

Ezekiel 15:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Analysis

God directly applies the parable: Jerusalem's inhabitants are the fruitless vine destined for fire. The phrase 'set my face against them' appears throughout Ezekiel (14:8, 15:7) signifying irreversible judgment. This doesn't contradict God's mercy but reveals that persistent rebellion exhausts patience, especially for those with covenant privileges (Amos 3:2).

Historical Context

Jerusalem had unique covenant advantages—the temple, Davidic dynasty, Torah, and prophets. Greater privilege brings greater accountability, as Jesus later taught in Matthew 11:20-24.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does access to Scripture, Christian teaching, and Gospel proclamation increase your accountability before God?

2. Are you bearing fruit proportionate to the spiritual advantages you've been given?

Interlinear Text

כֹּה לְכִי	אָמַר	אֲדֹנָי יְהוֹה	כִּאֲשֶׁר	בְּעֵץ	
H3651	H3541	Therefore thus saith	the Lord	GOD	H834
	H559		H136	H3069	among the trees
					H6086
הֵג פֶּן	בְּעֵץ	הִי עֵר	אֲשֶׁר	נָתַתִּי	לֹא שֵׁ
As the vine	among the trees	of the forest	H834	so will I give	to the fire
H1612	H6086	H3293		H5414	H784
לְאֵכֶל הִיא	כֹּה לְכִי	נָתַתִּי	אֶת	יֹשְׁבֵי	יְרוּשָׁלַם:
for fuel	H3651	so will I give	H853	the inhabitants	of Jerusalem
H402		H5414		H3427	H3389

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