

Ezekiel 26:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people: she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste:

Analysis

Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people quotes Tyre's schadenfreude at Jerusalem's fall. Aha expresses malicious glee. She is broken refers to Jerusalem's destruction (586 BC). The gates of the people suggests Jerusalem was a commercial hub controlling trade routes; with her fallen, Tyre expected increased trade. She is turned unto me; I shall be replenished, now she is laid waste reveals Tyre's mercenary calculation—Jerusalem's loss is Tyre's gain. This commercial opportunism devoid of compassion provokes divine judgment. Rejoicing in others' calamity invites judgment, especially when the calamity is divine discipline.

Historical Context

Tyre was a Phoenician maritime power on the Mediterranean coast, growing wealthy through trade. Jerusalem's strategic location controlled inland trade routes. Tyre viewed Jerusalem's destruction as business opportunity rather than tragedy, demonstrating the moral bankruptcy of pure commercialism unconstrained by compassion or divine fear.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does rejoicing in others' misfortune reveal heart corruption?
2. What does Tyre's commercial opportunism teach about unconstrained capitalism?
3. Why does God judge those who profit from His disciplinary judgments?

Interlinear Text

בֶּן	אָדָם	יַעַן	אֲשֶׁר	אָמְרָה	צָר	עַל
Son	of man	H3282	H834	hath said	because that Tyrus	H5921
H1121	H120			H559	H6865	
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יְרוּשָׁלַם	הָאָח	נִשְׁבְּרָה	יְדֹלֶת	וְזֹת	הָעַמִּים	
against Jerusalem	Aha	she is broken	that was the gates	of the people		
H3389	H1889	H7665	H1817	H5971		
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נִסְבָּה	אֵלַי	אֶמְלֵא	הַחֲרָבָה:			
she is turned	H413	unto me I shall be replenished	now she is laid waste			
H5437		H4390	H2717			

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 25:22 (Parallel theme): And all the kings of Tyrus, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea,

Joel 3:4 (Parallel theme): Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the coasts of Palestine? will ye render me a recompence? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompence upon your own head;

Ezekiel 36:2 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are our's in possession:

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