

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

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| וְאֵת | כָּל | מְבָרְחֵי | בְּכָל | אֲגָפָיו | בְּחֶרֶב | יִפְּלוּ |
| H853 | H3605 | H4015 | H3605 | H102 | H2719 | H5307 |
| | | And all his fugitives | | with all his bands | by the sword | shall fall |
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| וְהַנִּשְׁאָרִים | לְכָל | רֵיחַ | יִפְּרָשׁוּ | וַיֵּדְעוּ | | |
| H7604 | H3605 | H7307 | H6566 | H3045 | | |
| and they that remain | | toward all winds | shall be scattered | and ye shall know | | |
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| אֲנִי | יְהוָה | דִּבַּרְתִּי | | | | |
| H3588 | H589 | H3068 | H1696 | | | |
| | | that I the LORD | have spoken | | | |

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 guard 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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