

Ezekiel 20:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me.' Moving to the promised land period, God indicts continuing blasphemy despite being brought into the promised land. 'Blasphemed' (gadheph) means reviling or insulting God. 'Committed a trespass' (ma'al) indicates treacherous unfaithfulness. Even God's gift of the land didn't produce gratitude and obedience.

Historical Context

The conquest and settlement period (Joshua-Judges) showed persistent compromise. Israel failed to drive out Canaanites fully, intermarried with them, and adopted their worship practices. The cyclical pattern in Judges demonstrates ongoing unfaithfulness despite experiencing God's deliverance.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

1. How do we blaspheme God through ingratitude for His blessings?
2. What does Israel's pattern teach about human nature's tendency to take God's gifts for granted?

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Romans 2:24 (References God): For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

Ezekiel 3:11 (References God): And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

Ezekiel 3:4 (References Israel): And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

Ezekiel 3:27 (References God): But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

Ezekiel 2:7 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.

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