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Daily devotions
from God's Word...



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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 42-45, the LORD sums up how He will pay back His wife for her unfaithfulness and explains her tendency toward evil.

42 Then
at last
my fury against you
will be spent,
and
my jealous anger
will subside.
I will be calm
and
will not be angry with you anymore.

43 But
first,
because you have not remembered your youth
but
have angered me
by doing all these evil things,
I will fully repay you
for all of your sins,

says the Sovereign LORD.

For
you have added lewd acts
to all your detestable sins.

44 Everyone who makes up proverbs
will say of you,
'Like mother,
like daughter.'

45 For
your mother loathed her husband
and her children,
and so do you.

And
you are exactly like your sisters,
for
they despised their husbands

After that
finally
My, the Eternal Unstoppable One's hostility aimed at I/J/R/E
will be exhausted
plus
My hostile attitude provoked by I/J/R/E's unfaithfulness
will peter out.
I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will return to peace
and, as a result
will stop feeling hostile toward you, I/J/R/E ever again.
Despite that
before anything else
on account of your refusal to keep loving me the way you used to
and instead
made Me full of hostile feelings,
carrying out the whole batch of sins I mentioned in verses 35, 36,
I, the Eternal Unstoppable One will give you, I/J/R/E what you deserve
what you have earned with your whole batch of nauseating violations of
our (divine) marriage agreement,
to quote the Eternal Unstoppable One.
Because
your crude, offensive sexual acts have intensified
your other nauseating behaviors and make me want to throw up more
than ever (shades of Laodicea).
Whoever composes short sayings of general truth or advice
will use the following words to describe you, I/J/R/E
'You are the spitting image
of your pagan mother.'
Because
your female ancestor despised her male marriage partner
as well as her offspring
And it turns out, you, I/J/R/E imitate her.
What's more
you, I/J/R/E are a carbon copy of your female siblings
because
your sisters disrespected their male marriage partners, too

and their children.
 Truly
 your mother was a Hittite
 and
 your father an Amorite.

as well as their offspring.
 Without doubt
 your female ancestor came from Canaan
 while
 your male ancestor came from Babylonian stock



The Brew

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

In today's passage, verses 46-52, compares Israel's abominations with those of her sister cities, Samaria and Sodom because she is already bearing the disgrace. So please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 16, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v. 46.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

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

Parts	Verse 46	Verse 47	Verse 48	Verse 49	Verse 50	Verse 51	Verse 52
Links		But, as	As surely as, as 2x, and 2x	And 2x, while	And, so, as	Even, than	So, even
Persons	Your 2x, sister 2x, older, younger, Samaria, Sodom, who 2x, her 2x, daughters 2x	You 2x (I), they, them (Samaria, Sodom)	I, the Sovereign LORD, her (Sodom), you, your (I), daughters 2x	Her (Sodom), the poor, needy	She, her (Sodom), I, (t. LORD), you (I/J/R/E)	Your 2x, you 2x (I), sisters, they (Samaria, Sodom)	You 2x, Your 2x (I/J/R/E), sisters (Samaria, Sodom)
Places	Samaria, Sodom, in the north, in the south	In (corruption)	Sodom	Sodom's, outside		Samaria, to (you = I)	On (you)
Things		corruption		Sins, pride, gluttony, laziness, door	Detestable sins	Half sins, detestable things	Shame, sins, that
EWords	Was 2x, lived 2x	Have sinned, did, surpassed	Live, says, were wicked	Were, suffered	Was proud, committed, wiped out, have seen	Did commit, have done, did, seem righteous, compared	Are terrible, make seem righteous, virtuous
Helpers	With 2x	Not merely, quickly	Never			Not, far more, ever	

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

⁴⁶ “Your older sister was Samaria, who lived with her daughters in the north. Your younger sister was Sodom, who lived with her daughters in the south.

⁴⁷ But you have not merely sinned as they did. You quickly surpassed them in corruption.

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

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

⁵⁰ She was proud and committed detestable sins, so I wiped her out, as you have seen.^a

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

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

THE EXPANDED BIBLE

⁴⁶ Your older sister is Samaria, who lived north of you with her daughters; your younger sister is Sodom, who lived south of you with her daughters [Gen. 19; ^cSodom is a symbol of evil in Scripture; Deut. 29:23; 32:32; Is. 1:9–10; 3:9; Jer. 23:14; Lam. 4:6; Matt. 10:15; 11:23–24; Jude 7].

⁴⁷ You not only ·followed [walked in] their ways and did the ·hateful [detestable; abominable] things they did, but you were ·soon worse [more corrupt/depraved] than they were in all your ways.

⁴⁸ As surely as I live, says the Lord GOD, your sister Sodom and her daughters never did what you and your daughters have done.

⁴⁹ “This was the ·sin [iniquity; guilt] of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were proud and had plenty of food and lived in ·great comfort [secure ease], but she did not ·help [–strengthen the hand of] the poor and needy.

⁵⁰ So Sodom and her daughters were ·proud [haughty] and did ·things I hate [detestable/abominable things] in front of me. So I ·got rid of [removed] them when I saw what they did.

⁵¹ Also, Samaria [^cthe northern kingdom] did not do half the sins you do; you have done more ·hateful [detestable; abominable] things than they did. So you make your sisters ·look good [appear righteous] because of all the ·hateful [detestable; abominable] things you have done.

⁵² You will ·suffer [bear your] disgrace, because you have ·provided an excuse [–interceded with your sins] for your sisters. They ·are better [appear more righteous] than you are. Your sins were even more ·terrible [vile; abominable] than theirs. Feel ashamed and suffer disgrace, because you made your sisters ·look good [appear righteous].

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⁴⁶ And your elder sister is Shomeron, she and her daughters, who is dwelling to the north of you. And your younger sister, who is dwelling to the south of you, is Seḏom and her daughters.

⁴⁷ And have you not walked in their ways and did according to their abominations? But in all your ways you soon became more corrupt than they.

⁴⁸ As I live,” declares the Master יהוה, “neither your sister Seḏom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done.”

⁴⁹ See, this was the crookedness of your sister Seḏom: She and her daughter had pride, sufficiency of bread, and unconcerned ease. And she did not help the poor and needy.

⁵⁰ And they were haughty and did abomination before Me, and I took them away when I saw it.

⁵¹ And Shomeron did not commit half of your sins, but you have increased your abominations more than they, and by all the abominations which you have done you made your sisters seem righteous!

⁵² You also, who pleaded for your sisters, bear your own shame, because the sins which you committed were more abominable than theirs. They are more righteous than you. So be ashamed too, and bear your own shame, because you have made your sisters seem righteous.”

THE NET BIBLE

⁴⁶ Your older sister was Samaria, who lived north³² of you with her daughters, and your younger sister, who lived south³³ of you, was Sodom³⁴ with her daughters.

⁴⁷ Have you not copied their behavior³⁵ and practiced their abominable deeds? In a short time³⁶ you became even more depraved in all your conduct than they were!

⁴⁸ As surely as I live, declares the sovereign LORD, your sister Sodom and her daughters never behaved as wickedly as you and your daughters have behaved.

⁴⁹ See here—this was the iniquity³⁷ of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters had majesty, abundance of food, and enjoyed carefree ease, but they did not help³⁸ the poor and needy.

⁵⁰ They were haughty and practiced abominable deeds before me. Therefore when I saw it I removed them.

⁵¹ Samaria has not committed half the sins you have; you have done more abominable deeds than they did.³⁹ You have made your sisters appear righteous with all the abominable things you have done.

⁵² So now, bear your disgrace, because you have given your sisters reason to justify their behavior.⁴⁰ Because the sins you have committed were more abominable than those of your sisters; they have become more righteous than you. So now, be ashamed and bear the disgrace of making your sisters appear righteous.

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

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.
had.

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.^a

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.

when

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

Your, I/J/R/E's female sibling who has lived, or been around longer, Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel Who (Samaria) made her home together with lookalike-cities: Shechem Jerash, Jericho, Jaffa, Bethel to the north of Jerusalem. 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 Who (Sodom) made her home together with lookalike -cities: Gomorrah, Zoar, Kir-Moab to the south of Jerusalem.

Yet

you I/J/R/E not only copied the same way of life that Samaria and Sodom executed.

You I/J/R/E rapidly outdid Samaria and Sodom

When it comes to perversion.

I, the Eternal One, swear as certain as

I am alive, quoting the Unstoppable One

the city south of (or buried under) the Dead Sea plus her sister-cities: Gomorrah, Zoar, Kir-Moab

at no time matched the evil or moral wrong that

You, I/J/R/E plus the rest of your lookalike cities in Judah ever

Sodom, the city south of (or buried under) the Dead Sea's twisted ungodly behaviors were arrogance,

habitual excess in eating, and unwillingness to use energy,

at the same time the helpless and the hopeless

struggled with their needs on the other side of Sodom's gate

She (Sodom) had an excessively high opinion of herself

plus carried out nauseating violations of God's standards,

consequently I, the Eternal One annihilated her,

like you, I/J/R/E saw for yourself.

Believe it or not

Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel never carried out even 50% of your attempts to please me that fell short.

You, I/J/R/E performed much worse nauseating violations of God's standards

compared to those Samaria and Sodom managed at any time.

Samaria and Sodom give the impression they are right with Me

side by side with you.

You should feel sorry!

Your, I/J/R/E attempts to please me that fell short are nauseating to the point

You, I/J/R/E cause Samaria and Sodom

to give the impression they are right with Me

And more than that, that they have high moral standards.



A Tastier Cuppal

Let Jesus pour you a fuller bodied, more flavorful Cuppal from today's brew

Well, we hope you enjoyed this morning's Cuppal 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*

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