



## 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 1-8, Ézekiel pronounces judgment on Jerusalem in two parts: first, an allegory in verses 1-5 explains how a vine's wood is only good to fuel a fire; then, an oracle in verses 6-8 announces that Jerusalem, just like useless wood is only fit for fire.

V	Line	Event/Action	Interpretation
1	Then		Next
	1	this message came to me	the following communication arrived at Ezekiel its destination
	2	from the LORD:	the Eternal One is the source
2	1	Son of man	Descendant of Adam, member of the fallen race who needs salvation but is not one of the rebels
	2	How does a grapevine compare to a tree?	To what extent or degree does a plant intended to produce grapes compete with a woody plant with a trunk and branches
	3	Is a vine's wood as useful	Do the branches of a vine function
	4	As the wood of a tree?	Like the woody part of a plant with a trunk and branches
3	1	Can its wood be used for making things,	Does the branch of a vine have the purpose or function to produce inanimate objects
	2	Like pegs to hang up pots and pans?	Such as hooks that suspend kitchen utensils for cooking and baking
4	1	No, it can only be used for fuel,	Absolutely not, the branch of a vine can only function in the place of a combustible that produces heat and light
	2	and even as fuel, it burns too quickly.	And it isn't even good for that because it burns too fast
5	1	Vines are useless	A plant intended to produce grapes has no other function
	2	Both before and after being put into the fire!	Whether prior to or when used for fuel
6	And 1	This is what the Sovereign LORD says:	Here is the claim of the unstoppable, Eternal One
	2	The people of Jerusalem are like grapevines	The citizens of Jerusalem in the Promised Land are the same as a plant intended to produce grapes
	3	Growing among the trees of the forest.	Sprouting wild
	Since 4	they are useless,	The citizens are dysfunctional
	5	I have thrown them on the fire	I, the unstoppable, Eternal One have flung the citizens over the flames
	6	to be burned.	to be roasted by them
7	And 1	I will see to it that	I, the unstoppable, Eternal One will make sure
	2	if they escape from one fire,	In the event the citizens survive the flames burning fuel
	3	they will fall into another.	The citizens will land, or end up in other flames burning fuel
	When 4	I turn against them,	At the time that I, the unstoppable, Eternal One become hostile to the citizens
	5	You will know that I am the LORD	You, descendant of Adam, member of the fallen race who needs salvation but is not one of the rebels will realize I, the unstoppable, Eternal One am in charge
8	And 1	I will make the land desolate	On top of that, I, the unstoppable, Eternal One will cause the territory I gave to Israel to be barren, or empty
	2	because my people have been unfaithful to me.	For the reason that my bride has cheated on me
	3	I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"	I, the unstoppable, Eternal One have signed, sealed, and delivered the divorce papers



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 describe the time God met Israel before the covenant. So, please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 16, 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 Links	Verse 1	Verse 2	Verse 3	Verse 4	Verse 5
	Then		But, and	And 2x	Or, and
<b>Persons</b>	Me (Zeke), the LORD	Son of man (Zeke), Jerusalem, her (citizens)	Her, you, your 2x, a Canaanite (citizens), father, Amorite, mother, Hittite	You 3x, your (citizens), no one (neighbors, relatives)	No one 2x (neigh/rel), you 5x (citizens)
<b>Places</b>	To me (destination), from the LORD (source)		From the Sovereign LORD (source)	On the day, in cloth	In you, on the day, in a field
<b>Things</b>	Another message	Detestable sins	This message, nothing	The day, umbilical cord, salt, cloth	The slightest interest, the day, a field
<b>EWords</b>	Came	Confront	Give, are, was	Were born, cared, was cut, were washed, rubbed, wrapped	Had, pitied, care, were born, were unwanted, dumped, left to die
<b>Helpers</b>		With		About, not, never, with	For

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>1</sup> Then another message came to me from the LORD:

<sup>2</sup> "Son of man, confront Jerusalem with her detestable sins.

<sup>3</sup> Give her this message from the Sovereign LORD: You are nothing but a Canaanite! Your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

<sup>4</sup> On the day you were born, no one cared about you. Your umbilical cord was not cut, and you were never washed, rubbed with salt, and wrapped in cloth.

<sup>5</sup> No one had the slightest interest in you; no one pitied you or cared for you. On the day you were born, you were unwanted, dumped in a field and left to die.

#### THE EXPANDED BIBLE

<sup>1</sup> The ·LORD spoke his word [·word of the LORD came] to me, saying:

<sup>2</sup> "·Human [·Son of man; [2:1](#)], tell Jerusalem about her ·hateful [detestable; abominable] actions.

<sup>3</sup> Say, 'This is what the Lord GOD says to Jerusalem: Your ·beginnings [origin] and your ·ancestors [·birth] were in the land of the Canaanites. Your father was an Amorite, and your mother was a Hittite.

<sup>4</sup> On the day you were born, your cord [·umbilical cord] was not cut. You were not washed with water to clean you. You were not rubbed with salt or wrapped in ·cloths [·swaddling cloths; [Luke 2:7, 12](#); <sup>c</sup>typical care for newborns in the ancient Near East].

<sup>5</sup> No ·one felt sorry enough for [·eye took pity on] you to do any of these things for you. No, you were thrown out into the open field, because you were ·hated [detested; despised] on the day you were born.

#### THE SCRIPTURES 1998/2009

<sup>1</sup> Again the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

<sup>2</sup> "Son of man, make known to Yerushalayim her abominations,

3 and say, 'Thus said the Master יהוה to Yerushalayim, "Your origin and your birth are from the land of Kena'an. Your father was an Amorite and your mother a ḥittite.

4 "As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water for cleansing, and you were not rubbed with salt at all, nor wrapped in cloth at all.

5 "No eye felt sorry for you, to do any of these for you, to have compassion on you. But you were thrown out into the open field, to the loathing of your life on the day you were born."

THE NET BIBLE

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me:

<sup>2</sup> "Son of man, confront Jerusalem<sup>1</sup> with her abominable practices

<sup>3</sup> and say, 'This is what the sovereign LORD says to Jerusalem: Your origin and your birth were in the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

<sup>4</sup> As for your birth, on the day you were born your umbilical cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water;<sup>2</sup> you were certainly not rubbed down with salt, nor wrapped with blankets.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>5</sup> No eye took pity on you to do even one of these things for you to spare you;<sup>4</sup> you were thrown out into the open field<sup>5</sup> because you were detested on the day you were born.

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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