

Ezekiel 24:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears?

Analysis

In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped—A fugitive (פֶּלֶא, pālîṭ, 'survivor/refugee') would bring news of Jerusalem's fall to Babylon. God had struck Ezekiel mute except for prophetic utterances (3:26-27); **and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb**—his speech would be fully restored when the prophecy was fulfilled.

And thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD—Ezekiel's restored speech would itself be a prophetic sign (טֹא, 'ôṭ) proving God's word reliable. This occurred exactly as predicted (33:21-22): 'one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me...and my mouth was opened...and I was no more dumb.' The fulfillment of this specific detail—his speech restored at the exact moment news arrived—authenticated his entire prophetic ministry.

Historical Context

Ezekiel was struck mute in 593 BC (3:26). He could speak only God's prophetic messages for seven years. In January 585 BC, a survivor reached Babylon with news of Jerusalem's fall (33:21), and Ezekiel's full speech was restored. This 18-month gap (fall in July 586, news in January 585) reflects the dangerous 900-mile journey.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How did God use Ezekiel's muteness to focus attention on His prophetic word?
2. What does the precise fulfillment of this sign teach about biblical prophecy's reliability?
3. How has God used limitations in your life to amplify His message?

Interlinear Text

בִּי יוֹם	הָהוּא	יָבֹא	הַפֶּלֶט	אֶל יָדָיו
in that day	H1931	shall come	That he that escapeth	H413
H3117		H935	H6412	
לְהִשָּׁמַע	וְתָ	אֲזְנוֹתָיִם:		
unto thee to cause thee to hear		it with thine ears		
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