## 79. Parable of Two Eagles and a Vine

## Ezekiel 17:1-10 NASB

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Son of man, <u>propound</u> a <u>riddle</u> and speak a parable to the house of Israel, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "A great eagle with great <u>wings</u>, <u>long pinions</u> and a <u>full plumage</u> of many <u>colors</u> came to <u>Lebanon</u> and took away the top of the <u>cedar</u>.

"He <u>plucked</u> off the <u>topmost</u> of its young <u>twigs</u> and brought it to a land of <u>merchants</u>; he set it in a city of <u>traders</u>.

"He also took some of the seed of the land and planted it in <u>fertile</u> soil He placed it beside <u>abundant</u> waters; he set it like a willow.

"Then it sprouted and became a low, <u>spreading</u> vine with its branches turned toward him, but its roots remained under it. So it became a vine and yielded shoots and sent out branches.

"But there was another great <u>eagle</u> with great wings and much plumage; and behold, this vine <u>bent</u> its roots toward him and sent out its branches toward him from the <u>beds</u> where it was planted, that he might water it.

"It was planted in good soil beside abundant waters, that it might yield branches and bear fruit and become a <u>splendid</u> vine."'

"Say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, so that it <u>withers</u>--so that all its <u>sprouting leaves</u> wither? And neither by great strength nor by many people can it be <u>raised</u> from its <u>roots</u> again.

"Behold, though it is planted, will it thrive? Will it not <u>completely</u> wither as soon as the east wind strikes it--wither on the beds where it grew?""

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BEDS	LONG	SHOOTS
BENT	MERCHANTS	SPLENDID
CEDAR	PINIONS	SPREADING
COLORS	PLUCKED	SPROUTING
COMPLETELY	PLUMAGE	TOPMOST
EAGLE	PROPOUND	TRADERS
FERTILE	RAISED	TWIGS
FULL	RIDDLE	WINGS
LEAVES	ROOTS	WITHERS