

**S-O-M-E      O = OBSERVATION**

**COLOR-CODE** [To see the parts of the text]

- 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 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.’

**THOUGHT DIAGRAM** [To get acquainted with the parts of the text]

	Linking Words	Persons	Empowering Words	Helpers	Locators	Places	Things
1	<u>Then</u>	<u>some of the leaders</u>	<u>visited</u>	<u>of</u>		<u>Israel</u>	
	<u>and while</u>	<u>they</u>	<u>were sitting</u>	<u>with</u>			
2		<u>me,</u>	<u>came</u>		<u>to</u>		<u>this message</u>
		<u>me</u>			<u>from</u>		
3		<u>the LORD:</u>					
		<u>“Son of man,</u>	<u>these leaders</u>				
			<u>have set up</u>				<u>idols</u>
		<u>their</u>			<u>in</u>		<u>hearts.</u>
		<u>They</u>	<u>have embraced</u>				<u>things that</u>
		<u>them</u>	<u>will make</u>				
			<u>fall</u>		<u>into</u>		<u>sin.</u>
				<u>Why</u>			
		<u>I</u>	<u>listen</u>		<u>to</u>		
		<u>their</u>					<u>requests?</u>
4		<u>Tell</u>					
		<u>them,</u>	<u>is</u>				<u>‘This</u>
			<u>says:</u>				<u>what</u>
		<u>the people of</u>					<u>the Sovereign LORD</u>
		<u>Israel</u>	<u>have set up</u>				<u>idols</u>
		<u>their</u>			<u>in</u>		<u>hearts</u>
	<u>and</u>		<u>fallen</u>		<u>into</u>		<u>sin,</u>
	<u>and</u>	<u>they</u>	<u>go</u>		<u>to</u>		
	<u>then</u>	<u>a prophet</u>					
			<u>asking</u>	<u>for</u>			<u>a message.</u>
	<u>So,</u>	<u>I, the LORD,</u>	<u>will give</u>				
		<u>them</u>					<u>the kind</u>
				<u>of</u>			<u>answer</u>
		<u>their</u>					<u>great idolatry</u>
							<u>deserves.</u>

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**EVENT/ACTION LIST** [To reassemble the parts in bite-sized events/actions that make sense]

V Line	Thought/Event/Action
1	Then
1	some of the leaders of Israel visited me, and while
2	they were sitting with me,
2 1	this message came to me from the LORD:
3 1	"Son of man,
2	these leaders have set up idols in their hearts.
3	They have embraced things
4	that will make them fall into sin.
5	Why should I listen to their requests?
4 1	Tell them,
2	'This is what the Sovereign LORD says:
3	the people of Israel
4	have set up idols in their hearts
	and
5	fallen into sin,
	and
	then
6	they go to a prophet
7	asking for a message.
	So,
8	I, the LORD,
9	will give them
10	the kind of answer
11	their great idolatry deserves.
5 1	I will do this
2	to capture the minds and hearts
3	of all my people
4	who have turned from me
5	to worship their detestable idols.'

**FLOW CHART** [To capture the way the writer connected everything in the text into one, continuous stream of thought or story]

V. Line	Words/Catchwords/Catchphrases	Link
1	Then	Introduces what comes next
1	some of the leaders of Israel visited me, and while	Tells us what comes next Adds something Introduces two things that happen at the same time
2	they were sitting with me,	Event 1
2 1	this message came to me from the LORD:	Event 2
3 1	"Son of man,	Renames Ezekiel
2	these leaders have set up idols in their hearts.	God tells Zeke what's going on inside of the leaders

3	<a href="#">They have embraced things</a>	God tells Zeke more about the leaders
4	<a href="#">that will make them fall into sin.</a>	God tells Zeke more about the leaders
5	<a href="#">Why should I listen to their requests?</a>	God tells Zeke how he feels about the hypocritical leaders
4 1	<a href="#">Tell them,</a>	God gives Zeke further instructions
2	<a href="#">‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says:</a>	God shares His take on the situation
3	<a href="#">the people of Israel</a>	God refers to the elders plus the rest of the exiles
4	<a href="#">have set up idols in their hearts</a>	Not just the elders but the rest of the exiles are also going pagan
	<a href="#">and</a>	Adds something
5	<a href="#">fallen into sin,</a>	The consequences of going pagan
	<a href="#">and</a>	Adds something further
	<a href="#">then</a>	Introduces what comes next
6	<a href="#">they go to a prophet</a>	The ringleaders act like they still follow God
7	<a href="#">asking for a message.</a>	Request God’s guidance
	<a href="#">So,</a>	Introduces God’s response
8	<a href="#">I, the LORD,</a>	God emphatically identifies Himself as the Eternal One
9	<a href="#">will give them</a>	God announces what He will do
10	<a href="#">the kind of answer</a>	God tells Zeke how He will respond
11	<a href="#">their great idolatry deserves.</a>	God’s response will match their hypocrisy
5 1	<a href="#">I will do this</a>	God repeats what He said before
2	<a href="#">to capture the minds and hearts</a>	God gives the reason for His response
3	<a href="#">of all my people</a>	God gives the extent of His purpose
4	<a href="#">who have turned from me</a>	His plans include those who have defected
5	<a href="#">to worship their detestable idols.’</a>	To the gods of Babylon

**BLUEPRINT** [To capture the way the writer developed a story from events and actions, or wove thoughts into an idea or argument]

V. Line	Events/Actions	Adds/Fills/Brings
1	<a href="#">Then</a>	
1	<a href="#">some of the leaders of Israel visited me,</a>	Adds
	<a href="#">and</a>	
	<a href="#">while</a>	
2	<a href="#">they were sitting with me,</a>	Fills in
2 1	<a href="#">this message came to me from the LORD:</a>	Adds
3 1	<a href="#">“Son of man,</a>	Fills in
2	<a href="#">these leaders have set up idols in their hearts.</a>	Brings out
3	<a href="#">They have embraced things</a>	Fills in
4	<a href="#">that will make them fall into sin.</a>	Brings out
5	<a href="#">Why should I listen to their requests?</a>	Adds
4 1	<a href="#">Tell them,</a>	Adds
2	<a href="#">‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says:</a>	Fills in
3	<a href="#">the people of Israel</a>	Fills in
4	<a href="#">have set up idols in their hearts</a>	Brings out
	<a href="#">and</a>	
5	<a href="#">fallen into sin,</a>	Brings out
	<a href="#">and</a>	
	<a href="#">then</a>	
6	<a href="#">they go to a prophet</a>	Adds
7	<a href="#">asking for a message.</a>	Fills in
	<a href="#">So,</a>	
8	<a href="#">I, the LORD,</a>	Fills in
9	<a href="#">will give them</a>	Adds
10	<a href="#">the kind of answer</a>	Fills in

11	<a href="#">their great idolatry</a> <a href="#">deserves</a> .	Brings out
5 1	<a href="#">I will do this</a>	Adds
2	<a href="#">to capture the minds and hearts</a>	Fills in
3	<a href="#">of all my people</a>	Fills
4	<a href="#">who have turned from me</a>	Brings out
5	<a href="#">to worship their detestable idols.</a> '	Fills in

**ROUGH DRAFT** [To get a rough idea of the passage from what you've learned so far]

V. Line	Events/Actions	Simple Explanation
1	<a href="#">Then</a>	
1	<a href="#">some of the leaders of Israel</a> <a href="#">visited me</a> ,	Some, not all of the leaders pay Zeke a visit
	<a href="#">and</a>	
	<a href="#">while</a>	
2	<a href="#">they were sitting with me</a> ,	As they sat down with me
2 1	<a href="#">this message came to me from the LORD:</a>	The LORD sent me a message
3 1	<a href="#">"Son of man,</a>	The LORD called me a sinner, but separated me from the rebels
2	<a href="#">these leaders have set up idols in their hearts.</a>	He told me that my visitors had become idol worshipers
3	<a href="#">They have embraced things</a>	He also told me that my visitors had taken up ways
4	<a href="#">that will make them fall into sin.</a>	That would lead them to sin
5	<a href="#">Why should I listen to their requests?</a>	Since they broke the covenant He was not bound to give guidance
4 1	<a href="#">Tell them,</a>	He told me what to say to them
2	<a href="#">'This is what the Sovereign LORD says:</a>	Straight from His mouth
3	<a href="#">the people of Israel</a>	He referred to the exiles as descendants of Jacob
4	<a href="#">have set up idols in their hearts</a>	He told me that the exiles in general had become idol worshipers
	<a href="#">and</a>	
5	<a href="#">fallen into sin,</a>	He also told me that they had already committed crimes against Him
	<a href="#">and</a>	
	<a href="#">then</a>	
6	<a href="#">they go to a prophet</a>	He mocked them for coming to me
7	<a href="#">asking for a message.</a>	Looking for His divine guidance
	<a href="#">So,</a>	
8	<a href="#">I, the LORD,</a>	The LORD reminds me He sees through their hypocrisy
9	<a href="#">will give them</a>	He told me He would answer them, anyway
10	<a href="#">the kind of answer</a>	But not with guidance as if they were still loyal to Him
11	<a href="#">their great idolatry deserves.</a>	He would give them an answer based on their hypocrisy
5 1	<a href="#">I will do this</a>	God assured me he would give them this kind of answer
2	<a href="#">to capture the minds and hearts</a>	To get back
3	<a href="#">of all my people</a>	Everyone He can
4	<a href="#">who have turned from me</a>	From those who had deserted Him
5	<a href="#">to worship their detestable idols.</a> '	For the gods of Babylon

**S-O-M-E = MEANING**

**BIOGRAPHIES**

[some of the leaders](#) part of those who had authority among the exiles

[me](#) Ezekiel

[the LORD:](#) the Eternal One

[Son of man](#) descendant of Adam, a sinner who needs salvation but not one of the rebels

[the Sovereign LORD](#) the unstoppable and Eternal One

[the people of Israel](#) the LORD's extended family descended from Jacob

[a prophet](#) a spokesperson for God, who ties the present to the past and the present to the future

[all my people who](#) everyone who had deserted the Eternal One for the gods of Babylon

## GEOGRAPHIES

[Israel](#) the Promised Land

[to me](#) Ezekiel was the destination for the heavenly message

[from the LORD](#): the Eternal One is the source of the heavenly message

[in their hearts](#) embedded and enclosed or surrounded by the leaders' hearts

[into sin](#) transition to sin

[to a prophet](#) the prophet is the destination of the leaders

## PROFILES

[this message](#) a communication

[idols](#) so-called divine rivals/alternatives to the LORD

[hearts](#) the central or innermost parts

[things that](#) actions, activities, events, thoughts, or ways of speaking that lead to sin

[sin](#) perversion of God's Law

[requests](#) questions

[the kind of answer](#) the type of reply/response that hypocrisy deserves

[great idolatry](#) major defection to alternative gods

[the minds](#) the mental processes that size up what's happening and develop a strategy

[detestable idols](#) disgusting/repulsive alternatives to the LORD

## WORD STUDIES

[Visited](#) go to see for a specific purpose

[Were sitting](#) rather than standing or pacing back and forth

[Came](#) arrived

[Have set up](#) established, erected

[Have embraced](#) adopted

[Will make](#) guaranteed to cause

[Fall](#) trip and tumble

[Listen](#) pay attention to

[Tell](#) inform

[Is](#) exist

[Says](#) put into words

[Go](#) move from one place to another

[Asking](#) inquire, in search of an answer

[Will give](#) guarantees to grant or supply

[Will do](#) guarantee to carry out

[To capture](#) catch, or reclaim

[Have turned](#) changed course

[To worship](#) desert for

## INSIGHTS

V.1 Some of Israel's leaders came to Ezekiel for advice

v.2 The LORD spoke to Ezekiel, but not because the people came for advice

v.3 The LORD filled in details that Ezekiel didn't know

v.4 The LORD told Ezekiel to tell the leaders He was aware of the people's idolatry and speak to them as idol worshippers

v.5 The LORD will do this to get His people back

## INTERPRETATION

1	<u>Then</u>	Next
1	<u>some of the leaders of Israel visited me,</u>	part of those who had authority among the exiles came to see Ezekiel for guidance
	<u>and</u>	plus
	<u>while</u>	at the same time
2	<u>they were sitting with me,</u>	they pretended to patiently wait for an answer, reclining with Zeke rather than standing or pacing back and forth
2 1	<u>this message came to me from the LORD:</u>	a communication from the Eternal One arrived just then at Zeke
3 1	<u>"Son of man,</u>	Descendant of Adam, a sinner who needs salvation but not one of the rebels
	<u>these leaders have set up idols in their hearts.</u>	those who have authority among the exiles and came to see you have established, or erected so-called divine rival/alternatives to the LORD at their core
3	<u>They have embraced things</u>	these so-called leaders have adopted actions, activities, events, thoughts, or ways of speaking
4	<u>that will make them fall into sin.</u>	that lead to sin
5	<u>Why should I listen to their requests?</u>	Since they have defected from Me, the LORD wants to know: why should I pay attention to their questions?
4 1	<u>Tell them,</u>	Inform these ahem, leaders
2	<u>'This is what the Sovereign LORD says:</u>	Here is what the unstoppable Eternal One has to say:
3	<u>the people of Israel</u>	My extended family descended from Jacob
4	<u>have set up idols in their hearts</u>	has established so-called divine rival/alternatives to the LORD in their central or innermost parts
	<u>and</u>	as well as
5	<u>fallen into sin,</u>	tripped and tumbled from where they were into perversion of God's Law
	<u>and</u>	plus
	<u>then</u>	on top of that
6	<u>they go to a prophet</u>	these idol worshippers made a spokesperson for God, their destination
7	<u>asking for a message.</u>	inquiring, in search of a divine communication that would tie the past to the present as well as to the future
	<u>So,</u>	In view of this
8	<u>I, the LORD,</u>	I, the Eternal One
9	<u>will give them</u>	guarantee to grant or supply these idol worshippers
10	<u>the kind of answer</u>	with the type of reply/response
11	<u>their great idolatry deserves.</u>	that their major defection to alternative gods hypocritically deserves
5 1	<u>I will do this</u>	I, the Eternal One guarantee to carry this out
2	<u>to capture the minds and hearts</u>	in order to reclaim the mental processes plus the central or Innermost parts
3	<u>of all my people</u>	of everyone
4	<u>who have turned from me</u>	who has deserted the Eternal One
5	<u>to worship their detestable idols.'</u>	for the so-called alternative gods of Babylon