

## 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)

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| <b>B<br/>A<br/>C<br/>K<br/>G<br/>R<br/>O<br/>U<br/>N<br/>D</b> | <b>Book:</b> Ezekiel                                                                                                                        | <b>Passage:</b> 16:46-52                                          |
|                                                                | Who wrote the book?<br>Ezekiel                                                                                                              | What does he say about himself?<br>Son of Buzi, a Zadokite priest |
|                                                                | To whom did he write it?<br>The Jews                                                                                                        | What does he say about him/her/it?<br>In captivity, in Babylon    |
|                                                                | Who did he write about to him/her/it?<br>Ezekiel, Israel's leaders, Ezekiel's wife, Nebuchadnezzar, "the prince"                            | What does he say about him/her/it?                                |
|                                                                | When did he write the book?<br>Around 591BC                                                                                                 | When does the book take place?<br>During the Babylonian exile     |
|                                                                | Where did he write the book?<br>In Babylon                                                                                                  | Where does the book take place?<br>In Jerusalem, Babylon, Egypt   |
|                                                                | Why did he write the book?<br>To announce God's judgment on Israel and other nations and to foretell the eventual salvation of God's people |                                                                   |

## The **SNAPSHOT**

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| <p>MAIN headings of the book outline + chapters and verses</p> <p>A. Messages of Doom [1:1-24:27]<br/>         B. Messages Against Other Nations [25:1-32:32]<br/>         C. Messages of Hope [33:1-48:35]<br/>         D.<br/>         E.<br/>         F.<br/>         G.<br/>         H.</p> |
| <p>Which heading includes your passage<br/>         Messages of Doom [1:1-24:27]</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Based on the heading, briefly state the part your passage plays in it<br/>         GOD COMPARES JERUSALEM TO SAMARIA AND SODOM TO PRONOUNCE DOOM ON HER.</p>                                                                                                                                 |

## The **SETTING**

|                       |                                       |                      |
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| Passage <b>BEFORE</b> | <b>SUBHEADING:</b> Payback            | <b>C/V:</b> 16:42-45 |
| <b>ACTUAL</b> Passage | <b>SUBHEADING:</b> Her Wicked Sisters | <b>C/V:</b> 16:46-52 |
| Passage <b>AFTER</b>  | <b>SUBHEADING:</b> Eternal Shame      | <b>C/V:</b> 16:53-58 |

**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                                          |
|-----|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 46  |               | “Your older sister<br>Sam<br>who<br>her daughters<br>Your younger sister<br>Sod<br>who<br>her daughters | was<br><br>lived<br><br>was<br><br>lived<br><br>did.                                                  | <br><br>with<br><br><br><br>with<br><br><br><br>quickly | <br><br><br>in<br><br><br>in | <br><br><br>aria,<br><br>the north.<br><br>om,<br><br>the south. |                                                 |
| 47  | But           | you<br><br>as<br>they<br>You                                                                            | have<br>sinned<br><br>did.                                                                            | not merely<br><br><br><br>quickly                       |                              |                                                                  |                                                 |
| 48  | As surely as  | them<br>I<br><br>the Sovereign LORD,<br><br>her daughters<br><br>you<br>and<br>your daughters.          | surpassed<br><br>live,<br>says<br><br>were<br>as<br>wicked<br>as                                      | <br><br><br><br><br><br>never                           | <br><br><br>in               | <br><br><br>corruption.<br><br>Sodom<br>and                      |                                                 |
| 49  |               |                                                                                                         | while                                                                                                 |                                                         |                              | Sodom’s                                                          | sins<br>pride,<br>gluttony,<br>and<br>laziness, |
| 50  |               | the poor<br>and<br>needy<br>her<br>She                                                                  | suffered<br><br>was proud<br>and<br>committed<br>so<br>wiped<br>out,<br>as<br>have seen. <sup>a</sup> |                                                         | outside                      |                                                                  | door.<br><br>detestable sins,                   |
| 51  | “Even         | I<br>her<br><br>you                                                                                     |                                                                                                       |                                                         |                              | Samaria                                                          |                                                 |

your did not half  
 You commit far more sins.  
 your sisters than detestable things  
 They did. ever  
 you. seem righteous to  
 you! compared Shame  
 Your are on sins  
 you so that  
 your sisters terrible  
make  
seem righteous,  
even  
virtuous.

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

**V Line Event/Action**

46 1 Your older sister was Samaria,  
 2 who lived with her daughters in the north.  
 3 Your younger sister was Sodom,  
 4 who lived with her daughters in the south.

47 **But**  
 1 you have not merely sinned  
 2 as they did.  
 3 You quickly surpassed them  
 4 in corruption.

48 **As surely as**  
 1 I live, says the Sovereign LORD,  
 2 Sodom and her daughters  
 3 were never as wicked  
 4 as you and your daughters.

49 1 Sodom's sins were pride,  
 2 gluttony, and laziness,  
 3 while the poor and needy  
 4 suffered outside her door.

50 1 She was proud  
 2 and committed detestable sins,  
 3 so I wiped her out,  
 4 as you have seen.<sup>a</sup>

51 **Even**  
 1 Samaria did not commit half your sins.  
 2 You have done far more detestable things  
 3 than your sisters ever did.  
 4 They seem righteous compared to you.

52 1 Shame on you!  
 2 Your sins are so terrible  
 3 that you make your sisters  
 4 seem righteous,  
 5 even virtuous.

**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                                                      |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 46      | 1 <u>Your older sister was Samaria,</u>             | Identifies the older of the sisters mentioned in v.45     |
|         | 2 <u>who lived with her daughters in the north.</u> | Describes the older sister                                |
|         | 3 <u>Your younger sister was Sodom,</u>             | Identifies the younger of the sisters mentioned in v.45   |
|         | 4 <u>who lived with her daughters in the south.</u> | Describes the younger sister                              |
| 47      | <u>But</u>                                          | Sets up a contrast                                        |
|         | 1 <u>you have not merely sinned</u>                 | Tells us the extent of what I/J/R/E did                   |
|         | 2 <u>as they did.</u>                               | Compares what I/J/R/E did to what her sisters have done   |
|         | 3 <u>You quickly surpassed them</u>                 | Tells us that I/J/R/E did worse than her sisters          |
|         | 4 <u>in corruption.</u>                             | Tells us where she was worse                              |
| 48      | <u>As surely as</u>                                 | Takes an oath                                             |
|         | 1 <u>I live, says the Sovereign LORD,</u>           | The grounds for the oath                                  |
|         | 2 <u>Sodom and her daughters</u>                    | Identifies the younger sister and her kids                |
|         | 3 <u>were never as wicked</u>                       | Compares how bad they were                                |
|         | 4 <u>as you and your daughters.</u>                 | Identifies as I/J/R/E and her kids                        |
| 49      | 1 <u>Sodom's sins were pride,</u>                   | Tells us what the younger sister did                      |
|         | 2 <u>gluttony, and laziness,</u>                    | Adds more things that she did                             |
|         | 3 <u>while the poor and needy</u>                   | Identifies the people                                     |
|         | 4 <u>suffered outside her door.</u>                 | She sinned against                                        |
| 50      | 1 <u>She was proud</u>                              | Describes the younger sister                              |
|         | 2 <u>and committed detestable sins,</u>             | Adds what she did                                         |
|         | 3 <u>so I wiped her out,</u>                        | Tells us God's reaction to her younger sister             |
|         | 4 <u>as you have seen.<sup>a</sup></u>              | Reminds I/J/R/E of what she saw with her own eyes         |
| 51      | <u>Even</u>                                         | Sets up an extreme                                        |
|         | 1 <u>Samaria did not commit half your sins.</u>     | Tells us what the older sister did compared to I/J/R/E    |
|         | 2 <u>You have done far more detestable things</u>   | Tells us that I/J/R/E did worse things                    |
|         | 3 <u>than your sisters ever did.</u>                | Compared to both sisters                                  |
|         | 4 <u>They seem righteous compared to you.</u>       | Compares both sisters to I/J/R/E                          |
| 52      | 1 <u>Shame on you!</u>                              | Tells us God's reaction to I/J/R/E                        |
|         | 2 <u>Your sins are so terrible</u>                  | Describes the extent of what I/J/R/E                      |
|         | 3 <u>that you make your sisters</u>                 | Compared to her sisters                                   |
|         | 4 <u>seem righteous,</u>                            | Tells us how they compare to God's standard               |
|         | 5 <u>even virtuous.</u>                             | Tells us the extent of how they compare to God's standard |

## 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](http://www.webstersdictionary1828.com) to compile **word studies** of every e-word/helper you found in the text.

### BIOGRAPHIES [Persons]

|                            |                                                                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>"Your older sister</u>  | the female sibling who has lived, or been around longer         |
| <u>Samaria,</u>            | the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel                   |
| <u>who</u>                 | Refers back to Samaria                                          |
| <u>her daughters</u>       | Samaria's sister-cities: Shechem Jerash, Jericho, Jaffa, Bethel |
| <u>Your younger sister</u> | the female sibling who has lived, or been around less time      |
| <u>Sodom,</u>              | an ancient Canaanite town, destroyed by God for its wickedness  |
| <u>who</u>                 | Refers back to Sodom                                            |

[her daughters](#)  
[they](#)  
[you](#)  
[them](#)  
[I](#)  
[The Sovereign LORD](#)  
[your daughters](#)  
[the poor and needy](#)

Sodom's sister-cities: Gomorrah, Zoar, Kir-Moab  
Samaria and Sodom  
I/J/R/E  
Samaria and Sodom  
The Eternal One  
The eternal, Unstoppable One  
The rest of the towns and cities in Judah  
The helpless and the hopeless

### **GEOGRAPHIES** [Locations]

[Samaria](#)  
[in the north](#)  
[Sodom](#)  
[in the south](#)  
[in corruption](#)  
[outside her door](#)

City in central Palestine founded in the 9<sup>th</sup> century BC  
to the north  
City south of (buried under) the Dead Sea  
to the south  
Enclosed or surrounded by corruption  
Not within the walls of Sodom

### **PROFILES** [Things]

[Corruption](#)  
[Sins](#)  
[Pride](#)  
[Gluttony](#)  
[Laziness](#)  
[Door](#)  
[Detestable sins](#)  
[half your sins](#)  
[detestable things](#)  
[shame](#)  
[sins](#)  
[that](#)

Perversion (immorality)  
Iniquity (perversion, twisted)  
Arrogance  
Habitual excess in eating (piggishness)  
Idleness, inactivity, unwillingness to use energy  
doorway  
nauseating violations of God's standards  
50% of your falling short of the mark, missing the goal  
nauseating conduct (just to look at them or stand the sight of them)  
disgrace, dishonor  
attempts to please me that fell short  
the effect of I/J/R/E's sins

### **WORD STUDIES** [EWords/Helpers]

[Was](#)  
[Lived](#)  
[Have sinned](#)  
[Did](#)  
[Surpassed](#)  
[Says](#)  
[Were wicked](#)  
[Were](#)  
[Suffered](#)  
[Was proud](#)  
[Committed](#)  
[Wiped out](#)  
[Have seen](#)  
[Did commit](#)  
[Have done](#)  
[Did](#)  
[Seem righteous](#)  
[Compared](#)  
[Are terrible](#)  
[Make](#)  
[Virtuous](#)  
[With](#)  
[Not merely](#)  
[Quickly](#)

( = )  
Resided, made their home  
Copied their way of life  
carried out  
Outdid, eclipsed  
Put into words  
( = ) evil or morally wrong; harmful  
( = )  
to go without needs being met  
( = ) an excessively high opinion of oneself  
carried out  
annihilated, destroyed  
saw with your own eyes/for yourself  
emphasizes carrying out  
behaved  
to do, perform, achieved, completed  
give the impression of being right w/God, or living up to God's standard  
placed side by side  
( = ) obnoxious, nauseating  
cause  
having high moral standards  
together with  
suggests the opposite of merely (just, or only)  
rapidly, swiftly, fast

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| <u>Never</u>    | not ever            |
| <u>Not</u>      | the opposite of     |
| <u>Far more</u> | a great deal beyond |
| <u>Ever</u>     | at any time         |

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

| V. Line | Thoughts/Events/Actions                             | Explanation                                                                                                                      |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 46      | 1 <u>Your older sister was Samaria,</u>             | Your, I/J/R/E's female sibling who has lived, or been around longer, Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel      |
|         | 2 <u>who lived with her daughters in the north.</u> | Who (Samaria) made her home together with lookalike-cities: Shechem Jerash, Jericho, Jaffa, Bethel to the north of Jerusalem.    |
|         | 3 <u>Your younger sister was Sodom,</u>             | Your, I/J/R/E's female sibling who has lived, or been around less Time, Sodom, the city south of (or buried under) the Dead Sea  |
|         | 4 <u>who lived with her daughters in the south.</u> | Who (Sodom) made her home together with lookalike -cities: Gomorrah, Zoar, Kir-Moab to the south of Jerusalem.                   |
| 47      | <b>But</b>                                          | Yet                                                                                                                              |
|         | 1 <u>you have not merely sinned</u>                 | you I/J/R/E not only copied the same way of life                                                                                 |
|         | 2 <u>as they did.</u>                               | that Samaria and Sodom executed.                                                                                                 |
|         | 3 <u>You quickly surpassed them</u>                 | You I/J/R/E rapidly outdid Samaria and Sodom                                                                                     |
|         | 4 <u>in corruption.</u>                             | When it comes to perversion.                                                                                                     |
| 48      | <b>As surely as</b>                                 | I, the Eternal One, swear as certain as                                                                                          |
|         | 1 <u>I live, says the Sovereign LORD,</u>           | I am alive, quoting the Unstoppable One                                                                                          |
|         | 2 <u>Sodom and her daughters</u>                    | the city south of (or buried under) the Dead Sea plus her sister-cities: Gomorrah, Zoar, Kir-Moab                                |
|         | 3 <u>were never as wicked</u>                       | at no time matched the evil or moral wrong that                                                                                  |
|         | 4 <u>as you and your daughters.</u>                 | You, I/J/R/E plus the rest of your lookalike cities in Judah ever had.                                                           |
| 49      | 1 <u>Sodom's sins were pride,</u>                   | Sodom, the city south of (or buried under) the Dead Sea's twisted ungodly behaviors were arrogance,                              |
|         | 2 <u>gluttony, and laziness,</u>                    | habitual excess in eating, and unwillingness to use energy,                                                                      |
|         | 3 <u>while the poor and needy</u>                   | at the same time the helpless and the hopeless                                                                                   |
|         | 4 <u>suffered outside her door.</u>                 | struggled with their needs on the other side of Sodom's gate                                                                     |
| 50      | 1 <u>She was proud</u>                              | She (Sodom) had an excessively high opinion of herself                                                                           |
|         | 2 <u>and committed detestable sins,</u>             | plus carried out nauseating violations of God's standards,                                                                       |
|         | 3 <u>so I wiped her out,</u>                        | consequently I, the Eternal One annihilated her,                                                                                 |
|         | 4 <u>as you have seen.<sup>a</sup></u>              | like you, I/J/R/E saw for yourself.                                                                                              |
| 51      | <b>Even</b>                                         | Believe it or not                                                                                                                |
|         | 1 <u>Samaria did not commit half your sins.</u>     | Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel never carried out even 50% of your attempts to please me that fell short. |
|         | 2 <u>You have done far more detestable things</u>   | You, I/J/R/E performed much worse nauseating violations of God's standards                                                       |
|         | 3 <u>than your sisters ever did.</u>                | compared to those Samaria and Sodom managed at any time.                                                                         |
|         | 4 <u>They seem righteous compared to you.</u>       | Samaria and Sodom give the impression they are right with Me when side by side with you.                                         |
| 52      | 1 <u>Shame on you!</u>                              | You should feel sorry!                                                                                                           |
|         | 2 <u>Your sins are so terrible</u>                  | Your, I/J/R/E attempts to please me that fell short are nauseating to the point                                                  |
|         | 3 <u>that you make your sisters</u>                 | You, I/J/R/E cause Samaria and Sodom                                                                                             |
|         | 4 <u>seem righteous,</u>                            | to give the impression they are right with Me                                                                                    |
|         | 5 <u>even virtuous.</u>                             | And more than that, that they have high moral standards.                                                                         |