

Ezekiel 19:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.' The vine's new location: wilderness—opposite of 'planted by the waters' (verse 10). From abundance to scarcity, from fruitfulness to barrenness. 'Dry and thirsty ground' describes Babylon's literal desert climate and the spiritual desolation of exile. The once-flourishing royal house exists but doesn't thrive.

Historical Context

The exiles in Babylon experienced physical displacement to a foreign land and spiritual desolation from separation from the temple and promised land. Though some (like Daniel and Ezekiel) remained faithful, the community as a whole struggled with identity, hope, and faithfulness in a pagan context.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do we maintain spiritual vitality in 'wilderness' seasons of life?
2. What does exile teach about the relationship between geography and faithfulness to God?

Interlinear Text

וְעַתָּה ה	שְׁתוּלָה ה	בַּמִּדְבָּר	בְּאֶרֶץ	צִיָּה	וְצָמָא:
H6258	And now she is planted	in the wilderness	ground	in a dry	and thirsty
	H8362	H4057	H776	H6723	H6772

Additional Cross-References

Hosea 2:3 (Parallel theme): Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

Ezekiel 19:10 (Parallel theme): Thy mother is like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters: she was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.