

Punishing Evil: Ezekiel 4-5
 Week 4 in *Visions of God* Series
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Living reminders or sign-acts in Ezekiel 4

Sign	Reminder
Model city	Jerusalem will be _____ by Babylon
Iron grill & ropes	God _____ because of their sin
Eating defiled bread	Israel will be _____ and unable to eat kosher
Meager bread rations	Jerusalem will be _____ while under siege
Shaved beard & hair	Jerusalem will be defeated and _____

The “strange deed” of God: punishing His people (Isaiah 28:21)

- God punishes evil even among _____ (5:7-9)

- This is a _____ to those who are not God’s people (5:15)

- How to make God your enemy
 - Don’t respect _____
 - Don’t _____ when you mess up
 - Don’t recognize _____ as the One

Remember!

To allow God to change our hearts, we want to connect with Him. *The Daily Connections (Good Morning God, Spiritual Boost, Good Night Review)* open up our lives to allow God to change us from the inside out.

Good Morning God is to be done when we first wake up in bed at the beginning of every day. Your *Spiritual Boost* connects you with God's words in the Bible during the day sometime when you have 10 minutes of quiet. Finally, you finish your day with *Good Night Review*, and you allow God's joy and forgiveness to come to you as you drift to sleep.

These three spiritual exercises take only 20 minutes each day, and they have been part of following Jesus for many of Jesus' followers over the last 2000 years. Try it yourself and see how your relationship with God deepens and how you are fundamentally changed by spending time with God!

Spiritual Boost Bible Readings (Reading through Ezekiel)

Day 1: Ezekiel 4:1-8

- ✳ Why can't God help His people?

Day 2: Ezekiel 4:9-17

- ✳ What does this teach us about how our prayers affect God?

Day 3: Ezekiel 5

- ✳ How could the people of Israel have prevented God's anger?

Day 4: Ezekiel 6

- ✳ Have you noticed that people who do not put God first have dark places in their life?

Day 5: Ezekiel 7

- ✳ One day we will all stand before God and others and give an account for our lives. How does this future event affect you today?