

Ezekiel 24:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Analysis

In the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month—January 15, 588 BC (per modern calculations), the exact day Nebuchadnezzar's army laid siege to Jerusalem (2 Kings 25:1). The precision is prophetically significant: Ezekiel, 700 miles away in Babylon, receives **the word of the LORD** (דְּבַר־יְהוָה, debar-YHWH) announcing Jerusalem's doom the very day it begins.

This divine synchronicity authenticated Ezekiel's ministry to skeptical exiles who doubted Jerusalem would fall. The triple dating formula (shanah/year, chodesh/month, yom/day) marks prophetic urgency—this is the moment God's patience ends, when warning yields to judgment. Ezekiel 24:2 commands: 'Write thee the name of the day, even of this same day.'

Historical Context

Ezekiel dated oracles from King Jehoiachin's exile (597 BC), treating him as legitimate king though Zedekiah ruled in Jerusalem. The 'ninth year' means 588 BC, when Zedekiah rebelled against Babylon despite Jeremiah's warnings. The synchronized revelation proved supernatural knowledge—no courier could travel Babylon to Jerusalem in one day—vindicating Ezekiel's prophetic authority.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's perfect timing in announcing judgment demonstrate both sovereignty and patience?
2. What does this precisely dated oracle teach about biblical prophecy's historical verifiability?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי	דְּבַר	יְהוָה	אֵלַי	בְּשָׁנָה	הַתְּשִׁיעִית
H1961	the word	of the LORD	H413	year	Again in the ninth
	H1697	H3068		H8141	H8671
לַח דָּשׁ	הָעֲשִׂירִי	בְּעָשׂוֹר	לַח דָּשׁ	יָאמַר:	
day of the month	in the tenth	in the tenth	day of the month	came unto me saying	
H2320	H6224	H6218	H2320	H559	

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 20:1 (References Lord): And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to enquire of the LORD, and sat before me.

Ezekiel 8:1 (References Lord): And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.