

# Ezekiel 28:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

## Analysis

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**For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets**—God's instruments of judgment: **דָּבָר** (deber, 'pestilence/plague') and **דָּם** (dām, 'blood'). The combination appears frequently in covenant curses (Leviticus 26:25, Deuteronomy 32:24).

**And the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side**—The Hebrew **וְנִפְלֵל קָלֶל בְּתוּךָ בְּחֶרֶב עַלְיהָ מִסְבֵּב** (wěniphal hālāl běthôkhāh běh̄ereb 'āleyhā missābîb) depicts complete encirclement and slaughter. **מִסְבֵּב** (missābîb, 'on every side') means no escape. **And they shall know that I am the LORD**—The inevitable conclusion: fulfilled prophecy produces recognition of YHWH's sovereignty. God's judgments are not arbitrary but covenant-based, publicly demonstrated, and designed to reveal His character to both victims and observers.

## Historical Context

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Historical records confirm pestilence, bloodshed, and siege warfare characterized Sidon's judgments. The Persian siege (345 BC) involved famine (causing plague), betrayal (bloodshed), and complete military encirclement. Classical historians

Diodorus Siculus and Arrian describe the horror. Ezekiel's 'sword upon her on every side' proved literally accurate.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. Why does God use multiple instruments of judgment (pestilence, blood, sword)?
2. How do comprehensive judgments ('on every side') demonstrate the impossibility of escaping God?
3. What should we learn from the fulfillment of specific prophetic details?

## Interlinear Text

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עַל יְהוָה אָמַר כִּי אָדָם הַנּוּן יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים

And say H3541 And say H559 the Lord H136 GOD H2005 H3069 H5921

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בְּתוּךְ רֹאשׁוֹ יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה

Behold I am against thee O Zidon and I will be glorified in the midst

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יְדַעַת אָתִי יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה

of thee and they shall know H3045 H3588 H589 that I am the LORD H3068

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בְּעֵשׂ וְתַעֲשֶׂה יְמִינָה שְׁפָטָה שְׁתִּים יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה

when I shall have executed H6213 H0 judgments H8201 in her and shall be sanctified H6942

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 39:13** (Glory): Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.

**Exodus 14:4** (References Lord): And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

**Exodus 14:17** (Parallel theme): And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

**Ezekiel 20:41** (Holy): I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

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