

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

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

יְהוָה ה' אֲדֹנָי י דְּבַר שְׁמַע ו עַם וְנָ אֲמַר וְ
And say unto the Ammonites H5983 Hear the word of the Lord GOD
H559 H1121 H8085 H1697 H136 H3069

אֶל הָאֵל ח אֲמַר וְ יֵעַן יְהוָה ה' אֲדֹנָי י אֲמַר וְ כֹה
H3541 And say of the Lord GOD H3282 And say Aha H413
H559 H136 H3069 H559 H1889

אֲדָמָת וְ אֶל נָחַל כִּי מִקְדָּשִׁי י
against my sanctuary H3588 when it was profaned H413 and against the land
H4720 H2490 H127

כִּי יְהוּדָה ה' בֵּית וְ אֶל נָשָׁא מָה כִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל
of Israel H3588 when it was desolate H413 and against the house of Judah H3588
H3478 H8074 H1004 H3063

בְּגוֹלָה: הֵלֵךְ ו
when they went into captivity
H1980 H1473

Additional Cross-References

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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