

# Ezekiel 35:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end:

## Analysis

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Edom's sin: 'perpetual hatred' toward Israel, shedding blood 'in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end.' Rather than showing mercy when Judah suffered deserved judgment, Edom exploited vulnerability. Kicking someone when they're down compounds sin. God judges not just actions but also timing and motivation.

## Historical Context

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During Jerusalem's 586 BC destruction, Edom helped Babylonians capture fleeing refugees, looted property, and occupied abandoned territory (Obadiah 11-14, Psalm 137:7). This treachery against a brother nation during their darkest hour made their sin particularly heinous.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How should you respond to others' suffering, even when they face deserved consequences?
2. What does 'perpetual hatred' reveal about the dangers of nursing grievances and refusing forgiveness?

## Interlinear Text

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רְאֵתֶךָ	עָזָל	עָזָל	רְאֵתֶךָ
H3282	H1961	H0	hatred      Because thou hast had a perpetual      and hast shed
		H342	H5769
אֶת	בָּנִים	עַל	רְאֵתֶךָ
H853	the blood of the children	of Israel	by the force      of the sword
	H1121	H3478	H3027
בָּעֵת	אֵיךְ	בָּעֵת	בָּעֵת
in the time	of their calamity	in the time	that their iniquity
H6256	H343	H6256	H5771
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 137:7** (Parallel theme): Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof.

**Amos 1:11** (Word): Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

**Ezekiel 21:29** (Sin): Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee, to bring thee upon the necks of them that are slain, of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity shall have an end.

**Ezekiel 21:25** (Sin): And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end,

**Ezekiel 25:12** (Parallel theme): Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them;

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