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from God's Word...



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The Grind

Savor the taste of our previous brew



Since everything in the Bible leads into and prepares the way for what comes after it, refresh yesterday's Brew to let the previous passage get you ready for today's verses. Though you should have already explored the passage, personally with Jesus, here is the heart of what we saw, together.

In the previous passage, verses 21-28 declare the certainty of the LORD's Word coming true during the current generation.

21

Again Like before

a message came to me an official verbal communication arrived at Ezekiel, its destination

from the LORD: the LORD was its source

22

"Son of man, you've heard that proverb Ezekiel, member of the fallen race descended from Adam – but not a traitor – you have perceived with your own ears that short well known truth or common fact from experience

they quote in Israel: the traitors within the boundaries of the Promised Land cite from memory

'Time passes, and prophecies come to nothing.' A season runs out, but predictions of the future never happen

23 Tell the people, Inform the traitors who reject God's authority and resist His control

'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: What I am about to tell you will be the message the Eternal One who does what He pleases and no one or nothing can stop Him sent to me

I will put an end to this proverb, I, the Eternal One, will finish off your well-known truth or common fact from experience

and plus

you will soon stop quoting it.' You traitors must shortly cease citing it from memory

Now without further ado

give them this new proverb pass on to the traitors this fresh slogan

to replace the old one: to substitute for the one they have worn out

'The time has come for every prophecy to be fulfilled!' The season has arrived for all predictions of the future to come true

24

"There will be no more false visions I, the Eternal One will not permit any more counterfeit predictions of the future

and or

flattering predictions in Israel. forecasts that tickle ears within the boundaries of the Promised Land

25

For because

I am the LORD! I, the Eternal One am in charge

If whenever

I say it, it will happen. I, the Eternal One put something into words, whatever I said must come true

There will be no more delays, I, the Eternal One will not permit any further postponements

you rebels of Israel. you traitors descended from Jacob after his conversion

I will fulfill my threat of destruction , I, the Eternal One must execute my personal declaration to inflict punishment

in your own lifetime. During this generation

I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!" I, the Eternal One who does what He pleases and no one or nothing can stop me already said it

26

Then Next, right after that

this message came to me this official verbal communication arrived at Ezekiel, its destination

from the LORD: the LORD was its source

27

"Son of man, the people of Israel are saying, Ezekiel, member of the fallen race descended from Adam – but not a traitor – the traitors descended from Jacob after his conversion keep, or still claim

'He's talking about the distant future. Ezekiel refers to the remote, far off – time to come

His visions won't come true for a long, long time.' Ezekiel's predictions will not come true until well into the future

28

No more delay! No further suspensions

I will now do everything I have threatened. I, the Eternal One must execute whatever punishment I declared for the future

I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!" I, the Eternal One who does what He pleases and no one or nothing can stop me already said it.



Now
Serving

The Brew

Let us pour you a fresh cup, ground verse-by-verse from today's passage

In today's passage, verses 1-9, Ezekiel pronounces devastating woes against the false prophets of Israel in three parts too closely related to divide them into separate passages: verses 1-3 address Ezekiel; verses 4-6 address the people; and verses 7-9 address the false prophets. So please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 13, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v.1.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

Here are the main items in the text that will lead you to its understanding.

Parts	Verse 1	Verse 2	Verse 3	Verse 4	Verse 5	Verse 6	Verse 7	Verse 8	Verse 9
Links	Then		And	Like		Instead, and, even though, and yet	But, when, if, even	Therefor, because, and	And 3x, then, again
Persons	Me (Zeke), the LORD	Son of man, the false prophets, who, their own, them, the LORD	The sovereign LORD, the false prophets who, their own	O people, yours (Rebs), these prophets	They 2x (Rebs), the LORD	They 3x, them, their (Rebs), the LORD 2x, him	Your, you 2x (Rebs), the LORD, I	The sovereign LORD 2x, I, you 2x, your (Rebs)	I 3x, my, the sovereign LORD, Israel 2x (Jake), all the prophets who, the comm., they 2x, their, their own, you
Places	To me, from the LORD			Israel, in the ruins	In the walls around the nation, it, in battle, on the day	From the LORD	`x		From the comm., from Izzy's book, in their own land
Things	This message	Prophecies, the word	This, what, what sorrow, imaginations, nothing, all	Jackals	Nothing, the breaks, battle, the day	Lies, false predictions, this message, prophecies	Visions, anything false, this message	This, what 2x, visions, a lie	Fist, false visions, lying predictions, names, record books, foot, that
Words	Came	Prophecy are inventing, say, listen	Is, says, awaits, are following, have seen	Are digging	Have done, to repair, have not helped to stand firm	Have told, made. say, is, never sent, expect, to fulfill	Be, claim, have not spoken	Is 2x, says 2x, say, will stand	Will raise, see, make, will be banished, will, blot, will set, will know, am
Helpers		Against					Can	Against	Against, never

Pay careful attention to every item as you follow today's devotional in your study Bible. We have already grouped them by colors in "Today's Text," so you can follow the writer's flow of thought for yourself. Capture and grasp what he is trying to tell you with matching color pencils to draw lines connecting items to others in the same color-family, and a black pencil to cross-link items from different color-families that still have something to do with one another.

Use circles, boxes, triangles, etc. to identify topics and themes (triangles, for instance, might represent the Trinity). Also mark with asterisks, etc., the ones you need to look up later for more information or greater details.

TODAY'S TEXT

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

- 1 Then this message came to me from the LORD:
- 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the false prophets of Israel who are inventing their own prophecies. Say to them, 'Listen to the word of the LORD.
- 3 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: What sorrow awaits the false prophets who are following their own imaginations and have seen nothing at all!'
- 4 "O people of Israel, these prophets of yours are like jackals digging in the ruins.
- 5 They have done nothing to repair the breaks in the walls around the nation. They have not helped it to stand firm in battle on the day of the LORD.
- 6 Instead, they have told lies and made false predictions. They say, 'This message is from the LORD,' even though the LORD never sent them. And yet they expect him to fulfill their prophecies!
- 7 Can your visions be anything but false if you claim, 'This message is from the LORD,' when I have not even spoken to you?
- 8 "Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Because what you say is false and your visions are a lie, I will stand against you, says the Sovereign LORD.
- 9 I will raise my fist against all the prophets who see false visions and make lying predictions, and they will be banished from the community of Israel. I will blot their names from Israel's record books, and they will never again set foot in their own land. Then you will know that I am the Sovereign LORD.

THE EXPANDED BIBLE

- 13 The LORD spoke his word [the word of the LORD came] to me, saying:
- 2 "Human [Son of man; 2:1], prophesy against the prophets of Israel. Say to those who make up their own prophecies [prophesy from their hearts/imagination]: 'Listen to the word of the LORD.
- 3 This is what the Lord GOD says: How terrible it will be for [Woe to] the foolish prophets who follow their own ideas [spirit] and have not seen a vision from me [seen nothing]!
- 4 People of Israel, your prophets have been like wild dogs [jackals] among ruins.
- 5 You have not gone up into the broken places [breaches] or repaired the wall for the nation [house of] Israel [Israel is portrayed as a house or fortress in ruins]. So how can Israel hold back the enemy [stand firm] in the battle on the LORD's day of judging [Day of the LORD]?
- 6 Your prophets [They] see false visions and prophesy [their divinations are] lies. They say, "This is the message of the LORD," when the LORD has not sent them. But they still hope their words will come true [stand].
- 7 You said, "This is the message of the LORD," but you have seen false visions and your prophecies are lies [have you not seen a false vision and uttered a lying divination...?], because I have not spoken.
- 8 "So this is what the Lord GOD says: Because you prophets spoke things that are false and saw visions that do not come true [lying visions], look; behold I am against you, says the Lord GOD.
- 9 I will punish [My hand will be against] the prophets who see false visions and prophesy lies [utter lying divinations]. They will have no place among [not be in the council of] my people. Their names will

not be written on the -list [records; registry] of the -people [-house] of Israel, and they will not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord GOD.

THE SCRIPTURES 1998/2009

1 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Yisra'el who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, 'Hear the word of יהוה ' "

3 Thus said the Master יהוה, "Woe to the foolish prophets, who are following their own spirit, without having had "a vision!

4 "O Yisra'el, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins.

5 "You have not gone up into the breaches, nor do you build a wall for the house of Yisra'el to stand in battle on the day of יהוה.

6 "Their visions are false and their divinations a lie, saying, 'Thus declares יהוה,' when יהוה has not sent them, yet they expected the word to be confirmed!

7 "Have you not seen a false vision, and have you not spoken a divination of lies? You say, ' יהוה declares,' when I have not spoken."

8 Therefore thus said the Master יהוה, "Because you have spoken falsehood and seen lies, therefore see, I am against you," declares the Master יהוה.

9 "My hand shall be against the prophets who see falsehood and who divine lies. They shall not be in the council of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Yisra'el, and "they shall not enter into the land of Yisra'el. And you shall know that I am the Master יהוה."

THE NET BIBLE

1 Then the word of the LORD came to me:

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are now prophesying. Say to the prophets who prophesy from their imagination: 'Hear the word of the LORD!

3 This is what the sovereign LORD says: Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit but have seen nothing!

4 Your prophets have become like jackals among the ruins, O Israel.

5 You have not gone up in the breaks in the wall, nor repaired a wall for the house of Israel that it would stand strong in the battle on the day of the LORD.

6 They see delusion and their omens are a lie. They say, "the LORD declares," though the LORD has not sent them; yet they expect their word to be confirmed.

7 Have you not seen a false vision and announced a lying omen when you say, "the LORD declares," although I myself never spoke?

8 "Therefore, this is what the sovereign LORD says: Because you have spoken false words and forecast delusion, look, I am against you, declares the sovereign LORD.

9 My hand will be against the prophets who see delusion and announce lying omens. They will not be included in the council of my people, nor be written in the registry of the house of Israel, nor enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the sovereign LORD.

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:



Well, we hope you enjoyed this morning's CuppaJ for the Day, brewed verse-by-verse to bring out the full-flavor of the text. Now it's your turn to explore the passage for yourself—to make this study good to the last drop. Remember, you haven't really studied the Bible, God's *Written Word*—until it connects you with Jesus, God's *Living Word*. Then Jesus, the true Teacher can customize the text, so every word comes across written just for you. This morning's CuppaJ is just a taste of what's in the text—the starting point for a deeper learning experience with Jesus. So, go ahead; spend time alone with Him to go over this passage together. Let Jesus pour a tastier CuppaJ from the same brew, for you, today. Use the following form to jot down whatever Jesus shares with you.



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v.3 _____

v.4

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v.9