

# Part 3 – The message to be rejected

What is the spirit and power of Elijah?

Is there a message to Gods people in the last days?

Why do we need a plain Thus saithe the Lord?

Why a need of a message to the Laodiceans?

# Text for Meditation

“Prominent among the prophets of Israel were Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. **In stirring words they called upon the people to turn from their evil ways**, giving assurance that the Lord would graciously receive and bless them, and would heal their backslidings. Some of the writings of these prophets have a special application to the time in which we live. They wrote of things which should **“come to pass in the last days,”** or in the **“time of the end.”** Isaiah 2:2; Daniel 12:4.”

— **Christian Experience and Teachings, p. 239.2**

# Sent to a rebellious house

“**2** 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.

**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.

**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 2:1-5**

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“<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein;

<sup>10</sup> And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.” — **Ezekiel 2:7-10**

# Speak to the house of Israel

“**3** 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.

**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.

**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 3:1-7**

# Tell them Thus saith the Lord God

<sup>8</sup> Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> 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 3:8-13**

# Made a watchman

“<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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.**

<sup>16</sup> And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

<sup>17</sup> 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.**

<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> 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.” — **Ezekiel**

**3:14-19**

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<sup>20</sup> Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block 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.

<sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> 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.

<sup>24</sup> 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.” — **Ezekiel 3:20-24**



# He that heareth

“<sup>25</sup> 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:

<sup>26</sup> 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.

<sup>27</sup> 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 3:25-27**

# The Third Angel's Message in Verity

“Several have written to me, inquiring if the message of justification by faith is the third angel's message, and I have answered, “It is the third angel's message in verity.” The prophet declares, “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” Brightness, glory, and power are to be connected with the third angel's message, and conviction will follow wherever it is preached in demonstration of the Spirit. **How will any of our brethren know when this light shall come to the people of God?** As yet, we certainly have not seen the light that answers to this description. God has light for his people, and all who will accept it will see the sinfulness of remaining in a lukewarm condition; they will heed the counsel of the True Witness when he says, “Be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” — **Review and Herald April 1 1980, par 8**

# Study Summary

- There is a message to the church in the last days, just before the coming of Christ
- The message will come in the spirit and power of Elijah
- Those who herald the message will be like John the Baptist
- Proclaiming a repentance from sin and a denunciation of the world and all worldliness
- A message of revival and reformation
- The message is to Laodicea first