

And so now for awhile you ~~are~~ are to beEzekiel is the prime example in scripture, it seems to me, of a man with a message to give and a people who don't want to hear his message. Great stress is laid on a way of getting the message across. He is to warn them, he is to reprove them, but now God says Don't be a reprover to them, because they have ~~reac-~~ reached the point where they ~~wat-~~ want listen to me. And therefore he goes right on to give him a new method of putting it across without talking, getting it across while there is time.

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I don't quite agree with you that 27 is looking forward that far. I would be inclined to think that what he is saying is that you have been one that has accomplished a lot. Now, I am going to use a different method. I am going to ~~use-~~ put bands on you. I am going to make you keep quiet now, ~~at~~ ^{tell} and I will ~~give~~ you what to speak and only on those occasions ...but for the ~~pr-~~ present he is going to use a ~~x-curi-~~ circular method and to speak only when God ~~delivers-~~ deliberately shows ~~x~~ him that is what he is to do. And so it seems to me that in chapter 4 and 5 we have Ezekiel using a very unusual method of getting people's attention. He ~~ix~~ has a message to deliver, the people don't ~~wat~~ want to hear the message. He is ~~usin--normal-~~ normal methods of getting the message to the people and the people have rejected it, now he is going to use an unusual method to get their attention. And so for the time being he is not going to talk. He is not going to be irritated, except when God specifically gives him something to ~~x~~ say, but he is going to, as chapter 4 ~~ix~~ begins, he is going to carry on a certain amount of dumb show. He is going to make certain actions which will arouse people's curiosity and yet instead of his trying to get people to listen and they don't want to listen, get them so ~~cu-~~ curious that they will be asking for ..and give him a chance to say something...and ~~x~~ so we have this chapter 4 introduced