

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	בְּאָמֵד	שָׁנָה	בְּשָׁלִישׁ
H1961	And it came to pass in the eleventh	H6240	year
	H259		H8141
			H7992
וַיְהִי	בְּאָמֵד	לְחֵדֶשׁ	דְּבָר
And it came to pass in the eleventh	day of the month	H1961	that the word
H259	H2320		H1697
לִאמְרָה	אֶל	כִּי	
of the LORD	H413	came unto me saying	
H3068		H559	

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,

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