

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: 16:53-58
	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**

B A C K G R O U N D	<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 OFFERS FORGIVENESS TO THOSE WHO ARE ASHAMED OF THEIR SINS AND UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.</p>

The **SETTING**

Passage BEFORE	SUBHEADING: Her Wicked Sisters	C/V: 16:46-52
ACTUAL Passage	SUBHEADING: Eternal Shame	C/V: 16:53-58
Passage AFTER	SUBHEADING: A New Covenant	C/V: 16:59-63

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

says

the LORD.

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

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

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
53	<u>But</u> <u>someday I will restore</u> <u>the fortunes of Sodom and Samaria,</u> <u>and I will restore you, too.</u>	Sets up a surprising contrast with what was said in the previous passage Tells us the surprising thing God will do in the future Fills in details about the surprise
54	<u>Then</u> <u>you will be truly ashamed</u> <u>of everything you have done,</u> <u>for your sins</u> <u>make them feel good in comparison.</u>	Adds another surprising thing God will do Introduces what happens at that time Describes Israel's reaction to what God will do for her Fills in details about Israel's shame Tells us why Israel feels so ashamed
55	<u>Yes,</u> <u>your sisters, Sodom and Samaria,</u> <u>and all their people</u> <u>will be restored,</u> <u>and at that time</u> <u>you also will be restored.</u>	Fills in details about Israel's shame Affirms what God promised in v.53 Tells us who God will restore Adds their sister-cities Tells us what God promised and now reaffirms Adds something simultaneous
56	<u>In your proud days</u>	The same thing will happen to Israel Tells us about Israel's past

57	<p>you held Sodom in contempt. 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.</p>	<p>Tells us what Israel did back then Sets up a surprising contrast with Israel's past Tells what is so surprising Tells us what has happened Tells us the extent of the surprise Adds the surprise to Israel Tells us who scorns now Adds those surrounding Edom Adds another surprise scorner</p>
58	<p>This is your punishment for all your lewdness and detestable sins, says the LORD.</p>	<p>Explains what the surprise is Gives the reason for the surprise Adds more details about the surprise Tells us Ezekiel is quoting the Eternal One</p>

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]

<p>I Sodom and Samaria You Your Them your sisters all their people the one who Edom her neighbors Philistia</p>	<p>The Eternal, Unstoppable One 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 I/J/R/E's female sibling who has lived, or been around longer, Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel I/J/R/E I/J/R/E Sodom/Samaria female siblings residents or inhabitants of Sodom/Samaria refers specifically to I/J/R/E the nation descended from Esau (the brother excluded from the covenant) the Arabians (on the west) and Nabateans (Arabians to the east who made Petra their capital) the kingdom of the Philistines from the Mediterranean Sea to the Shephelah hills of Israel and Judah</p>
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GEOGRAPHIES [Locations]

<p>Sodom Samaria in comparison at that time In your proud days in contempt to all the world Edom her neighbors Philistia</p>	<p>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 I/J/R/E's female sibling who has lived, or been around longer, Samaria, the capital of the Northern Kingdom of Israel (included, within, embedded, involved) side by side showing differences or similarities back then During your smug phase (included, within, embedded, involved) scorn in the direction of the entire planet [everywhere] the nation descended from Esau (the brother excluded from the covenant) the Arabians (on the west) and Nabateans (Arabians to the east who made Petra their capital) the kingdom of the Philistines from the Mediterranean Sea to the Shephelah hills of Israel and Judah</p>
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PROFILES [Things]

<p>Someday The fortunes Everything Sins Good Comparison All That time</p>	<p>at some time in the future the successes all things, whatever unlawful acts (I/J/R/E) relief measure against something or someone each and every a specific occasion in the future</p>
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[Proud days](#) smug phase
[Contempt](#) scorn
[Greater wickedness](#) worse wrongs
[This punishment](#) scorn by the whole world
[Lewdness](#) crude and offensive sexual acts (outside of marriage, infidelities, acts of unfaithfulness)
[Detestable sins](#) Nauseating behaviors (things that made God want to throw up)

WORD STUDIES [EWords/Helpers]

[will restore](#) turn back reset) the clock to before forfeiting blessings and provoking God's wrath (forgive)
[of](#) belonging to
[too](#) also
[truly](#) really
[will be ashamed](#) disgrace, dishonor, embarrass
[have done](#) have performed, or carried out
[for](#) because of, with regard to, concerning
[make feel](#) cause to cheer up
[held](#) consider, be of the opinion
[has been exposed](#) has been revealed, uncovered, brought to light, brought out in the open
[are](#) (=)
[is scorned](#) to treat with contempt, to look down on
[by](#) tells us who performs the action
[is](#) (=)
[for](#) because of, with regard to, concerning
[says](#) put into words

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

V. Line	Thoughts/Events/Actions	Explanation
53	<p>But someday I will restore the fortunes of Sodom and Samaria, and I will restore you, too.</p>	<p>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)</p>
54	<p>Then you will be truly ashamed of everything you have done, for your sins make them feel good in comparison.</p>	<p>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)</p>
55	<p>Yes, your sisters, Sodom and Samaria, and all their people will be restored, and at that time you also will be restored.</p>	<p>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 you (I/J/R/E) will be forgiven, too.</p>
56	<p>In your proud days you held Sodom in contempt.</p>	<p>During your (I/J/R/E) smug phase you looked down on your sister God buried under the Dead Sea</p>
57	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>