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**Written, Within  
and  
Without**

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## Written, Within and Without.

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In the book of Ezekiel, we read of a scroll written within and without:

The King James Bible says:

- **Ezekiel 2:9-10:** And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book *was* therein; <sup>10</sup> And he spread it before me; and it *was* written within and without: and *there was* written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

The English Standard Bible translates the verse in the following way:

- **Ezekiel 2:9-10:** And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup> And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

For convenience of reading scrolls as they were unrolled, it was customary to write on one side only, and very uncommon to write on both sides, because of this there are various speculations as to what the expression, "written, within and without," may carry. The two most common ideas are that it signifies:

1. Fullness and completeness, so that nothing more needs to be added to what is written on the scroll. (Rev. 22:18).
2. The record of the things and events written on the scroll that are to be accomplished are so vast that they will affect the earth, the heavens, and all peoples and creatures.

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However, since the words 'written within and without' are in the context of the nation of Israel, being a stiff-neck people and rebelling and transgressing against the LORD, and what is written on the scroll is words of lamentation, mourning and woe, the words, 'written within and without' most likely carry the idea, Israel's lamentation, mourning and woe will be so great, that one side of a scroll was not enough to record the people's grief and sorrow.

The reason it is stated the scroll was, 'written within and without' is to magnify the impending judgment that is to come upon the rebellious house of Israel, and the vast mourning and lamentation that it will bring throughout the land.

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