

Ezekiel 23:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

Analysis

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large introduces the cup's dimensions—overwhelming judgment. Thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision indicates international mockery. It containeth much describes capacity for wrath. Repetition emphasizes abundance—not a sip but an ocean of judgment. Deep and large together stress inescapability and totality. There's no way to drink partially; the cup must be drained completely. This is wrath's essence: complete, undiluted, inescapable divine anger against sin. It cannot be mitigated, negotiated, or avoided. It must be fully consumed. Christ drained it to its dregs for us, experiencing the full fury of divine wrath we deserved.

Historical Context

Judah's fall provoked reactions from surrounding nations. Edom, Moab, Ammon, and others mocked Jerusalem's destruction (Lamentations 2:15-16; Obadiah 12; Ezekiel 25). The once-great city became a byword for humiliation. Neighboring nations' schadenfreude added psychological torment to physical devastation, fulfilling this prophecy of being 'laughed to scorn.'

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. What does the size of the cup reveal about the extent of sin's guilt?
2. How should we respond to knowing Jesus drained the entire cup?
3. What does complete judgment teach about God's justice?

Interlinear Text

כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ כּוֹס אֲחוֹתֶךָ תִּשָּׂה י
H3541 Thus saith the Lord GOD cup of thy sister's Thou shalt drink
H559 H136 H3069 H3563 H269 H8354

הַעֲמִיקָה וְהִרְחִיבָהּ תִּהְיֶה לְצַחֲךָ
deep and large H1961 thou shalt be laughed to scorn
H6013 H7342 H6712

וְלִלְעַג לְהִכִּיל: מְרֹבָה לָהּ
and had in derision much it containeth
H3933 H4767 H3557

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 51:17 (References Lord): Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

Psalms 60:3 (Parallel theme): Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.

