

Ezekiel 24:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse piles up emphatic declarations—"I have spoken," "it shall come to pass," "I will do it"—guaranteeing fulfillment. "I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent" (three negatives) emphasizes irrevocable commitment. "According to thy ways" establishes perfect justice—measure-for-measure judgment matching sin's severity.

Historical Context

Every prophetic detail came true exactly as declared—Jerusalem fell (586 BC), temple burned, population exiled. God's word proved utterly reliable. The triple negative emphasized that no intercession, diplomacy, or strategy could reverse decreed judgment. This fulfilled word established that God means what He says—both judgment warnings and later restoration promises proved equally certain (Ezekiel 36-37).

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do emphatic guarantees demonstrate God's absolute reliability?
2. What does 'according to thy ways' teach about perfect measure-for-measure justice?
3. In what ways should certainty of divine promises (both warning and blessing) shape our response?

Interlinear Text

אֲנִי י' H589	יְהוָה ה' I the LORD H3068	דִּבַּר רִתִּי have spoken H1696	בָּא ה' it it shall come to pass H935	וְעָשָׂה יְתִי and I will do H6213	לֹא H3808
אֶפְרָע ע' it I will not go back H6544	וְלֹא H3808	אֶח וּס' neither will I spare H2347	וְלֹא א' H3808	אֶנִּי מ' neither will I repent H5162	
כְּדָרְכֶּיךָ יְיָ according to thy ways H1870	וּכְעֲלִילוֹתֶיךָ יְיָ and according to thy doings H5949	שֹׁפֵט וְיָ shall they judge H8199	נִאֵם מ' thee saith H5002		
אֲדֹנָי י' the Lord H136	יְהוָה ה' GOD H3069				

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 16:27 (Parallel theme): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Isaiah 3:11 (Parallel theme): Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

Ezekiel 18:30 (Judgment): Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Isaiah 55:11 (Parallel theme): So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Psalms 33:9 (Parallel theme): For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

Jeremiah 23:20 (References Lord): The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

Jeremiah 13:14 (References Lord): And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.

Ezekiel 5:11 (References God): Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.

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.