

Ezekiel 24:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee." "Lewdness" (zimmah, זִמָּה) in filthiness indicates deliberate, planned wickedness. Despite God's purging attempts ("I have purged thee"), Israel resisted cleansing. Therefore, severe judgment becomes necessary—"thou shalt not be purged...till I have caused my fury to rest." When gradual correction fails, comprehensive judgment must purge what partial discipline couldn't remove.

Historical Context

God attempted purging Israel through various means: prophetic warnings, foreign invasions (Assyria, Egypt), righteous kings' reforms (Hezekiah, Josiah). Each produced temporary improvement followed by relapse. Persistent resistance to correction made catastrophic judgment necessary—only total exile and temple destruction finally purged idolatry from Israel. Post-exilic Judaism never again practiced widespread idol worship, proving the exile's purging effectiveness.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does resistance to gradual correction necessitate comprehensive judgment?
2. What does God's repeated purging attempts reveal about His patience and progressive discipline?
3. In what ways should we respond to initial correction to avoid requiring severe discipline?

Interlinear Text

מְטִמְּאֶתְךָ	זִמָּה	לֵעַן	תִּטְהַרִי	וְלֹא
In thy filthiness	is lewdness	H3282	because I have purged	H3808
H2932	H2154		H2891	
תִּטְהַרִי	מְטִמְּאֶתְךָ	לֹא	תִטְהַרִי	עַד עוֹד
because I have purged	In thy filthiness	H3808	because I have purged	H5750 H5704
H2891	H2932		H2891	
אֶת הַנִּיחִי	חֲמַתִּי	בְּךָ:		
to rest	any more till I have caused my fury	H0		
H5117	H2534			

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 22:24 (Parallel theme): Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.

Ezekiel 5:13 (Parallel theme): Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (Parallel theme): Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Ezekiel 8:18 (Parallel theme): Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

Ezekiel 16:42 (Parallel theme): So will I make my fury toward thee to rest, and my jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

Zephaniah 3:2 (Parallel theme): She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

Revelation 22:11 (Parallel theme): He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

Ezekiel 24:11 (Parallel theme): Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the brass of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the scum of it may be consumed.

Hosea 7:1 (Parallel theme): When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without.

Zephaniah 3:7 (Parallel theme): I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.