

# Ezekiel 21:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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'Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: both twain shall come forth out of one land: and choose thou a place, choose it at the head of the way to the city.' Ezekiel must diagram Nebuchadnezzar's decision-making—two possible invasion routes from Babylon, both leading from 'one land.' 'Choose thou a place...at the head of the way to the city' depicts a crossroads where direction will be chosen. This sets up the divination scene in the next verses.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Near Eastern kings used divination to make military decisions. Nebuchadnezzar could attack either Ammon (Rabbah) or Judah (Jerusalem). The prophet visually depicts this decision point, showing that even pagan divination serves God's sovereign purposes.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's sovereignty work through even pagan decision-making processes?
2. What does this teach about the relationship between human choices and divine control?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאָתָּה הָ	בֶּן	אָדָם	שִׁים	לְךָ	שְׁנֵיהֶם	דֶּרֶךְ
H859	Also thou son	of man	appoint	H0	both twain	of the way
	H1121	H120	H7760		H8147	H1870
לָבוֹא	כִּי רֶב	מֶלֶךְ	בְּבָבֶל	מֵאֶרֶץ	אֶחָד	
may come	that the sword	of the king	of Babylon	land	out of one	
H935	H2719	H4428	H894	H776	H259	
וַיָּצֵא וְ	שְׁנֵיהֶם	וְדָ	בִּרְאָה	בְּרֹאשׁ	דֶּרֶךְ	
shall come forth	both twain	thou a place	and choose	it at the head	of the way	
H3318	H8147	H3027	H1254	H7218	H1870	
עַל יֵר	בִּרְאָה					
to the city	and choose					
H5892	H1254					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 1:10** (Kingdom): See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.