

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

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

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

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?

