

## *The Prophet's Call*

2:1 **T**HEN He said to me, “Son of man, <sup>a</sup>stand on your feet that I may speak with you!” 2 And as He spoke to me the <sup>a</sup>Spirit entered me and set me on my feet; and I heard *Him* speaking to me. 3 Then He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the sons of Israel, to a rebellious people who have <sup>a</sup>rebelled against Me; <sup>b</sup>they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. 4 “And I am sending you to them who are <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>stubborn and obstinate children; and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord <sup>2</sup>GOD.’ 5 “As for them, <sup>a</sup>whether they listen or <sup>1</sup>not—for they are a rebellious house—they will <sup>b</sup>know that a prophet has been among them. 6 “And you, son of man, <sup>a</sup>neither fear them nor fear their words, though <sup>b</sup>thistles and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, for they are a rebellious house. 7 “But you shall <sup>a</sup>speak My words to them <sup>b</sup>whether they listen or <sup>1</sup>not, for they are rebellious. 8 “Now you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and <sup>a</sup>eat what I am giving you.” 9 Then I looked, behold, a <sup>a</sup>hand was extended to me; and lo, a <sup>1</sup><sup>b</sup>scroll *was* in it. 10 When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back; and written on it were lamentations, mourning and <sup>a</sup>woe.

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<sup>a</sup> Dan. 10:11; Acts 9:6

<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 3:24; Dan. 8:18

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 8:7, 8; Jer. 3:25

<sup>b</sup> Ezek. 20:18, 30

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *the sons, stiff-faced and hard-hearted*

<sup>a</sup> Ps. 95:8; Is. 48:4; Jer. 5:3; 6:15; Ezek. 3:7

<sup>2</sup> Heb., *YHWH*, usually rendered *LĪĪÐ*

<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 2:7; 3:11, 27; Matt. 10:12-15; Acts 13:46

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *forbear*

<sup>b</sup> Ezek. 33:33; Luke 10:10, 11; John 15:22

<sup>a</sup> Is. 51:12; Jer. 1:8, 17; Ezek. 3:9

<sup>b</sup> 2 Sam. 23:6, 7; Ezek. 28:24; Mic. 7:4

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 1:7, 17; Ezek. 3:10, 17

<sup>b</sup> Ezek. 2:5

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *forbear*

<sup>a</sup> Jer. 15:16; Ezek. 3:3; Rev. 10:9

<sup>a</sup> Ezek. 8:3

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *scroll of a book*

<sup>b</sup> Jer. 36:2; Ezek. 3:1; Rev. 5:1-5; 10:8-11

<sup>a</sup> Is. 3:11; Rev. 8:13

<sup>i</sup>*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.