

Outline of Ezekiel 15

And the word of YHWH came to me: (son of man)

How does the wood of the vine surpass any wood
the vine branch that is among the trees of the forest?

Is wood taken from it to make anything?

Do people take a peg from it to hang any vessel on it?

Behold, it is given to the fire for fuel. When the **fire has consumed** both ends of it, and the middle is charred, *is it useful for anything?*

Behold, when it was whole, *it was used for nothing*. How much less, when the **fire has consumed** it and it is charred, *can it ever be used for anything!*

Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH:

Like the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so have I given up the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And I will set my face against them. Though they escape from the fire, the **fire shall yet consume** them,

and you will know that I am YHWH, when I set my face against them.

And I will make the land desolate, because they have acted faithlessly,
declares the Lord YHWH.

Outline of Ezekiel 16

Below is not so much a structural outline of the chapter as it is simply noting the chiastic arrangement of ideas. Note that the chiastic arrangement is even the case with the order of “your father was an Amorite” and “your mother was a Hittite,” and etc.

Again the word of YHWH came to me: Son of man

Make Known to Jerusalem Her Abominations

Your Origin & Birth are of the Land of the Canaanites

your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite

You were Naked and Bare & I Covered Your Nakedness

I Gave You Fine Things & Jewelry to Make You Beautiful

You Played the Whore – Idolatry

Child Sacrifice (did not remember)

You Played the Whore – International Affairs

You Gave Your Gifts to All Your Lovers

I will Uncover Your Nakedness & Leave You Naked and Bare

Like Mother, Like Daughter

your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite, sisters Samaria & Sodom

Not only did you walk in their ways and do according to their abominations, within a very little time you were more corrupt than they in all your ways. Greater abominations than Sodom and Samaria.

...Declares YHWH

For thus says the Lord YHWH:

Yet I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth and I will establish for you an everlasting covenant

...and you shall know that I am YHWH

...declares the Lord YHWH

Outline of Ezekiel 17

THE RIDDLE/FABLE:

The word of YHWH came to me: Son of man (17:1)

Riddle/Fable

Say, Thus says the Lord YHWH: (17:2-8)

Great Eagle came to Lebanon and Took the Top of the Cedar

He broke off the topmost of its young twigs

Planted it...that it might produce branches and bear fruit and become a noble vine

(Vine forsakes the First Great Eagle for a Second Great Eagle that Did Nothing/Will Do Nothing)

Say, Thus says the Lord YHWH (17:9-10)

Will it Thrive? Will it Not Wither?

Will it Thrive? Will it Not Wither?

THE INTERPRETATION: (Fable Explained)

Then the word of YHWH came to me: (17:11-18)

Rebellious House: Do you not know what these things mean?

King of Babylon Made Covenant with Their King, Then their King Broke That Covenant

(Israel forsakes Babylon for Egypt, Pharaoh Did Nothing/Will Do Nothing)

Will He Thrive? Can He Escape?

In Babylon He Shall Die; He Shall Not Escape

Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH: (17:19-21)

I Will Catch Him in a Net/Snare, Sword – Scattered Survivors

You shall know that I am YHWH, I Have Spoken

THE EPILOGUE: (Riddle Revealed)

Thus says the Lord YHWH: (17:22-24a)

I Myself Will Take a Sprig from the Lofty Top of the Cedar

I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs

Plant it...that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar

And all the trees of the field shall know that I am YHWH

Bring low the high tree, make high the low tree, (17:24b-c)

dry up the green tree, make flourish the dry tree

I am YHWH, I Have Spoken & I Will Do It!

I have consulted Greenberg's commentary to assist with this outline.

Note that the reason the vine went off toward the second eagle was that it wanted to become taller and then the vine is replaced by a cedar tree in the epilogue.