

Ezekiel 26:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers.

Analysis

And he shall set engines of war against thy walls predicts siege engines—battering rams and similar devices. And with his axes he shall break down thy towers indicates systematic demolition of fortifications. Axes (or picks) were used to dismantle stone walls once breached. The image is one of methodical destruction, not random violence. Judgment is orderly, purposeful, and thorough. God's judgments aren't chaotic or emotional but calculated and comprehensive. Every detail serves His purposes; nothing is wasted or excessive.

Historical Context

Babylonian siege technology was advanced for its era, including battering rams, siege towers, and demolition techniques. Nebuchadnezzar's engineers systematically dismantled Tyre's mainland fortifications over 13 years. The prolonged siege demonstrated both Babylonian military sophistication and Tyrian resistance, but ultimately God's decree prevailed despite human efforts on both sides.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the orderliness of judgment reflect God's character?
2. What does systematic demolition teach about thoroughness in divine discipline?
3. Why is God's judgment methodical rather than chaotic?

Interlinear Text

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