

## 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>B A C K G R O U N D</b>	<b>Book:</b> Ezekiel	<b>Passage:</b> 17:7-10
	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**

MAIN headings of the book outline + chapters and verses

- 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.

Which heading includes your passage  
Messages of Doom [1:1-24:27]

Based on the heading, briefly state the part your passage plays in it  
EZEKIEL ADDS MORE ALLEGORICAL RESEMBLANCES FROM REAL LIFE TO THE FABLE FROM VERSES 1-6 TO MORE COMPLETELY REPRESENT THE DOOM, OR DIRE SITUATION FACING ISRAEL.

## The **SETTING**

Passage <b>BEFORE</b>	<b>SUBHEADING:</b> A Fable about an Eagle, a Cedar and a Vine	<b>C/V:</b> 17:1-6
<b>ACTUAL</b> Passage	<b>SUBHEADING:</b> A Fable about a second Eagle	<b>C/V:</b> 17:7-10
Passage <b>AFTER</b>	<b>SUBHEADING:</b> A Divine Explanation of the Fable	<b>C/V:</b> 17:11-21



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

**V. Line Event/Action**

7 **But then**  
 another great eagle came  
 with broad wings and full plumage.  
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 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."

**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**

7	<b>But then</b> another great eagle came with broad wings and full plumage. <b>So,</b> the vine now sent its roots and branches	Introduces a surprise considering v.6, tells us what came next Adds another eagle to the one in the previous passage Describes the second eagle Intros the consequence of a second eagle Tells us what the vine did next
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Tell us that the vine switched sources  
 Discounts the prosperity under the first eagle  
 Tells us the vine had a good place to grow  
 as well as  
 Tells us the vine had all the nourishment it needed to grow  
 Points to the potential God intended for it  
 Tells us what the seedling might become  
 plus  
 Describes its prosperity  
 Tells us the consequences of the switch, and introduces what will  
 happen as a result of taking matters into its own hands  
 Tells us the LORD questioned the vine’s judgment  
 He asks whether the vine will continue to benefit under the second  
 eagle as well as it did under the first  
 States the LORD’s answer in the negative  
 Tells us what the LORD will do in the future to end the prosperity  
 Describes how far God will go  
 Tells us what else the LORD will do in the future to end the prosperity  
 Adds  
 The negative future that will come for switching eagles  
 Tells us how little effort it will take for the LORD to end the prosperity  
 Describes what God won’t have to use this time  
 Continues the description of what He won’t have to use this time  
 Sets up a contrast between the former prosperity and the new future  
 by talking about  
 the immediate results of the switch  
 the long-term results, or final outcome of the switch  
 States the LORD’s answer in the negative  
 States the opposite results than the vine intended  
 At the same time the LORD makes nature work against rather than for it  
 States the ironic final outcome of the decision to switch sources  
 Describes unexpected failure  
 Under the same conditions that prospered the vine, before the switch

**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](http://www.webstersdictionary1828.com) to compile **word studies** of every e-word/helper you found in the text.

**BIOGRAPHIES**

Vs.	Person(s)	Definition/Description
9	the Sovereign LORD	The Unstoppable One

**GEOGRAPHIES**

Vs.	Location(s)	Definition/Description
7	toward him	in Egypt, the second eagle’s direction
8	in good soil into a splendid vine	surrounded by a beneficial place to grow end up as everything a wooded plant that grows grapes could ever be
10	against it in the same good soil where	in physical contact, in opposition to it surrounded by the very beneficial place to grow from before the place

**PROFILES**

Vs.	Thing(s)	Definition/Description
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7	another great eagle broad wings full plumage the vine its roots branches him water	a different large vulture wide vans complete set of feathers the wooded plant that grows grapes the vine's underground supply and support system wooden limbs Egypt, the second eagle (liquid) nourishment
8	it good soil it a splendid vine rich leaves luscious fruit	that wooded plant that grows grapes beneficial place to grow that vine everything a wooded plant that grows grapes could ever be a lot of green growths for sucking up sunlight attached to the stem mouthwatering natural produce
9	this vine It Roots All its fruit its leaves it a strong arm a large army	that wooded plant that grows grapes and prospered under Babylon, the first vulture that vine underground supply and support system everything else above ground it has the vine's natural produce the vine's green growths for sucking up sunlight attached to the stem that vine a powerful upper limb a big military force, a lot of soldiers
10	the vine It the east wind it It the same good soil it	the wooded plant that grows grapes that switched to Egypt, the second vulture the vine that depends on Egypt rather than Babylon the hot, dusty wind from N. Africa the vine that depends on Egypt rather than Babylon the vine that depends on Egypt rather than Babylon the very beneficial place to grow from before that vine that switched from Babylon to Egypt

## WORD STUDIES

Vs.	EWord(s)/Helpers	Definition/Description
7	Came Sent	arrived, showed up aimed
8	Was already planted Had Could grow Produce	up to now put in the ground blessed with possibly sprout bring forth
9	Asks Will grow Prosper Will pull up Will cut off Let wither Die Will pull up	questions future sprouting thrive, flourish future yank it out of the ground future removal, chopping Allow to dry up Expire, stop existing, no longer be around future yank it out of the ground
10	Is transplanted Will thrive Will wither away Blows Will die Had grown	transfer, relocate future continue to prosper like before future dry up and blow away, disappear pushes future expiration used to sprout
7	With	having, possessing

	For	with regard to
8	Of	consisting of
9	No	Negative denial, absolutely not
	Easily	without effort
	Without	in the absence of
10	No	Negative denial, absolutely not
	So well	extremely effectively

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

V. Line	Thoughts/Events/Actions	Explanation
7	<p>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, 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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
8	<p>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 will pull it up easily without a strong arm or a large army.</p>	<p>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. 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.</p>
9	<p>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."</p>	<p>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? 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.</p>
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