

Ezekiel 25:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

Analysis

God's 'great vengeance' and 'furious rebukes' express divine jealousy for His people and holiness. The covenant formula 'they shall know that I am the LORD' concludes this section, emphasizing that all judgments serve to reveal God's character. Even pagan nations that reject Him will ultimately acknowledge His sovereignty through fulfilled prophecy and executed judgment.

Historical Context

These four nations (Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia) all disappeared from history as distinct peoples, while Israel survived exile and returned. This stark contrast validates God's covenant faithfulness and demonstrates that election by grace results in preservation despite judgment.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does God's preservation of His people through history despite persistent opposition strengthen your faith?
2. What does it mean that all creation will ultimately acknowledge Christ's lordship (Philippians 2:9-11)?

Interlinear Text

וְעָשָׂה יְהוָה	בָּם	נִקְמָתִי	גָּדֹל וְ	בְּתוֹכָהּ וְ
And I will execute	H0	my vengeance	great	rebukes
H6213		H5360	H1419	H8433
חֲמָה	וְיָדְעוּ	כִּי	אֲנִי	יְהוָה
upon them with furious	and they shall know	H3588	H589	that I am the LORD
H2534	H3045			H3068
בְּתַתִּי	אֶת	נִקְמָתִי	בָּם:	
when I shall lay	H853	my vengeance	H0	
H5414		H5360		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 25:11 (References Lord): And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 25:14 (References Lord): And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.

Psalms 9:16 (References Lord): The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.

Ezekiel 5:15 (References Lord): So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken it.

Ezekiel 25:5 (References Lord): And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a couchingplace for flocks: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 6:7 (References Lord): And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

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