

Ezekiel 31:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Analysis

The precise date (eleventh year, third month, first day = June 587 BC) places this oracle shortly before Jerusalem's fall (July/August 586 BC). While Judah faced final crisis, Ezekiel prophesied Egypt's coming doom. The timing reveals God's sovereign orchestration of international affairs and His continued relevance despite Israel's immediate suffering.

Historical Context

By June 587 BC, Jerusalem's siege had lasted 18 months. Starvation and disease ravaged the city. Yet God continued revealing His plans for the nations, demonstrating that Israel's situation didn't negate His universal sovereignty.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How can you maintain perspective on God's sovereignty even during personal crises?

2. What does it mean that God's purposes extend far beyond your immediate circumstances?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי י' H1961	בָּאֵךְ ד' H259	עֲשָׂרָה שָׁנָה ה' H6240	בְּשָׁלִישׁ י' H7992
And it came to pass in the eleventh		year	in the third
		H8141	
	בָּאֵךְ ד' H259	לַחֹדֶשׁ H2320	הָיָה דְּבַר H1961
And it came to pass in the eleventh	day of the month		that the word
			H1697
יְהוָה ה' H3068	אֵלַי י' H413	לֵאמֹר: H559	
of the LORD		came unto me saying	

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 30:20 (Word): And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,