

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

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

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

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

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

שָׁמָּה וְ	עוֹלָם	אֶתְּנֶנּוּ	וְעַרְיָב	לֹא	תִישׁ בְּנֶה
desolations	thee perpetual	I will make	and thy cities	H3808	H3427
H8077	H5769	H5414	H5892		
וַיֵּדְעוּ	כִּי	אֲנִי	יְהוָה:		
and ye shall know	H3588	H589	that I am the LORD		
H3045			H3068		

Additional Cross-References

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.