

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: 16:30-34
	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**

<p>MAIN headings of the book outline + chapters and verses</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Which heading includes your passage Messages of Doom [1:1-24:27]</p>
<p>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</p>

The **SETTING**

Passage BEFORE	SUBHEADING: Idolatry	C/V: 16:23-29
ACTUAL Passage	SUBHEADING: Idolatrous Wife	C/V: 16:30-34
Passage AFTER	SUBHEADING: Outraged Husband	C/V: 16:35-41

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
30							<u>What a sick heart</u>
		<u>you</u>	<u>have,</u>				
			<u>says</u>				
		<u>the Sovereign LORD,</u>					
			<u>to do</u>				<u>such things</u>
							<u>as</u>
							<u>these,</u>
			<u>acting</u>				
	<u>like</u>						
		<u>a shameless prostitute.</u>					
31		<u>You</u>	<u>build</u>				
		<u>your</u>					<u>pagan shrines</u>
				<u>on</u>		<u>every street corner</u>	<u>and</u>
		<u>your</u>					<u>altars</u>
				<u>to</u>			<u>idols</u>
				<u>in</u>		<u>every square.</u>	
				<u>In</u>			<u>fact,</u>
		<u>you</u>	<u>have been</u>				
	<u>worse than</u>						
		<u>a prostitute,</u>	<u>so</u>				
			<u>eager</u>	<u>for</u>			<u>sin</u>
							<u>that</u>
		<u>you</u>	<u>have</u>	<u>not even</u>			
			<u>demanded</u>				<u>payment.</u>
32	<u>Yes,</u>	<u>you</u>	<u>are</u>				
		<u>an adulterous wife who</u>					
			<u>takes in</u>				
		<u>strangers</u>					
	<u>instead</u>			<u>of</u>			
		<u>her own husband.</u>					
33		<u>Prostitutes</u>	<u>charge</u>	<u>for</u>			
		<u>their</u>					<u>services</u>
	<u>—but</u>			<u>not</u>			

you!

You

give

gifts

to

your lovers,

bribing

them

to come

and

have

sex

with

you.

34

So

you

are

the opposite

of

other prostitutes.

You

pay

your lovers

instead

of

their

paying

you!

THOUGHT/EVENT/ACTION LIST [To reassemble the parts into bite-sized thoughts/events/actions that make sense]

V Line Event/Action

- 30 1 What a sick heart you have,
2 says the Sovereign LORD,
3 to do such things as these,
4 acting like a shameless prostitute.
- 31 1 You build your pagan shrines
2 on every street corner
3 and your altars to idols
4 in every square.
5 In fact,
6 you have been worse than a prostitute,
7 so eager for sin
8 that you have not even demanded payment.
- 32 Yes,
1 you are an adulterous wife
2 who takes in strangers
3 instead of her own husband.
- 33 1 Prostitutes charge for their services
2 —but not you!
3 You give gifts to your lovers,
4 bribing them to come
5 and have sex with you.
- 34 So
1 you are the opposite of other prostitutes.
2 You pay your lovers
3 instead of their paying you!

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
30	1 What a sick heart you have,	Summarizes the previous passage and sets the stage for this one
	2 says the Sovereign LORD,	Tells us that Ezekiel is just repeating what God tells him
	3 to do such things as these,	Tells us what a people with a sick heart do
	4 acting like a shameless prostitute.	Tells us what a shameless prostitute does
31	1 You build your pagan shrines	One of the things a shameless prostitute does
	2 on every street corner	Tells us where she did this
	3 and your altars to idols	Adds another thing she did to the list
	4 in every square.	Tells us where she did that
	5 In fact,	Sharpens what he just said
	6 you have been worse than a prostitute,	Tells us more accurately what Israel has been like
	7 so eager for sin	Tells us what made her worse than a prostitute
	8 that you have not even demanded payment.	Tells us what someone worse than a prostitute does
32	Yes,	Affirms what he just said
	1 you are an adulterous wife	Describes who she really is
	2 who takes in strangers	Tells what an adulterous wife does
	3 instead of her own husband.	Tells us what a non-adulterous wife does
33	1 Prostitutes charge for their services	Tells us what prostitutes do
	2 —but not you!	Tells us she did the opposite of what a prostitute does
	3 You give gifts to your lovers,	Tells us what she did that a prostitute doesn't do
	4 bribing them to come	Tells us in detail what she did
	5 and have sex with you.	Adds another goal for what she did
34	So	Summarizes what he just said
	1 you are the opposite of other prostitutes.	Tells us what she really is
	2 You pay your lovers	Describes what makes her worse than a prostitute
	3 instead of their paying you!	Tells us what a prostitute would never do

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

[like](#) compares with

[a shameless prostitute](#). Unrepentant/flagrant woman who has sex for money

[your](#) Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles

[worse than](#) with lower standards than

[a prostitute](#), a woman who has sex for money

[an adulterous wife who](#) a woman who has sex for money with men other than her husband

[strangers](#) people you don't know

[instead](#) alternative/substitute

[her own husband](#). The man she married

[their](#) prostitutes

[—but](#) unexpected/surprising contrast/opposite

[your lovers](#), Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles' sex partners

[them](#) lovers

[other prostitutes](#). Other women who have sex for money

GEOGRAPHIES [Locations]

[on every street corner](#) at each and every intersection

[to idols](#) dedicated to false gods/lovers

[in every square](#). at every single open public space in town

[In fact](#) emphasizes something unexpected (to tell the truth)

[to your lovers](#) Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles made her illegal boyfriends the destination for her gifts

PROFILES [Things]

[What a sick heart](#) emphasizes how Israel/Jerusalem/rebels/exiles suffer from serious emotional/mental problems at its core

[such things](#) actions previously mentioned

[as](#) comparison

[these](#), the actions previously mention

[pagan shrines](#) holy places unauthorized by God, built to please idols (false gods/lovers)

[and](#) in addition to

[altars](#) places unauthorized by God, for offering sacrifices intended for false gods

[idols](#) false gods

[fact](#), something known or proved to be true

[sin](#) cheating on the LORD, her covenant husband

[that](#) refers back to “so eager”

[services](#) sex for money

[gifts](#) presents

[sex](#) interacting intimately with your sex partners

[the opposite](#) the reverse/flip side

WORD STUDIES [EWords/Helpers]

[have](#), to own/possess

[says](#) put into words

[to do](#) to carry out/perform

[acting](#) behaving

[build](#) construct/erect/put up

[have been](#) used to be

[so](#) to such a great extent

[eager](#) wanting to have or do something very much (in a hurry)

[have demanded](#) insisted on

[are](#) occupy the place of/amount to

[takes in](#) accept or receive people from the outside

[charge](#) get paid for

[give](#) freely transfer possession of

[bribing](#) using God’s gifts to motivate her lovers to have sex with her

[to come](#) to approach

[and](#) plus/also/as well as/too/result (cause and effect)

[have](#) engage or participate in

[are](#) occupy the place of

[pay](#) give or hand over the money due

[instead](#) alternative/substitute

[paying](#) giving or handing over the money due

for concerning/regarding

not even sets up an extreme understatement

for on behalf of

not excluding

with in relation to

of comparison

of rather than

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

V. Line Thoughts/Events/Actions Explanation

30	1	<u>What a sick heart you have,</u>	You, Israel suffer from serious emotional/mental problems at your core
	2	<u>says the Sovereign LORD,</u>	To quote the Unstoppable One
	3	<u>to do such things as these,</u>	in order to act the way I reported in the previous passage
	4	<u>acting like a shameless prostitute.</u>	Behaving the same way as a woman who brags about her sex for money
31	1	<u>You build your pagan shrines</u>	You, Israel erect personal holy places unauthorized by God, built to please idols
	2	<u>on every street corner</u>	at each and every intersection
	3	<u>and your altars to idols</u>	plus places unauthorized by God, for you to offer sacrifices intended for false gods
	4	<u>in every square.</u>	at every single open public space in town
	5	<u>In fact,</u>	To tell the truth,
	6	<u>you have been worse than a prostitute,</u>	you, Israel historically demonstrated lower standards than a woman who has sex for money
	7	<u>so eager for sin</u>	wanting to cheat on the LORD, your covenant husband to such a great extent
	8	<u>that you have not even demanded payment.</u>	You, Israel, my wife completely failed to insist on wages
32		<u>Yes,</u>	Like I already said,
	1	<u>you are an adulterous wife</u>	you, Israel amount to a married woman who has sex for money with men other than her husband
	2	<u>who takes in strangers</u>	a married woman who welcomes outsiders
	3	<u>instead of her own husband.</u>	in the place of the man she married
33	1	<u>Prostitutes charge for their services</u>	Women who have sex for money expect to get paid in exchange for what they do
	2	<u>—but not you!</u>	However, that excludes you, Israel
	3	<u>You give gifts to your lovers,</u>	You, my wife freely transfer possession of presents I gave you to your sex partners
	4	<u>bribing them to come</u>	using your dowry to attract sex partners
	5	<u>and have sex with you.</u>	to engage in forbidden acts of male/female intimacy in your bed
34		<u>So</u>	Given that,
	1	<u>you are the opposite of other prostitutes.</u>	You, Israel, my wife stand in sharp contrast to other women who make a living having sex for money
	2	<u>You pay your lovers</u>	You, my wife hand over the money due for your services to your sex partners
	3	<u>instead of their paying you!</u>	Rather than your sex partners handing it over to you.