

# 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 11-14, the LORD expands the inventory of gifts He gave to His covenant bride.

V.	Line	Thoughts/Events/Actions	Meaning
11	1	<u>I gave you lovely jewelry, bracelets, beautiful necklaces,</u>	I, the Eternal One, made a present to Israel of inviting ornaments, worn around the wrist and neck
12	1	<u>a ring for your nose,</u>	a circular ornament of gold piercing the organ of breathing on the face
	2	<u>earrings for your ears,</u>	diamond-studded or pearl-encrusted ornaments for the organs of hearing on both sides of the head
	3	<u>and a lovely crown for your head.</u>	Plus an ornament that boosts appeal for a sovereign's head as a badge of regal power and dignity
13		<u>And so</u>	As a result
	1	<u>you were adorned with gold and silver.</u>	you rebels were decorated by precious yellow as well as bright white metals
	2	<u>Your clothes were made of fine linen and costly fabric</u>	Your garments were woven from thin threads and expensive elegant cloth
	3	<u>and were beautifully embroidered.</u>	decorated with eye-pleasing needlework
	4	<u>You ate the finest foods</u>	You rebels chewed and swallowed superior nourishment
	5	<u>choice flour, honey, and olive oil</u>	very valuable finely ground wheat, or corn, sweet vegetable juice collected by bees from flowers of plants, as well as smooth liquid squeezed from olives
	6	<u>—and became more beautiful than ever.</u>	Ending up lovelier than any time before
	7	<u>You looked like a queen,</u>	You rebels appeared the same as the spouse of a King
	8	<u>and so you were!</u>	just as I made you to be
14	1	<u>Your fame soon spread throughout the world</u>	Your celebrity rapidly fanned out everywhere on the planet
	2	<u>because of your beauty.</u>	Based on your loveliness
	3	<u>I dressed you in my splendor</u>	I, the Eternal One encircled you rebels with my infinite (eternal) elegance, or magnificence
	4	<u>and perfected your beauty,</u>	and as a result, improved your loveliness
	5	<u>says the Sovereign LORD.</u>	Quoting the Unstoppable One who does as He pleases and no one or nothing can stop Him



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

In today's passage, verses 15-22, the LORD charges Israel with harlotry. So, please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 16, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v.15.



### WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

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

Parts	Verse 15	Verse 16	Verse 17	Verse 18	Verse 19	Verse 20	Verse 21	Verse 22
<b>Links</b>	But, and, so		And 4x	Then, and	As, and	Then, and 2x	Also	And, when
<b>Persons</b>	You, your 2x, own, yourself, a prostitute, every man who, theirs	You 3x, the prostitute, I (t. LORD)	You 2x, I, me (t. LORD), men, them	You 3x, your, my 2x (t. LORD)	You 2x, I, the Sovereign LORD	You 2x, your 3x, the children, them, me	You, my, children, them	You 2x, your 2x, own
<b>Places</b>	To (every man who)	Where			Before (them)	To (me), to (your gods)	To (idols)	In (all), in (field), in (blood)
<b>Things</b>	Fame, beauty 2x	The lovely things, shrines idols, such a thing	The very jewels, gold, silver ornaments, statues, this, adultery	The beautifully embroidered clothes, idols, them, special oil, incense	It, them, a sacrifice, the choice flour, olive oil, honey	Sons, daughters, gods, prostitution	Idols	All years adultery, detestable sin the days long ago, naked, a field, blood
<b>EWords</b>	Thought, were, gave, came, was, the asking	Used, gave, to make, played, happen	Took, had given, made, worshipped, is	Used 2x, gave, to dress, to worship	Imagine, set, had given, says	Took, had borne, sacrificed, was	Slaughter, sacrificing	Have remembered, lay, kicking
<b>Helpers</b>	Along, for	For, unbelievable, ever	Against, of			Not enough	Must, by	Not once, about

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>15</sup> "But you thought your fame and beauty were your own. So, you gave yourself as a prostitute to every man who came along. Your beauty was theirs for the asking.

<sup>16</sup> You used the lovely things I gave you to make shrines for idols, where you played the prostitute. Unbelievable! How could such a thing ever happen?

<sup>17</sup> You took the very jewels and gold and silver ornaments I had given you and made statues of men and worshiped them. This is adultery against me!

<sup>18</sup> You used the beautifully embroidered clothes I gave you to dress your idols. Then you used my special oil and my incense to worship them.

<sup>19</sup> Imagine it! You set before them as a sacrifice the choice flour, olive oil, and honey I had given you, says the Sovereign LORD.

<sup>20</sup> "Then you took your sons and daughters—the children you had borne to me—and sacrificed them to your gods. Was your prostitution not enough?

<sup>21</sup> Must you also slaughter my children by sacrificing them to idols?

<sup>22</sup> In all your years of adultery and detestable sin, you have not once remembered the days long ago when you lay naked in a field, kicking about in your own blood.

## THE EXPANDED BIBLE

<sup>15</sup> “But you trusted in your beauty. You used your fame to become a prostitute. You had sexual relations with [lavished sexual favors on] anyone who passed by.

<sup>16</sup> You took some of your clothes and made your places of worship [high places; [6:3](#)] colorful [decorated; gaudy]. There you carried on your prostitution. These things should not happen; they should never occur [or You went to him and became his; or How could such a thing ever have happened? <sup>c</sup>the Hebrew here is obscure].

<sup>17</sup> You also took your beautiful jewelry, made from my gold and silver I had given you, and you made for yourselves male idols so you could be a prostitute with them [[2 Kin. 23:7](#)].

<sup>18</sup> Then you took your clothes with beautiful needlework [embroidered clothing] and covered the idols. You gave my oil and incense as an offering to them.

<sup>19</sup> Also, you took the bread [food] I gave you, the fine flour, oil, and honey I gave you to eat, and you offered them before the gods as a pleasing smell [fragrant incense]. This is what happened, says the Lord GOD.

<sup>20</sup> “But your sexual sins [acts of prostitution] were not enough for you. You also took your sons and daughters who were my children [you bore to me], and you sacrificed them to the idols as food.

<sup>21</sup> You killed [slaughtered] my children and offered them up in fire to the idols [[Lev. 18:21](#); [20:2](#); [Deut. 12:31](#); [18:10](#); [2 Kin. 16:3](#); [21:6](#); [23:10](#); [Jer. 32:35](#)].

<sup>22</sup> While you did all your hateful [detestable; abominable] acts and sexual sins [prostitution], you did not remember when you were young [the days of your youth], when you were naked and had no clothes and were left [kicking about] in your blood.

## THE SCRIPTURES 1998/2009

<sup>15</sup> But you trusted in your own loveliness, and whored because of your name, and poured out your whorings on everyone passing by who would have it.

<sup>16</sup> And you took some of your garments and made multi-coloured high places for yourself, and whored on them – which should not have come about, nor shall it be.

<sup>17</sup> And you took your splendid adornments, of My gold and My silver that I gave you, and made for yourself images of a male and whored with them.

<sup>18</sup> And you took your embroidered garments and covered them, and you set My oil and My incense before them.

<sup>19</sup> And My food which I gave you, fine flour and oil and honey which I fed you, you set it before them as sweet incense – and so it was,” declares the Master יהוה.

<sup>20</sup> And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you slaughtered as food to them. Were your whorings a small matter,

<sup>21</sup> that you have slain My children and gave them up to them by causing them to pass through the fire?

<sup>22</sup> And in all your abominations and whorings you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, trampled down in your blood.”

## THE NET BIBLE

<sup>15</sup> But you trusted in your beauty and capitalized on your fame by becoming a prostitute. You offered your sexual favors to every man who passed by so that your beauty<sup>12</sup> became his.

<sup>16</sup> You took some of your clothing and made for yourself decorated high places; you engaged in prostitution on them. You went to him to become his.<sup>13</sup>

<sup>17</sup> You also took your beautiful jewelry, made of my gold and my silver I had given to you, and made for yourself male images and engaged in prostitution<sup>14</sup> with them.

<sup>18</sup> You took your embroidered clothing and used it to cover them; you offered my olive oil and my incense to them.

<sup>19</sup> As for my food that I gave you—the fine flour, olive oil, and honey I fed you—you placed it before them as a soothing aroma. That is exactly what happened, declares the sovereign LORD.

<sup>20</sup> “You took your sons and your daughters whom you bore to me and you sacrificed them<sup>15</sup> as food for the idols to eat. As if your prostitution not enough,

<sup>21</sup> you slaughtered my children and sacrificed them to the idols.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>22</sup> And with all your abominable practices and prostitution you did not remember the days of your youth when you were naked and bare, kicking around in your blood.

**TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:**

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## A Tastier Cuppa!

*Let Jesus pour you a fuller bodied, more flavorful Cuppa! from today's brew*

Well, we hope you enjoyed this morning's Cuppa! 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 Cuppa! 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 Cuppa! 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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