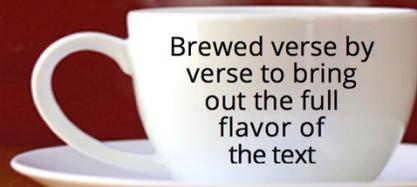


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from God's Word...



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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 1-6, Ezekiel tells a fable about an eagle, a cedar, and a vine.

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.](#)
[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](#)
[and plucked off its highest branch.](#)

4 [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.](#)

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 is not one of the rebels
deliver the upcoming statement requiring ingenuity to understand it
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 huge 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
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
just as a shade tree with pretty green foliage & 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 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.



Now
Serving

The Brew

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

In today's passage, verses 7-10, the LORD adds a second eagle to the fable. So please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 17, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v. 7.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

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

| Parts | Verse 7 | Verse 8 | Verse 9 | Verse 10 |
|----------------|---|--|---|--|
| Links | But, then, and 2x, so, now | Even though, and 3x, so | So, now, and 4x, or | But, when 2x |
| Persons | | | The Sovereign LORD, I 3x | |
| Places | Toward (him) | In (good soil), into (a splendid vine) | | In (the same good soil), where, against (it) |
| Things | Another great eagle, broad wings, full plumage, the vine, its roots, branches, him, water | It 2x, good soil, plenty water, a splendid vine, rich leaves, luscious fruit | This vine, it 2x, roots, all, its fruit, its leaves, a strong arm, a large army | The vine, it 5x, the east wind, the same good soil |
| EWords | Came, sent | Was already planted, had, could grow, produce | Asks, will grow/prosper, will pull up 2x, will cut off, let wither/die | Is transplanted, will thrive, will wither away, blows, will die, had grown |
| Helpers | With, for | of | No, easily, without | No, so well |

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

⁷ **But then another great eagle came with broad wings and full plumage. So, the vine now sent its roots and branches toward him for water,**

⁸ **even though it was already planted in good soil and had plenty of water so it could grow into a splendid vine and produce rich leaves and luscious fruit.**

⁹ **So now the Sovereign LORD asks: Will this vine grow and prosper? No! I will pull it up, roots and all! I will cut off its fruit and let its leaves wither and die. I will pull it up easily without a strong arm or a large army.**

¹⁰ **But when the vine is transplanted, will it thrive? No, it will wither away when the east wind blows against it. It will die in the same good soil where it had grown so well."**

THE EXPANDED BIBLE

⁷ But there was another ·giant [great; mighty] eagle with ·big [great] wings and ·many feathers [full plumage]. The vine then ·bent [sent] its roots toward this eagle. It ·sent [stretched; shot] out its branches from the ·area [bed; plot] where it was planted toward the eagle ·so he could water it [to get water].

⁸ It had been planted in ·a good field [good soil] by plenty of water so it could grow branches and bear fruit. It could have become a ·fine [beautiful; splendid] vine.'

⁹ "Say to them, 'This is what the Lord GOD says: ·The vine will not continue to grow [·Will it thrive/prosper?]. ·The first eagle will [·Will he not...?] pull up the vine's roots and strip off its fruit. Then the vine and all its new leaves will ·dry up and die [wither]. It will not take a strong arm or many people to pull the vine up by its roots.

¹⁰ [·Look; ·Behold] Even if it is planted again, ·it will not [·will it...?] ·continue to grow [thrive]. ·It will [·Will it not...?] completely ·dry up and die [wither] when the east wind hits it. ·It will [or Will it not...?] ·dry up and die [wither] in the ·area [bed; plot] where it ·grew [sprouted]."

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⁷ And there was another great eagle with large wings and many feathers. And see, this vine bent its roots toward him, and stretched its branches toward him, to water it, away from the beds where it was planted.

⁸ It was planted in a good field by many waters, to bring forth branches, and to bear fruit, to be a splendid vine.

⁹ Say, 'Thus said the Master יהוה, "Is it going to thrive? Is he not going to pull up its roots, and cut off its fruit, and let it wither? All of its sprouting leaves wither, without great power or many people, to pluck it up by its roots.

¹⁰ See, it is planted, is it going to thrive? Would it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it – wither in the beds where it grows"

THE NET BIBLE

⁷ There was another great eagle¹² with broad wings and thick plumage. Now this vine twisted its roots toward him and sent its branches toward him to be watered from the soil where it was planted.

⁸ In a good field, by abundant waters, it was planted to grow branches, bear fruit, and become a beautiful vine.

⁹ Say to them: This is what the sovereign LORD says: "Will it prosper? Will he not rip out its roots and cause its fruit to rot¹³ and wither? All its foliage¹⁴ will wither. No strong arm or large army will be needed to pull it out by its roots.¹⁵

¹⁰ Consider! It is planted, but will it prosper? Will it not wither completely when the east wind blows on it? Will it not wither in the soil where it sprouted?

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

⁷ But then
another great eagle came
with broad wings and full plumage.
So,
the vine now sent its roots and branches

Suddenly, unexpectedly
a different large vulture showed up
having wide vans with a complete set of feathers.
In response to this arrival,
the wooded plant that grows grapes thought it had a choice and
switched its underground supply and support system as well as its
wooden limbs to Egypt, aimed in the second eagle's direction,
despite the fact
the vine had been established all along in a place that favored growth
(plus)
blessed with lots of liquid nourishment
with the aim that
the vine might possibly end up as everything a wooded plant that grows
grapes could ever be
so it would also
bring forth a lot of green growths attached to the stem for absorbing
sunlight together with mouthwatering natural produce.

⁸ even though
it was already planted in good soil
and
had plenty of water
so
it could grow into a splendid vine

and
produce rich leaves and luscious fruit.

Consequently, at this point
the Unstoppable One questions the vine's switch to the second vulture,
saying:
In the future, can this wooded plant that grows grapes sprout as well as
thrive?
Absolutely not!
I, the Unstoppable One will yank this vine out of the ground along with
everything it has above ground.
I, the Unstoppable One will chop off this vine's natural produce
at the same time
I allow the vine's green growths attached to the stem for absorbing
sunlight to dry up so it expires.

⁹ So now
the Sovereign LORD asks:

Will this vine grow and prosper?

No!
I will pull it up,

I will cut off its fruit
and
let its leaves wither and die.

I, the Unstoppable One will effortlessly yank this vine out of the ground
no sweat
without even using a big military force with a lot of soldiers.
Contrary to its expectations, after
that wooded plant that grew grapes and prospered under Babylon, the
first vulture gets relocated
can it continue to prosper like before?

¹⁰ I will pull it up easily
without a strong arm
or a large army.
But when
the vine is transplanted,

will it thrive?
No,
it will wither away
when the east wind blows against it.

Absolutely not!
Instead this vine will dry up and disappear
at the time the hot dust-laden breezes from the Libyan deserts that I
once used to dry up the Red Sea swoop down on it.
This time, that same wooded plant that grew grapes and prospered
under Babylon, the first vulture will cease to exist
while still in the same place that favored growth, the same spot
this vine used to sprout like crazy, before.

It will die

in the same good soil where
it had grown so well."

