

Ezekiel 25:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

Analysis

This formula introduces the 'oracles against the nations' section (chapters 25-32), demonstrating God's sovereignty over all peoples, not just Israel. These prophecies reveal that God judges all nations by His righteous standards and holds them accountable for their treatment of His people (Genesis 12:3). Divine justice extends beyond covenant community to all humanity.

Historical Context

The nations addressed (Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia, Tyre, Sidon, Egypt) were Israel's immediate neighbors who exploited Judah's downfall. These prophecies were fulfilled within decades, confirming Ezekiel's prophetic authenticity.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's universal sovereignty over all nations shape your understanding of history and current events?
2. What comfort does it bring that God will ultimately judge those who persecute His people?

Interlinear Text

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