



## 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 10-16, the LORD condemns the false prophets with greater detail. After verses 10-12 explain why – the cause, then verses 13-16 describe what He will do to them – its effect.

- 10 God will raise his clenched fist against the false prophets, banishing them from the community of Israel, blotting their names from Israel's official record books, and forbidding them to return to their sacred homeland because spokesmen whose predictions tie the present to the past and the future to the present in a harmful way cause the Eternal One's people to believe what is false, or disbelieve what is true – telling everyone that everything is ok at the same time nothing is safe. Their deception has created the fantasy that the Eternal One's people have constructed a foundationless fence that the deceivers try to strengthen with their assistance and support by coating it with lies meant to conceal or hide the unpleasant facts of reality.
- 11 Inform these liars who are trying to hide the truth that their fence will collapse. A divine hurricane will sabotage it, plus supernatural boulders and a whirlwind from God will overwhelm and topple it.
- 12 The LORD adds: at the same time the wall collapses everyone in the Promised Land will demand with a loud voice: what became of your cover-up meant to hide the unpleasant facts of reality?
- 13 So, in view of this development, the unstoppable One has this to say: I, the Eternal One will pull down by force your imaginary wall meant to conceal the unpleasant facts of reality – using a divine hurricane of anger or annoyance provoked by what I perceive as unfair treatment, a torrential rain of rapid breathing from my flaring nostrils, plus boulders of wild, violent temper.
- 14 I, the Eternal One will pull down, break in pieces, pulverize, or destroy your barrier against attack all the way to its base. Plus, at the same time it collapses, the barrier will reduce you whitewashers to powder. After that you evil prophets will recognize, realize, or understand that I, the Eternal One am the Boss.
- 15 After much delay my rapid breathing or flaring nostrils will be complete, run their course, or reach their goal next to the tall stone or brick structure intended for a defense or security as well as those who concealed, or hid unpleasant facts (the reality of your situation). After that, or at that time I, the Eternal One will announce just for you, the barrier together with those who tried to reinforce it are history, or have disappeared (are annihilated and no longer exist).
- 16 They were spokesmen who utter falsehoods to deceive, who deliberately and incorrectly asserted, insisted, or maintained safety is on its way to Jerusalem, its destination at the same time safety didn't even exist. I, the Eternal unstoppable One have expressed my irreversible thoughts in words.



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Serving

## The Brew

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

**In today's passage**, verses 17 to 23, the LORD vents His wrath against false prophetesses in Israel. Verses 17-19 describe what they have done, while verses 20-21 spell out what the LORD will do to them, judging them in v.23 based on the charges made in v.22. So, please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 13, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus starting with v.17.



### WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

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

Parts	Verse 17	Verse 18	Verse19	Verse 20	Verse 21	Verse 22	Verse 23
<b>Links</b>	Now	And 2x, alike	And, or	Like 2x			
<b>Persons</b>	Son of man (Zeke), the women who, their own	The Sovereign LORD, my, you women who, you 3x, yourselves, people, of young, old, their, them, others	Me, my 2x (t. LORD), people 2x, those who 2x				
<b>Places</b>	From (their own (Imaginations)	On (their wrists), on (yourselves)	On (me), among (my people who), to (my people), to (lies), you 2x, to (those who)				
<b>Things</b>	imaginations	This, what 2x, sorrow, the souls, magic charms, wrists, magic veils, destruction	Shame, a few handfuls of barley, a piece of bread, lies, life				
<b>EWords</b>	Speak out, prophesy	Says, await, are ensnaring, tie, furnish, do, think, trap, furnish	Bring, lying, love to listen, kill, die, promise, live				
<b>Helpers</b>	Against	With, can, without	For, by, should not 2x				

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

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### NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

17 "Now, son of man, speak out against the women who prophesy from their own imaginations.

18 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: What sorrow awaits you women who are ensnaring the souls of my people, young and old alike. You tie magic charms on their wrists and furnish them with magic veils. Do you think you can trap others without bringing destruction on yourselves?

19 You bring shame on me among my people for a few handfuls of barley or a piece of bread. By lying to my people who love to listen to lies, you kill those who should not die, and you promise life to those who should not live.

20 "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against all your magic charms, which you use to ensnare my people like birds. I will tear them from your arms, setting my people free like birds set free from a cage.

21 I will tear off the magic veils and save my people from your grasp. They will no longer be your victims. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

22 You have discouraged the righteous with your lies, but I didn't want them to be sad. And you have encouraged the wicked by promising them life, even though they continue in their sins.

23 Because of all this, you will no longer talk of seeing visions that you never saw, nor will you make predictions. For I will rescue my people from your grasp. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

### THE EXPANDED BIBLE

17 "Now, ·human [↑son of man; 2:1], look toward the ·women among [↑daughters of] your people who ·make up their own prophecies [↑prophesy from their own hearts/imaginations]. Prophecy against them.

18 Say, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: ·How terrible it will be for [↑Woe to the] women who sew ·magic charms [↑bands] on their wrists and make ·veils [or headbands] of every length to trap people! You ·ruin [entrap; ensnare] the ·lives [souls] of my people but ·try to [will you...?] save your own ·lives [souls].

19 For handfuls of barley and ·pieces [scraps] of bread, you have ·dishonored [profaned; 6ritually] me among my people. By lying to my people, who listen to lies, you have ·killed people [put to death souls] who should not die, and you have kept alive those who should not live.

20 "'So this is what the Lord GOD says: I am against your magic ·charms [bands], by which you ·trap [ensnare; hunt] ·people [souls] as if they were birds. I will tear ·those charms [↑them] off your arms, and I will free those ·people [souls] you have ·trapped [ensnare; hunt] like birds.

21 I will also tear off your ·veils [or headbands] and save my people from your hands. They will no longer be ·trapped by your power [↑prey in your hand]. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

22 By your lies you have ·caused those who did right to be sad [disheartened the righteous], when I did not ·make them sad [grieve them]. And you have encouraged the wicked not to ·stop being wicked [turn from their wicked ways], which would have saved their lives.

23 So you will not see false visions or ·prophesy [practice divination] anymore, and I will save my people from your ·power [↑hands] so you will know that I am the LORD."

### THE SCRIPTURES 1998/2009

17 "And you, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who are prophesying out of their own heart, and prophesy against them.

18 "And you shall say, 'This is what the Master יהוה said, "Woe to the women sewing cushions for all joints of the hand, and to those making veils for the heads of people of every size, to hunt beings! You hunt the beings of My people, while you keep alive your own beings!"

19 "And you have profaned Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to put to death beings that should not die, and to keep alive beings who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies!"

20 'Therefore thus said the Master יהוה, "See, I am against your cushions by which you hunt the beings there like "birds. And I shall tear them from your arms, and shall let the beings go, the beings you hunt like birds.

21 "And I shall tear off your veils, and shall deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. And you shall know that I am YHWH."

22 "Because with falsehood you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad. And you have strengthened the hands of the wrong, so that he does not turn from his evil way, to keep him alive.

23 "Therefore you shall no longer see false visions, nor practise divination. And I shall deliver My people out of your hand, and you shall know that I am יהוה." ' "

#### THE NET BIBLE

17 "As for you, son of man, turn toward the daughters of your people who are prophesying from their imagination. Prophecy against them

18 and say 'This is what the sovereign LORD says: Woe to those who sew bands on all their wrists and make headbands for heads of every size to entrap people's lives! Will you entrap my people's lives, yet preserve your own lives?

19 You have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and scraps of bread. You have put to death people who should not die and kept alive those who should not live by your lies to my people, who listen to lies!

20 "Therefore, this is what the sovereign LORD says: Take note that I am against your wristbands with which you entrap people's lives like birds. I will tear them from your arms and will release the people's lives, which you hunt like birds.

21 I will tear off your headbands and rescue my people from your power; they will no longer be prey in your hands. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

22 This is because you have disheartened the righteous person with lies (although I have not grieved him), and because you have encouraged the wicked person not to turn from his evil conduct and preserve his life.

23 Therefore you will no longer see false visions and practice divination. I will rescue my people from your power, and you will know that I am the LORD."

#### TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

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## A Tastier Cuppal

*Let Jesus pour you a fuller bodied, more flavorful Cuppal from today's brew*

Well, we hope you enjoyed this morning's Cuppal 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 Cuppal 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 Cuppal from the same brew, for you, today. Use the following form to jot down whatever Jesus shares with you.



## Bible Study

1. Open your Bible to today's passage and **review** today's brew.
2. **Savor** the passage, one verse at a time, **listening** for God's still small voice.
3. **Follow** the trail you marked in each verse, **pause** to look up the terms you flagged for further consideration, and **write** whatever the Spirit brings to mind.

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