

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: 16:35-41
	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 GOD LOWERS THE BOOM (DOOM) ON ISRAEL FOR DISHONORING HER MARRIAGE VOWS TO HIM</p>

The **SETTING**

Passage BEFORE	SUBHEADING: Idolatrous Wife	C/V: 16:30-34
ACTUAL Passage	SUBHEADING: Outraged Husband	C/V: 16:35-41
Passage AFTER	SUBHEADING: Payback	C/V: 16:42-45

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
35	Therefore,						
		you prostitute,	listen		to from		this message
		the LORD!					
36			is				This what
		the Sovereign LORD	says:				
	Because	you your	have poured out				lust
			and exposed				
		yourself			in to		prostitution
		all your lovers, you	and because have worshiped				detestable idols, ^a
		you your children	and because have slaughtered				as sacrifices
		your			to		
37			is				gods, this what
		I I	am going to do. will gather together				all allies
		your —the lovers whom you both you	have sinned, loved	with			those and those
		you	hated —and				
		I you	will strip naked		in front		
		them they you.	so can stare	of		at	
38		I you	will punish	for			

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a mob

to stone

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

V Line Event/Action

- 35 "Therefore,
1 you prostitute,
2 listen to this message
3 from the LORD!
- 36 1 This is what
2 the Sovereign LORD says:
Because
3 you have poured out your lust
4 and exposed yourself
5 in prostitution
6 to all your lovers,
7 and because you have worshiped detestable idols,^a
8 and because you have slaughtered your children
9 as sacrifices to your gods,
- 37 1 this is what
2 I am going to do.
3 I will gather together
4 all your allies
5 —the lovers with whom you have sinned,
6 both those you loved
7 and those you hated
8 —and I will strip you naked
9 in front of them
10 so they can stare at you.
- 38 1 I will punish you
2 for your murder and adultery.
3 I will cover you with blood
4 in my jealous fury.
- 39 Then
1 I will give you
2 to these many nations
3 who are your lovers,
4 and they will destroy you.
5 They will knock down
6 your pagan shrines
7 and the altars to your idols.
8 They will strip you
9 and take your beautiful jewels,
10 leaving you stark naked.
- 40 1 They will band together
2 in a mob
3 to stone you
4 and cut you up with swords.
- 41 1 They will burn your homes
2 and punish you

- 3 in front of many women.
- 4 I will stop your prostitution
- 5 and end your payments
- 6 to your many lovers.

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
35	"Therefore, Introduces what follows as a consequence of the previous passage	
1	you prostitute, identifies Israel based on the previous passage	
2	listen to this message demands Israel's attention to what the LORD is about to say thru Ezekiel	
3	from the LORD! Tells us the origin of what Zeke is about to say	
36	1 This is what Underscores what Zeke is about to say to focus their attention on the message	
2	the Sovereign LORD says: identifies who is really talking when Zeke speaks	
	Because Introduces the reason or grounds for what Zeke is about to say	
3	you have poured out your lust tells us what Israel has already done	
4	and exposed yourself adds to what Israel did in Line 3	
5	in prostitution explains how she did these things	
6	to all your lovers, identifies who she did these things with	
7	and because you have worshiped detestable idols, ^a adds another reason	
8	and because you have slaughtered your children adds still another reason	
9	as sacrifices to your gods, compares Israel's slaughtered children to offerings made to idols	
37	1 this is what Underscores what the outraged husband is about to do	
2	I am going to do. Tells us that God will personally execute what is about to happen to Israel	
3	I will gather together Tells us what God is about to do	
4	all your allies Identifies who God will gather	
5	—the lovers with whom you have sinned, God calls her allies by their real name	
6	both those you loved Includes those she enjoyed	
7	and those you hated plus those she didn't	
8	—and I will strip you naked Tells us what else God is about to do to Israel	
9	in front of them Identifies the audience who will see what God does to Israel	
10	so they can stare at you. Tells us the result of stripping Israel naked in front of her lovers	
38	1 I will punish you Sums up what God just said He would do to Israel	
2	for your murder and adultery. Explains why God is punishing Israel	
3	I will cover you with blood Describes what will happen to Israel from another angle	
4	in my jealous fury. Tells us how this will happen to Israel	
39	Then Tells us what happens at that time	
1	I will give you Tells us what God will do	
2	to these many nations so Israel ends up in other hands	
3	who are your lovers, Describes the nations by what they really are	
4	and they will destroy you. Adds the result of this	
5	They will knock down Describes what her lovers will do to her	
6	your pagan shrines Tells us what they will knock down	
7	and the altars to your idols. Adds altars to the shrines in Line 6	
8	They will strip you Continues to describe what her lovers will do to her	
9	and take your beautiful jewels, adds to what they do to her in Line 8	
10	leaving you stark naked. Describes the result of what her lovers will do to her	
40	1 They will band together Continues to describe what her lovers will do to her	

- 2 [in a mob](#) describes how they will gather
- 3 [to stone you](#) tells us the reason for the mob
- 4 [and cut you up with swords](#). Adds to what the lovers will do in Line 3
- 41 1 [They will burn your homes](#) Continues to describe what her lovers will do to her
- 2 [and punish you](#) adds the result of what her lovers will do to her
- 3 [in front of many women](#). Identifies the audience to what they will do to her
- 4 [I will stop your prostitution](#) Tells us the results of what God allows her lovers to do to her
- 5 [and end your payments](#) adds another result
- 6 [to your many lovers](#). The destination of her payments

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 prostitute	points at Israel/J/R/E as a woman who sells her body for money
the LORD	the Eternal One
the Sovereign LORD	the Unstoppable One (who does as He pleases and no one or nothing can stop Him)
you	points at Israel/J/R/E
your	points at Israel/J/R/E as the owner
yourself	points at Israel/J/R/E pointing to themselves
all your lovers	every single one of Israel/J/R/E's sex partners (co-respondents)
your children	Israel/J/R/E's offspring (boys and girls)
I	the Eternal One points to Himself
Both	refers to two people, places, or things at the same time
Them	all of Israel/J/R/E's allies, the lovers with whom Israel/J/R/E had sex outside of marriage
They	all of Israel/J/R/E's allies, the lovers with whom Israel/J/R/E had sex outside of marriage
My	the Eternal One points to Himself as the owner
Your lovers	Israel/J/R/E's sex partners
Many women	numerous females (wives of her lovers?)
Your many lovers	Israel/J/R/E's numerous sex partners

GEOGRAPHIES [Locations]

to this message	points to what Ezekiel is about to say
from the LORD!	The Eternal One is the starting point (author)
in prostitution	embedded in, or surrounded by the sale of your body for money
to all your lovers	points, or aims at each and every one of Israel/J/R/E's sex partners
to your gods	points, or aims at Israel/J/R/E's false gods
in front of them	just ahead of, or in the presence of the lovers with whom you have sinned
at you .	Israel/J/R/E is the object her lovers are looking at
in my jealous fury	within the boundaries of a demand for faithfulness and exclusive worship based on a surge of violent anger
to these many nations	into the hands of the lovers with whom you have sinned
to your idols	dedicated to Israel/J/R/E's false gods
in a mob	inclusion or involvement in a mob when they band together
your homes	permanent places where Israel/J/R/E live
in front of many women	just ahead of, or in the presence of numerous females (wives of her lovers?)
to your many lovers .	In the direction of Israel/J/R/E's sex partners

PROFILES [Things]

this message	the following divine communication
this	points to what the LORD is about to say
what	underscores this
lust	sexual desire
prostitution	sex for money
detestable idols	disgusting substitutes for the LORD, her covenant husband
as sacrifices	compared to something given up for something else considered more valuable or worthy
gods	substitutes for the LORD, her covenant husband
this	points to what the LORD is about to do
what	underscores this
all	each and every single one
allies	the lovers with whom Israel/J/R/E sinned (your bed partners)
those	Israel/J/R/E's bed partners
blood	the bodily fluid of life
adultery	cheating on a spouse
murder	unlawful premeditated killing of Israel/J/R/E's own children
jealous fury	a demand for faithfulness and exclusive worship based on a surge of violent anger
pagan shrines	heretic places considered sacred because they are dedicated to gods other than the LORD
the altars	the tables where Israel/J/R/E gave up people or things she considered less valuable than her lovers
idols	images of false gods used for worship (Israel/J/R/E's lovers)
beautiful jewels	eye-catching personal ornaments
stark naked	absolutely nude
a mob	crowd of people, especially one that is disorderly and intent on causing trouble or violence
swords	a long, sharp metal weapon
payments	salary for services rendered

WORD STUDIES [EWords/Helpers]

Listen	Pay attention so you can hear
Is	(=)
Says	utter words
have poured out	have emptied
exposed	publicly, indecently displayed
have worshiped	bowed down and adored
have slaughtered	killed in a cruel or violent way
am going to do	about to execute
will gather together	will assemble
have sinned	have committed forbidden female/male acts in your husband's bed
loved	sexual passion
hated	passionate dislike
will strip naked	make nude
can stare	can gawk
will punish	will make pay
will cover	will make bloody from head to toe
will give	will hand over
are	(=)
will destroy	demolish
will knock down	tear down/flatten
will strip	undress
Take	confiscate
Leaving	causing/resulting
will band together	will team up
to stone	throw stones (rocks)

cut up	slash to pieces
will burn	will set fire to
punish	pay back
will stop	will halt
end	cease
with	associate
of	facing
for	with regard to/concerning
with	using
with	using
of	facing

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

V. Line	Thoughts/Events/Actions	Explanation
35	"Therefore,	Based on what I said in the previous passage
1	you prostitute,	you, Israel/J/R/E, a woman who sells her body for money
2	listen to this message	Pay attention to the following divine communication
3	from the LORD!	generated by the Eternal One!
36	1 This is what	Here comes the announcement
2	the Sovereign LORD says:	in the Unstoppable One's words:
	Because	On the grounds
3	you have poured out your lust	you, Israel/J/R/E have emptied your sexual desire
4	and exposed yourself	as well as publicly, indecently displayed yourself
5	in prostitution	selling your body for money
6	to all your lovers,	to one sex partner after another
7	and because you have worshiped detestable idols, ^a	plus bowed down and adored disgusting substitutes for the LORD, your covenant husband
8	and because you have slaughtered your children	plus killed your own kids in a cruel, violent way
9	as sacrifices to your gods,	considering your false gods more valuable than them
37	1 this is what	Here comes the reaction
2	I am going to do.	I, the Eternal Unstoppable One am about to execute
3	I will gather together	I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will assemble
4	all your allies	each and every single one of your bed partners
5	—the lovers with whom you have sinned,	the ones who committed forbidden female/male acts with you in your husband's bed
6	both those you loved	including the bed partners who stimulated you
7	and those you hated	as well as the ones who didn't
8	—and I will strip you naked	on top of that, I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will take off all your clothes
9	in front of them	before the lovers with whom you have sinned
10	so they can stare at you.	To make it possible for them to gawk at you
38	1 I will punish you	I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will make you, Israel/J/R/E pay the fines
2	for your murder and adultery.	That matches your unlawful premeditated killing of your own children plus cheating on me
3	I will cover you with blood	I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will engulf you in your own life fluid from head to toe
4	in my jealous fury.	demanding by my outrage at your unfaithfulness
39	Then	After that
1	I will give you	I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will deliver you
2	to these many nations	into the hands of the lovers with whom you have sinned

3 who are your lovers,
4 and they will destroy you.
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6 your pagan shrines

7 and the altars to your idols.

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9 and take your beautiful jewels,

10 leaving you stark naked.
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6 to your many lovers.

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
as well as cut off the cash that flowed
In the direction of your numerous sex partners