

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

מְחַאַב	כְּהֵבִי	אָמַר אָדָן	הִי עַן	מִתְּחַמֵּם
H3588	H3541	For thus saith the Lord	the GOD	Because thou hast clapped
		H559	H136	H3069
				H4222
שָׁאַטְבָּה	בְּכָל	בָּנָן גָּלֵל	וְתַשְׁמַח חַנְקָעָת	בְּכָל
with all thy despite	H3605	H8055	H7272	and stamped with the feet
thine hands	H7554	H3027		and rejoiced
				H7589
יִשְׂרָאֵל:	אֶל בְּנֵי פְּשָׁ	אֶלְעָם תְּאַדְּמֵן	אֶלְעָם תְּאַדְּמֵן	אֶל
of Israel	H3478	H127	H413	in heart
				H5315

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 spiteful 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 spiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.

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