

Ezekiel 35:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it,

Analysis

God commands Ezekiel to 'set thy face against mount Seir' and 'prophesy against it'—active prophetic confrontation. Mountains in Scripture represent kingdoms and nations. Setting one's face signifies unwavering focus and determined opposition. This reveals that God's judgment isn't reluctant or uncertain but resolute and purposeful.

Historical Context

Edom occupied mountainous terrain, which they believed made them secure (Obadiah 3-4). The prophecy specifically targets their geographical stronghold, revealing that natural defenses provide no security against divine judgment.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What false securities or natural advantages might you be trusting instead of God?

2. How does God's determined opposition to evil encourage you when facing injustice?

Interlinear Text

בֶּן	אָדָם	שֵׁי	פָּנֶי	עַל	הָרָ	שֵׁעִיר	וְהִנֵּב־אֶ
Son	of man	set	thy face	<small>H5921</small>	against mount	Seir	and prophesy
<small>H1121</small>	<small>H120</small>	<small>H7760</small>	<small>H6440</small>		<small>H2022</small>	<small>H8165</small>	<small>H5012</small>

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Additional Cross-References

Genesis 32:3 (Parallel theme): And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

Ezekiel 25:8 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the heathen;

Ezekiel 6:2 (Prophecy): Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,