

Ezekiel 20:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

Analysis

'As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you.' God's oath: He will rule over Israel despite their rebellion. The oath formula emphasizes certainty. 'Mighty hand' and 'stretched out arm' recall exodus language. 'Fury poured out' indicates judgment. The paradox: through judgment, God maintains sovereignty over His people. They cannot escape His lordship through rebellion.

Historical Context

The exile was both punishment and preservation. Through judgment, God purged idolatry and maintained covenant relationship. The 'mighty hand' and 'stretched out arm' that brought exodus from Egypt would bring restoration from Babylon. God's sovereignty ensures His purposes prevail despite human unfaithfulness.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does understanding God's sovereignty through judgment provide hope rather than despair?
2. What does it mean that we cannot escape God's lordship through rebellion?

Interlinear Text

בְּנֵי דָּלָא אָמֵן אָדָנִי נָאָמֵן	בְּנֵי דָּלָא אָמֵן אָדָנִי נָאָמֵן
As I live	saith the Lord
H2416	H5002 H136
	GOD H3069
	H518 H3808 H3027
surely with a mighty	and with a stretched out
H2389	H2220
arm	and with fury
	H5186 H2534 H8210
	poured out
עַלְיכֶם אָמֵל וְ	נִתְעַנֵּה וְבָזָר וְ
will I rule	שְׁפֹךְ הַבְּחִמָּה וְ
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 21:5 (Parallel theme): And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.

Jeremiah 42:18 (References God): For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

Jeremiah 44:6 (Parallel theme): Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.

Ezekiel 8:18 (Parallel theme): Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

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