

# Ezekiel 35:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate.

## Analysis

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The declaration 'I am against thee' appears frequently in judgment oracles. It's the most terrifying statement anyone can hear—to have God as active opponent. 'I will stretch out mine hand against thee' indicates active, not passive, judgment. Complete desolation would result. When God opposes, no defense succeeds.

## Historical Context

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Edom's mountain fortresses included Petra, carved into rock cliffs. They believed themselves impregnable. Yet God's stretched-out hand would bring comprehensive destruction regardless of natural or military defenses.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does it mean to have God as ally versus having Him as opponent?
2. How should awareness of God's active opposition to evil affect your choices and allegiances?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶל יָדְךָ הִנֵּנִי יְהוָה אֲדֹנָי אֶמַר	כֹּה לֵאמֹר		
<b>And say</b> H559	<b>the Lord</b> H136	<b>GOD</b> H3069	
יָדִי	וְנָטַח יָתִי	שֵׁעַ יָרֵךְ	הֵר
<b>mine hand</b> H3027	<b>I am against thee and I will stretch out</b> H5186	<b>Seir</b> H8165	<b>Behold O mount</b> H2022
וּמִשְׁמָהּ:	שְׁמָמָהּ הִ	וְנָתַתִּי יָרֵךְ	עַל יָדְךָ
<b>thee most</b> H4923	<b>desolate</b> H8077	<b>against thee and I will make</b> H5414	<b>H5921</b>

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 6:12** (References Lord): And their houses shall be turned unto others, with their fields and wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

**Jeremiah 15:6** (References Lord): Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting.

**Ezekiel 35:7** (Parallel theme): Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth.

**Ezekiel 6:14** (References Lord): So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.