

Ezekiel 35:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will fill his mountains with his slain men: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.

Analysis

Mountains and valleys would be filled with the slain—comprehensive death covering the landscape. This extensive bloodshed reflects the magnitude of Edom's violence toward Judah. Divine justice is proportionate: extensive violence brings extensive judgment. God doesn't overlook or minimize sin but addresses it fully.

Historical Context

Edom's mountainous terrain, once their source of security, would become their graveyard. The same geography that made them feel invincible would be filled with their slain, demonstrating that natural advantages provide no ultimate security.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does God's thorough judgment of sin assure that ultimate justice will be done?

2. What does proportionate judgment teach about God's righteousness and fairness?

Interlinear Text

וּמְלֵאתִי יְ	אֶת	הַרְיֹ	חֲלָלִי	גְּבֻעוֹתֶיךָ	וּגְיָאוֹתֶיךָ
And I will fill	H853	his mountains	that are slain	men in thy hills	and in thy valleys
H4390		H2022	H2491	H1389	H1516
וְכָל	אֶפְיֹקְךָ יְ	חֲלָלִי	בְּחֶבֶץ	יִפְּלוּ וְ	בָּהֶם:
H3605	and in all thy rivers	that are slain	with the sword	shall they fall	H0
	H650	H2491	H2719	H5307	

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 31:12 (Parallel theme): And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.