

Ezekiel 23:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD said moreover unto me; Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah? yea, declare unto them their abominations;

Analysis

God calls Ezekiel to 'declare unto them their abominations,' emphasizing the prophet's role as covenant prosecutor. The Hebrew 'to'ebot' (abominations) is the strongest term for detestable practices that violate God's holiness. Prophetic ministry must expose sin clearly, not minimize it for comfort. Truth-telling is an act of love that gives opportunity for repentance.

Historical Context

Ezekiel's ministry paralleled Jeremiah's in Jerusalem. Both prophets confronted popular false prophets who proclaimed peace when judgment was imminent (Jeremiah 6:14, 8:11). Faithful preaching often contradicts popular opinion.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do you respond to preaching or teaching that exposes uncomfortable sin in your life?
2. Are you willing to speak difficult truths in love when God calls you to do so?

Interlinear Text

אַתָּה בְּתַשֵּׁפָ וְתַעֲלִם אֶת־אָמֶר
said The LORD H413 moreover unto me Son of man wilt thou judge H853
H559 H3068 H1121 H120 H8199

אַתָּה בְּתַשֵּׁפָ וְתַעֲלִם אֶת־אָמֶר
Aholah and Aholibah yea declare H0 H853
H170 H172 H5046

תְּעַבְּדֵתִים:

unto them their abominations

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 22:2 (Judgment): Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations.

Isaiah 58:1 (Parallel theme): Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.

Ezekiel 16:2 (Parallel theme): Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

Ezekiel 20:4 (Judgment): Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers:

Jeremiah 1:10 (Parallel theme): See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

