



## 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 1-5, Ezekiel turns his attention to those who want to worship the LORD together with Babylon's pagan gods.

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,

Next  
part of those who had authority among the exiles came to see Ezekiel for guidance  
plus  
at the same time  
they pretended to patiently wait for an answer, reclining with Zeke rather than standing or pacing back and forth  
a communication from the Eternal One arrived just then at Zeke  
Descendant of Adam, a sinner who needs salvation but not one of the rebels  
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  
these so-called leaders have adopted actions, activities, events, thoughts, or ways of speaking  
that lead to sin  
Since they have defected from Me, the LORD wants to know: why should I pay attention to their questions?  
Inform these ahem, leaders  
Here is what the unstoppable Eternal One has to say:  
My extended family descended from Jacob  
has established so-called divine rival/alternatives to the LORD in their central or innermost parts  
as well as  
tripped and tumbled from where they were into perversion of God's Law  
plus  
on top of that  
these idol worshipers made a spokesperson for God, their destination  
inquiring, in search of a divine communication that would tie the past to the present as well as to the future  
In view of this  
I, the Eternal One

9	<u>will give them</u>	guarantee to grant or supply these idol worshipers
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



Now  
Serving

## The Brew

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

In today's passage, verses 6-11, the LORD warns both the people and the prophets of destruction for their idolatry. So, please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 14, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v.6.



### WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

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

Parts	Verse 6	Verse 7	Verse 8	Verse 9	Verse 10	Verse 11
<b>Links</b>	Therefore, and 2x	And 4x, so, both, then	And, then	And 2x, if, because	And	And
<b>Persons</b>	The people of (your 2x), Israel, the Sovereign LORD	All those, who 2x, Israelites, foreigners, their, me, my, a prophet	Such people, them 2x (rebs), you, people, I 2x, my, me, the LORD	A prophet, prophet, prophets, them, Israel	False prophets, those who, their 2x, all	The people of, themselves (rebs), Israel, me, my, I 2x, the Sovereign LORD, they, people, their (remnant)
<b>Places</b>	From your idols	In their hearts, into sin, to a prophet	Against such people, from among my people	Against such prophets, off, from the community of		In this way, from me
<b>Things</b>	This, what, idols, all detestable sins	Idols, sins, hearts, advice	A terrible example of, that	A message, it, that, fist, the community of	Guidance, sins	This way, sin
<b>EWords</b>	Tell, is, says, repent, turn away, stop	Will answer, reject, set up, fall, come, asking	Will turn, make, eliminating, will know, am	Is deceived into giving, is, have deceived, will lit, cut	Seek, will be punished	Will learn, to stray, polluting, will be 2x, have spoken
<b>Helpers</b>		for			for	Not, 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

<sup>6</sup> "Therefore, tell the people of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Repent and turn away from your idols, and stop all your detestable sins.

<sup>7</sup> I, the LORD, will answer all those, both Israelites and foreigners, who reject me and set up idols in their hearts and so fall into sin, and who then come to a prophet asking for my advice.

<sup>8</sup> I will turn against such people and make a terrible example of them, eliminating them from among my people. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> 'And if a prophet is deceived into giving a message, it is because I, the LORD, have deceived that prophet. I will lift my fist against such prophets and cut them off from the community of Israel.

<sup>10</sup> False prophets and those who seek their guidance will all be punished for their sins.

<sup>11</sup> In this way, the people of Israel will learn not to stray from me, polluting themselves with sin. They will be my people, and I will be their God. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!'

#### THE EXPANDED BIBLE

<sup>6</sup> "So say to the ·people [Lhouse] of Israel, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: ·Change your hearts and lives [Repent], and ·stop worshiping [Lturn from your] idols. ·Stop doing [LTurn your faces from] all ·the things I hate [your abominations/detestable practices].

<sup>7</sup> Any of the Israelites or foreigners in Israel can separate themselves from me by ·wanting to worship idols [Lsetting up idols in their hearts] or by putting ·up things that cause people to sin [Lbefore their face a wicked stumbling block/obstacle]. Then if they come to the prophet to ·ask me questions [consult me], I, the LORD, will answer them myself.

<sup>8</sup> I will ·reject [Lset my face against] them. I will make them a sign and an ·example [proverb; byword], and I will ·separate them [Lcut them off] from my people. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> "But if the prophet is ·tricked [deceived; or enticed] into giving a prophecy, it is because I, the LORD, have ·tricked [deceived; or enticed] that prophet to speak. Then I will ·use my power [Lstretch out my hand] against him and destroy him from among my people Israel.

<sup>10</sup> The prophet will be ·as guilty [or punished the same] as the one who asks him for help; both will ·be responsible [or bear the punishment] for their guilt.

<sup>11</sup> Then the ·nation [Lhouse] of Israel will ·not leave me anymore [no longer go astray] or ·make themselves unclean [defile themselves; Critually] anymore with all their sins. They will be my people, and I will be their God, says the Lord GOD."

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<sup>6</sup> "Therefore say to the house of Yisra'el, 'Thus said the Master יהוה, "Repent, and turn back from your idols, and turn back your faces from all your abominations.

<sup>7</sup> "For anyone of the house of Yisra'el, or of the strangers who sojourn in Yisra'el, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts the stumbling-block of his crookedness before his face, and shall come to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I יהוה shall answer him Myself."

<sup>8</sup> "And I shall set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I shall cut him off from the midst of My people. And you shall know that I am יהוה.

<sup>9</sup> "And if the prophet is deceived, and shall speak a word, I יהוה have deceived that prophet, and shall stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from the midst of My people Yisra'el.

<sup>10</sup> "And they shall bear their crookedness, the crookedness of the prophet is the same as the crookedness of the inquirer,

<sup>11</sup> so that the house of Yisra'el no longer strays from Me, nor be made unclean any more with all their transgressions. And they shall be My people and I be their Elohim," declares the Master יהוה.'

#### THE NET BIBLE

<sup>6</sup> "So say to the ·people [Lhouse] of Israel, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: ·Change your hearts and lives [Repent], and ·stop worshiping [Lturn from your] idols. ·Stop doing [LTurn your faces from] all ·the things I hate [your abominations/detestable practices].

<sup>7</sup> Any of the Israelites or foreigners in Israel can separate themselves from me by ·wanting to worship idols [<sup>1</sup>setting up idols in their hearts] or by putting ·up things that cause people to sin [<sup>1</sup>before their face a wicked stumbling block/obstacle]. Then if they come to the prophet to ·ask me questions [consult me], I, the LORD, will answer them myself.

<sup>8</sup> I will ·reject [<sup>1</sup>set my face against] them. I will make them a sign and an ·example [proverb; byword], and I will ·separate them [<sup>1</sup>cut them off] from my people. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> “But if the prophet is ·tricked [deceived; or enticed] into giving a prophecy, it is because I, the LORD, have ·tricked [deceived; or enticed] that prophet to speak. Then I will ·use my power [<sup>1</sup>stretch out my hand] against him and destroy him from among my people Israel.

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## TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

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## A Tastier CuppaJ

*Let Jesus pour you a fuller 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



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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