

Ezekiel 17:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Analysis

'The word of the LORD came unto me' marks transition from parable to interpretation. This phrase appears over 50 times in Ezekiel, authenticating divine revelation. The shift demonstrates God's pastoral concern that His people understand judgment's reasons. Unlike cryptic pagan divination, biblical prophecy clarifies God's purposes.

Historical Context

Ezekiel's ministry (593-571 BC) occurred in Babylonian exile, yet addressed Jerusalem's inhabitants. Interpretation would have been communicated through letters or travelers, providing divine commentary on current events. Exiles needed to understand their suffering resulted from covenant violation.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How attentively do we listen when God explains His purposes in Scripture?
2. Why is understanding the 'why' of God's actions crucial for faithful response?

Interlinear Text

וְיֵהּ י'	דְּבַר	יְהוָה	אֵלַי	לֵאמֹר:
H1961	Moreover the word	of the LORD	H413	came unto me saying
	H1697	H3068		H559

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