



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 6-11, the LORD warns both the people and the prophets of destruction for their idolatry.

- ⁶ **"Therefore,**
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| <p>1 tell <u>the people of Israel</u>,</p> <p>2 '<u>This is what the Sovereign LORD says:</u></p> <p>3 <u>Repent and turn away from your idols,</u></p> <p>4 <u>and stop all your detestable sins.</u></p> <p>⁷ 1 <u>I, the LORD, will answer</u></p> <p>3 <u>all those, both Israelites and foreigners,</u></p> <p><u>who reject me and set up idols in their hearts</u></p> <p>4 <u>and so fall into sin,</u></p> <p>5 <u>and who then come to a prophet</u></p> <p>6 <u>asking for my advice.</u></p> <p>⁸ 1 <u>I will turn against such people</u></p> <p>2 <u>and make a terrible example of them,</u></p> <p>3 <u>eliminating them from among my people.</u></p> <p>Then</p> <p>4 <u>you will know that I am the LORD.</u></p> <p>⁹ 'And if</p> <p>1 <u>a prophet is deceived into giving a message,</u></p> <p>2 <u>it is because I, the LORD, have deceived that prophet.</u></p> | <p>So, because some of the people in charge of the exiles are pretending they are still loyal to Me</p> <p>Inform the descendants of Jacob after his conversion</p> <p>what the unstoppable One has to say</p> <p>Change your mind as well as leave behind your false gods</p> <p>Plus, on top of that, cease and desist every deliberate act of rebellion</p> <p>I, the Eternal One will reply or respond to</p> <p>everyone, homegrown as well as those born outside the Promised Land</p> <p>who deserted, Me the Eternal One as well as installed false gods inside their cores, or innermost parts</p> <p>and as a result tripped and tumbled into acts of rebellion</p> <p>plus, more than that, approached a prophet as if they still wanted to live My way</p> <p>seeking My, the Eternal One's guidance</p> <p>I, the Eternal One swear to change my attitude toward those idol worshipers</p> <p>at the same time I will also cause them to become a scary warning</p> <p>Banishing them from my extended family</p> <p>After that</p> <p>You idol worshipers will realize I, the Eternal One, will always be boss</p> <p>Plus, suppose</p> <p>a mouthpiece for God who ties the past to the present as well as the future is tricked into delivering (what appears to be) a communication from God</p> <p>Here's why: I, the Eternal One have allowed him to be tricked</p> |
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3	I will lift my fist against such prophets	I, the Eternal One swear to raise a clenched hand ready to hit someone or something threatening harm
4	and cut them off from the community of Israel.	As well as keep those false prophets at a distance from the family circle of those in the Promised Land
10 1	False prophets and those who seek their guidance	Phony mouthpieces for God as well as whoever asks them for God's advice
2	will all be punished for their sins.	will absolutely pay the price for their acts of rebellion
11 1	In this way, the people of Israel	This is how descendants of Jacob after his conversion
2	will learn not to stray from me,	will finally be taught to stay faithful to the Eternal One
3	polluting themselves with sin.	No longer staining themselves with acts of rebellion
4	They will be my people	Those who realize this must become my extended family
5	and I will be their God.	Plus, I, the Eternal One must also be reconciled to them as their Creator
6	I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!	I, the Unstoppable One have said this and no one or nothing can undo or change 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 12-20, Ezekiel shows that the LORD's patience is past the point He will listen to any plea with four successive judgments – famine, wild beasts, sword, and pestilence – that justify His destruction of Jerusalem. So, please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 14, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v.12.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

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

Parts	Verse 12	Verse 13	Verse 14	Verse 15	Verse 16
Links	Then	Suppose, and 3x, both	Even if, and, but	Or, suppose, and 2x	As surely as, even if, or, but
Persons	Me (Zeke), t. LORD	Son of man Zeke), the people, them, their, people, I, my	Noah, Daniel, Job, their, themselves, t. Sovereign LORD	I (t. LORD), the people	I, T. Sovereign LORD, those 3 men, they, their own, they alone sons, daughters
Places	To me, from t. LORD	A country, against me	There	The country, the land	There, t. land
Things	This message	Fist, food supply, a famine, animals	Righteousness	Wild animals, desolate, dangerous	Desolate
EWords	Came	Were to sin, lifted, to crush, cutting off, sending, to destroy	Were, save, says	Were, send to invade, kill, make, to pass	Live, says, were, be able to save, be saved, be made
Helpers		Of	Would	Too, through	Would 2x, wouldn't

Parts	Verse 17	Verse 18	Verse 19	Verse 20
Links	Or suppose, and 2x, both		Or suppose, and 2x, alike	
Persons	I 2x (t. LORD), people		I, my (t. LORD), people, animals	
Places	Against t. land		Into t. land	
Things	War, enemy armies, animals		Fury, an epidemic, the disease, animals	
EWords	Were to bring, sent, destroy		Pour out, sending, killed	
Helpers			By	

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

12 Then this message came to me from the LORD:

13 "Son of man, suppose the people of a country were to sin against me, and I lifted my fist to crush them, cutting off their food supply and sending a famine to destroy both people and animals.

14 Even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were there, their righteousness would save no one but themselves, says the Sovereign LORD.

15 "Or suppose I were to send wild animals to invade the country, kill the people, and make the land too desolate and dangerous to pass through.

16 As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, even if those three men were there, they wouldn't be able to save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved, but the land would be made desolate.

17 "Or suppose I were to bring war against the land, and I sent enemy armies to destroy both people and animals.

18 As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, even if those three men were there, they wouldn't be able to save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved.

19 "Or suppose I were to pour out my fury by sending an epidemic into the land, and the disease killed people and animals alike.

20 As surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were there, they wouldn't be able to save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved by their righteousness.

THE EXPANDED BIBLE

12 The LORD spoke his word [L-word of the LORD came] to me, saying:

13 "Human [L-Son of man; 2:1], if the people of a country [L-a country/land] sin against me by not being loyal [faithful], I will use my power [L-stretch out my hand] against them. I will cut off their supply of food [bread] and send a time of hunger [famine], destroying both people and animals.

14 Even if three great men like Noah, Daniel [L-either the prophet Daniel (who was still a young man at this time) or an ancient Canaanite hero known for his wisdom and justice], and Job were in that country, their goodness [righteousness] could save only themselves, says the Lord GOD.

15 "Or I might send wild animals into that land, leaving the land empty [desolate] and without children [bereaved]. Then no one would pass through it because of the animals [beasts].

16 As surely as I live, says the Lord GOD, even if Noah, Daniel, and Job [L-these three men; v. 14] were in the land, they could not save their own sons or daughters. They could save only themselves, but that country would become empty [desolate].

17 "Or I might bring a war [L-sword] against that country [land]. I might say, 'Let a war be fought in [L-sword pass through] that land,' in this way destroying [cutting off] its people and its animals.

18 As surely as I live, says the Lord GOD, even if those three men were in the land, they could not save their sons or daughters. They could save only themselves.

19 "Or I might cause a disease [plague; pestilence] to spread in that country. I might pour out my anger [L-rage/wrath with blood] against it, destroying and killing people and animals.

20 As surely as I live, says the Lord GOD, even if Noah, Daniel [v. 14], and Job were in the land, they could not save their son or daughter. They could save only themselves because they did what was right [by their righteousness].

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12 And the word of יהוה came again to me, saying,

13 "Son of man, when a land sins against Me to commit a trespass, and I shall stretch out My hand against it, and cut off its supply of bread and send scarcity of food on it, and cut off man and beast from it,

14 even though these three men, Noah, Dani'el, and Iyob, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," declares the Master יהוה.

15 "If I cause an evil beast to pass through the land, and it shall bereave it, and it shall be a wasteland, so that no man passes through because of the beasts,

16 even though these three men were in it, as I live," declares the Master יהוה, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters. They alone would be delivered, but the land be a wasteland.

17 "Or if I bring a sword on that land, and I shall say, 'Sword, go through the land,' and I shall cut off man and beast from it,

18 even though these three men were in its midst, as I live," declares the Master יהוה, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, for they alone would be delivered"

19 "Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and I shall pour out My wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast,

20 even though Noah, Dani'el, and Iyob were in it, as I live," declares the Master יהוה, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter. They would deliver their own lives by their righteousness."

THE NET BIBLE

¹² The word of the LORD came to me:

¹³ "Son of man, suppose a country sins against me by being unfaithful, and I stretch out my hand against it, cut off its bread supply,⁹ cause famine to come on it, and kill both people and animals.

¹⁴ Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel,¹⁰ and Job, were in it, they would save only their own lives by their righteousness, declares the sovereign LORD.

¹⁵ "Suppose I were to send wild animals through the land and kill its children, leaving it desolate, without travelers due to the wild animals.

¹⁶ Even if these three men were in it, as surely as I live, declares the sovereign LORD, they could not save their own sons or daughters; they would save only their own lives, and the land would become desolate.

¹⁷ "Or suppose I were to bring a sword against that land and say, 'Let a sword pass through the land,' and I were to kill both people and animals.

¹⁸ Even if these three men were in it, as surely as I live, declares the sovereign LORD, they could not save their own sons or daughters—they would save only their own lives.

¹⁹ "Or suppose I were to send a plague into that land, and pour out my rage on it with bloodshed, killing both people and animals.

²⁰ Even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as surely as I live, declares the sovereign LORD, they could not save their own son or daughter; they would save only their own lives by their righteousness.

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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