

# Ezekiel 22:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.

## Analysis

**Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee?** This rhetorical question challenges Jerusalem's capacity to withstand divine judgment. The Hebrew ha'ya'amod libbeka (הָיָה אָמֹד לִבְבָךְ), "will your heart stand/endure?") and ha'techezaqnah yadeka (הָתַחֲזַקְנָה יָדֶךָ), "will your hands be strong?") emphasize both inner courage and outer strength. The answer is obvious: no human fortitude can withstand God's wrath.

**I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.** The divine oath formula ani YHWH dibbarti ve'asiti (אַנְיִם יְהוָה דִּבֶּרְתִּי וְעָשָׂתִי) guarantees fulfillment. God's word and deed are inseparable—what He declares, He accomplishes. This echoes Isaiah 55:11 where God's word never returns void. Jerusalem's sin has triggered irreversible judgment; only repentance could delay, not cancel, the sentence already pronounced through covenant curses (Deuteronomy 28).

## Historical Context

This verse concludes the catalog of Jerusalem's sins (verses 2-12) with a sobering warning. Spoken around 591-590 BC, just years before Jerusalem's fall in 586 BC, Ezekiel's prophecy gave final warning to a doomed city. The Babylonian siege machinery and armies would test whether Judah's 'heart could endure'—it could not.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What false securities give you confidence against God's judgment when you should be seeking His mercy?
2. How does the certainty of God's word ('I have spoken it, and will do it') affect your view of biblical warnings?

## Interlinear Text

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לִבָּם דַּעַת	לְבָנָה	אָמֵן	פָּתָח קְנָתָה	יְהִי יָמִן	לִמְנָנָה
<b>endure</b>	<b>Can thine heart</b>	H518	<b>be strong</b>	<b>or can thine hands</b>	<b>in the days</b>
H5975	H3820		H2388	H3027	H3117
אָשָׁר	אָשָׁר	אָשָׁר	אָשָׁר	אָשָׁר	אָשָׁר
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עֲשֵׂיתִי	עֲשֵׂיתִי	עֲשֵׂיתִי	עֲשֵׂיתִי	עֲשֵׂיתִי	עֲשֵׂיתִי
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H834	H589	H6213	H854	H589	H3068
					H1696
וְעַשְׂתִּי					
it and will do					
H6213					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 21:7** (References Lord): And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit

shall faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord GOD.

**Ezekiel 17:24** (References Lord): And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done it.

**Ezekiel 24:14** (References Lord): I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.

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