

Ezekiel 23:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when her sister Aholibah saw this, she was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she, and in her whoredoms more than her sister in her whoredoms.

Analysis

Despite witnessing Israel's judgment by Assyria (722 BC), Judah 'was more corrupt' in her prostitution. This reveals the progressive nature of sin and the hardening effect of rejecting repeated warnings. Judah had 136 additional years to learn from Israel's fate but instead doubled down on unfaithfulness, demonstrating spiritual obtuseness.

Historical Context

From 722-586 BC, Judah watched Israel's destruction yet continued idolatry under kings like Manasseh and Jehoiakim. Josiah's reforms (640-609 BC) brought temporary revival but failed to produce lasting change, proving that external reforms without heart transformation are insufficient.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do you respond to warnings God provides through others' negative examples?
2. What does Judah's progressive hardening teach about the danger of repeatedly ignoring God's correction?

Interlinear Text

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