

Yechezkel Perek 4

Note: Some of the Meforshim learn that Yechezkel actually carried out the acts in this perek. (Seder Olam) Others maintain that Yechezkel only saw them in a prophetic vision and didn't actually do them. (Radak, Rambam)

Yechezkel was commanded to take a brick and "pretend" it was Yerushalayim under siege.

Yechezkel was to lay siege on the brick, placing a siege wall, ramp, an army with battering rams around it, and an iron pan between him and the "city". (For further information listen to NachDaily audio.)

Yechezkel was to lay on his left side for 390 days and on his right side for forty days, which corresponded to the years Yisrael and Yehudah had sinned.

Yechezkel's actions were to atone for the entire Klal Yisrael's sins.

Yechezkel was given a strict regimen of "Ezekiel" bread to eat during this time period.

A conversation between Hashem and Yechezkel ensued about whether to bake the bread in human dung or animal dung.

Hashem listened to Yechezkel's request to bake the bread in animal dung instead of human dung.

The bread was a sign to Yisrael that there would be a famine in Yerushalayim with no bread to eat.