

Ezekiel 19:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit: her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.' The vine's destruction: plucked up, cast down, dried by east wind, broken, withered, consumed by fire. This comprehensive devastation describes Jerusalem's fall. 'East wind' (qadiym) is the scorching desert wind, representing Babylon. 'Fire consumed them' anticipates Jerusalem's burning (586 BC).

Historical Context

The 586 BC destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar fulfilled this prophecy. The city was burned, walls demolished, temple destroyed, and population exiled (2 Kings 25). The Davidic dynasty's political rule ended (though the line continued through Jehoiachin). The devastating completeness matched the prophecy.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How do we process the severity of God's judgment on His own people?
2. What does this teach about the consequences of persistent covenant unfaithfulness?

Interlinear Text

וְתַתְתַּם שׁ	בְּחִמָּה	לֹא רָא	בְּשָׁלֵךְ	וּרְ וּם
But she was plucked up	in fury	to the ground	she was cast down	wind
H5428	H2534	H776	H7993	H7307
מִטְּהָרָה שׁוֹרֵת יָמִים	מִטְּהָרָה שׁוֹרֵת יָמִים	מִטְּהָרָה שׁוֹרֵת יָמִים	מִטְּהָרָה שׁוֹרֵת יָמִים	מִטְּהָרָה שׁוֹרֵת יָמִים
and the east	and withered	her fruit	were broken	and withered
H6921	H3001	H6529	H6561	H4294
אֲכַלְתָּהּ אֵשׁ עָזָה	אֲכַלְתָּהּ אֵשׁ עָזָה	אֲכַלְתָּהּ אֵשׁ עָזָה	אֲכַלְתָּהּ אֵשׁ עָזָה	אֲכַלְתָּהּ אֵשׁ עָזָה
her strong	the fire	consumed		
H5797	H784	H398		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 17:10 (Parallel theme): Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

Hosea 13:15 (Parallel theme): Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

Isaiah 27:11 (Parallel theme): When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.

Jeremiah 31:28 (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.

Ezekiel 15:4 (Parallel theme): Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for any work?

Ezekiel 19:11 (Parallel theme): And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches, and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.