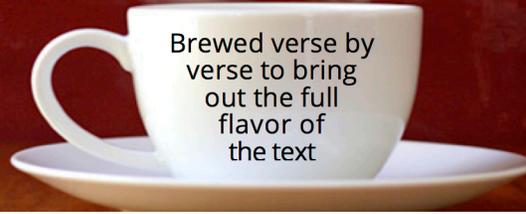


# Cuppa Cafe

Daily devotions  
from God's Word...



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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 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.

V	Line	Thought/Event/Action	Interpretation
12	<b>Then</b>		Next, or after that
	1	<u>this message came to me</u>	a communication arrived at its destination: Zeke
	2	<u>from the LORD:</u>	the Eternal One was the source
13	1	<u>"Son of man,</u>	a descendant of Adam, a sinner who needs salvation, but not one of the rebels
		<u>suppose</u>	Let's pretend
	2	<u>the people of a country</u>	the citizens of a whole nation
	3	<u>were to sin against me,</u>	were to miss the mark, or fall short of the Law, opposite to what the LORD expects
		<u>and</u>	so that
	4	<u>I lifted my fist to crush them,</u>	I, the Eternal One clenched my hand threatening to harm them and break them in pieces
	5	<u>cutting off their food supply</u>	<b>separating them from</b> what they stored up to eat
		<u>and</u>	so
	6	<u>sending a famine</u>	dispatching a lack of food
	7	<u>to destroy both people and animals.</u>	To wipe out the citizens and their livestock
14	<b>Even if</b>		despite the fact that
	1	<u>Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,</u>	Three of the greatest heroes of righteousness were at that location
	2	<u>their righteousness</u>	Their good terms with God
	3	<u>would save no one but themselves,</u>	couldn't separate anyone from danger except them
	4	<u>says the Sovereign LORD.</u>	Is the unstoppable One's set-in-concrete opinion.
15	<b>Or suppose</b>		Let's pretend something else
	1	<u>I were to send wild animals</u>	I, the Eternal One were to dispatch untamed living creatures
	2	<u>to invade the country,</u>	<b>to enter with hostile intent, to attack or assault that nation</b>
	3	<u>kill the people,</u>	<b>to deprive the citizens of life</b>
		<u>and</u>	so as a result
	4	<u>make the land too desolate and dangerous</u>	<b>causing the entire countryside to be extremely empty as well as life-threatening</b>
	5	<u>to pass through.</u>	(for travelers) to cross
16	<b>As surely as</b>		Like the certainty
	1	<u>I live,</u>	I, the Eternal One am alive
	2	<u>says the Sovereign LORD,</u>	Is the unstoppable One's set-in-concrete opinion
		<u>even if</u>	despite the fact that
	3	<u>those three men were there,</u>	the same three heroes of righteousness were at that place
	4	<u>they wouldn't be able to save</u>	they couldn't separate from danger
	5	<u>their own sons or daughters.</u>	male descendants meant to inherit their father's estates as well as female descendants meant to perpetuate families
	6	<u>They alone would be saved,</u>	Only they could be separated from danger
		<u>but</u>	in spite of that

7 the land would be made desolate.  
 17 Or suppose  
 1 I were to bring war against the land,  
 and  
 2 I sent enemy armies  
 3 to destroy both people and animals.  
 18 As surely as  
 1 I live,  
 2 says the Sovereign LORD,  
 even if  
 3 those three men were there,  
 4 they wouldn't be able to save  
 5 their own sons or daughters.  
 6 They alone would be saved.  
 19 Or suppose  
 1 I were to pour out My fury  
 2 by sending an epidemic into the land,  
 and  
 3 the disease killed  
 4 people and animals alike.  
 20 As surely as  
 1 I live,  
 2 says the Sovereign LORD,  
 Even if  
 3 Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,  
 4 they wouldn't be able to save  
 5 their own sons or daughters.  
 6 They alone would be saved  
 7 by their righteousness.

The whole countryside ends up empty.  
 Let's pretend something else  
 I, the Eternal One were to launch deadly combat across the country  
 so as a result  
 I, the Eternal One caused hostile militaries  
 To wipe out every living thing – human as well as non-human  
 Like the certainty  
 I, the Eternal One am alive  
 Is the unstoppable One's set-in-concrete opinion  
 despite the fact that  
 the same three heroes of righteousness were at that place  
 they couldn't separate from danger  
 male descendants meant to inherit their father's estates as well as female  
 descendants meant to perpetuate families  
 Only they could be separated from danger  
 Let's pretend something else  
 I, the Eternal One were to empty my vats of divine rage  
 spreading a plague throughout the entire country  
 so as a result  
 that specific sickness deprived of life  
 every living thing – human as well as non-human  
 Like the certainty  
 I, the Eternal One am alive  
 Is the unstoppable One's set-in-concrete opinion  
 despite the fact that  
 Three of the greatest heroes of righteousness were at that location  
 they couldn't separate from danger  
 male descendants meant to inherit their father's estates as well as female  
 descendants meant to perpetuate families  
 Only they could be separated from danger  
 By means of their good terms with God.



## Now Serving The Brew

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

In today's passage, verses 21-23, Ézekiel draws together the strands of the plot in this section, explaining as he translates the hypothetical cases of verses 13-20 into the actual threat against Jerusalem: unavoidable fourfold divine judgment. So, please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 14, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v.21.



### WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

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

Parts	Verse 21	Verse 22	Verse 23
Links	Now, when, and 2x		
Persons	The Sovereign Lord, people (rebs)		
Places	Jerusalem, her		
Things			
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Helpers			

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>21</sup> “**Now this is what the Sovereign LORD says: How terrible it will be when all four of these dreadful punishments fall upon Jerusalem—war, famine, wild animals, and disease—destroying all her people and animals.**

<sup>22</sup> Yet there will be survivors, and they will come here to join you as exiles in Babylon. You will see with your own eyes how wicked they are, and then you will feel better about what I have done to Jerusalem.

<sup>23</sup> When you meet them and see their behavior, you will understand that these things are not being done to Israel without cause. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!”

## THE EXPANDED BIBLE

<sup>21</sup> “This is what the Lord GOD says: ·My plans for Jerusalem are much worse [·How much more for Jerusalem]! I will send my four terrible punishments against it—war [·sword], ·hunger [famine], wild animals, and ·disease [pestilence; plague]—to destroy its people and animals.

<sup>22</sup> But [·look; ·behold] some ·people will escape [survivors will be left]; some sons and daughters will be led out. They will come out to you, and you will see ·what happens to people who live as they did [·their ways and deeds]. Then you will be ·comforted [consoled] after the disasters I have brought against Jerusalem, after all the things I have brought against it.

<sup>23</sup> ·You will be comforted [They will console you] when you see ·what happens to them for living as they did [·their ways and deeds], because you will know ·there was a good reason for [it was not without cause that I did] what I did to Jerusalem, says the Lord GOD.”

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<sup>21</sup> For thus said the Master יהוה, “How much more it shall be when I send My four evil judgments on Yerushalayim: the sword and scarcity of food and evil beasts and pestilence, to cut off man and beast from it?”

<sup>22</sup> “But see, there shall be left in it a remnant who are brought out, both sons and daughters. See, they are coming out to you, and you shall see their ways and their deeds, and shall be comforted concerning the evil which I have brought upon Yerushalayim – all that I have brought upon it.

<sup>23</sup> “And they shall comfort you, when you see their ways and their deeds. And you shall know that it was not for naught that I have done whatever I did in it,” declares the Master יהוה.”

## THE NET BIBLE

<sup>21</sup> “For this is what the sovereign LORD says: How much worse will it be when I send my four terrible judgments—sword, famine, wild animals, and plague—to Jerusalem<sup>11</sup> to kill both people and animals!

<sup>22</sup> Yet some survivors will be left in it, sons and daughters who will be brought out. They will come out to you, and when you see their behavior and their deeds, you will be consoled about the catastrophe I have brought on Jerusalem—for everything I brought on it.

<sup>23</sup> They will console you when you see their behavior and their deeds, because you will know that it was not without reason that I have done everything which I have done in it, declares the sovereign LORD.”

## 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

