

Ezekiel 25:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Moab and Seir do say,
Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the heathen;

Analysis

Moab (descended from Lot, Genesis 19:37) added theological error to malicious joy: 'the house of Judah is like all the heathen.' They denied Israel's unique covenant status and election, essentially claiming God shows no distinction between His people and pagan nations. This denial of particular election provokes divine jealousy, as it denies God's sovereign choice.

Historical Context

Moab occupied territory east of the Dead Sea. Despite linguistic and cultural similarities to Israel, they remained hostile. The Moabite Stone (circa 840 BC) celebrates victories over Israel, revealing persistent animosity.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing the church's distinct, elect status affect your Christian identity?

2. What errors arise from denying that God makes distinctions between His covenant people and the world?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 25:21 (Parallel theme): Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon,

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