

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

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

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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

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

השִׁפְתָּן	עַז	גָּבָהּ	הַגְּבָרָתִי	עַז
have brought down	And all the trees	the high	have exalted	And all the trees
H8213	H6086	H1364	H1361	H6086

לְשָׁפֵל	הַזְבֵּן שָׁתֵּי	עַז	לְחַדְּשָׁה	וְהַפְּנֵן חַתְּמִי
the low	have dried	And all the trees	up the green	to flourish
H8217	H3001	H6086	H3892	H6524

דְּבָרָתִי יְהִי הַאֲתָה יְבָשׁ אֶת־זֶה
And all the trees and have made the dry H589 I the LORD have spoken
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and have done

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Additional Cross-References

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.

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