



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 7-10, Ezekiel adds an eagle to the fable in verses 1-6.

7	<p>But then another great eagle came with broad wings and full plumage. So, the vine now sent its roots and branches</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. 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. 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</p>
8	<p>even though it was already planted in good soil and had plenty of water so it could grow into a splendid vine</p> <p>and produce rich leaves and luscious fruit.</p>	
9	<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>	
10	<p>But when the vine is transplanted, will it thrive? No, it will wither away</p>	

when the east wind blows against it.

It will die

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

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.



The Brew

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

In today's passage, verses 11-18, the LORD explains the fable in verses 1-10. So please open your Bibles to Ezekiel Chapter 17, and let me pour you a hot CuppaJesus from today's brew, starting with v. 11.



WHAT TO LOOK FOR TODAY

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

Parts	Verse 11	Verse 12	Verse 13	Verse 14	Verse 15	Verse 16	Verse 17	Verse 18
Links	Then	And 2x						
Persons	Me (Zeke), t. LORD							
Places	To (me), from (LORD)							
Things	This message							
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Helpers								

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

¹¹ Then this message came to me from the LORD:

¹² “Say to these rebels of Israel: Don't you understand the meaning of this riddle of the eagles? The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, took away her king and princes, and brought them to Babylon.

¹³ He made a treaty with a member of the royal family and forced him to take an oath of loyalty. He also exiled Israel's most influential leaders,

¹⁴ so Israel would not become strong again and revolt. Only by keeping her treaty with Babylon could Israel survive.

¹⁵ “Nevertheless, this man of Israel's royal family rebelled against Babylon, sending ambassadors to Egypt to request a great army and many horses. Can Israel break her sworn treaties like that and get away with it?

¹⁶ No! For as surely as I live, says the Sovereign LORD, the king of Israel will die in Babylon, the land of the king who put him in power and whose treaty he disregarded and broke.

¹⁷ Pharaoh and all his mighty army will fail to help Israel when the king of Babylon lays siege to Jerusalem again and destroys many lives.

¹⁸ For the king of Israel disregarded his treaty and broke it after swearing to obey; therefore, he will not escape.

THE EXPANDED BIBLE

¹¹ Then the ·LORD spoke his word [·word of the LORD came] to me, saying:

¹² “Say now to the ·people who refuse to obey [·rebellious house]: ‘Don't you know what these things mean?’ Say: ‘[·Look; ·Behold] The king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and took the king [·Jehoiachin; 2 Kin. 24:12] and ·important men [nobles; officials] of Jerusalem and brought them to Babylon.

¹³ Then he took ·a member of the family of the king of Judah [·from the royal offspring/seed; °Zedekiah, Jehoiachin's uncle; 2 Kin. 24:17] and made an ·agreement [covenant; treaty] with him, ·forcing him to take an [putting him under] oath. The king also took away the leaders of ·Judah [·the land]

¹⁴ to ·make the kingdom weak [humble/bring low the kingdom] so it would not ·be strong [rise; exalt itself] again. Then the kingdom of Judah ·could continue only [would stand] by keeping its ·agreement [covenant; treaty] with the king of Babylon.

¹⁵ But ·the king of Judah [^lhe; ^creferring to Zedekiah; 2 Kin. 24:20] ·turned [rebelled] against the king of Babylon by sending his ·messengers [emissaries] to Egypt and asking them for horses and many soldiers [2 Kin. 24:20]. Will ·the king of Judah succeed [he prosper/succeed]? Will the one who does such things escape? ·He cannot [^lCan he...?] break the ·agreement [covenant; treaty] and escape.

¹⁶ “As surely as I live, says the Lord GOD, he will die in Babylon, in the land of the king who made him king of Judah. The king of Judah ·hated [despised] his ·promise [oath] to the king of Babylon and broke his ·agreement [covenant; treaty] with him.

¹⁷ ·The king of Egypt [^lPharaoh] with his mighty army and ·many people [vast horde] will not help ·the king of Judah [^lhim] in the war. The Babylonians will build ·devices [ramps and siege walls] to attack the cities and to ·kill [destroy; cut off] many people.

¹⁸ The king of Judah showed that he ·hated [despised] the ·promise [oath] by breaking the ·agreement [covenant; treaty]. He ·promised to support Babylon [^lgave his hand (in pledge)], but he did all these things. So he will not escape.

THE SCRIPTURES 1998/2009

¹¹ And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

¹² “Please say to the rebellious house, ‘Do you not know what these mean?’ Say, ‘See, the sovereign of Babel went to Yerushalayim and took its sovereign and heads, and brought them with him to Babel.

¹³ ‘And he took one of the royal seed, and made a covenant with him, and put him under oath. And he took away the mighty of the land,

¹⁴ so that the reign would be brought low and not lift itself up, but guard his covenant, that it might stand.

¹⁵ ‘But he rebelled against him by sending his messengers to Mitsrayim, to give him horses and many people. Shall he thrive? Shall he escape who is doing these? And shall he break a covenant and still escape?’

¹⁶ ‘As I live,’ declares the Master יהוה, ‘in the place where the sovereign dwells who set him up to reign, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, with him in the midst of Babel he shall die!

¹⁷ ‘And Pharaoh with his great army and great company is not going to help him in battle, when they heap up a siege mound and build a wall to cut off many beings.

¹⁸ ‘And he despised the oath by breaking the covenant. And see, he has given his hand and he has done all this, he is not going to escape.’

THE NET BIBLE

¹¹ Then the word of the LORD came to me:

¹² “Say to the rebellious house of Israel:¹⁶ ‘Don’t you know what these things mean?’¹⁷ Say: ‘See here, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem¹⁸ and took her king and her officials prisoner and brought them to himself in Babylon.

¹³ He took one from the royal family,¹⁹ made a treaty with him, and put him under oath.²⁰ He then took the leaders of the land

¹⁴ so it would be a lowly kingdom which could not rise on its own but must keep its treaty with him in order to stand.

¹⁵ But this one from Israel’s royal family²¹ rebelled against the king of Babylon²² by sending his emissaries to Egypt to obtain horses and a large army. Will he prosper? Will the one doing these things escape? Can he break the covenant and escape?

¹⁶ ‘As surely as I live, declares the sovereign LORD, surely in the city²³ of the king who crowned him, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke—in the middle of Babylon he will die!

¹⁷ Pharaoh with his great army and mighty horde will not help²⁴ him in battle, when siege ramps are erected and siege-walls are built to kill many people.

¹⁸ He despised the oath by breaking the covenant. Take note²⁵—he gave his promise²⁶ and did all these things—he will not escape!

TODAY’S DEVOTIONAL:

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A Tastier Cuppal

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

Well, we hope you enjoyed this morning's Cuppal 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 Cuppal 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 Cuppal 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.

v.11 _____

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