

Ezekiel 25:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

Analysis

God's 'stretched out hand' symbolizes active judgment (Exodus 7:5, Isaiah 5:25). The complete destruction promised—'perish,' 'cut off,' 'destroy'—uses three different Hebrew terms emphasizing totality. Ammon would cease to exist as a distinct people. Historical extinction of peoples who opposed God's redemptive plan demonstrates that human kingdoms are temporary, but God's kingdom is eternal.

Historical Context

The Ammonites gradually disappeared from history after Persian period, absorbed by Arab tribes. By New Testament times, no distinct Ammonite nation existed, fulfilling this prophecy completely.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the temporary nature of earthly kingdoms contrast with the eternal nature of God's kingdom?
2. What confidence does this give you that opposition to Christ's church will ultimately fail?

Interlinear Text

לְכָךְ	הַנּוּןִי	תְּנַתֵּן	אֶת	עַל יְמִינֵךְ
H3651	H2005	Behold therefore I will stretch out	H853	mine hand
		H5186	H3027	H5921
וְנִתְתָּהֵן עֲלָךְ	לְבָגֵד	לְגָגֵן מִן	וְהַכְּבַדֵּת יְבָשֵׁךְ	מִן
upon thee and will deliver	H897	to the heathen	and I will cut thee off	H4480
H5414		H1471	H3772	H4480
מִן	וּמְעַמֵּךְ יְמִינֵךְ	מִן	בְּאָכֵץ וּתְ	מִן
from the people	and I will cause thee to perish	H4480	out of the countries	H776
H5971		H6		
אַשְׁׁמָתְךָ	יְדַעַתְךָ	בְּנֵי	וְהַיְהָ:	
I will destroy	thee and thou shalt know	H3588	אֵת יְהָוָה:	
H8045	H3045	H589	that I am the LORD	H3068

Additional Cross-References

Zephaniah 1:4 (Parallel theme): I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests;

Ezekiel 25:13 (References Lord): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

Ezekiel 25:16 (References Lord): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast.

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