

Ezekiel 24:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: and thou shalt be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Analysis

And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate—The recognition formula concludes this sequence. **יְדֻעָה כִּי-אָנִי יְהוָה** (wěyādě'û kî-ānî YHWH, 'and they shall know that I am the LORD') comes through experiencing God's described judgment: Jerusalem destroyed, temple burned, people scattered.

Because of all their abominations which they have committed—The causal clause traces judgment to its source: **תַּעֲבֹתֵיכֶם** (tô'ābôtêhem, 'abominations/detestable acts'). Chapter 8 detailed these abominations: idolatry in the temple itself, sun worship, women weeping for Tammuz, secret idols. The exile was not divine capriciousness but covenant justice. God repeatedly warned (2 Kings 17:13-14); they persistently refused. When prophetic threat became historical reality, the survivors would 'know YHWH'—not by comfortable experience, but through devastating discipline that proved His word true.

Historical Context

This verse concludes the symbolic action section (24:15-27). Jerusalem fell in 586 BC after an 18-month siege. Archaeology confirms massive destruction: burn layers, scattered skeletal remains, demolished walls. Lamentations and Psalms 74,

79 capture the survivors' horror—and their acknowledgment that God did exactly what He promised.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does deserved judgment lead to 'knowing the LORD' in ways blessing cannot?
2. What 'abominations' had become so normalized in Judah that only destruction could wake them?
3. How do you respond when God's warnings come true in your life?

Interlinear Text

בְּיֹם	וְהַיְאָה	תִּפְתַּח	פִּיהָ	אַתָּה	יְטַלֵּפֶל
In that day	H1931	be opened	shall thy mouth	H853	to him which is escaped
H3117		H6605	H6310		H6412
וַתִּזְבַּח ר		תִּתְאַלֵּם	אֵל אָ	לְבָם	וְהַיְתָה עַד
and thou shalt speak	H1696		and be no more dumb	H5750	H1961
	H3808		H481		H0
לִמְזֹוף ת		יִדְעָה		אַתִּי	
and thou shalt be a sign	H4159	unto them and they shall know	H3588	H589	
		H3045			
יְהֹוָה:					
that I am the LORD	H3068				

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 33:22 (References Lord): Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

Ezekiel 29:21 (References Lord): In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

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