

Ezekiel 25:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Rabbah was Ammon's capital city (modern Amman, Jordan). Its transformation into 'a stable for camels' and general pastureland represents complete desolation and loss of national identity. The covenant formula 'ye shall know that I am the LORD' appears throughout these oracles, revealing that even pagan nations will recognize Yahweh's sovereignty through fulfilled prophecy.

Historical Context

Rabbah was a significant fortified city. Archaeological excavations confirm periods of destruction and abandonment matching biblical prophecies. The city's later history validated Ezekiel's words.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How do fulfilled prophecies against ancient nations strengthen your confidence in biblical authority?

2. What does it mean that all nations will ultimately acknowledge God's sovereignty?

Interlinear Text

וְנָתַתִּי י	אֶת	רַבָּה	לִנְיָה	גִּמְלֵי ים	וְאֶת	בְּנֵי י
And I will make	H853	Rabbah	a stable	for camels	H853	and the Ammonites
H5414		H7237	H5116	H1581		H1121
עַמִּי וְ	לְמִרְבֵּץ	צֶאֱן	וַיֵּדְעוּ	כִּי	אֲנִי	
H5983	a couchingplace	for flocks	and ye shall know	H3588	H589	
	H4769	H6629	H3045			
יְהוָה:						
that I am the LORD						
H3068						

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 21:20 (Parallel theme): Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to Judah in Jerusalem the defenced.

2 Samuel 12:26 (Parallel theme): And Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

Isaiah 17:2 (Parallel theme): The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.