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Elite 48

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1 was God's will that the city should be destroyed  
 2 and that they would be taken into captivity.  
 3 Ezekiel faced an even more hostile audience.  
 4 The group of exiles among whom he lived were  
 5 thoroughly convinced that Jerusalem would not be  
 6 destroyed and were unwilling even to listen to a  
 7 contrary opinion. It was necessary for Ezekiel,  
 8 like Jeremiah, to allow himself to be considered  
 9 unpatriotic or even treasonable.

10 Under these circumstances Ezekiel made even  
 11 more extensive use of symbolic actions than  
 12 Jeremiah did. When the people had become so  
 13 irritated at his message that they refused to  
 14 listen further, God told him no longer to  
 15 reprove them (Ezek 3:26) but to perform a series  
 16 of actions that would arouse their curiosity and  
 17 eventually make them listen. He was to make a  
 18 picture of Jerusalem on a tile and pretend to  
 19 lay siege against it (Ezek 4:1-3). He was to  
 20 lie on his left side a certain number of hours  
 21 every day for 390 days, to illustrate the  
 22 iniquity of the house of Israel, and then to lie  
 23 on his right side forty days to illustrate the  
 24 iniquity of the house of Judah (vv.4-6). He was  
 25 to measure out food and water to illustrate the

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