

# Ezekiel 25:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And say unto the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity;

## Analysis

Ammon's sin was malicious joy at Israel's suffering—saying 'Aha!' when the sanctuary was profaned, the land desolated, and Judah exiled. This reveals the spiritual principle that mocking God's people mocks God Himself (Zechariah 2:8). Their joy at judgment showed they misunderstood God's discipline as divine abandonment rather than covenant correction.

## Historical Context

When Babylon destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC, Ammon allied with Babylon and participated in looting. They wrongly assumed Israel's God had failed, not recognizing that judgment came from God's holiness, not weakness.

## Related Passages

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How should you guard against taking pleasure in others' downfall, even when they experience deserved consequences?
2. What does this passage teach about the difference between God's discipline of His people and their ultimate destruction?

## Interlinear Text

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אָמַר בָּנָי	לְבָנָי	שָׁמַע וְעָמַד	דִּבֶּר	אָדָן	יְהוָה
And say unto the Ammonites		H5983	Hear the word	of the Lord	GOD
H559	H1121		H8085	H1697	H136
כִּי	אָמַר בָּנָי	יְהוָה אָדָן	אָמַר בָּנָי	כִּי	אָל
H3541	And say of the Lord	GOD	H3282	And say	Aha
H559	H136	H3069		H559	H413
מִקְדָּשׁ	נִכְלָל	וְאֶל	אֶלְעָם תִּתְּהִלֵּן		
against my sanctuary	H3588	when it was profaned	H413	and against the land	H127
H4720		H2490			
בֵּית יְהוָה	בֵּית יְהוָה	בֵּית יְהוָה	בֵּית יְהוָה	בֵּית יְהוָה	בֵּית יְהוָה
וְאֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְאֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְאֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְאֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְאֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְאֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל
of Israel	H3588	when it was desolate	H413	and against the house	H3588
H3478		H8074		H1004	H3063
בְּגַזְלָה:	בְּגַזְלָה:	בְּגַזְלָה:	בְּגַזְלָה:	בְּגַזְלָה:	בְּגַזְלָה:
when they went into captivity					
H1980	H1473				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 36:2** (References God): Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are our's in possession:

**Proverbs 17:5** (Parallel theme): Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: and he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.

**Ezekiel 25:6** (References God): For thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast clapped thine hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel;

**Micah 7:8** (References Lord): Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.

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