

Ezekiel 35:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.

Analysis

The judgment fits the crime: 'I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: since thou hast not hated blood, blood shall pursue thee.' This lex talionis (law of retaliation) demonstrates proportionate justice. Those who delight in bloodshed will experience bloodshed. God's judgments are always righteous and fitting.

Historical Context

Edom's violence toward vulnerable refugees brought corresponding violence upon themselves. Historical records show Edom suffered military defeats and eventual ethnic dissolution—they pursued blood and blood pursued them.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do you see the principle of reaping what you sow operating in God's justice?
2. What warning does this give about the consequences of cruelty or violence toward vulnerable people?

Interlinear Text

לְכָה	לִפְנֵי	אָנָּה	תְּאַמֵּן	אָדָּנִי	יְהִי הָ	פָּנִים	לִפְנֵי	וְעַל
H3651	Therefore as I live	H2416	H589	saith	the Lord	H3068	H3588	and blood
			H5002		H136			H1818
אַעֲשֵׂה	וְעַל	לְאָמֵן	וְיַדְפָּנָה	לְאָמֵן	וְעַל	לִפְנֵי	וְעַל	
I will prepare	and blood	shall pursue	thee sith	H3808	and blood			
H6213	H1818	H7291	H518		H1818			
שָׁנִים אַתָּה	לִפְנֵי	וְיַדְפָּנָה						
thou hast not hated	and blood	shall pursue						
H8130	H1818	H7291						

Additional Cross-References

Revelation 18:24 (Blood): And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Obadiah 1:15 (References Lord): For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.