

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

Psalms 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

לִּכְּ H3651	כִּי H2416	אֶנִּי H589	נֹאֵם H5002	אֲדֹנָי H136	יְהוָה H3068	כִּי H3588	וְדָם H1818
	Therefore as I live		saith	the Lord			and blood
אֶעֱשֶׂה H6213	וְדָם H1818	יִרְדֹּפְךָ: H7291	אִם H518	לֹא H3808	וְדָם H1818		
I will prepare	and blood	shall pursue	thee sith		and blood		
שֶׁנִּי אַתָּה H8130	וְדָם H1818	יִרְדֹּפְךָ: H7291					
thou hast not hated	and blood	shall pursue					

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.