

Ezekiel 17:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it.

Analysis

Comprehensive military defeat: 'all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds.' Total destruction and dispersion. 'And ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it' appears throughout Ezekiel (60+ times), emphasizing that fulfillment demonstrates God's sovereignty and prophetic authority. When events unfold as predicted, skeptics must acknowledge God's word.

Historical Context

The 586 BC fall fulfilled this precisely. The siege lasted 18 months, causing extreme famine (Lamentations 4:9-10). When Babylon breached walls, Zedekiah's army scattered. Survivors were executed, deported to Babylon, or fled to surrounding nations. Archaeological evidence shows widespread destruction of Judean cities, confirming devastation's scope.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do fulfilled prophecies strengthen confidence in God's character and Scripture's authority?
2. What does it mean that God reveals Himself through judgment as well as blessing?

Interlinear Text

וְאֵת	כָּל	מְבָרָךְ	וְכָל	בְּכָל	אַגְפִּי	בְּכָל	בְּכָל
H853	H3605	And all his fugitives	H3605	with all his bands	by the sword	shall fall	
		H4015		H102		H2719	H5307
וְבָנָשָׁאָר יִמְלָא	לְכָל	רַ וְעַ	וְפָרֶשׁ	וְיִדְעָתָ מְ			
and they that remain	H3605	toward all winds	shall be scattered	and ye shall know			
H7604		H7307	H6566	H3045			
אֵת	הִנֵּה	דְּבָרָתִי					
H3588	H589	that I the LORD	have spoken				
		H3068	H1696				

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 25:5 (Parallel theme): And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

2 Kings 25:11 (Parallel theme): Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzar-adan the captain of the quard carry away.

Ezekiel 5:12 (Word): A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by

the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

Ezekiel 12:14 (Word): And I will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them.

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