

Ezekiel 21:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

Analysis

'The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying.' Another oracle introduction, continuing the sword theme. The repetition emphasizes the message's importance. Multiple prophetic utterances on Jerusalem's judgment ensure the exiles cannot claim ignorance when it occurs.

Historical Context

Ezekiel's repeated oracles served a pastoral function—preparing the exiles emotionally and theologically for Jerusalem's fall. When the catastrophic news arrived, they would understand it as God's decreed judgment, not cosmic accident or divine weakness.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does preparation for difficult events through God's word help us process them theologically?
2. What is the pastoral value of repeated teaching on challenging themes?

Interlinear Text

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H1961	The word	of the LORD	H413	came unto me again saying
	H1697	H3068		H559

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