

The image features a dramatic, fiery scene. At the top center, a bright, glowing light source, possibly a sun or a divine presence, is surrounded by a circular halo and radiating lines. The sky is filled with dark, stormy clouds, with lightning bolts visible on the left and right sides. In the middle ground, a purple banner with rounded corners contains the word "EZEKIEL" in large, bold, yellow, stylized letters with a black outline. Below the banner, a row of golden, ornate wheels with spokes is visible, interspersed with figures that appear to be cherubs or angels with wings. The foreground is dark and hazy, with a single figure kneeling in the center, looking towards the light source. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and divine power.

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Eze 6:10 And they will know that I am the LORD

Occurs 57x in Ezekiel

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The LORD's complaint against Israel



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The Message of Ezekiel, Christopher J. H. Wright page 127

“Second only, perhaps, to the genealogies in 1 Chronicles, the lurid allegories of Ezekiel 16 and 23 must qualify as the chapters in the Bible least likely to be read aloud in church – and just as unlikely to be preached from. They are long, they are lewd, and their language in places, is, frankly, pornographic. They evoke images of the most vulgar sexual depravity and the most horrendous graphic violence. They are, in a word, shocking... For the fact is that most English translations have to tone down the offensive coarseness of some of the original expressions of sexual lust and obscene behavior used in these chapters.”

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Eze 16:3 and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says to Jerusalem: Your ancestry and birth were in the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

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Joh 8:39 "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did."

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“Cliff’s Notes” on Ezekiel 16

16:4-7 The Lord found Jerusalem as an infant abandoned to die, unloved and unwanted. The Lord had pity on her and cared for her lovingly, and she grew, matured, and became very beautiful.

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Application to Christians

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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16:8-14 The Lord gave his heart to her, determined to become her husband, purified her for marriage, lavished kindnesses upon her, and adorned her.

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Application to Christians

1Pe 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you,

1Pe 1:5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

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16:15-34 Instead of being devoted to the Lord, she played the prostitute to the idols of the Gentiles, including the Egyptians, the Assyrians, and the traders of Chaldea.

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Application to Christians

2Pe 2:20 If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning.

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16:35-43 The judgment on her filthiness was that she would be destroyed by the Gentile nations which she solicited as lovers for hire.

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Application to Christians

Heb 10:29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has **trampled** the Son of God under foot, who has treated **as an unholy thing** the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has **insulted** the Spirit of grace?

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Jerusalem's Two Sisters



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Samaria and Sodom



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Two Sisters

Eze 16:46 Your older sister was **Samaria**, who lived to the north of you with her daughters; and your younger sister, who lived to the south of you with her daughters, was **Sodom**.

Eze 16:47 You not only walked in their ways and copied their detestable practices, but in all your ways you soon became **more depraved than they**.

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Two Sisters

Eze 16:56 You would not even mention your sister Sodom in the day of your pride,
Eze 16:57 before your wickedness was uncovered. Even so, you are now **scorned** by the daughters of **Edom** and all her neighbors and the daughters of the **Philistines**—all those around you who **despise you**.

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Application to Christians

2Pe 2:21 It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.

2Pe 2:22 Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

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Eze 16:52 **Bear your disgrace**, for you have furnished some justification for your sisters. Because your sins were more vile than theirs, they appear more righteous than you. So then, **be ashamed** and bear your disgrace, for you have made your sisters appear righteous.

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Eze 16:53 "However, I will restore the fortunes of Sodom and her daughters and of Samaria and her daughters, and your fortunes along with them,

Eze 16:54 so that you may bear your disgrace and be ashamed of all you have done in giving them comfort.

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Two Sisters

Eze 16:62 So I will establish my covenant with you, and you will know that I am the LORD.

Eze 16:63 Then, when I make atonement for you for all you have done, you will **remember and be ashamed** and never again open your mouth **because of your humiliation**, declares the Sovereign LORD."

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Eph 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

Eph 2:9 not by works, so that **no one can boast**.

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Ezekiel 17: A Parable



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Eze 17:1 The word of the LORD came to me:

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The Eagle and the Cedar Tree

Eze 17:3 Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: A **great eagle** with powerful wings, long feathers and full plumage of varied colors came to Lebanon. Taking hold of the top of a cedar,

Eze 17:4 he broke off its **topmost shoot** and carried it away **to a land of merchants**, where he planted it in a city of traders.

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Cedar of Lebanon



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Eze 17:7 "But there was another great eagle with powerful wings and full plumage. The vine now sent out its roots toward him from the plot where it was planted and stretched out its branches to him for water.

Eze 17:8 It had been planted in good soil by abundant water so that it would produce branches, bear fruit and become a splendid vine.'

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Eze 17:9 "Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Will it thrive? Will it not be uprooted and stripped of its fruit so that it withers? All its new growth will wither. It will not take a strong arm or many people to pull it up by the roots.

Eze 17:10 Even if it is transplanted, will it thrive? Will it not wither completely when the east wind strikes it—wither away in the plot where it grew?"

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Top shoot of tree: Zedekiah

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Zedekiah tried to get Egypt to rescue Jerusalem

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Eze 17:16 "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, he shall die in Babylon, in the land of the king who put him on the throne, whose oath he despised and whose treaty he broke.

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Interpreting the Parable

Eze 17:18 He despised the oath by breaking the covenant. **Because he had given his hand in pledge** and yet did all these things, he shall not escape.

Eze 17:19 "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: As surely as I live, I will bring down on his head **my oath** that he despised and **my covenant** that he broke.

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The LORD's Splendid Cedar

Eze 17:22 "'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

Eze 17:23 On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches.

Eze 17:24 All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. "I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it."

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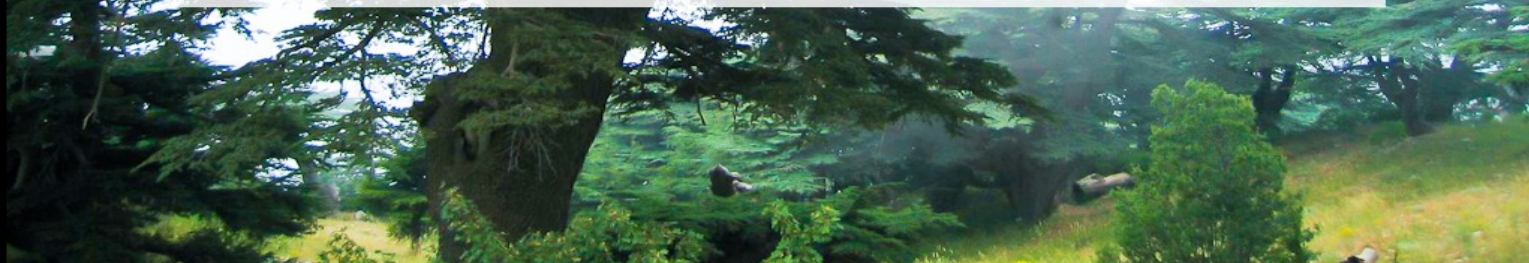
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Mat 13:31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

Mat 13:32 Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

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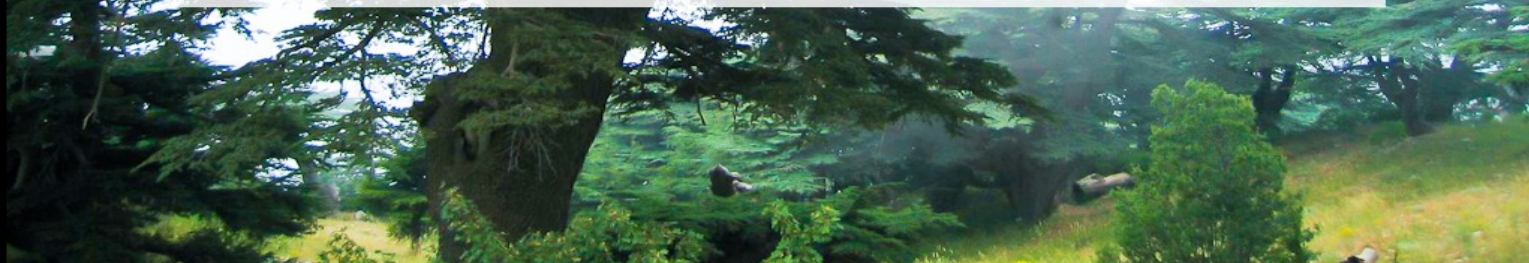
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