

Ezekiel 26:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Analysis

And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword refers to Tyre's dependent cities and colonies on the mainland. Daughters means satellite settlements. The mainland cities will be conquered militarily. And they shall know that I am the LORD declares that judgment's purpose is revelatory—producing recognition of Yahweh's sovereignty. This recognition formula appears throughout Ezekiel. All judgment ultimately serves to reveal God's identity and authority. Some learn through mercy; others through judgment. But all will know Him eventually (Philippians 2:10-11).

Historical Context

Tyre controlled numerous coastal cities and trading posts throughout the Mediterranean. These 'daughter' cities on the mainland fell to various conquerors (Babylonian, Persian, Greek, Roman) over the centuries. Each conquest demonstrated that no power can stand against God's decree, forcing acknowledgment of His sovereignty.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does judgment reveal God's identity and character?
2. What does it mean to 'know that I am the LORD'?
3. Will you come to know God through mercy or judgment?

Interlinear Text

וּבָנֹתֶת יְהִי	ר	אֲשֶׁר	בָּשָׂדֶה	בְּרִבְעָה	תִּתְהַבֵּב גַּתְתָּה
And her daughters	H834	which are in the field	H7704	by the sword	shall be slain
H1323			H2719		H2026
וְיֶדְעָה יְהִי	אֵת	כִּי	יְהִי		
and they shall know	H3588	H589	that I am the LORD		
H3045			H3068		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 16:46 (Parallel theme): And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.

Ezekiel 26:8 (Word): He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.