

1. And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."
2. So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat.
3. And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.
4. And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them.
5. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel--
6. not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you.
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.
8. Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads.
9. Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house."
10. Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.
11. And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."
12. Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great earthquake: "Blessed be the glory of the LORD from its place!"
13. It was the sound of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, and the sound of a great earthquake.
14. The Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness in the heat of my spirit, the hand of the LORD being strong upon me.
15. And I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who were dwelling by the Chebar canal, and I sat where they were dwelling. And I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days.