



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 21-23, Ézekiel draws together the strands of the plot in the previous section, explaining as he translates the hypothetical cases of verses 13-20 into a combined actual threat against Jerusalem: unavoidable fourfold divine judgment.

V	Line	Thought/Event/Action	Interpretation
21	"Now		Next, or after that
	1	this is what the Sovereign LORD says:	What follows comes directly from the Unstoppable One
	2	How terrible it will be	The future is just awful
	when		At the time
	3	all four of these dreadful punishments	The entire quartet of the hurtful, miserable and deserved divine actions in verses 13-20
	4	fall upon Jerusalem	Land on the city
	5	—war, famine, wild animals, and disease—	deadly combat, starvation, untamed beasts, plus plague
	6	destroying all her people and animals.	Killing every one of it's citizens plus livestock and pets
22	Yet		In spite of that
	1	there will be survivors,	Some of the citizens and animals will appear to escape judgment
	and		More than that
	2	they will come here	The refugees will arrive in this Babylonian colony
	3	to join you	To become one of you
	as		like
	4	exiles in Babylon.	deportees from the Promised Land
	5	You will see with your own eyes	You exiles will discover by means of your personal eyeballs
	6	how wicked they are,	The extent/degree of how opposite they are from My way
	and then		As a result
	7	you will feel better about	You exiles won't feel so bad regarding
	8	what I have done to Jerusalem.	The way I judged and destroyed the city
23	When		At the time that
	1	you meet them	You exiles encounter them face to face
	and		plus
	2	see their behavior,	Notice their lifestyle
	3	you will understand	You exiles will share my opinion
	4	that these things	The awful catastrophes from verses 13-20
	5	are not being done to Israel	Happen to the people in the Promised Land
	6	without cause.	on good grounds
	7	I, the Sovereign LORD,	I, the Unstoppable One
	8	have spoken!"	Have expressed the inescapable future in words.



Now
SERVING

The Brew

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

IN TODAY'S PASSAGE, verses 1-8, 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 5-8 announces that Jerusalem, just like useless wood is only fit for fire. So, please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 15, 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	Verse 1	Verse 2	Verse 3	Verse 4	Verse 5	Verse 6	Verse 7	Verse 8
Links	Then	As 2x	Like, and	And, even as	Both, and			
Persons	Me, the LORD	Son of man						
Places	To me, from the LORD	To a tree	Up		Into the fire			
Things	This message	A grapevine, a tree 2x, a vine's wood, the wood	Its, wood, things, pegs, pots, pans	It 2x, fuel 2x	Vines, before, after, the fire			
EWords	Came	Does, compare, is	Can, be used, making, to hang	Can, be used, burns	Are, being put			
Helpers		How, useful, of	For	No, only, for, too quickly	Useless			

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

¹ Then this message came to me from the LORD:

² "Son of man, how does a grapevine compare to a tree? Is a vine's wood as useful as the wood of a tree?

³ Can its wood be used for making things, like pegs to hang up pots and pans?

⁴ No, it can only be used for fuel, and even as fuel, it burns too quickly.

⁵ Vines are useless both before and after being put into the fire!

⁶ "And this is what the Sovereign LORD says: The people of Jerusalem are like grapevines growing among the trees of the forest. Since they are useless, I have thrown them on the fire to be burned.

⁷ And I will see to it that if they escape from one fire, they will fall into another. When I turn against them, you will know that I am the LORD.

⁸ And I will make the land desolate because my people have been unfaithful to me. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"

THE EXPANDED BIBLE

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

² "·Human [·Son of man; 2:1], is the wood of the vine better than the wood of any tree in the forest?

³ Can wood be taken from the vine to make anything? Can you use it to make a peg on which to hang something?

⁴ If the vine is thrown into the fire for fuel, and the fire burns up both ends and ·starts to burn [chars] the middle, is it useful for anything?

⁵ [·Look; ·Behold] When the vine was whole, it couldn't be made into anything. When the fire has burned it completely, ·it certainly cannot [how much less can it] be made into anything."

⁶ So this is what the Lord God says: "Out of all the trees in the forest, I have given the wood of the vine as fuel for fire. In the same way I have given up the people who live in Jerusalem

⁷ and will ·turn [·set my face] against them. Although they came through one fire, fire will still ·destroy [consume] them. When I ·turn [·set my face] against them, you will know that I am the LORD.

⁸ So I will make the land ·empty [desolate], because the people have not been ·loyal [faithful], says the Lord God.”

THE SCRIPTURES 1998/2009

1 Then the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

2 “Son of man, how is the vine tree better than any tree, the vine branch that has been among the trees of the forest?

3 Is wood taken from it to be made into any work? Do they take a peg from it to hang any vessel on?

4 See, into the fire it shall be given for fuel. Both ends of it the fire shall burn, and its middle shall be scorched. Is it fit for any work?

5 See, when it was intact, it was not made for work, how much less when the fire has burned it and it is scorched shall it still be used for work?

6 Therefore thus said the Master יהוה, ‘As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I shall give up the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

7 And I shall set My face against them. They shall go out from one fire, but another fire consumes them. And you shall know that I am יהוה, when I set My face against them.

8 ‘And I shall make the land a wasteland, because they committed trespass,’ declares the Master יהוה.”

THE NET BIBLE

¹ The word of the LORD came to me:

² “Son of man, of all the woody branches among the trees of the forest, what happens to the wood of the vine?¹

³ Can wood be taken from it to make anything useful? Or can anyone make a peg from it to hang things on?

⁴ No!² It is thrown in the fire for fuel; when the fire has burned up both ends of it and it is charred in the middle, will it be useful for anything?

⁵ Indeed! If it was not made into anything useful when it was whole, how much less can it be made into anything when the fire has burned it up and it is charred?

⁶ “Therefore, this is what the sovereign LORD says: Like the wood of the vine is among the trees of the forest which I have provided as fuel for the fire—so I will provide the residents of Jerusalem³ as fuel.⁴

⁷ I will set⁵ my face against them—although they have escaped from the fire,⁶ the fire will still consume them! Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them.

⁸ I will make⁷ the land desolate because they have acted unfaithfully, 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



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.

V.21 _____

V.22 _____

V.23 _____