

Ezekiel 25:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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;

Analysis

Clapping hands and stamping feet express malicious joy and contempt (Lamentations 2:15). Ammon's 'despite' (contempt) showed 'soul-deep' hatred toward Israel. The Hebrew 'nephesh' (soul) indicates their whole being rejoiced in Israel's calamity. Such comprehensive hostility toward God's people brings comprehensive judgment, revealing God's protective jealousy for His own.

Historical Context

Ammon's historical enmity included hiring Balaam to curse Israel (Deuteronomy 23:4), denying Israel passage during the Exodus period, and allying with enemies throughout the judges and monarchy periods.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How should you respond when you perceive hostility toward God's people or the church?

2. What does God's jealousy for His people teach about His commitment to those He loves?

Interlinear Text

כִּי	אָמַר	אֲדֹנָי	יְהוָה	עָן	מִחָאֵב
H3588	H3541	H559	H136	H3069	H3282
	For thus saith	the Lord	GOD		Because thou hast clapped
					H4222
יָדְךָ	וַיִּקְעֶבְךָ	בְּרַגְלֶיךָ	וַיִּשְׂמְחֶיךָ	בְּכָל	שָׂאֲטָבְךָ
H3027	H7554	H7272	H8055	H3605	H7589
thine hands	and stamped	with the feet	and rejoiced		with all thy despite
בְּנֵי	אֶל	אֲדָמָה	יִשְׂרָאֵל:		
H5315	H413	H127	H3478		
in heart		against the land	of Israel		

Additional Cross-References

Zephaniah 2:8 (Parallel theme): I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border.

Obadiah 1:12 (Parallel theme): But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.

Zephaniah 2:10 (References Lord): This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts.

Job 27:23 (Parallel theme): Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

Nahum 3:19 (Parallel theme): There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

Ezekiel 25:15 (References God): Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy it for the old hatred;

Ezekiel 6:11 (References God): Thus saith the Lord GOD; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.

Ezekiel 36:5 (References God): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

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