





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 59-63, the LORD offers a new covenant, the final edition of the everlasting covenant.

59 Now Under the present circumstances 1 this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Here is what the Unstoppable One has to say: 2 I will give you what you deserve, I, the Unstoppable One will pay you, (I/J/R/E) what you have earned because you, (I/J/R/E) have belittled the importance of your (I/J/R/E)'s 3 for you have taken your solemn vows lightly marriage vows to me, the Unstoppable One by breaking your covenant. 4 through failing to live up to the terms of your (I/J/R/E)'s marriage to me at Mt. Sinai But at the same time Yet 1 I will remember the covenant I, the Unstoppable One will not forget the marriage vows from Sinai 2 I made with you I, the Unstoppable One inaugurated together with you, (I/J/R/E) 3 when you were young, during your earlier days 4 and I will establish what's more I, the Unstoppable One will activate 5 an everlasting covenant with you. an arrangement intended to last together with you, (I/J/R/E). Then At that time you will remember with shame you, (I/J/R/E) will recall along with a painful feeling of humiliation 1 2 all the evil you have done. every single immoral and wicked thing you, (I/J/R/E) ever did. 3 I will make your sisters, Samaria and Sodom,

4 to be your daughters,

5 even though they are not part of our covenant.

1 I will reaffirm my covenant with you,

2 and you will know 3 that I am the LORD.

1 You will remember your sins

2 and cover your mouth

3 in silent shame

4 when I forgive you

5 of all that you have done.

6 I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!"

or distress caused by the consciousness of wrong or foolish behavior

I, the Unstoppable One will convert your I/J/R/E)'s female siblings, both the one Assyria dismantled and dispersed as well as the one God buried under the Dead Sea

into your I/J/R/E)'s female descendants destined to inherit your share of the promises

despite the fact that neither one was included in our original arrangement at Mt. Sinai

Furthermore

I, the Unstoppable One will reinstate my, the Unstoppable One's original arrangement intended to last

so that you, (I/J/R/E) will come to appreciate

that I, the Unstoppable One is the same Eternal One who has been looking after you (like a husband providing for and protecting his wife) At the same time you, (I/J/R/E) will recall your immoral and wicked acts you will also zip your lip

unable to say anything about the humiliation, or dishonor you (I/J/R/E) deserve

at the time I, the Unstoppable One reset the clock to when you (I/J/R/E) prospered, before you (I/J/R/E) provoked My wrath

for everything immoral and wicked you, (I/J/R/E) ever did.

You (I/J/R/E) have my, the Unstoppable One's verbal guarantee.



<u>In today's passage</u>, verses 1-6, Ezekiel tells a fable about an eagle, a cedar, and a vine. So please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 17, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v. 1.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

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

Parts	Verse 1	Verse 2	Verse 3	Verse 4	Verse 5	Verse 6
Links	Then	And	And	And	Also, and, like	And 3x
Persons	Me (Zeke), t. LORD	Son of man (Zeke), the people, them (I/J/R/E), t. Sovereign LORD		Merchants, traders		
Places	To (me), from (t. LORD)	To (t. people), Israel, from (t. Sovereign LORD)	To Lebanon	To a city, in a city	From the land, in (fertile soil), beside (river), where	There, into (vine), toward (sky), into the ground
Things	This message	This riddle, this story, this message	A great eagle, He, broad wings, long feathers many- colored plumage, the top, a cedar tree	It's, it 2x (cedar), highest branch (top), he 2x (eagle)	He 2x (eagle), a seedling, it 3x, fertile soil, a broad river, a willow tree	It (seedling), a low, spreading vine, it('s) 3x, branches, the eagle, roots, strong branches, shoots
EWords	Came	Give 2x, tell	Covered, came, seized	Plucked off, carried away, filled, planted	Took, planted, placed, grow	Took root, grew, turned up, grew down, produced, put out
Helpers		Of	With 2x, of	With, of	Could	

Pay careful attention to every item as you follow today's devotional in your study Bible. We have already grouped them by <u>colors</u> 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

- ¹ Then this message came to me from the LORD:
- ² "Son of man, give this riddle, and tell this story to the people of Israel. ³ Give them this message from the Sovereign LORD:
- ³ "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
- ⁴ and plucked off its highest branch. He carried it away to a city filled with merchants. He planted it in a city of traders.
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ 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.

THE EXPANDED BIBLE

- ¹The ·LORD spoke his word [Lword of the LORD came] to me, saying:
- ² "·Human [TSon of man; 2:1], give a ·riddle [allegory] and tell a ·story [parable] to the ·people [Lhouse] of Israel.
- ³ Say, 'This is what the Lord God says: A ·giant [great; mighty] eagle with ·big [great] wings and long ·feathers [Lefathers and plumage] of many different colors [16:10] came to Lebanon and took hold of the top of a cedar tree.
- ⁴ He pulled off the top ·branch [shoot] and brought it to a land of ·traders [merchants; ^CBabylon], where he planted it in a city of traders [^Cthe eagle symbolizes King Nebuchadnezzar; v. 12].
- ⁵ "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.

⁶ 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; Lit]. So, the seed became a vine, and its branches [shoots] grew, sending out leaves [or branches; boughs].

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- ¹ And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,
- ² "Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Yisra'ĕl.
- ³ "And you shall say, 'Thus said the Master יהוה, "The great eagle with large wings of long pinions, covered with feathers of various colours, came to Lebanon and took the top of the cedar.
- ⁴ "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.
- ⁵ "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.
- ⁶ "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.

THE NET BIBLE

- ¹ The word of the LORD came to me:
- ² "Son of man, offer a riddle, ¹ and tell a parable to the house of Israel.
- ³ Say to them: 'This is what the sovereign LORD says: A great eagle with broad wings, long feathers, with full plumage which was multi-hued, ⁵came to Lebanon⁶ and took the top of the cedar.
- ⁴ He plucked off its topmost shoot; he brought it to a land of merchants and planted it in a city of traders.
- ⁵ He took one of the seedlings⁷ of the land, placed it in a cultivated plot;⁸ a shoot by abundant water, like a willow he planted it.
- ⁶ It sprouted and became a vine, spreading low to the ground; ⁹ its branches turning toward him, ¹⁰ its roots were under itself. ¹¹ So it became a vine; it produced shoots and sent out branches.

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

Then this message came to me

from the LORD: "Son of man,

give this riddle,

and tell this story to the people of Israel. Give them this message from the Sovereign LORD:

"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

and plucked off its highest branch.

He carried it away

to a city filled with merchants.

He planted it in a city of traders.

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.

It took root there

Next

the news about to be announced arrived at Ezekiel, its first recipient

the Eternal One was its author

Ezekiel, descendant of Adam who needs salvation, but not one of the rebels

deliver the upcoming statement

requiring ingenuity to understand its meaning

and narrate the following comparison between real life and nature aimed at the descendants of Jacob who inhabit the Promised Land

Bring this news to them

generated by the Unstoppable One

A huae vulture having wide vans made of lengthy quills like a rainbow from tip to tip

arrived in the Mediterranean country famous for its tall trees.

The vulture grabbed the highest point of a large, towering pine tree

with spreading branches

in order to pull out the limb closest to the top.

The vulture hauled it off

to a commercial center crammed with store owners.

The vulture embedded the limb in the midst of a trade center.

Then, the vulture grabbed a young plant

growing out of the ground

to insert it

In the midst of dirt capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops

The vulture positioned it next to a wide rushing stream a place designed for development

the same way a shade tree with pretty green foliage and long, thin leaves

grows near water.

The young plant blossomed and drew nourishment from the ground in that place next to the wide stream

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.

And as a result, transformed into a ground level wood-stemmed plant for growing grapes extending in all directions.

The vine's above-ground limbs budded toward the sky in the direction of the vulture while its support system sank down, deep into the soil underground.

The vine yielded firm above ground limbs as it sprouted suckers from the trunk.



A Tastier CuppaJ

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

Well, we hope you enjoyed this morning's CuppaJ 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 CuppaJ 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 CuppaJ 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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