

The Diet For A Messenger

God gave Ezekiel a little "scroll" (a message, His word); it was SPREAD OUT (well -defined) before him, written "within and without" (the hidden and the surface meaning, the obvious meanings as well as the hidden revelation of it) and told him to EAT IT (consume it, digest it). God's Word is sweet, like honey. John found that the word was sweet, but it also became bitter in his belly; (knowing that judgment is coming upon the land is difficult for a messenger to absorb); Rev. 10:9-10. And then he was told to speak this word to the "house of Israel": lamentations, mourning and WOE; Ezekiel 2:9; 3:1-5. One of the "woes" is due to that which is recorded in Jude 11-13, toward the "wandering stars", false messengers, who have gone astray, away from God's path:

- a. who have gone in the "way of Cain" - a lifestyle that loves unrighteousness; (envy toward others, hatred of that which is pure, offering "fruits" of their own labor);
- b. who run greedily after the error of Baalam for reward - prophesying for wages, going after gain, covetousness;
- c. who follow the "doctrine" of Baalam - which has cast stumblingblocks; Rev. 2:14, (those who are introducing idolatry, spiritual adultery, who cause others to stumble; Mark 9:42). The "error" became a "doctrine" and now the doctrine has become a way of life; therefore, "Zion" shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become "heaps"; Jeremiah 26:18.

More WOES:

1. Woe to those who are at ease in Zion; Amos 6:1.
2. Woe unto the Scribes and Pharisees, who shut up the Kingdom against men; Matt. 23:13
3. Woe unto the hypocrites, who devour widows' houses, and travel over land and sea to make one convert ,who becomes twice as much a son of hell as themselves.
4. Woe unto the blind guides...see Matthew 23:13-29
5. Woe unto thee Chorazin and Bethsaida - the people in these cities had the light and saw the mighty works of God, but didn't repent; Luke 10:13-14.

Jesus tasted sweet fellowship with His friends, but He also tasted the bitterness that would come from the wicked leaders in the land: "Fill up the measure of your guilt"; Matthew 23:32. The Good Shepherd utilizes both a rod and a staff and He is "thinning out the herd"..."set your face against the mountains of Israel (a symbol of a kingdom; the big, high ministries)...I will destroy high places...your altars laid waste... images shall be broken...which go a-whoring after their idols...the slain shall fall in the midst of you...Yet will I leave a Remnant..."; Ezekiel 6:1-14. This Remnant is the work of His hands, fashioned of clay, who partake of His table and drink from His cup; Mark 10:38; Luke 22:19."Thou also, son of man, take thee a "tile" (a clay tablet), and lay it before thee, and portray (inscribe, make a picture of) upon it , the City, even Jerusalem"; see Ezekiel 4:1. God's messenger is you, the "clay tablet" that He is writing His message upon. He inscribes His messages upon tablets of the human

heart; 2 Corinthians 3:1-3. Ezekiel was told that he had to "bear (endure) the iniquity of the house" for a certain period of time; Ezekiel 4:4-7. God also told him to set a "battering ram" to knock some holes through the "WALL" = a VEIL, (which stands between the prophetic word and the "city" with its idolatry). He is doing this even now. There is a WALL (as hard as iron) that exists between the revelation of God and the people, "strongholds" in the carnal mind, idolatrous teachings, practices and concepts that must come down! See Hebrews 6:19; 9:3; 10:20. Other voices, false shepherds have built up this wall by speaking vanity and lies; they have seduced God's people, utilizing "untempered" (unseasoned, whitewashed, foolish) mortar. God is going to bring this wall down!

Jehovah God allows His messengers to "taste" some unpleasant things (it's not always sweet). He told Ezekiel to follow a specific "recipe", in which he was to make "bread", but it was defiled because it was baked over the influence of human dung, that which comes out of "man", (the filth of the old nature). When Ezekiel protested, God told His messenger that he would instead "taste and eat" the flavor of his food cooked over "cow dung", that which comes forth from a "beast"; Ezekiel 4:15. (A strange smell and taste from a strange fire). God said that He would break this staff of bread which had been "supporting the life" in Jerusalem. As with Elisha (the recipient of a double portion), he is observing "those who are "seething pottage", but there is a foul odor - death in the pot; 2 Kings 4:38-44. The aspiring, unseasoned ministries have gathered a lap full of uncultivated wild vines and gourds from the "field": (false teachings, error, wild traditions), cut them up together and in ignorance, cast them into the pot, and are attempting to serve this "stew" to the people. But this stuff in the pot is poisonous, unfit for consumption, and causes death. So Elisha casts in the "meal" which is produced from FULL EARS of corn roasted in the husk, that which has been in the fire. This will neutralize the "poison" in the pot; they are also given loaves of bread BAKED (more fire) from RIPE GRAIN. This is what a firstfruits company (100 sons of the prophets) needs to bring them health and full stature. Elisha knows that FIRE is the necessary ingredient that must be applied to a "cultivated crop" of corn; Luke 3:16; Mark 4:28. Only those who are blessed and broken in the hands of the Master, can become the "bread" that feeds others; Mark 6:37.

Be encouraged, you messenger of the Lord! Those who hunger for Him shall be satisfied; Matt. 5:6. At the time of the evening sacrifice (the end of the age) the fire will fall, 1 Kings 18:36. But there is also the sound of an abundance of rain. The sky may be black with clouds and wind from the storm, but there will be a great rain (to bring the wheat and the tares to maturity). God has a Remnant; there are 7,000 who have not bowed to Baal. And as it was true of Elijah, God has gone before you, and has already made preparation for your long journey. He knows that you are going toward the heights, and therefore, His angel touches you and quickens you again. Arise and behold a "baked cake" is upon THE COALS (the ignited, burning, "stones") along with a supernatural supply of

water. Though some may feed upon food sacrificed to idols, there is a hidden manna to be found by the overcomer; Revelation 2:17. Go in the strength of His divine supply, a supernatural diet, until you reach the mountain of God! 1 Kings 19:5-8.

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