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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 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.

17 "Now, Changing the subject
son of man, Referring to Ezekiel as a descendant of Adam, a member of the fallen race who needs salvation but not one of the rebels
speak out against the LORD orders Zeke to sound off (against) My opposition to
the women who prophesy females who claim to speak for Me, but project the future
from their own imaginations. from the schemes of their own minds
18 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Pointing out, bringing attention to the unstoppable Eternal One's take on the situation
What sorrow awaits you women the LORD says: a surprising or remarkable heartache from frustrated hopes of the future is in store for you so-called female prophets
who are ensnaring the souls of my people, who are seducing with clever, cunning devices my extended family of people with divine breath in them
young and old alike. Every one of them, regardless of their age
You tie magic charms on their wrists you so-called female prophets fasten ornaments supposed to have occult or unimaginable power on, or in physical contact with the part of their arm connected to their hands
and plus, as well as
furnish them with magic veils. supply (to make available), or equip (actually outfit for a purpose) my extended family with facial covers that intercept what they see and what others see of them
Do you think do you so-called female prophets dare to imagine
you can trap others that you can deliberately set out to seduce, or catch, or trick others
without bringing destruction on yourselves? Without causing ruin, annihilation to come to you?
19 You bring shame on me you so-called female prophets cause embarrassment or disgrace to land on me (ruin the Eternal One's reputation)
among my people in the company of My extended family
for a few handfuls of barley in exchange for a small amount of the main ingredient for intoxicating beverages
or (or, the other possibility)
a piece of bread. a crumb of food
By lying to my people uttering falsehoods to deceive My extended family
who love to listen to lies, who have a weakness for fiction intended to deceive
you kill those who should not die, you so-called female prophets deprive of life those who should not come to an end, or cease
and as well as, plus
you promise life to those who should not live get up hopes or expectations for survival to those who should not stay alive

20 "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Pointing out, bringing attention to the unstoppable Eternal One's take on the situation
I am against all your magic charms, the LORD declares: I, the Eternal One am opposed to every one of your ornaments supposed to have occult or unimaginable power
Which you use to ensnare my people like birds. That you so-called female prophets use to seduce My extended family as though they were flying feathered animals
I will tear them from your arms, I, the Eternal One intend to separate these ornaments for controlling the people like puppets from the part of your arms connected to your hands
setting my people free like birds disengaging My extended family from your control as though they were flying feathered animals
set free from a cage. Released from a place of confinement
21 I will tear off the magic veils I, the Eternal One will remove by violence the facial covers that intercept what we see and what others see of us
and as well as, plus
save my people from your grasp. spare, or rescue My extended family from the grip of the false prophetesses
They will no longer be your victims. My extended family will not now as before exist as tricked or duped by the false prophetesses
Then At that time
you will know that I am the LORD. the false prophetesses will realize or recognize clearly, certainly, confidently, beyond a doubt that I, the Eternal One am the Boss
22 You have discouraged the righteous with your lies, you false prophetesses have disheartened, or depressed the spirits of those who live by divine commands with the prophecies you made up to deceive them
but When at the same time
I didn't want them to be sad. I, the Eternal One didn't desire, or intend for My extended family to be gloomy
And plus
you have encouraged the wicked you false prophetesses have increased the courage or confidence of those who deviate from the divine law; addicted to immorality, sinful, and carnal
by promising them life, getting up their hopes or expectations, giving them grounds to expect good
even though they continue in their sins. In spite of the fact they keep on voluntarily violating God's commands
23 Because of all this, on account of, or thanks to all your shenanigans and My divine actions in verses 17-22 you will no longer talk of seeing you, false prophetesses will not now as before speak impertinently about detecting, noticing, or making out
visions that you never saw, false claims that God ever showed something to you
nor at the same time, neither
will you make predictions. Will you false prophetesses foretell or forecast the future
For because
I will rescue my people from your grasp. I, the Eternal One will remove or withdraw My extended family from the grip of you false prophetesses that exposed them to evil
Then At that time
you will know that I am the LORD." you false prophetesses will realize or recognize clearly, certainly, confidently, beyond a doubt that I, the Eternal One am the Boss

Now Serving

The Brew

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

In today's passage, verses 1-5, Ezekiel turns his attention to those who want to worship the LORD together with Babylon's pagan gods. So, please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 14, 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
Links	Then, and, while			And 2x, then, so	
Persons	Some of the leaders of Israel, they, me 2x (Zeke)	Me (Zeke), the LORD	These leaders, their 2x, they, them, I (t. LORD)	The people, them 2x, their 2x, they, I, the LORD	
Places		To me, from the LORD	In their hearts, into sin, to their requests	In their hearts, into sin, to a prophet	
Things		This message	Idols, hearts, things that, sin, requests	This, what, idols, heart, sin, a message, the kind of answer, great idolatry	
EWords	Visiting, were sitting	came			
Helpers	With				

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 some of the leaders of Israel visited me, and while they were sitting with me,

2 this message came to me from the LORD:

3 "Son of man, these leaders have set up idols[a] in their hearts. They have embraced things that will make them fall into sin. Why should I listen to their requests?

4 Tell them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: The people of Israel have set up idols in their hearts and fallen into sin, and then they go to a prophet asking for a message. So, I, the LORD, will give them the kind of answer their great idolatry deserves.

5 I will do this to capture the minds and hearts of all my people who have turned from me to worship their detestable idols.'

The Expanded Bible

14 Some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat down in front of me.

2 Then the ·LORD spoke his word [[L]word of the LORD came] to me, saying:

3 "·Human [[T]Son of man; 2:1], these people ·want to worship idols [[L]have set up idols in their hearts]. They put up ·evil things that cause people to sin [[L]wicked stumbling blocks/obstacles before their faces]. Should I allow them to ·ask me for help [consult me]?

4 So speak to them and tell them, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: When any of the ·people [[L]house] of Israel ·want to worship idols [sets up idols in their heart] and put up ·evil things that cause people to sin [[L]wicked stumbling blocks/obstacles before their faces] and then ·come to the [consult a] prophet, I, the LORD, will answer them myself ·for worshiping idols [[L]in accordance with the multitude of their idols].

5 Then I will ·win back [take hold of/recapture the hearts of] my people Israel, who have left me because of all their idols.'

The Scriptures 1998/2009

1 And some of the elders of Yisra'ĕl came to me and sat before me.

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

3 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put the stumbling-block of their crookedness before their face. Should I let them inquire of Me at all?"

4 "Therefore speak to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus said the Master יהוה, "Everyone of the house of Yisra'ĕl who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his crookedness before his face, and shall come to the prophet – I יהוה shall answer him who comes, according to his many idols,

5 in order to lay hold of the house of Yisra'ĕl by their heart, for they have become estranged from Me by their idols, all of them."

THE NET BIBLE

1 Then some men from Israel's elders came to me and sat down in front of me.

2 The word of the LORD came to me:

3 "Son of man, these men have erected their idols in their hearts and placed the obstacle leading to their iniquity[1] right before their faces. Should I really allow them to seek[2] me?

4 Therefore speak to them and say to them, 'This is what the sovereign LORD says: When any one from the house of Israel erects his idols in his heart and sets the obstacle leading to his iniquity before his face, and then consults a prophet, I the LORD am determined to answer him personally according to the enormity of his idolatry.[3]

5 I will do this in order to capture the hearts of the house of Israel, who have alienated themselves from me on account of all their idols.'

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

A Tastier CuppaJ

Let Jesus pour y bodied, more flavorful CuppaJ from today's brew

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.

Bible Study

day's passage and **review** today's brew.
e verse at a time, **listening** for God's still small voice.
narked in each verse, **pause** to look up the terms you
sideration, and **write** whatever the Spirit brings to mind.

v.1 _____

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v.2

v.3

v.4

v.5

v.15

v.16