

# Ezekiel 35:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

## Analysis

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God would make Edom 'perpetual desolations'—permanent, not temporary, destruction. Their cities would remain uninhabited. The covenant formula 'ye shall know that I am the LORD' reveals that even annihilation serves revelatory purposes. Some judgments are terminal, not corrective, demonstrating both God's patience and His limits.

## Historical Context

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Unlike Israel who returned from exile, Edom never recovered as a nation. Their territory was absorbed by others, and their ethnic identity dissolved. This permanent judgment contrasts with Israel's preservation despite judgment, revealing God's covenant faithfulness.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What is the difference between God's discipline of His people and His judgment of persistent enemies?

2. How does Edom's permanent destruction contrast with Israel's preservation despite judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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and ye shall know that I am the LORD

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 25:13** (References Lord): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.

**Ezekiel 35:4** (References Lord): I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

**Ezekiel 6:7** (References Lord): And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

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