

# Ezekiel 21:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.

## Analysis

**Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered** (יַעַן הַזְכָּרְכֶם עֲוֹנֵיכֶם, ya'an hazkarkhem avonkhem)—the verb זָכַר (zakar, to remember) appears three times in verses 23-24, creating emphasis. Israel's sins became so public and flagrant that they forced God's hand. **Your transgressions are discovered** (בְּהִגְלוֹת פִּשְׁעֵיכֶם, b'higalot pish'eikhem)—the root גָּלָה (galah) means to uncover, reveal, go into exile—a prophetic wordplay on coming deportation.

**In all your doings your sins do appear** (בְּכֹל עֲלִילוֹתֵיכֶם חֲטָאוֹתֵיכֶם נִרְאוֹת, b'khol aliloteikhem khato'teikhem nir'ot)—total corruption visible in every action. **Ye shall be taken with the hand** uses imagery of capture and imprisonment. When sin becomes systemic and shameless, judgment becomes inevitable and public. This principle operates both nationally and individually (Numbers 32:23).

## Historical Context

By 586 BC, Judah's rebellion against Babylon was complete. The broken treaty, Egyptian alliance, temple idolatry, social injustice, and rejection of prophets had accumulated into corporate guilt demanding public judgment. The 'remembering' of iniquity meant God would no longer forbear.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean when our sin becomes so public that it 'forces' God to act in judgment?
2. How can believers guard against the gradual accumulation of tolerated sin that eventually demands divine discipline?

## Interlinear Text

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לְכֹהֵן	כֹּה	אָמַר	אֲדֹנָי י	יְהוָה	יֵעַן
H3651	H3541				
Therefore thus saith		the Lord		GOD	H3282
H559		H136		H3069	
הֵן כִּרְכֶּם ׀			עוֹ נֶכֶם ׀		
because I say that ye are come to remembrance			Because ye have made your iniquity		
H2142			H5771		
בְּהִגָּל וְ		פְּשָׁעֵיכֶם ׀		לְהִבָּאוֹת ׀	
are discovered		in that your transgressions		do appear	
H1540		H6588		H7200	
				your sins	
				H2403	
				H3605	
עַל־לִוְיוֹתֵיכֶם ׀		יֵעַן		הֵן כִּרְכֶּם ׀	
so that in all your doings		H3282		because I say that ye are come to remembrance	
H5949				H2142	
בְּכַף ׀		תִּתְּפָשׁוּ׃			
with the hand		ye shall be taken			
H3709		H8610			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hosea 4:2** (Parallel theme): By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

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