

S-O-M-E O = OBSERVATION

THOUGHT DIAGRAM [To get better acquainted with the parts of the text]

	Linking Words	Persons	Empowering Words	Helpers	Locators	Places	Things
12	Then		came		to		this message
		me			from		
		the LORD:					
13	suppose	the people	were to sin	of	against	a country	
	and	me,	lifted				fist
		I					
		my	to crush				
		them,	cutting off				
		their					food supply
	and		sending				a famine
			to destroy				
	both	people					
	and						animals.
14	Even if	Noah,					
		Daniel,					
	and	Job	were			there,	
		their					righteousness
				would			
			save				
		no one					
	but	themselves,	says				
		the Sovereign LORD.					
15	Or suppose	I	were to send				wild animals
			to invade			the country,	
			kill				
		the people,					
	and		make			the land	
				too			desolate
	and						dangerous

16 As surely as I live,
says
the Sovereign LORD,
even if those three men
were there,
they wouldn't
be able to save
their own
sons
or daughters.
They alone would
be saved,
but the land
would be made desolate.
17 Or suppose I were to bring war
against the land,
and I sent enemy armies
to destroy
both people
and animals.
18 As surely as I live,
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the Sovereign LORD,
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be able to save
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sons
or daughters.
They alone would
be saved.
19 Or suppose I were to pour out fury
My
by

sending into the land, an epidemic
 and the disease
 killed
 people animals
 and alike.
 20 As surely as I live,
 says
 the Sovereign LORD,
 even if Noah,
 Daniel,
 and Job were there,
 they wouldn't
 be able to save
 their own
 sons
 or daughters.
 They alone would
 be saved by
 their righteousness.

EVENT/ACTION LIST [To reassemble the parts in bite-sized events/actions that make sense]

V Line Thought/Event/Action

- 12 Then
- 1 this message came to me
 - 2 from the LORD:
- 13 1 "Son of man,
- suppose
- 2 the people of a country
 - 3 were to sin against me,
- and
- 4 I lifted my fist to crush them,
 - 5 cutting off their food supply
- and
- 6 sending a famine
 - 7 to destroy both people and animals.
- 14 Even if

1 Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,
2 their righteousness
3 would save no one but themselves,
4 says the Sovereign LORD.

15 Or suppose

1 I were to send wild animals
2 to invade the country,
3 kill the people,
and
4 make the land too desolate and dangerous
5 to pass through.

16 As surely as

1 I live,
2 says the Sovereign LORD,
even if
3 those three men were there,
4 they wouldn't be able to save
5 their own sons or daughters.
6 They alone would be saved,
but
7 the land would be made desolate.

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5 their own sons or daughters.
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2 by sending an epidemic into the land,
 and
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1 I live,
 2 says the Sovereign LORD,
 even if
 3 Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,
 4 they wouldn't be able to save
 5 their own sons or daughters.
 6 They alone would be saved
 7 by their righteousness.

FLOW CHART [To capture the way the writer connected everything in the text into one, continuous stream of thought or story]

V.	Line	Words/Catchwords/Catchphrases	Link
12	<u>Then</u>		Introduces what's next
	1	<u>this message came to me</u>	Tells us what happened next
	2	<u>from the LORD</u> :	Makes it official that the LORD is speaking through him
13	1	<u>"Son of man,</u>	Identifies Zeke as a sinner who needs salvation, but is not one of the rebels
	<u>suppose</u>		Sets up a hypothetical situation
	2	<u>the people of a country</u>	Identifies a nation
	3	<u>were to sin against me,</u>	as criminals who break God's Law
	<u>and</u>		Adds something equally important
	4	<u>I lifted my fist to crush them,</u>	The LORD's response to their sins
	5	<u>cutting off their food supply</u>	Describes His response
	<u>and</u>		Adds something equally important to continue describing His response
	6	<u>sending a famine</u>	The LORD allows the lack of food to continue until the people go hungry
	7	<u>to destroy both people and animals.</u>	Until every living thing, dies
14	<u>Even if</u>		Sets up a hypothetical extreme
	1	<u>Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,</u>	Underscore the impossibility of any survivors among those people
	2	<u>their righteousness</u>	Their good terms with God
	3	<u>would save no one but themselves,</u>	Would only save themselves
	4	<u>says the Sovereign LORD.</u>	Makes this an official fact from the LORD
15	<u>Or suppose</u>		Sets up an alternative hypothetical situation
	1	<u>I were to send wild animals</u>	The LORD uses predators to carry out His threat
	2	<u>to invade the country,</u>	So no one is safe

3	<u>kill the people,</u>	To take back the lives of the sinners
	<u>and</u>	Adds something equally important to show how severe the consequences of sin are
4	<u>make the land too desolate and dangerous</u>	To turn the country into a death trap for anyone
5	<u>to pass through.</u>	Even for innocent travelers
16	<u>As surely as</u>	Sets up a comparison with a guarantee
1	<u>I live,</u>	One half of the comparison that sets the tone for the other
2	<u>says the Sovereign LORD,</u>	Makes this an official fact from the LORD
	<u>even if</u>	Sets up a hypothetical extreme
3	<u>those three men were there,</u>	Underscore the impossibility of any survivors among those people or travelers
4	<u>they wouldn't be able to save</u>	They would be powerless to rescue
5	<u>their own sons or daughters.</u>	Their own children
6	<u>They alone would be saved,</u>	They can only save themselves
	<u>But</u>	Adds a surprise
7	<u>the land would be made desolate.</u>	The whole country would still be empty of life
17	<u>Or suppose</u>	Sets up an alternative hypothetical situation
1	<u>I were to bring war against the land,</u>	The LORD uses violence to carry out His threat
	<u>and</u>	Adds something equally important
2	<u>I sent enemy armies</u>	Describes what the LORD means in Line 1: an invasion
3	<u>to destroy both people and animals.</u>	Until every living thing, dies (to wipe out the population)
18	<u>As surely as</u>	Sets up a comparison with a guarantee
1	<u>I live,</u>	One half of the comparison that sets the tone for the other
2	<u>says the Sovereign LORD,</u>	Reveals the one who guarantees this
	<u>even if</u>	Sets up a hypothetical extreme
3	<u>those three men were there,</u>	Underscore the impossibility of any survivors among those people or travelers
4	<u>they wouldn't be able to save</u>	They would be powerless to rescue
5	<u>their own sons or daughters.</u>	Their own children
6	<u>They alone would be saved,</u>	They can only save themselves
19	<u>Or suppose</u>	Sets up an alternative hypothetical situation
1	<u>I were to pour out My fury</u>	The LORD's most severe response to their sins
2	<u>by sending an epidemic into the land,</u>	The LORD uses plague to carry out His threat
	<u>and</u>	Adds something equally important to show how severe the consequences of sin are
3	<u>the disease killed</u>	The plague would take back the lives
4	<u>people and animals alike.</u>	Of every living thing (wipe out the population)
20	<u>As surely as</u>	Sets up a comparison with a guarantee
1	<u>I live,</u>	One half of the comparison that sets the tone for the other
2	<u>says the Sovereign LORD,</u>	Reveals the one who guarantees this

even if		Underscore the impossibility of any survivors
3	<u>Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,</u>	Mentions the same three heroes by name
4	<u>they wouldn't be able to save</u>	They would be powerless to rescue
5	<u>their own sons or daughters.</u>	Their own children
6	<u>They alone would be saved,</u>	They can only save themselves
7	<u>by their righteousness.</u>	Using their good terms with God

BLUEPRINT [To capture the way the writer developed a story from events and actions, or wove thoughts into an idea or argument]

V. Line	Events/Actions	Adds/Fills/Brings
12	<u>Then</u>	
1	<u>this message came to me</u>	Adds
2	<u>from the LORD:</u>	Fills
13	<u>1 "Son of man,</u>	Fills
	<u>suppose</u>	
2	<u>the people of a country</u>	Adds
3	<u>were to sin against me,</u>	Fills
	<u>and</u>	
4	<u>I lifted my fist to crush them,</u>	Adds
5	<u>cutting off their food supply</u>	Fills
	<u>and</u>	
6	<u>sending a famine</u>	Fills
7	<u>to destroy both people and animals.</u>	Fills
14	<u>Even if</u>	
1	<u>Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,</u>	Adds
2	<u>their righteousness</u>	Fills
3	<u>would save no one but themselves,</u>	Brings
4	<u>says the Sovereign LORD.</u>	Fills
15	<u>Or suppose</u>	
1	<u>I were to send wild animals</u>	Adds
2	<u>to invade the country,</u>	Fills
3	<u>kill the people,</u>	Fills
	<u>and</u>	
4	<u>make the land too desolate and dangerous</u>	Fills
5	<u>to pass through.</u>	Fills
16	<u>As surely as</u>	
1	<u>I live,</u>	Fills
2	<u>says the Sovereign LORD,</u>	Fills
	<u>even if</u>	

3	<u>those three men</u> were <u>there</u> ,	Adds
4	<u>they wouldn't</u> be able to save	Brings
5	<u>their own</u> sons <u>or</u> daughters.	Brings
6	<u>They alone</u> would be saved,	Brings
	<u>but</u>	
7	<u>the land</u> would be made <u>desolate</u> .	Fills
17	<u>Or suppose</u>	
1	<u>I</u> were to bring <u>war</u> against the land,	Adds
	<u>and</u>	
2	<u>I</u> sent <u>enemy armies</u>	Fills
3	to destroy <u>both</u> people <u>and</u> animals.	Fills
18	<u>As surely as</u>	
1	<u>I</u> live,	Fills
2	says <u>the Sovereign LORD</u> ,	Fills
	<u>even if</u>	
3	<u>those three men</u> were <u>there</u> ,	Adds
4	<u>they wouldn't</u> be able to save	Brings
5	<u>their own</u> sons <u>or</u> daughters.	Brings
6	<u>They alone</u> would be saved,	Brings
19	<u>Or suppose</u>	
1	<u>I</u> were to pour out <u>My fury</u>	Adds
2	by sending <u>an epidemic</u> into the land,	Fills
	<u>and</u>	
3	<u>the disease</u> killed	Brings
4	people <u>and</u> animals <u>alike</u> .	Brings
20	<u>As surely as</u>	
1	<u>I</u> live,	Fills
2	says <u>the Sovereign LORD</u> ,	Fills
	<u>even if</u>	
3	<u>those three men</u> were <u>there</u> ,	Adds
4	<u>they wouldn't</u> be able to save	Brings
5	<u>their own</u> sons <u>or</u> daughters.	Brings
6	<u>They alone</u> would be saved,	Brings
7	by <u>their righteousness</u> .	Fills

ROUGH DRAFT [To get a rough idea of the passage from what you've learned so far]

V. Line	Events/Actions	Simple Explanation
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12	<u>Then</u>		Next, or After that
1	<u>this message came to me</u>		Ezekiel received a communication
2	<u>from the LORD:</u>		The Eternal One sent to him
13	1 <u>"Son of man,</u>		Descendant of Adam who needs salvation but is not one of the rebels
	<u>suppose</u>		Imagine
2	<u>the people of a country</u>		Citizens of a nation
3	<u>were to sin against me,</u>		Committed crimes against the Eternal One
	<u>and</u>		So that
4	<u>I lifted my fist to crush them,</u>		I raised my clenched hand to threaten
5	<u>cutting off their food supply</u>		Blocking them from anything to eat
	<u>and</u>		With the result
6	<u>sending a famine</u>		Starving to death
7	<u>to destroy both people and animals.</u>		Every living thing
14	<u>Even if</u>		Despite the fact that
1	<u>Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,</u>		Three of the greatest heroes of righteousness were with them
2	<u>their righteousness</u>		Their good standing with God
3	<u>would save no one but themselves,</u>		Wouldn't benefit anyone but themselves
4	<u>says the Sovereign LORD.</u>		According to the unstoppable one
15	<u>Or suppose</u>		Or, imagine
1	<u>I were to send wild animals</u>		I expose them to brute beasts
2	<u>to invade the country,</u>		across their entire nation
3	<u>kill the people,</u>		Wipe out the population
	<u>and</u>		So that
4	<u>make the land too desolate and dangerous</u>		The country becomes empty as well as life-threatening
5	<u>to pass through.</u>		For travelers
16	<u>As surely as</u>		Just like
1	<u>I live,</u>		The certainty I am alive
2	<u>says the Sovereign LORD,</u>		according to the unstoppable one
	<u>even if</u>		Despite the fact that
3	<u>those three men were there,</u>		The same three heroes were among them
4	<u>they wouldn't be able to save</u>		Those heroes could not rescue
5	<u>their own sons or daughters.</u>		Their own families
6	<u>They alone would be saved,</u>		They would be the only ones spared
	<u>but</u>		At the same time
7	<u>the land would be made desolate.</u>		The country would be emptied
17	<u>Or suppose</u>		Or, imagine

1 I were to bring war against the land,
and
2 I sent enemy armies
3 to destroy both people and animals.

18 As surely as

1 I live,
2 says the Sovereign LORD,
even if
3 those three men were there,
4 they wouldn't be able to save
5 their own sons or daughters.
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1 I were to pour out My fury
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Even if
1 Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,
4 they wouldn't be able to save
5 their own sons or daughters.
6 They alone would be saved,
7 by their righteousness.

I introduce military hostility across the nation
so that

I dispatch hostile troops
To wipe out every living thing

Just like

The certainty I am alive
according to the unstoppable one

Despite the fact that

The same three heroes were among them

Those heroes could not rescue

Their own families

They would be the only ones spared

Or, imagine

I would empty my vats of wrath

Introducing a plague to the nation

So that

the affliction took the lives

Of every living thing

Just like

The certainty I am alive
according to the unstoppable one

Despite the fact that

Three of the greatest heroes of righteousness were with them

Those heroes could not rescue

Their own families

They would be the only ones spared

Using their good standing with God

BIOGRAPHIES

Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, commissioned to prophecy to the exiles in Babylon on his 30th birthday

the LORD: the eternal one

"Son of man a descendant of Adam, a sinner who needs salvation, but not one of the rebels

the people the citizens

Noah, a righteous man spared from the flood with his 3 sons, their wives and children

Daniel, a righteous man through whom God spoke to the Babylonian exiles, who outlasted Babylon into the Persian era

Job a blameless man of complete integrity, who feared God and stayed away from evil; who outlived his family and started a second family
no one not anybody

[the Sovereign LORD](#) the unstoppable One
[sons](#) male descendants meant to inherit their father's estates
[daughters](#) female descendants meant to perpetuate their families

GEOGRAPHIES

[to me](#) Ezekiel is a destination

[from the LORD](#) the Eternal One is the source

[a country](#) The whole territory of a kingdom or state

[against me](#) opposite the LORD

[there](#) in, at, or to a certain place/position

[the land](#) The inhabitants of a country or region; a nation or people

[against the land](#) opposite a country or region; a nation or people

[into the land](#) movement or action with the result that a country or region; a nation or people becomes enclosed or surrounded by something else

PROFILES

[this message](#) a recent communication

[fist](#) a clenched hand that threatens harm

[food supply](#) the stock of something to eat

[a famine](#) lack of food

[animals](#) livestock, living creatures

[righteousness](#) on good terms with God

[wild animals](#) untamed living creatures

[desolate](#) empty

[dangerous](#) life-threatening

[war](#) military conflict intended to gain territory, establish supremacy, or dominion

[enemy armies](#) troops that fight for the other side

[fury](#) rage, a storm of anger

[an epidemic](#) a plague

[the disease](#) that specific sickness

WORD STUDIES

[Came](#) arrived

[Were to sin](#) miss the mark, fall short of the goal

[Lifted](#) stretch out

[To crush](#) break in pieces

[Cutting off](#) separating from

[Sending](#) Dispatching

[To destroy](#) to kill or slay

[Save](#) separate from danger

[To invade](#) to enter with hostile intent, to attack or assault

[Of](#) belong to

Would a desire or wish

Kill to deprive of life

Make to compel or cause

Too also

To pass through to cross

Live to be animated or alive

Were to bring cause to come

Were to pour out to empty

By by means of, through the agency of

INSIGHTS

V Line Thought/Event/Action

- 12 Then Ezekiel makes sure the people know he didn't make up what he's about to say
- 1 this message came to me
- 2 from the LORD:
- 13 1 "Son of man, The LORD makes up a situation for idol worshippers: famine
suppose Let's pretend
- 2 the people of a country
- 3 were to sin against me,
- and
- 4 I lifted my fist to crush them,
- 5 cutting off their food supply
- and
- 6 sending a famine
- 7 to destroy both people and animals.
- 14 Even if The situation has gone so far that no one can save them from the famine
- 1 Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,
- 2 their righteousness
- 3 would save no one but themselves,
- 4 says the Sovereign LORD.
- 15 Or suppose The LORD makes up a punishment for idol worshippers: wild animals
- 1 I were to send wild animals
- 2 to invade the country,
- 3 kill the people,
- and
- 4 make the land too desolate and dangerous
- 5 to pass through.
- 16 As surely as The situation has gone so far that no one can save them from the wild animals

1 I live,
2 says the Sovereign LORD,
even if
3 those three men were there,
4 they wouldn't be able to save
5 their own sons or daughters.
6 They alone would be saved,
but
7 the land would be made desolate.

17 Or suppose

1 I were to bring war against the land,
and
2 I sent enemy armies
3 to destroy both people and animals.

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6 They alone would be saved

The LORD makes up a punishment for idol worshipers: war

The situation has gone so far that no one can save them from the war

The LORD makes up a punishment for idol worshipers: plague

The situation has gone so far that no one can save them from the plague

7 by [their righteousness](#).

INTERPRETATION

V Line	Thought/Event/Action	Interpretation
12	Then	Next, or after that
1	this message came to me	a communication arrived at its destination: Zeke
2	from the LORD :	the Eternal One was the source
13	1 "Son of man,	a descendant of Adam, a sinner who needs salvation, but not one of the rebels
	suppose	Let's pretend
2	the people of a country	the citizens of a whole nation
3	were to sin against me,	were to miss the mark, or fall short of the Law, opposite to what the LORD expects
	and	so that
4	I lifted my fist to crush them,	I, the Eternal One clenched my hand threatening to harm them and break them in pieces
5	cutting off their food supply	separating them from what they stored up to eat
	and	so
6	sending a famine	dispatching a lack of food
7	to destroy both people and animals.	To wipe out the citizens and their livestock
14	Even if	despite the fact that
1	Noah, Daniel, and Job were there,	Three of the greatest heroes of righteousness were at that location
2	their righteousness	Their good terms with God
3	would save no one but themselves,	couldn't separate anyone from danger except them
4	says the Sovereign LORD.	Is the unstoppable One's set-in-concrete opinion.
15	Or suppose	Let's pretend something else
1	I were to send wild animals	I, the Eternal One were to dispatch untamed living creatures
2	to invade the country,	to enter with hostile intent, to attack or assault that nation
3	kill the people,	to deprive the citizens of life
	and	so as a result
4	make the land too desolate and dangerous	causing the entire countryside to be extremely empty as well as life-threatening
5	to pass through.	(for travelers) to cross
16	As surely as	Like the certainty
1	I live,	I, the Eternal One am alive
2	says the Sovereign LORD,	Is the unstoppable One's set-in-concrete opinion
	even if	despite the fact that
3	those three men were there,	the same three heroes of righteousness were at that place
4	they wouldn't be able to save	they couldn't separate from danger
5	their own sons or daughters.	male descendants meant to inherit their father's estates as well as female descendants meant to perpetuate families

6 They alone would be saved,

but

7 the land would be made desolate.

17 Or suppose

1 I were to bring war against the land,

and

2 I sent enemy armies

3 to destroy both people and animals.

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6 They alone would be saved

7 by their righteousness.

Only they could be separated from danger

in spite of that

The whole countryside ends up empty.

Let's pretend something else

I, the Eternal One were to launch deadly combat across the country

so as a result

I, the Eternal One caused hostile militaries

To wipe out every living thing – human as well as non-human

Like the certainty

I, the Eternal One am alive

Is the unstoppable One's set-in-concrete opinion

despite the fact that

the same three heroes of righteousness were at that place

they couldn't separate from danger

male descendants meant to inherit their father's estates as well as female descendants meant to perpetuate families

Only they could be separated from danger

Let's pretend something else

I, the Eternal One were to empty my vats of divine rage

spreading a plague throughout the entire country

so as a result

that specific sickness **deprived of life**

every living thing – human as well as non-human

Like the certainty

I, the Eternal One am alive

Is the unstoppable One's set-in-concrete opinion

despite the fact that

Three of the greatest heroes of righteousness were at that location

they couldn't separate from danger

male descendants meant to inherit their father's estates as well as female descendants meant to perpetuate families

Only they could be separated from danger

By means of their good terms with God.