

# Ezekiel 23:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

## Analysis

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Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large introduces the cup's dimensions—overwhelming judgment. Thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision indicates international mockery. It containeth much describes capacity for wrath. Repetition emphasizes abundance—not a sip but an ocean of judgment. Deep and large together stress inescapability and totality. There's no way to drink partially; the cup must be drained completely. This is wrath's essence: complete, undiluted, inescapable divine anger against sin. It cannot be mitigated, negotiated, or avoided. It must be fully consumed. Christ drained it to its dregs for us, experiencing the full fury of divine wrath we deserved.

## Historical Context

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Judah's fall provoked reactions from surrounding nations. Edom, Moab, Ammon, and others mocked Jerusalem's destruction (Lamentations 2:15-16; Obadiah 12; Ezekiel 25). The once-great city became a byword for humiliation. Neighboring nations' schadenfreude added psychological torment to physical devastation, fulfilling this prophecy of being 'laughed to scorn.'

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What does the size of the cup reveal about the extent of sin's guilt?
2. How should we respond to knowing Jesus drained the entire cup?
3. What does complete judgment teach about God's justice?

## Interlinear Text

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תֹּשֶׁת תְּאַחֲתָךְ כִּי אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים כִּי וְסֹבֵב תְּאַחֲתָךְ תָּשִׁת  
H3541 Thus saith H559 the Lord H136 GOD H3069 cup H3563 of thy sister's H269 Thou shalt drink H8354

לִצְחָק תְּהִי הַכְּרָפֶב הַבְּעִמָּקָה הַעֲמִיקָה  
deep and large H1961 thou shalt be laughed to scorn H6712

לִפְכִּילָה מְרַבָּה וְלֹא עָג  
and had in derision much it containeth H3933 H4767 H3557

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 51:17** (References Lord): Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

**Psalms 60:3** (Parallel theme): Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

