

## 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 30-34, God calls Israel an adulterous (unfaithful) wife.
V. Line Thoughts/Events/Actions Explanation
${ }^{30} 1$ What a sick heart you have You, Israel suffer from serious emotional/mental problems at your core
2 says the Sovereign LORD, To quote the Unstoppable One
3 to do such things as these, in order to act the way I reported in the previous passage
4 acting like a shameless prostitute. Behaving the same way as a woman who brags about her sex for money

## 7 so eager for sin <br> so eager for sin

who takes in strangers a married woman who welcomes outsiders
instead of her own husband. in the place of the man she married
Prostitutes charge for their services Women who have sex for money expect to get paid in exchange for what they do
-but not you! However, that excludes you, Israel
You give gifts to your lovers, You, my wife freely transfer possession of presents I gave you to your sex partners
bribing them to come
and have sex with you. to engage in forbidden acts of male/female intimacy in your bed
So Given that,
1 you are the opposite of other prostitutes. You, Israel, my wife stand in sharp contrast to other women who make a living
having sex for money
2 You pay your lovers You, my wife hand over the money due for your services to your sex partners
$\begin{array}{ll}2 & \text { You pay your lovers } \\ 3\end{array} \quad$ instead of their paying you!

You, Israel erect personal holy places unauthorized by God, built to please idols at each and every intersection plus places unauthorized by God, for you to offer sacrifices intended for false gods at every single open public space in town To tell the truth,
You build your pagan shrines You, Israel erect personal holy places unauthorized by God, built to please idols
and your altars to idols plus places unauthorized by God, for you to offer sacrifices intended for false gods
you have been worse than a prostitute, you, Israel historically demonstrated lower standards than a woman who has
sex for money
wanting to cheat on the LORD, your covenant husband to such a great extent
that you have not even demanded payment. You, Israel, my wife completely failed to insist on wages
Yes, Like I already said,
Yes, $\begin{array}{ll}\text { You are an adulterous wife } \\ \text { you, Israel amount to a married woman who has sex for money with men other than her }\end{array}$
husband
on every street corner at each and every intersection
in every square. at every single open public space in town
In fact, To tell the truth,
Like I already said,
a married woman who welcomes outsiders
using your dowry to attract sex partners
Rather than your sex partners handing it over to you.

## Now

## Serving

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

In today's passage, verses 35-41, God lowers the boom on Israel, His unfaithful wife. So please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 16, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v. 35 .

## What to Look for Today

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

| Parts | Verse 35 | Verse 36 | Verse 37 | Verse 38 | Verse 39 | Verse 40 | Verse 41 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Links | Therefore | Because, and, and because $2 x$, as | Both, and 2x, so | And | Then, and $3 x$ | And | And 2 x |
| Persons | You, prostitute (Isr.), the LORD | You 3x, yourself, your 4x (Isr.), the Sovereign LORD, all your lovers, children | I 3x (t. LORD), your, you 5x (Rebs), t. lovers whom, they, them | $\begin{aligned} & \text { I } 2 x \text {, my (t. } \\ & \text { LORD), you } 2 x \text {, } \\ & \text { your } \end{aligned}$ | I (t. LORD), you $4 x$, your $4 x$ (Rebs), who, lovers, they $2 x$ | They (lovers), you $2 x$ (Rebs) | They, many lovers, your 4x, you (Rebs), many women, I (t. LORD) |
| Places | To, from | In, to 2 x | In front of, at | In | To these many nations, to | In | Homes, in front, to |
| Things | This message | This, what, lust, prostitution, detestable idols, sacrifices, gods | This, what, all allies, those $2 x$ | Murder, adultery, blood, jealous fury | Pagan shrines the altars, idols, beautiful jewels, stark naked | Mob, swords | Prostitution, payments |
| EWords | Listen | Is, says, have poured out, exposed, have worshiped, have slaughtered | Is, am going to do, will gather together, have sinned, loved, hated will strip, naked, can stare | Will punish, will cover | Will give, are, will destroy, will knock down, will strip, take, leaving | Will band together, to stone, cut up | Will burn, punish, will stop, end |
| Helpers |  |  | With | For, with |  | With |  |

Pay careful attention to every item as you follow today's devotional in your study Bible. We have already grouped them by colors under Today's Text, so you can follow the writer's flow of thought for yourself. Capture what he is trying to tell you. Use matching color pencils to draw lines connecting items to others in the same color family. A black pen can cross-link things from different color-families that still have something to do with one another. Utilize circles, boxes, triangles, etc. to identify topics and themes (triangles, for instance, might represent the Trinity). Also, mark the ones you need to look up later for more information or details with asterisks, etc.

## Today's Text

## New Living Translation

## 35 "Therefore, you prostitute, listen to this message from the LORD!

${ }^{36}$ This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Because you have poured out your lust and exposed yourself in prostitution to all your lovers, and because you have worshiped detestable idols, and because you have slaughtered your children as sacrifices to your gods,
${ }^{37}$ this is what I am going to do. I will gather together all your allies-the lovers with whom you have sinned, both those you loved and those you hated-and I will strip you naked in front of them so they can stare at you.
${ }^{38}$ I will punish you for your murder and adultery. I will cover you with blood in my jealous fury.
${ }^{39}$ Then I will give you to these many nations who are your lovers, and they will destroy you. They will knock down your pagan shrines and the altars to your idols. They will strip you and take your beautiful jewels, leaving you stark naked.
${ }^{40}$ They will band together in a mob to stone you and cut you up with swords.
${ }^{41}$ They will burn your homes and punish you in front of many women. I will stop your prostitution and end your payments to your many lovers.

## The Expanded Bible

35 "'So, prostitute, hear the word of the LORD.
${ }^{36}$ This is what the Lord GoD says: You showed your nakedness ['poured out your lust] and uncovered your body ['exposed your nakedness] in your sexual sins [prostitution; promiscuity] with your lovers and with all your 'hateful [detestable; abominable] idols. You killed your children and offered their blood to your idols.
${ }^{37}$ So [ ${ }^{L}$ look; ${ }^{\top}$ behold] I will gather all your lovers with whom you found pleasure. Yes, I will gather all those you loved and those you hated. I will gather them against you from all around, and I will strip you naked in front of them so they can see your nakedness [' an act of humiliation and shame; Jer. 13:22, 26; Nah. 3:5].
${ }^{38}$ I will punish you as women guilty of adultery or as •murderers ['those who shed blood] are punished. I will •put you to death ['bring blood upon you; or avenge your bloody deeds] because I am angry and jealous.
${ }^{39}$ I will also hand you over to your lovers [ ${ }^{[ }$give you into their hands]. They will tear down your -places of worship [pagan shrines; chambers; mounds] and destroy •other places where you worship gods [your lofty shrines; or pavilions; v. 24]. They will tear [strip] off your clothes and take away your beautiful jewelry, leaving you naked and bare.
${ }^{40}$ They will bring a crowd against you to throw stones at you and to cut you into pieces with their swords.
${ }^{41}$ They will burn down your houses and will •punish you [execute judgments] in front [the sight of] of many women. I will put an end to your •sexual sins [prostitution], and you will no longer •pay [give gifts to] your lovers.

## The Scriptures 1998/2009

35 'Therefore, O whore, hear the word of יהוה!
${ }^{36}$ 'Thus said the Master יהוה, "Because your copper was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your whorings with your lovers, and with the idols of your abominations, and because of the blood of your children which you gave to them,
${ }^{37}$ therefore, see, I am gathering all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved, with all those you hated. And I shall gather them from all around against you and shall uncover your nakedness to them, and they shall see all your nakedness."
38 "And I shall judge you with judgments of adulteresses and shedders of blood. And I shall bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.
39 "And I shall give you into their hand, and they shall throw your arched place down, and they shall break down your high places. And they shall strip you of your garments, and they shall take your splendid adornments, and leave you naked and bare.
40 "And they shall bring up an assembly against you, and they shall stone you with stones and thrust you through with their swords,
${ }^{41}$ and burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you before the eyes of many women. And I shall make you stop whoring, and no longer give gifts."

## The NET Bible

35 "'Therefore O prostitute, hear the word of the LORD:
${ }^{36}$ This is what the sovereign LORD says: Because your lust ${ }^{26}$ was poured out and your nakedness was uncovered in your prostitution with your lovers, and because of all your detestable idols, and because of the blood of your children you have given to them,
${ }^{37}$ therefore, take note: I am about to gather all your lovers whom you enjoyed, both all those you loved and all those you hated. I will gather them against you from all around, and I will expose your nakedness to them, and they will see all your nakedness. ${ }^{27}$
${ }^{38} \mathrm{I}$ will punish you as an adulteress and murderer deserves. ${ }^{28} \mathrm{I}$ will avenge your bloody deeds with furious rage. ${ }^{29}$
${ }^{39}$ I will give you into their hands and they will destroy your chambers and tear down your pavilions. They will strip you of your clothing and take your beautiful jewelry and leave you naked and bare.
${ }^{40}$ They will summon a mob who will stone you and hack you in pieces with their swords.
${ }^{41}$ They will burn down your houses and execute judgments on you in front of many women. Thus, I will put a stop to your prostitution, and you will no longer give gifts to your clients. ${ }^{30}$

## Today's Devotional:

## V. Line Thoughts/Events/Actions

"Therefore,
you prostitute,
listen to this message
from the LORD!
This is what
the Sovereign LORD says:
Because
you have poured out your lust

## Explanation

Based on what I said in the previous passage
you, Israel/J/R/E, a woman who sells her body for money
Pay attention to the following divine communication
generated by the Eternal One!
Here comes the announcement
in the Unstoppable One's words:
On the grounds
you, Israel/J/R/E have emptied your sexual desire
and exposed yourself
in prostitution
to all your lovers,
and because you have worshiped detestable idols, ${ }^{\text {a }}$
and because you have slaughtered your children
as sacrifices to your gods,
this is what
I am going to do.
I will gather together
all your allies
-the lovers with whom you have sinned,
both those you loved
and those you hated
-and I will strip you naked
in front of them
so they can stare at you.
I will punish you
for your murder and adultery.

I will cover you with blood
in my jealous fury.
Then
I will give you
to these many nations
who are your lovers,
and they will destroy you.
They will knock down
your pagan shrines
and the altars to your idols.

They will strip you
and take your beautiful jewels,
leaving you stark naked.
They will band together
in a mob
to stone you
and cut you up with swords.
They will burn your homes
and punish you
in front of many women.
I will stop your prostitution
as well as publicly, indecently displayed yourself
selling your body for money
to one sex partner after another
plus bowed down and adored disgusting substitutes for the LORD, your covenant husband
plus killed your own kids in a cruel, violent way
considering your false gods more valuable than them
Here comes the reaction
I, the Eternal Unstoppable One am about to execute
I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will assemble
each and every single one of your bed partners
the ones who committed forbidden female/male acts with you in your husband's bed
including the bed partners who stimulated you
as well as the ones who didn't
on top of that, I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will take off all your clothes
before the lovers with whom you have sinned
To make it possible for them to gawk at you
I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will make you, Israel/J/R/E pay the fines
That matches your unlawful premeditated killing of your own children plus cheating on me
I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will engulf you in your own life fluid
from head to toe
demanded by my outrage at your unfaithfulness
After that
I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will deliver you
into the hands of the lovers with whom you have sinned your bed partners
so they can devastate you.
Your bed partners will tear down and flatten
the places you heretics considered sacred because you dedicated them to so-called gods other than Me
As well as the tables where you gave up your children for the bed partners you considered more valuable than your children
Your bed partners will undress you
plus confiscate your eye-catching personal ornaments (that I gave you as part of your dowry)
so you end up absolutely nude (like I found you)
Your bed partners will team up
as a disorderly crowd of people intent on causing trouble or violence
to throw stones (rocks) at you
Plus slash you to pieces using long, sharp metal blades
Your bed partners will set fire to the places where you personally, live paying you back for what you've done
in the presence of numerous females (the wives of your lovers?)
I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will halt your sex for money

## 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 Cuppal 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. 35

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