

# Ezekiel 17:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done it.

## Analysis

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God's sovereign reversal of human expectations is a constant biblical theme. He brings down the proud and lifts the humble (1 Samuel 2:7-8, Luke 1:52). The 'green tree' and 'dry tree' represent worldly power versus God's chosen instruments. Christ's kingdom came through crucifixion and resurrection, not military might—the ultimate reversal.

## Historical Context

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This principle was demonstrated when Babylon fell to Persia, Persia to Greece, Greece to Rome—all part of God's sovereign plan culminating in Christ's first advent during Roman occupation (Galatians 4:4).

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do God's kingdom values reverse worldly definitions of success, power, and greatness?
2. Where is God calling you to trust His power through weakness rather than relying on human strength?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיָדַע וְ	כָּל	עֵץ	הַשָּׂדֶה	אֲנִי	אֲנִי	יְהוָה
shall know	H3605	And all the trees	of the field	H3588	H589	I the LORD
H3045		H6086	H7704			H3068
הַשָּׂפָה לְתִיבָה	עֵץ	גֹּבַהּ	הִגְבִּי הִתִּי	עֵץ		
have brought down	And all the trees	the high	have exalted	And all the trees		
H8213	H6086	H1364	H1361	H6086		
לְשָׁפָה	הוֹבֵשׁ שְׁתִּי	עֵץ	לִחֵ	וְהִפְרִיחֵהוּ		
the low	have dried	And all the trees	up the green	to flourish		
H8217	H3001	H6086	H3892	H6524		
עֵץ	יָבֹשׁ	אֲנִי	יְהוָה	דִּבַּר רִתִּי		
And all the trees	and have made the dry	H589	I the LORD	have spoken		
H6086	H3002		H3068	H1696		
וַעֲשִׂיתִי:						
and have done						
H6213						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Amos 9:11** (Parallel theme): In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

**Ezekiel 12:25** (References Lord): For I am the LORD: I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more prolonged: for in your

days, O rebellious house, will I say the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.

**Ezekiel 24:14** (References Lord): I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

**Ezekiel 22:14** (References Lord): Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.

**Isaiah 26:5** (Parallel theme): For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

**Psalms 89:45** (Parallel theme): The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.