

Ezekiel 23:49

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

Analysis

The covenant formula 'ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD' reveals judgment's pedagogical purpose. God's ultimate goal is that His people recognize His sovereignty, holiness, and covenant faithfulness. Even judgment serves this redemptive purpose. 'Bear the sins of your idols' means experiencing full consequences without blaming God, acknowledging that rebellion brings ruin.

Historical Context

The 586 BC destruction of Jerusalem and 70-year exile taught Israel to loathe idolatry. Post-exilic Judaism never again succumbed to idolatry, demonstrating that God's discipline accomplished its corrective purpose.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How has God's discipline in your life taught you about His character?

2. What does it mean to 'bear' the consequences of your sins rather than blame God or others?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּנָּתֶנּוּ וְ	זִמְתֶּךָ נָה	עֲלֶיךָ	וְחַטֵּאֵי י	גְלוּלֶיךָ
And they shall recompense	your lewdness	H5921	the sins	of your idols
H5414	H2154		H2399	H1544
תֵּשֶׁן אֵינָה	וַיֵּדְעֶתָ ׀	כִּי	אֲנִי	אֲדֹנָי
upon you and ye shall bear	and ye shall know	H3588	H589	that I am the Lord
H5375	H3045			H136

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 7:4 (References Lord): And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will recompense thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 9:10 (Parallel theme): And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head.

Isaiah 59:18 (Parallel theme): According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

Ezekiel 20:38 (References Lord): And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 7:9 (References Lord): And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the LORD that smiteth.

Ezekiel 6:7 (References Lord): And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

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