

# Ezekiel 25:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

## Analysis

Edom's sin involved 'taking vengeance' and 'greatly offending' in revenge against Judah. Descended from Esau (Genesis 36), Edom maintained brotherly hatred throughout history. They violated the kinship bond by exploiting Judah's vulnerability during Babylonian invasion (Obadiah 10-14). Taking revenge belongs to God alone (Romans 12:19); human vengeance compounds sin with sin.

## Historical Context

During Jerusalem's 586 BC fall, Edomites helped Babylonians capture fleeing refugees, looted Jerusalem, and occupied southern Judah. This treachery despite blood relationship made their sin particularly heinous.

## Related Passages

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

1. How does this passage challenge any desires for personal revenge or 'settling scores' in your relationships?

2. What does it mean to trust God's justice rather than seeking your own vindication?

## Interlinear Text

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and revenged vengeance against the house of Judah and hath greatly  
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בָּהָם וְאָשָׁר וּמְנֻקְּם  
and hath greatly and revenged H816 H5358 H0

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 137:7** (References Lord): Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

**Ezekiel 25:8** (References God): Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the heathen;