

# Ezekiel 16:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.

## Analysis

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**Thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth**—The Hebrew *zakar* (זָכַר, to remember) means more than mental recall; it implies covenant faithfulness and obedient response. Jerusalem forgot her origins: **when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood** (verse 6)—exposed at birth, helpless, without status or beauty. God's covenant love (*hesed*) rescued her.

**In all thine abominations and thy whoredoms**—*to'evoth* (תועבות, abominations) and *taznuth* (תִּזְנוּת, whoredoms) form a devastating pair: detestable acts combined with covenant betrayal. Amnesia of grace produces arrogance and ingratitude. Jesus rebuked the forgiven debtor who forgot his own debt (Matthew 18:23-35). Covenant keeping requires remembering redemption—Israel's failure and ours.

## Historical Context

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This verse climaxes the indictment begun in verse 1, where Ezekiel was commanded to 'cause Jerusalem to know her abominations.' The prophet's audience—exiles in Babylon (593-571 BC)—needed to understand that Jerusalem's fall wasn't divine failure but covenant judgment for sustained rebellion spanning generations.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. Do you regularly remember your spiritual 'nakedness and pollution' before God saved you, or has grace become presumption?
2. How does forgetting God's past faithfulness lead to present unfaithfulness in your walk with Him?

## Interlinear Text

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כָּל	וְאֵת	תּוֹשָׁעֹתַיִךְ	וְתִזְנוֹתַיִךְ	לֹא
H3605	H853	H8441	H8457	H3808
And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms				
זָכַרְתִּי	אֶת	יָמֵי	נְעוּרֹתַיִךְ	בְּהִיּוֹתֶךָ
H2142	H853	H3117	H5271	H1961
thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth				
עֵרָם	וְעָרָה	מִתְבּוֹסָסֶת	בְּדַמֶּךָ	קִיִּיתִי
H5903	H6181	H947	H1818	H1961
when thou wast naked and bare and wast polluted in thy blood				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 2:2** (Parallel theme): Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

**Ezekiel 16:43** (Parallel theme): Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted me in all these things; behold, therefore I also will

recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord GOD: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.

**Hosea 11:1** (Parallel theme): When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

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