• Christ's hand stretched out from the cross

Key: - God gave Ez His words... God gives us His Word!

- God's Word includes: "*lamentations, mourning & woe*"
  - LOOK! See how much of Bible is "corrective"
  - "**lamentations**" = cry out for God to resolve...
  - "**mourning**" = crying out due to God's wrath...
  - "**woe**" = warning wrath & crying are coming...

**Ezekiel sounds a lot like Jesus...**

## **Matthew 23 Seven Woes**

**23** *Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples... do not do what (the teachers of the law and the Pharisees) do, for they do not practice what they preach... 5 "Everything they do is done for men to see...*

**13** *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!*

**15** *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!*

**16** *"Woe to you, blind guides!...*

**17** *You blind fools!... 19 You blind men!*

**23** *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!*

**24** *You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.*

**25** *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup... but inside are full of greed and self-indulgence.*

**27** *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.*

**29** *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites!*

**33** *"You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?"*

Key: ***Tragically, today many churches are mission fields!***

## **Signs of Christ's Return**

**Matthew 24:1-3** = Jesus came out from the temple and was going away [a]when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. **2** And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, (C)not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

**3** As He was sitting on (D)the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what *will be* the sign of (E)Your coming, and of the [b]end of the age?"

**VIDEO:** Chan on Church & the Gospel

**3:7** = ***"But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to Me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart."***

## A Watchman for Israel

**17** "...I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, **warn them from Me.**

### **The Watchman's Duty... Ezekiel 33: 1-7**

And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **2** "Son of man, speak to the **(A)**sons of your people and say to them, 'If I bring a sword upon a land, and the people of the land take one man from among them and make him their watchman, **3** and he sees the sword coming upon the land and **(B)**blows on the trumpet and warns the people, **4** then he who hears the sound of the trumpet and **(C)**does not take warning, and a sword comes and takes him away, his **(D)**blood will be on his own head. **5** He heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning; his blood will be on himself. But had he taken warning, he would have **(E)**delivered his life. **6** But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is **(F)**taken away **[a]**in his iniquity; but his **(G)**blood I will require from the watchman's hand.'

**7** "Now as for you, son of man, I have **[b](H)**appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a **[c]**message from My mouth and give them **(I)**warning from Me.

**Matthew 24:4-8 = 4** And Jesus answered and said to them, "**(F)**See to it that no one misleads you. **5** For **(G)**many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the **[c]**Christ,' and will mislead many. **6** You will be hearing of **(H)**wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end. **7** For **(I)**nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be **(J)**famines and earthquakes. **8 (K)**But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

## **VIDEO: "Sign of the Times" 2011**

**Matthew 24:9** = *"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name."*

## **VIDEO: "Prophecy Today"**

**Matthew 24:10-14** = *At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. **11** Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. **12** Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. **13** But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved. **14** This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

## **How then shall we now live?**

**Answer:** As "watchmen" without fear!

- Ezekiel = 20+ "against" & "whore/whoring"

**Watchmen look for Wars, Whores, & Roars!**

## **Ezekiel is the message... Daniel is the model!**

Shad, Me, & Abedigo...      Furnace...

Daniel...      Lion's Den...

**Jesus...**

**The CROSS!**

**NOTE:** Ez... Dan... Matthew 24... *ALL end well!*

**VIDEO:      Eric Rudy: Gospel!**

### **PRAYER:**

1. Video:      Make Disciples
2. Video:      Cardboard Testimonies