

Ezekiel 15:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord GOD.

Analysis

The land's desolation reflects covenant curses (Leviticus 26:31-35, Deuteronomy 28:15-68). The Hebrew word 'ma'al' (trespassed/acted unfaithfully) is a technical term for covenant violation, emphasizing that judgment stems from broken relationship, not arbitrary divine wrath. This reveals God's righteousness in judgment.

Historical Context

The land's 70-year desolation fulfilled the unobserved Sabbath years Israel had violated (2 Chronicles 36:21). God's judgments always fit the crime, demonstrating His justice.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does understanding God's judgments as responses to covenant unfaithfulness affect your view of His character?

2. In what ways might you be treating God's commands as suggestions rather than covenant obligations?

Interlinear Text

וְנָתַתִּי י	אֶת	הָאֲרֶץ	שְׁמִמָּהּ ה	וְעַן	כִּי עָלּוּ
And I will make	H853	the land	desolate	H3282	because they have committed
H5414		H776	H8077		H4603

מַעַל	נֶאֱמַר	אֲדֹנָי י	יְהוָה:
a trespass	saith	the Lord	GOD
H4604	H5002	H136	H3069

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 6:14 (References Lord): So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.