

Ezekiel 12:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.

Analysis

"Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby." Ezekiel must dig through his house wall and exit through the hole—symbolizing escape attempts during siege. This dramatic action would be shocking and memorable. The wall-digging represents desperate measures during Jerusalem's siege when trapped residents tried breaching walls to escape. The public performance ("in their sight") ensures the message isn't missed.

Historical Context

During Babylon's siege, Jerusalem's desperate population attempted escape through various means. King Zedekiah and his army tried escaping through a breach in the wall by night (2 Kings 25:4). Ezekiel's wall-digging prophecy specifically foreshadowed this futile escape attempt. The prophecy's literal fulfillment proved God knew future events precisely and revealed them through His prophet.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the wall-digging symbolize human attempts to escape divine judgment?
2. What does the futility of escape teach about judgment's inevitability?
3. In what ways do people today try to 'dig through walls' to avoid facing God?

Interlinear Text

לְעֵינֵיהֶם	חָדַר	לְךָ	בְּקֵץ יוֹם	וְהוֹצֵאתָ	בּוֹ:
in their sight	Dig	H0	thou through the wall	and carry out	H0
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