

Ezekiel 21:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'I will also smite mine hands together, and I will cause my fury to rest: I the LORD have said it.' God Himself smites hands together—divine version of Ezekiel's prophetic sign (verse 14). 'I will cause my fury to rest' indicates judgment will satisfy divine justice. When God's wrath is fully poured out, it will 'rest' (nuach—settle, be satisfied). 'I the LORD have said it' guarantees fulfillment. God's word settles the matter.

Historical Context

After Jerusalem's complete destruction (586 BC), a form of God's wrath 'rested'—the threatened judgment was fully executed. The city, temple, and monarchy were destroyed as warned. Later restoration came only after the decreed 70-year exile period (Jeremiah 25:11-12, 29:10).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does it mean that God's fury will 'rest' after judgment is complete?
2. How does the finality of God's word ('I the LORD have said it') provide both warning and certainty?

Interlinear Text

וְגַם	אָנָה	אָכְלָה	כַּפְרָה	אָל	כַּפְרָה	וְגַנְחֹת
H1571	H589	I will also smite	mine hands	H413	mine hands	to rest
		H5221	H3709		H3709	H5117
וְקַמְתָה	אָנָה	יְהֹוָה	דְּבָרָתִי			
and I will cause my fury	H589	I the LORD	have said			
H2534		H3068	H1696			

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 5:13 (References Lord): Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

Ezekiel 21:14 (Parallel theme): Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thine hands together, and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it is the sword of the great men that are slain, which entereth into their privy chambers.

Zechariah 6:8 (Parallel theme): Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

Ezekiel 22:13 (Parallel theme): Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.