

Thought List of Ezekiel 12:8-11

Step 1: Get the flow from linking words and context

8 **[And]** Adds v.8 to v.7

L1 **The next morning** the day after verses 1-7 **ADDS**

L2 **this message came to me** another message after the one in verses 1-7 arrived at Ezekiel **ADDS**

L3 **from the LORD**: the source **BRINGS OUT**

9

L1 **"Son of man**, the message comes to Ezekiel, again as a descendant of Adam **FILLS IN**

L2 **these rebels, the people of Israel**, for the same rebels as in v.2 **ADDS**

L3 **have asked you** the rebels who ignored me, have noticed what you did **ADDS**

L4 **what all this means**. From start to finish **ADDS**

10

L1 **Say to them**, them in L1 and the rebels in v.9, L2 links v.10 to v.9 **ADDS**

L2 **'This is what the Sovereign LORD says**: this in L2 refers back to this in v.9, L4 **ADDS**

L3 **These actions contain a message** God gives Ezekiel an explanation of what Ezekiel did in verses 1-7 **BRINGS OUT**

L4 **for King Zedekiah in Jerusalem** the message has something for both the King back in Jerusalem **FILLS IN**

L5 **and for all the people of Israel**.' as well as the rest of Israel's descendants, all 12 tribes, wherever they are **FILLS IN**

11

L1 **Explain that your actions are a sign** your actions in L1 links v.11 to these actions in L3 of v.10 **ADDS**

L2 **to show what will soon happen to them**, Zeke's actions illustrate what will happen in the near future to both the King and the people **BRINGS OUT**

L3 **for they will be driven into exile** the word "for" explains that Zeke's actions predict what is about to happen to the rest of the people in Jerusalem **BRINGS OUT**

L4 **as captives**. Like prisoners **BRINGS OUT**

BIOGRAPHIES

Me Ezekiel, the prophet to the exiles

the LORD the Eternal One

Son of man Ezekiel, descendant of Adam, member of the fallen race who needs salvation

these rebels traitors who resist the government or lawful authority of God

the people of Israel the traitors descended from Jacob after he was converted

the Sovereign LORD the Eternal One who cannot be stopped from accomplishing His will

King Zedekiah the prince who sits on the LORD's throne on earth, the last king of Judea who rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar, had his eyes burned out, and was carried off to Babylon

GEOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

to me Ezekiel was the destination of the LORD's message

from the LORD the Eternal One in heaven was the source of the message

to them the rebels are the destination or target of Ezekiel's words

in Jerusalem within the former holy city

into exile move away from Jerusalem to settle down in Babylon

THING PROFILES

The next morning The beginning of the day after Ezekiel acted out God's instructions

this message an official, personal verbal communication from heaven

These actions what Ezekiel did or acted out in verses 1-7

a sign something by which another thing is shown or represented

exile eviction, banishment from the Promised Land by the Babylonians with God's full consent

captives prisoners

WORD STUDIES

came moved, or traveled toward, or arrived

have asked request something

means intend or indicate

say to utter in words

is describes the state, condition, or nature of someone or something

contain include

explain describe or make clear

to show to display

will soon happen will shortly befall/occur

will be driven forced to move

INSIGHTS

v.8 God didn't waste any time supplying Ezekiel with fresh instructions. Ezekiel makes sure no one thinks he made this up, himself. God, who ordered Ezekiel to act out the prophecy in verses 1-7, now provides His own divine explanation.

v.9 Ezekiel needs salvation just as much as the exiles, but he isn't a rebel. The traitors are the same people God chose for Himself through Jacob. That's how much they have betrayed Jacob and deserted God. God finally got the rebels' attention. The people who refused to notice what God showed them or listen to what He told them, noticed everything Ezekiel acted out and wanted an explanation.

v.10 Ezekiel repeats what God tells him. The people should know that this is God's personal explanation about the drama in verses 1-7. Every gesture, expression, and movement said something the LORD wanted to tell King Zedekiah, the people still left in the city, as well as those already in exile.

v.11 Ezekiel was acting out their future, because they will be forced to relocate from Jerusalem to Babylon against their will as prisoners of war by the Babylonians.

INTERPRETATION

Verse 8

[And] The LORD attaches verses 8-11 to verses 1-7

L1 The next morning As the next day began

L2 this message came to me this official, personal verbal communication from heaven arrived at me, Ezekiel its destination

L3 from the LORD the Eternal One in heaven was its source

Verse 9

L1 "Son of man, Ezekiel, descendant of Adam, member of the fallen race who needs salvation – but not a rebel/traitor to God

L2 these rebels, the people of Israel, these traitors who resist the government or lawful authority of God, descended from Jacob after he was converted

L3 have asked you requested an explanation

L4 what all this means. Of everything you did or acted out in verses 1-7

Verse 10

L1 Say to them, put into words for the rebels, the destination or target of Ezekiel's words

L2 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Here is what the Eternal One who cannot be stopped from accomplishing His will wants me to tell you

L3 These actions contain a message every gesture or expression I did or acted out in verses 1-7 includes an official, personal verbal communication from heaven

L4 for King Zedekiah in Jerusalem in the interest of the prince who sits on the LORD's throne on earth, the last king of Judea (who rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar, had his eyes burned out, and was carried off to Babylon)

L5 and for all the people of Israel.' plus every traitor descended from Jacob after he was converted

Verse 11

L1 Explain that your actions are a sign describe or make clear every gesture or expression you acted out in verses 1-7 points to

L2 to show what will soon happen to them, what will shortly befall the traitors

L3 for they will be driven into exile because the traitors will be forced to move from their homes to Babylon, with God's consent

L4 as captives. Like prisoners of war