

The BIG PICTURE

S-O-M-E. S = Situation a process of zeroing in from the Background of the book to the Immediate Context of the passage. It begins with flying over the text for an Aerial View of the situation - the so-called Big Picture of the book (AABS.47)

B A C K G R O U N D	Book: Ezekiel	Passage: 16:15-22
	Who wrote the book Ezekiel	What does he say about himself Son of Buzi, a Zadokite priest
	To whom did he write it The Jews	What does he say about him/her/it In captivity, in Babylon
	Who did he write about to him/her/it Ezekiel, Israel's leaders, Ezekiel's wife, Nebuchadnezzar, "the prince"	What does he say about him/her/it
	When did he write the book Around 591BC	When does the book take place During the Babylonian exile
	Where did he write the book In Babylon	Where does the book take place In Jerusalem, Babylon, Egypt
	Why did he write the book To announce God's judgment on Israel and other nations and to foretell the eventual salvation of God's people	

The SNAPSHOT

	MAIN headings of the book outline + chapters and verses A. Messages of Doom [1:1-24:27] B. Messages Against Other Nations [25:1-32:32] C. Messages of Hope [33:1-48:35] D. E. F. G. H.
	Which heading includes your passage Messages of Doom [1:1-24:27]
	Based on the heading, briefly state the part your passage plays in it ISRAEL USED GOD'S GIFTS TO CHEAT ON HIM AND BROUGHT DOOM ON HERSELF

The SETTING

Passage BEFORE	SUBHEADING: Adultery/Harlotry	C/V: 16:15-22
ACTUAL Passage	SUBHEADING: Idolatry	C/V: 16:23-29
Passage AFTER	SUBHEADING: Idolatrous Wife	C/V: 16:30-34

S-O-M-E. O = Observation, the time to eyeball, explore, and analyze the text for yourself. Start by pasting the text of your passage into this box. Then use the power of color to divide the text into links, people, places, things, e-words and helpers (AABS.60-61; 123-127)

THOUGHT DIAGRAM [To get better acquainted with the parts of the text]

Vs.	Linking Words	Persons	Empowering Words	Helpers	Locators	Places	Things
23							<u>“What sorrow</u>
		<u>you,</u> <u>the Sovereign LORD.</u>	<u>awaits</u> <u>says</u>		<u>In addition to</u>		<u>all</u> <u>other wickedness,</u> <u>a pagan shrine</u>
24		<u>your</u> <u>you</u>	<u>built</u> <u>and</u> <u>put</u>				<u>altars</u> <u>idols</u>
25		<u>you</u> <u>your</u>			<u>to</u> <u>in</u> <u>On</u>	<u>every town square.</u> <u>every street corner</u>	
		<u>your</u>	<u>defiled</u>				<u>beauty,</u>
		<u>your</u>	<u>offering</u>				<u>body</u>
		<u>every passerby</u>			<u>to</u> <u>in</u>		<u>an endless stream</u> <u>prostitution.</u>
26	<u>Then</u>	<u>you</u> <u>lustful</u>	<u>added</u>	<u>of</u>		<u>Egypt</u>	
		<u>your lovers,</u> <u>my</u>	<u>provoking</u>		<u>to</u>		<u>anger</u>
		<u>your</u>		<u>with</u>			<u>increasing promiscuity.</u> <u>That</u>
27		<u>I</u> <u>you</u> <u>my</u>	<u>is</u> <u>struck</u>	<u>why</u> <u>with</u>			<u>fist</u>
		<u>your</u> <u>I</u> <u>you</u> <u>your enemies,</u> <u>the Philistines,</u> <u>and even</u> <u>they</u> <u>your</u> <u>You</u> <u>yourself</u> <u>the Assyrians,</u> <u>too.</u>	<u>and</u> <u>reduced</u> <u>handed</u> <u>over</u>		<u>to</u>	<u>boundaries.</u>	
28		<u>they</u> <u>your</u> <u>You</u> <u>yourself</u> <u>the Assyrians,</u> <u>too.</u>	<u>were shocked</u> <u>have prostituted</u>	<u>by</u> <u>with</u>			<u>lewd conduct.</u>
		<u>you</u>	<u>seems</u> <u>can</u> <u>find</u>	<u>never</u> <u>enough</u>			<u>It</u>
	<u>And</u>	<u>new lovers!</u>		<u>after</u>			<u>prostitution</u>
		<u>your</u>				<u>there,</u>	
		<u>you</u>	<u>were</u>	<u>still</u> <u>not</u>			

- 3 [the land of merchants](#),
- 4 [but you still weren't satisfied](#).

FLOW CHART [Capture the way the writer connected everything in the text into one, continuous stream of thought or story]

V. Line	Events/Actions/Thoughts	Link
23 1	"What sorrow awaits you,	Based on the previous passage
2	says the Sovereign LORD.	God spoke in line 1
3	In addition to all your other wickedness,	Adds more crimes to the previous passage
24 1	you built a pagan shrine	The first of the additional crimes
2	and put altars to idols	Adds the next crime
3	in every town square.	Tells us where she committed this crime
25 1	On every street corner	Tells us where
2	you defiled your beauty,	Tells us one more thing she did
3	offering your body	Tells us how she did it
4	to every passerby	Tells us with whom she did it
5	in an endless stream of prostitution.	Tells us the extent of her criminal activity
26	Then	Next/after that/on top of that
1	you added lustful Egypt	Tells us who else she committed her crimes with
2	to your lovers,	Tells us the crime she committed with Egypt
3	provoking my anger	Tells us God's reaction to this crime
4	with your increasing promiscuity.	Tells us she committed progressively more offensive crimes
27 1	That is why	God offers an explanation
2	I struck you	Tells us what God is explaining
3	with my fist	Tells us what God used to strike her
4	and reduced your boundaries.	Spells-out the results of what God did to her
5	I handed you over	Defines reducing your boundaries
6	to your enemies, the Philistines,	Tells us who occupied the land formerly settled by Israel
7	and even they were shocked	Describes the Philistines' reaction to her unfaithfulness
8	by your lewd conduct.	Tells us what shocked the Philistines
28 1	You have prostituted yourself	Tells us what Israel did
2	with the Assyrians, too.	Involving the Assyrians in her unfaithful escapades
3	It seems	Tells us the impression her behavior gave
4	you can never find	Tells us the extent of her prostitution
5	enough new lovers!	Tells us the extent of her prostitution partners
	And	Plus, or on top of that
6	after your prostitution there,	Refers back to her Assyrian affair
7	you still were not satisfied.	Describes her desire for more prostitution partners
29 1	You added to your lovers	Tells us what she did to fill that appetite
2	by embracing Babylon^a,	Tells us that Babylon was her next lover
3	the land of merchants,	Describes Babylon
4	but you still weren't satisfied.	Tells us she still wanted more prostitution partners

DEFINITIONS and DESCRIPTIONS To Capture the Root Ideas of the Text

S-O-M-E. M = Meaning is the process of leading truth out of the text. Start by using Bible Dictionaries, Handbooks, or Encyclopedias to create **biographies** of all persons, **geographies** of each location, and **profiles** of the things in the text. Then use Strong's Concordance, the Oxford Dictionary, or the website www.webstersdictionary1828.com to compile **word studies** of every e-word/helper you found in the text.

BIOGRAPHIES [Persons]

you,	Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles
the Sovereign LORD.	The unstoppable One
your	Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles
every passerby	whoever comes along
lustful Egypt	willing sex partner (competitor with God for Israel's affections)
your lovers,	Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles' sex partners
my	The unstoppable One
I	The unstoppable One
your enemies,	Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles' attackers
the Philistines,	non-Semites from Crete who settled the southern coastal plain of Canaan in the 12 th century and so dominated the Promised Land, it was named Palestine for them
	BC and warred against Israel into the 11 th century BC
and even	plus/in addition referring to a surprise or extreme
they	Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles
the Assyrians,	The people of Nineveh and Ashur on the Tigris R in northern Mesopotamia who worshiped Dagon and oppressed Israel from the 9 th – 7 th centuries BC
too.	Also
new lovers!	Replacement sex partners

GEOGRAPHIES [Locations]

[In addition to all your other wickedness,](#) on top of every evil thing you did
[to idols](#) in the direction of false gods (your lovers, My rivals)
[in every town square.](#) At every single open public space in the town
[On every street corner](#) at each and every intersection
[to every passerby](#) in the direction of whoever came along/walks by
[in an endless stream of prostitution.](#) As part of a never-ending chain of money-for-sex incidents
[Egypt](#) a north-African country on the Mediterranean Sea that once enslaved Israel
[to Your lovers](#) on top of the list of former sex partners
[your boundaries.](#) Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles' borders
[to Your enemies](#) the destination, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles' attackers
[There](#) points to the place of prostitution with the Assyrians
[Babylonia](#) the territory under control of the Babylonian empire
[the land](#) nation/empire/realm/kingdom

PROFILES [Things]

[“What sorrow](#) surprising or remarkable misery
[All](#) the whole batch
[other wickedness,](#) previous evils or moral wrongs
[a pagan shrine](#) a holy place unauthorized by God, built to satisfy an idol
[altars](#) places unauthorized by God, for offering sacrifices to idols
[idols](#) false gods
[beauty,](#) what makes attractive
[body](#) the physical anatomy
[an endless stream](#) a continuous flow
[prostitution.](#) Sex for money
[anger strong](#) feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility
[increasing promiscuity.](#) Expanding circle of extramarital sex
[That](#) points back to Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles' extramarital sex
[fist](#) clenched hand
[lewd conduct.](#) Pornographic behavior
[It](#) Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles' prostitution
[Merchants](#) person involved in trade or commerce

WORD STUDIES [EWords/Helpers]

awaits lies ahead
says to utter
built erected/constructed
and plus/in addition to/as well as
put place/position
defiled turned into something nauseous, ethically/ritually
offering to present willingly
added attached
provoking egging on
is (=)
struck slap
and plus/in addition to/as well as
reduced shrank
handed over turned over
were shocked blown away
have prostituted have had sex with other men for money
seems gives the impression
can find able to discover/locate
were satisfied. contented
added attached
embracing hugging
but in spite of
were satisfied. Contented
of consisting of
with the instrument Israel used to provoke God's anger
why explains the purpose or reason God reprimanded Israel
with the instrument God used to punish Israel
by indicates the action that shocked the Philistines
with indicates the Assyrians added to Israel's prostitution
never not ever
enough as many as required/desired
after on top of
still even then
not less than
by the action that accomplished the result
of characterized by
still even then
not less than

INTERPRETATION [To explain the text as accurately as you can]

V.	Line	Thoughts/Events/Actions	Explanation
23	1	“ <u>What sorrow awaits you</u> ,	Surprising, inevitable misery lies ahead for you – Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles
	2	<u>says the Sovereign LORD</u> .	To quote the Unstoppable One.
	3	<u>In addition to all your other wickedness</u> ,	Besides every evil thing you, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles have done,
24	1	<u>you built a pagan shrine</u>	you erected a holy place unauthorized by God, built to satisfy an idol
	2	<u>and put altars to idols</u>	as well as set up places unauthorized by God, for offering sacrifices intended for false gods
	3	<u>in every town square</u> .	at every single open public space in town.
25	1	<u>On every street corner</u>	At each and every intersection
	2	<u>you defiled your beauty</u> ,	you, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles turned what I gave you to make you attractive into something sickening
	3	<u>offering your body</u>	throwing yourselves
	4	<u>to every passerby</u>	at whoever came along
	5	<u>in an endless stream of prostitution</u> .	as part of a never-ending chain of money-for-sex escapades.
26		<u>Then</u>	On top of that
	1	<u>you added lustful Egypt</u>	you, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles recruited a willing but abusive former lover

27
2 to your lovers, for your list of sex partners
3 provoking my anger enraging the Unstoppable One
4 with your increasing promiscuity. via your expanding circle of extramarital sex
1 That is why That ever-widening circle gave grounds for
2 I struck you me, the Eternal One to slap you, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles
3 with my fist using my unbeatable clenched hand
4 and reduced your boundaries. and as a result, shrank your share of the Promised Land.
5 I handed you over I, the Unstoppable One delivered you, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles
6 to your enemies, the Philistines, into the hands of your attackers from Crete for whom Palestine is named
7 and even they were shocked and believe it or not, they were blown away
8 by your lewd conduct. because of your, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles' pornographic behavior.

28
1 You have prostituted yourself You, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles cheated on me
2 with the Assyrians, too. using the people of Nineveh and Ashur, in addition to the rest.
3 It seems Your endless escapades give the impression
4 you can never find you, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles are incapable of locating
5 enough new lovers! replacement sex partners, to satisfy your sex-drive.
And What's more
6 after your prostitution there, following your, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles Assyrian escapade
7 you still were not satisfied. you wanted even more sex.

29
1 You added to your lovers [So] you, Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles recruited more replacements
2 by embracing Babylonia,^a hugging your ruthless Mesopotamian cousins
3 the land of merchants, the realm personified by people, who turn a profit at other's expense
4 but you still weren't satisfied. Yet, even then, you wanted more sex.