

Ezekiel 24:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance; I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.

Analysis

That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance reveals that Jerusalem's unrepented bloodshed has accumulated to provoke divine vengeance. I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered indicates God ensured the blood cried out visibly, not hidden where it could be ignored (compare Genesis 4:10—Abel's blood crying from the ground). The exposed blood on bare rock demands justice. When sin is public and brazen, judgment will be equally public and unavoidable. God ensures sin doesn't remain hidden but is exposed to demand response. Covered sin might be overlooked; exposed sin demands justice.

Historical Context

Jerusalem's sins were not private or subtle but public and brazen: child sacrifice in the valley visible from the city walls, idols erected in the temple courts, prophets murdered publicly. This shameless, open rebellion demanded equally public judgment. The siege and destruction occurred in full view of surrounding nations, demonstrating divine justice.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does public sin demand public judgment?
2. What does it mean that blood 'cries out' for justice?
3. Why does God sometimes ensure our sins are exposed rather than allowing them to remain hidden?

Interlinear Text

לְהֵעָלֹתָ	חֲמָה	לִנְקָמָה	נִקְמָה	נָתַתִּי	אֶת
to come up	That it might cause fury	to take	vengeance	I have set	H853
H5927	H2534	H5358	H5359	H5414	
דָּמָהּ	עַל	צֶמֶת יֵם	סֶלַע	לְבִלְתָּ יִכָּסֹּתָ:	
her blood	H5921	upon the top	of a rock	H1115	that it should not be covered
H1818		H6706	H5553		H3680

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