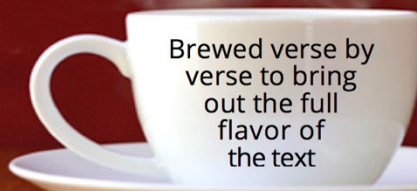


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The Grind

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 46-52, the LORD compares Israel's abominations with those of her sister cities, Samaria and Sodom because she was already bearing the disgrace.

- 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.^a

- ⁵¹ **Even**
1 Samaria did not commit half your sins.

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 had. 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.

- 2 You have done far more detestable things You, I/J/R/E performed much worse nauseating violations of God's standards
- 3 than your sisters ever did. compared to those Samaria and Sodom managed at any time.
- 4 They seem righteous compared to you. Samaria and Sodom give the impression they are right with Me when side by side with you.
- 52 1 Shame on you! You should feel sorry!
- 2 Your sins are so terrible Your, I/J/R/E attempts to please me that fell short are nauseating to the point
- 3 that you make your sisters You, I/J/R/E cause Samaria and Sodom
- 4 seem righteous, to give the impression they are right with Me
- 5 even virtuous. And more than that, that they have high moral standards.



The Brew

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

In today's passage, verses 53-58, the LORD promises to forgive Israel, Samaria, and Sodom. 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 53	Verse 54	Verse 55	Verse 56	Verse 57	Verse 58
Links	But, and, and	Then	Yes, and 3x, also		But, now, and 3x	And
Persons	I 2x (t. Lord), Sodom, Samaria, you (I/J/R/E)	You 2x, your (I/J/R/E), them (Sodom, Samaria)	Your, sisters, Sodom, Samaria, their, people, you (I/J/R/E)	Your you (I/J/R/E), Sodom	Your, you, the one who (I/J/R/E), Edom, her, neighbors, Philistia	Your 2x ((I/J/R/E), the LORD
Places	Sodom, Samaria	Them (Sodom, Samaria), in (comparison)	Sodom, Samaria, their, at (that time)	In 2x (your proud days, contempt)	To (all) t. world, Edom, her neighbors, Philistia	
Things	Someday, the fortunes	Everything, sins, good, comparison	All, that time	Proud days, contempt)	Greater wickedness, all 2x	This, punishment, all lewdness, detestable sins
EWords	Will restore 2x	Will be ashamed, have done, make feel	Will be restored 2x	Held	Has been exposed, are, is scorned	Is, says
Helpers	Too	Truly, of, for			By 2x	For

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

- 53 But someday I will restore the fortunes of Sodom and Samaria, and I will restore you, too.
- 54 Then you will be truly ashamed of everything you have done, for your sins make them feel good in comparison.
- 55 Yes, your sisters, Sodom and Samaria, and all their people will be restored, and at that time you also will be restored.
- 56 In your proud days you held Sodom in contempt.
- 57 But now your greater wickedness has been exposed to all the world, and you are the one who is scorned—by Edom^a and all her neighbors and by Philistia.
- 58 This is your punishment for all your lewdness and detestable sins, says the LORD.

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⁵³ But I will ·give back [restore] to Sodom and her daughters ·the good things they once had [their fortunes]. I will give back to Samaria and her daughters ·the good things they once had [their fortunes]. And with them I will also give back ·the good things you once had [your fortunes]

⁵⁴ so you may ·suffer [bear your] disgrace and feel ashamed for all the things you have done. You even gave comfort to your sisters in their sins.

⁵⁵ Your sisters, Sodom with her daughters and Samaria with her daughters, will return to ·what they were before [their former status]. You and your daughters will also return to ·what you were before [their former status].

⁵⁶ You ·humiliated [spoke contemptuously about; ^Lmade a byword in your mouth] your sister Sodom ·when you were proud [^Lin the day of your pride/majesty],

⁵⁷ before your ·evil [wickedness] was uncovered [exposed]. And now the Edomite ·women^[a] [^Ldaughters] and their neighbors ·humiliate [scorn] you. Even the Philistine women ·humiliate [scorn] you. Those around you ·hate [despise] you.

⁵⁸ ·This is your punishment [^LYou bear the penalty] for your ·terrible sins [lewdness] and for ·actions that I hate [your detestable practices/abominations], says the LORD.

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⁵³ And I shall turn back their captivity, the captivity of Sedom and her daughters, and the captivity of Shomeron and her daughters, and the captivity of your captives with them,”

⁵⁴ so that you bear your shame, and shall blush for all that you did when you comforted them,

⁵⁵ “and your sisters, Sedom and her daughters, return to their former state, and Shomeron and her daughters return to their former state, and you and your daughters return to your former state.

⁵⁶ “Was not your sister Sedom a byword in your mouth in the days of your pride,

⁵⁷ before your evil was exposed, as the time of the reproach of the daughters of Aram and all who were around her, and of the daughters of the Philistines, who are despising you everywhere?

⁵⁸ “You shall bear your wickedness and your abominations,” declares יהוה.”

THE NET BIBLE

⁵³ I will restore their fortunes, the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters, and the fortunes of Samaria and her daughters (along with your fortunes among them),

⁵⁴ so that you may bear your disgrace and be ashamed of all you have done in consoling them.

⁵⁵ As for your sisters, Sodom and her daughters will be restored to their former status, Samaria and her daughters will be restored to their former status, and you and your daughters will be restored to your former status.

⁵⁶ In your days of majesty,⁴¹ was not Sodom your sister a byword in your mouth,

⁵⁷ before your evil was exposed? Now you have become an object of scorn to the daughters of Aram⁴² and all those around her and to the daughters of the Philistines—those all around you who despise you.

⁵⁸ You must bear your punishment for your obscene conduct and your abominable practices, declares the LORD.

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

⁵³ **But**
someday I will restore
the fortunes of Sodom and Samaria,
and I will restore you, too.

⁵⁴ **Then**
you will be truly ashamed
of everything you have done,
for your sins
make them feel good in comparison.

⁵⁵ **Yes,**
your sisters, Sodom and Samaria,
and all their people
will be restored,
and at that time

However
at some time in the future I, the Eternal One will reset
the clock to when your sisters prospered, before they provoked My wrath
Plus, I, the Eternal One will also do the same for you (I/J/R/E)
At that time
you (I/J/R/E) will really be embarrassed
for whatever you (I/J/R/E) did,
because your (I/J/R/E's) acts were so unlawful, they
relieve your (I/J/R/E's) ungodly sisters' guilt when they are placed side-by-side
with immoral, wicked you (I/J/R/E)
That's right
your (I/J/R/E's) female siblings, the one God buried under the Dead Sea as well
as the other dismantled by Assyria
including every one of their inhabitants
will be forgiven,
plus, at the same time

56 you also will be restored.
In your proud days
you held Sodom in contempt.
 57 But now
your greater wickedness
has been exposed
to all the world,
and you are the one who is scorned
—by Edom^a
and all her neighbors
and by Philistia.
This is your punishment
for all your lewdness
and detestable sins,
says the LORD.

you (I/J/R/E) will be forgiven, too.
 During your (I/J/R/E) smug phase
 you looked down on your sister God buried under the Dead Sea
 However, at the present time
 your (I/J/R/E's) worse wrongs
 have been uncovered
 so everyone, everywhere can see them,
 as a result, you (I/J/R/E) are looked down on
 the nation descended from Esau who was left out of the covenant
 plus the Arabians and Nabateans
 plus the kingdom of the conquered Philistines all mock you.
 This worldwide opinion that you are a big, fat zero is the penalty you (I/J/R/E) deserve
 regarding the whole batch of your (I/J/R/E's) crude and offensive love affairs
 as well as the things you did that made God want to throw up
 quoting the Eternal One.



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* 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 Cuppal 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.

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