

Bible Stories for Young Children

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JEWS IN BABYLON / EZEKIEL THE WATCHMAN

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Ezekiel 11:14–17

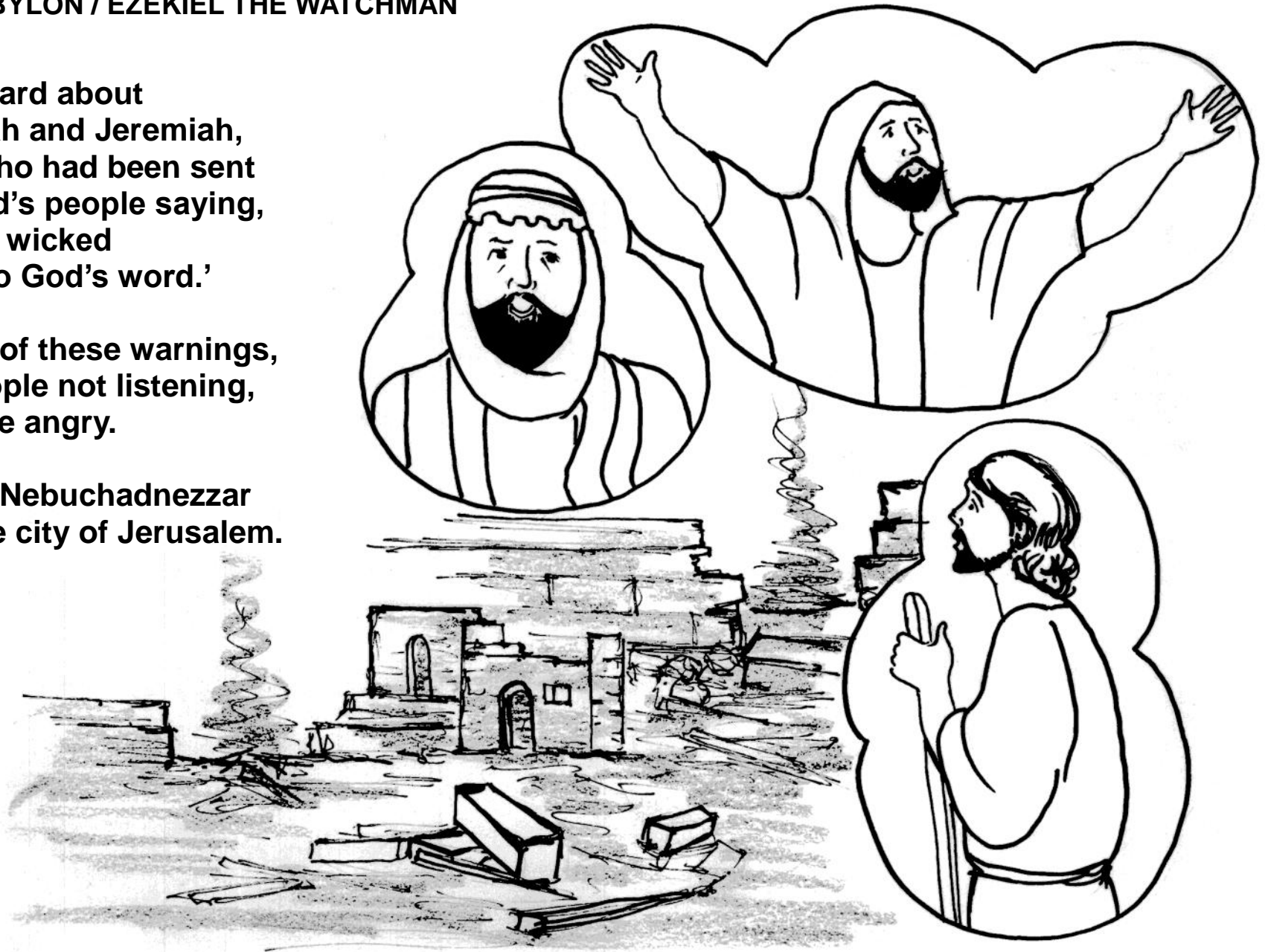
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**We have heard about
Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah,
prophets who had been sent
to warn God's people saying,
'Stop being wicked
and listen to God's word.'**

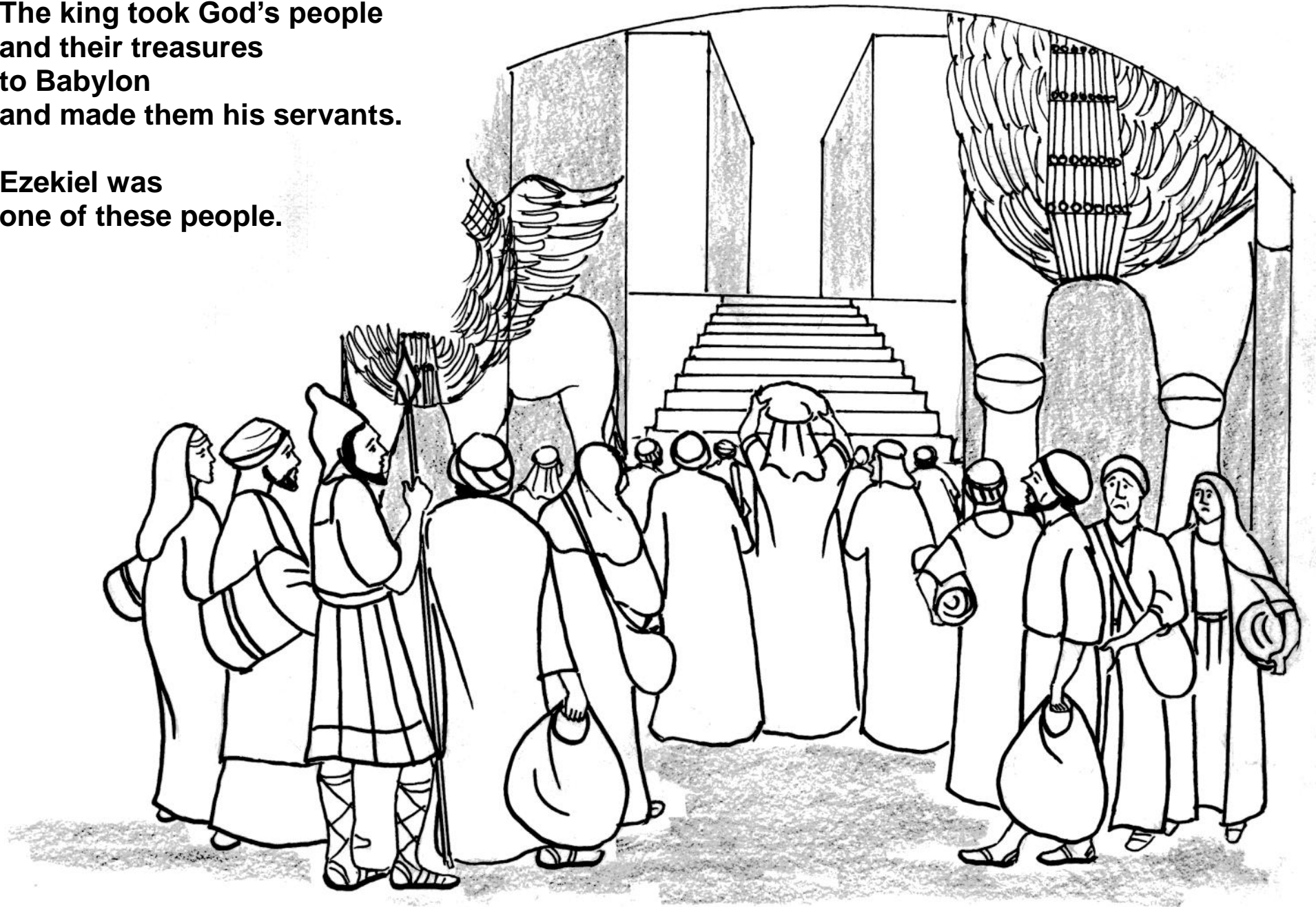
**After years of these warnings,
and the people not listening,
God became angry.**

**He let King Nebuchadnezzar
conquer the city of Jerusalem.**

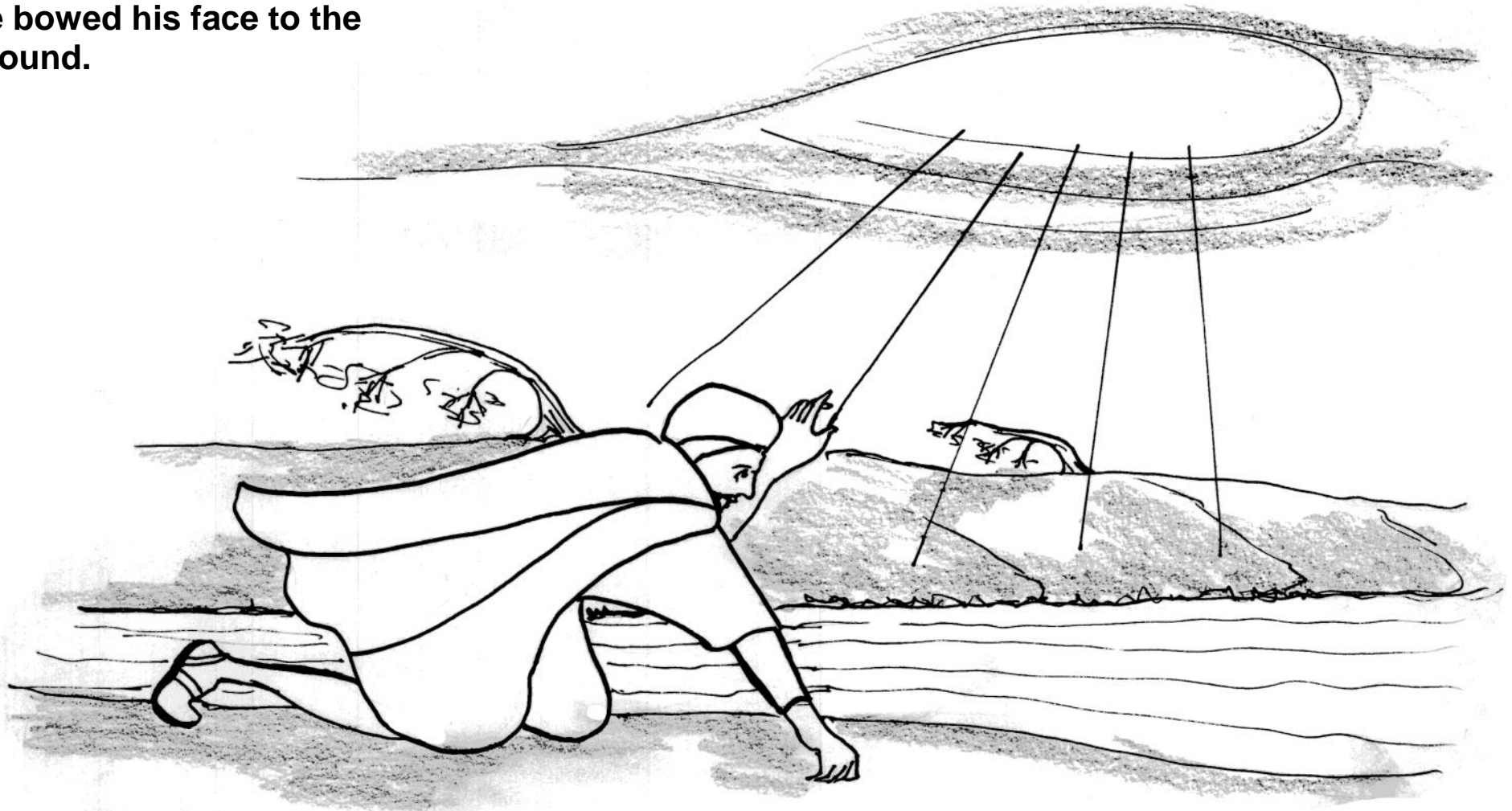


**The king took God's people
and their treasures
to Babylon
and made them his servants.**

**Ezekiel was
one of these people.**

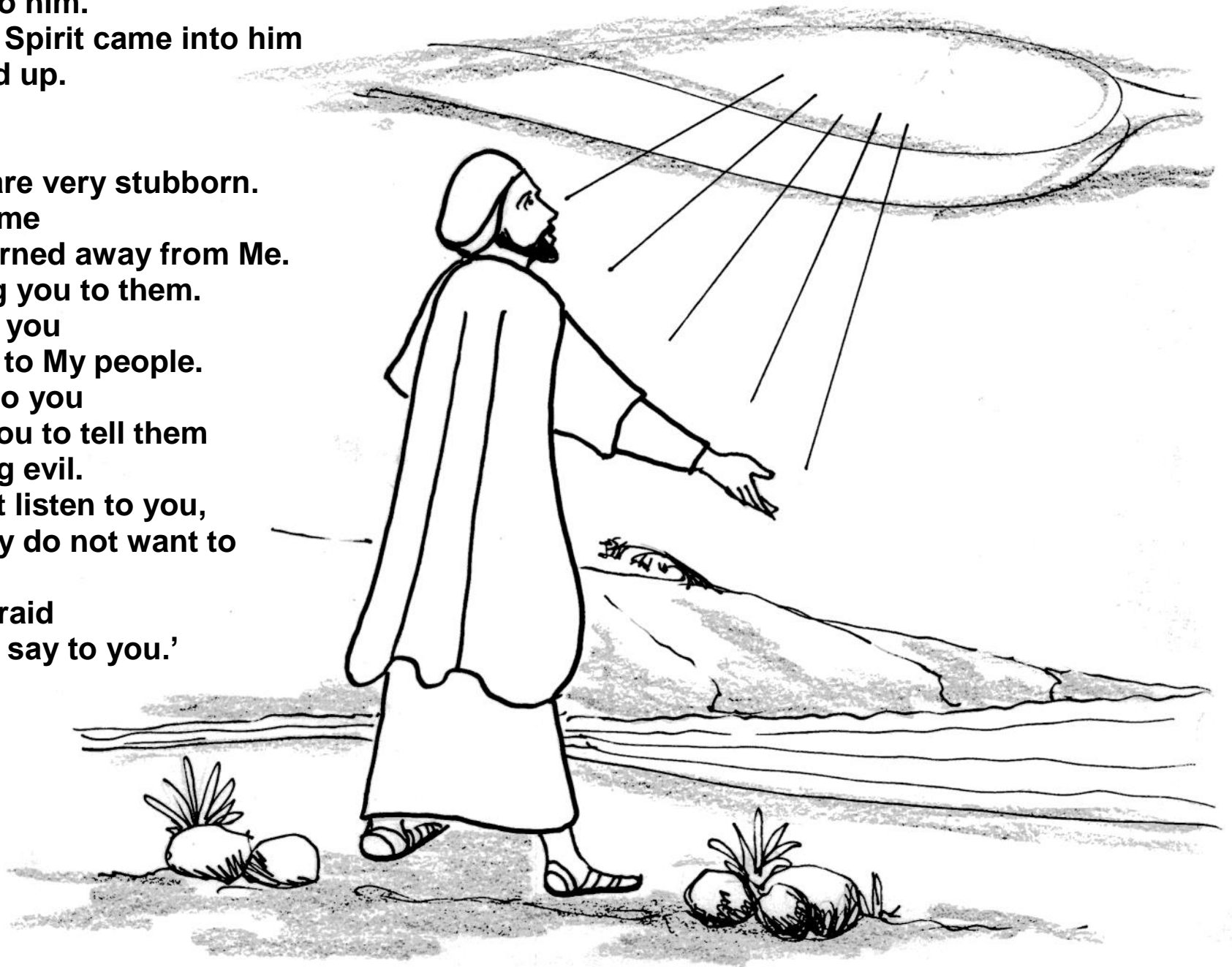


**In Babylon,
God came to Ezekiel
and showed him His glory.
When Ezekiel saw it
he bowed his face to the
ground.**

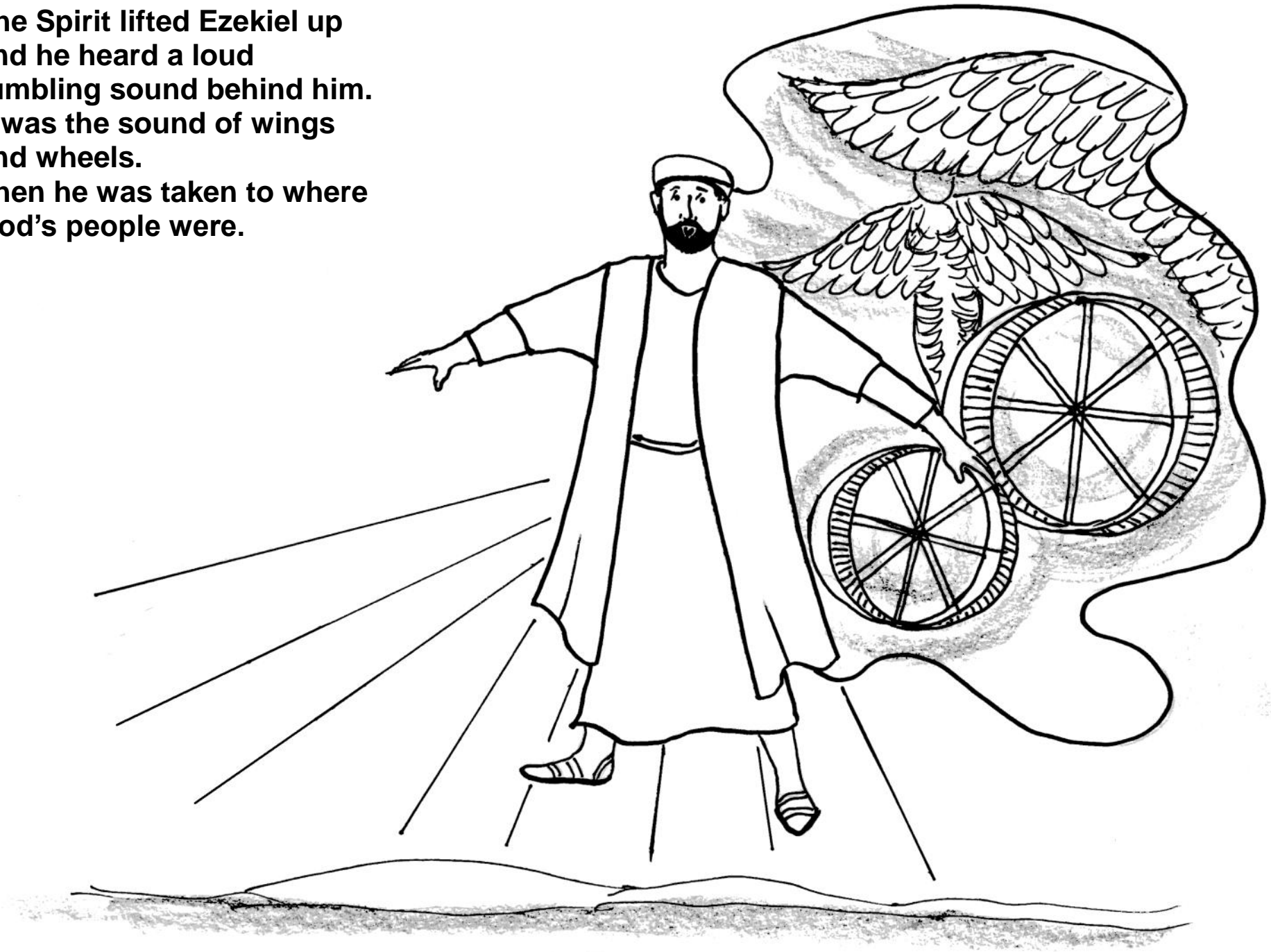


**God spoke to him.
Then, God's Spirit came into him
and he stood up.**

**God said,
'My people are very stubborn.
For a long time
they have turned away from Me.
I am sending you to them.
I am making you
a watchman to My people.
I will speak to you
and I want you to tell them
to stop doing evil.
They will not listen to you,
because they do not want to
listen to Me.
Do not be afraid
of what they say to you.'**



**The Spirit lifted Ezekiel up
and he heard a loud
rumbling sound behind him.
It was the sound of wings
and wheels.
Then he was taken to where
God's people were.**



God said to Ezekiel,
'Say this to My people:
Even though I sent you
away,
I have been with you
to look after you.
After seventy years
I will bring you back
to the land I gave you.
I will sprinkle
clean water on you
and you will be clean.
I will take out your
hard stony heart
and give you a new heart.
I will put a new spirit in you.
I will be your God
and you will be My people.
You will be ashamed
of your evil ways.



**‘There is a day coming
when I will make you clean,
and your land to be
like the garden of Eden again.**

**‘The nations will see what I do
and know that I am the Lord.’**

***God made this great promise
to His people,
and He fulfilled this promise
by sending His Son, Jesus,
to make us clean.***

