

# Ezekiel 24:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned.

## Analysis

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Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned commands intensifying the fire. Spice it well is bitterly ironic—this isn't a meal to be enjoyed but complete destruction. Every element must be consumed. The repetition (wood, fire, flesh, bones) emphasizes thoroughness. Nothing will survive the fire of judgment. The bones being burned indicates even the structural foundation will be destroyed. Jerusalem won't be merely damaged but utterly ruined, requiring complete rebuilding (which occurred under Nehemiah and Ezra 142 years later). Total judgment anticipates total renewal.

## Historical Context

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When Nebuchadnezzar's forces finally breached Jerusalem's walls (July 586 BC), they systematically burned the city: temple, palace, houses of nobles, all significant buildings (2 Kings 25:9; Jeremiah 52:13). Archaeological excavations show destruction layers from this period across Jerusalem, confirming comprehensive burning and demolition.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. Why does complete destruction sometimes precede renewal?
2. What does the thoroughness of judgment teach about God's hatred of sin?
3. How does knowing judgment will be complete affect how we approach repentance?

## Interlinear Text

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הַרְבֵּה	בְּעָצִים	פְּדַל	קָאשׁ	בְּאַשׁ	בְּתִמְמָה	הַבְשֵׁר	וּבְרָקִים
<b>Heap</b>	<b>on wood</b>	<b>kindle</b>	<b>the fire</b>	<b>consume</b>	<b>the flesh</b>	<b>and spice</b>	
H7235	H6086	H1814	H784	H8552	H1320		H7543
וְעַצְם	וְתִּתְּבַּרְאֵן	וְתִּתְּבַּרְאֵן					
<b>it well</b>	<b>and let the bones</b>	<b>be burned</b>					
H4841	H6106	H2787					

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