

Ezekiel 21:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end.

Analysis

Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee—Ammon relied on false prophets and diviners (נִפְשׁ, shāwě, 'emptiness/falsehood'; דִּבֶּז, qāsam, 'to divine'). Their occult practices gave lying oracles, promising security when destruction loomed.

To bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked—The imagery depicts corpses piled with Ammon's slain 'upon the necks' of Judah's wicked who were already judged. Their fate was linked: both nations would fall under Babylon's sword. **Whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end** (יָמָא דְּנִפְשׁ, āwōnām qēṣ)—The appointed time (יּוֹם, yôm) of final reckoning. God's patience has limits; accumulated iniquity reaches fullness and demands judgment (Genesis 15:16).

Historical Context

Ammonite religion centered on Molech/Milcom worship, involving child sacrifice and divination practices explicitly condemned in Mosaic law (Leviticus 18:21, Deuteronomy 18:10-12). Their false prophets promised peace, but Nebuchadnezzar destroyed them five years after Jerusalem.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What modern 'divinations' or false assurances do people trust instead of God's Word?
2. How does God's patience with accumulating sin differ from His ultimate justice?
3. Why does God judge nations who mock His people's discipline?

Interlinear Text

בְּחֵז וֹת	שְׁוֹא לְךָ	בְּקִסָּם	כִּזְבֵּ לְךָ		
Whiles they see	H0 vanity	unto thee whiles they divine	H0 a lie		
H2372	H7723	H7080	H3577		
לְךָ תֵּ	אֶל אוֹתְךָ	צַוְאֵרִי	חֲלָלִי י		
unto thee to bring	H853	H413 thee upon the necks	of them that are slain		
H5414		H6677	H2491		
רִשְׁעֵי יִם	אֲשֶׁר בָּא	יוֹמָם	בְּעֵת	עוֹן	קִץ:
of the wicked	H834 is come	whose day	when	their iniquity	shall have an end
H7563	H935	H3117	H6256	H5771	H7093

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 21:25 (Sin): And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end,

Ezekiel 22:28 (Parallel theme): And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.

Psalms 37:13 (Parallel theme): The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.

Jeremiah 27:9 (Parallel theme): Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

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