

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

כֹּה	אָמַר	אֲדֹנָי	יְהוָה	עָן	עָשׂוֹת	אֲדֹמ
H3541	Thus saith	the Lord	GOD	H3282	hath dealt	Because that Edom
	H559	H136	H3069		H6213	H123
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H5358	H5359	H1004	H3063	H816		
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H816	H5358	H0				

Additional Cross-References

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;