

Ezekiel 24:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

Analysis

"Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day." God commands Ezekiel to record the exact date—Babylon begins besieging Jerusalem. This prophetic dating miracle occurred while Ezekiel was in Babylon, hundreds of miles from Jerusalem, yet he knew the siege's start synchronously. When refugees later reported the siege's date, Ezekiel's record would vindicate his supernatural knowledge, authenticating his prophetic credentials.

Historical Context

The siege began January 588 BC (2 Kings 25:1), exactly as Ezekiel recorded. This precise dating from distant Babylon demonstrates divine revelation—only God could inform Ezekiel of events occurring hundreds of miles away on the same day. When survivors reached Babylon months later confirming the date, Ezekiel's credibility was established, preparing hearts to receive his later restoration prophecies.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does simultaneous knowledge of distant events demonstrate supernatural prophetic revelation?
2. What does precise dating teach about prophecy's specificity versus vague predictions?
3. In what ways does fulfilled prophecy authenticate Scripture's divine origin?

Interlinear Text

בָּן	מִן	אָדָם	לְבָב	לְבָב	אֶת	לְבָב	אֶת	שְׁם	שְׁם	יְמִינְךָ	אֶת	יְמִינְךָ	בָּעֵד	צָמֵן	
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 52:4 (Kingdom): And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about.

Jeremiah 39:1 (Kingdom): In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it.

2 Kings 25:1 (Kingdom): And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about.

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