

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION	THE EXPANDED BIBLE	THE SCRIPTURES 1998/2009	THE NET BIBLE
<p><sup>1</sup> Then this message came to me from the LORD:</p>	<p><sup>1</sup> The ·LORD spoke his word [·word of the LORD came] to me, saying:</p>	<p><sup>1</sup> And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,</p>	<p><sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me:</p>
<p><sup>2</sup> “Son of man, give this riddle, and tell this story to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup> Give them this message from the Sovereign LORD:</p>	<p><sup>2</sup> “·Human [<sup>1</sup>Son of man; 2:1], give a ·riddle [allegory] and tell a ·story [parable] to the ·people [<sup>1</sup>house] of Israel.</p>	<p><sup>2</sup> “Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Yisra’ël.</p>	<p><sup>2</sup> “Son of man, offer a riddle,<sup>1</sup> and tell a parable to the house of Israel.</p>
<p><sup>3</sup> “A great eagle with broad wings and long feathers, covered with many-colored plumage, came to Lebanon. He seized the top of a cedar tree.</p>	<p><sup>3</sup> Say, ‘This is what the Lord GOD says: A ·giant [great; mighty] eagle with ·big [great] wings and long ·feathers [<sup>1</sup>feathers and plumage] of many different colors [16:10] came to Lebanon and took hold of the top of a cedar tree.</p>	<p><sup>3</sup> “And you shall say, ‘Thus said the Master יהוה, “The great eagle with large wings of long pinions, covered with feathers of various colors, came to Lebanon and took the top of the cedar.</p>	<p><sup>3</sup> Say to them: ‘This is what the sovereign LORD says:<sup>2</sup> A great eagle<sup>3</sup> with broad wings, long feathers,<sup>4</sup>with full plumage which was multi-hued,<sup>5</sup>came to Lebanon<sup>6</sup> and took the top of the cedar.</p>
<p><sup>4</sup> and plucked off its highest branch. He carried it away to a city filled with merchants. He planted it in a city of traders.</p>	<p><sup>4</sup> He pulled off the top ·branch [shoot] and brought it to a land of ·traders [merchants; <sup>o</sup>Babylon], where he planted it in a city of traders [<sup>c</sup>the eagle symbolizes King Nebuchadnezzar; v. 12].</p>	<p><sup>4</sup> “He plucked off the topmost of its young twigs and brought it to a land of traders. In a city of merchants he placed it.</p>	<p><sup>4</sup> He plucked off its topmost shoot; he brought it to a land of merchants and planted it in a city of traders.</p>
<p><sup>5</sup> He also took a seedling from the land and planted it in fertile soil. He placed it beside a broad river, where it could grow like a willow tree.</p>	<p><sup>5</sup> “The eagle took ·some seed [or a seedling] from the land and planted it in ·a good field [fertile soil] near plenty of water. He planted it to grow like a willow tree.</p>	<p><sup>5</sup> “He also took some of the seed of the land and planted it in a field for seed. He took it by many waters, set it like a willow tree.</p>	<p><sup>5</sup> He took one of the seedlings<sup>7</sup> of the land, placed it in a cultivated plot;<sup>8</sup> a shoot by abundant water, like a willow he planted it.</p>
<p><sup>6</sup> It took root there and grew into a low, spreading vine. Its branches turned up toward the eagle, and its roots grew down into the ground. It produced strong branches and put out shoots.</p>	<p><sup>6</sup> It sprouted and became a low vine that spread over the ground. The branches turned toward the eagle, but the roots were under ·the eagle [or itself; <sup>l</sup>it]. So, the seed became a vine, and its ·branches [shoots] grew, sending out ·leaves [or branches; boughs].</p>	<p><sup>6</sup> “So it grew and became a low, spreading vine. Its branches turned toward him, and its roots were under it. And it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and sent out shoots.</p>	<p><sup>6</sup> It sprouted and became a vine, spreading low to the ground;<sup>9</sup> its branches turning toward him,<sup>10</sup> its roots were under itself.<sup>11</sup> So it became a vine; it produced shoots and sent out branches.</p>