

Ezekiel 39:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

Analysis

They shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests—total energy independence through captured weapons. The contrast is stark: Israel's labor shifts from gathering firewood to burning enemy armaments. This fulfills prophetic reversal: **they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them** (וְשָׁלַל אֶת-שְׁלָלָם וְבָזֵז אֶת-בָּזָלָם, veshalelu et-sholeleihem uvazazu et-bozezeihem).

The verb repetition (spoil/spoiled, rob/robbed) emphasizes poetic justice—measure-for-measure retribution. What Gog intended for Israel becomes Israel's inheritance. The phrase **saith the Lord GOD** (נָאָם אֱלֹהִים, ne'um Adonai YHWH) seals divine guarantee. This mirrors Exodus 3:22, where Israel plundered Egypt—God ensures His people benefit from their oppressors' downfall.

Historical Context

This imagery would resonate powerfully with exiles who lost everything to Babylon—homes, temple treasures, land. The promise of spoiling spoilers offered hope: restoration wouldn't just return them to zero but enrich them through enemies' defeat. The eschatological vision assured that Israel's future security included

economic abundance derived from God's judgment on attackers. No more victim status—vindication brings prosperity.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's 'measure-for-measure' justice (spoiling the spoilers) reflect His righteousness and care for victims?
2. In what ways might believers today experience provision through the defeat of spiritual enemies?

Interlinear Text

וְלֹא יִשְׂא אֶל עַצְּם יְמִינְךָ הַשְׂדֵךְ הַמִּן
H3808 So that they shall take no wood H4480 out of the field H3808
H5375 H6086 H7704

וְבָאָרֶת יְבָאֶרְתָּם כִּי בְּשָׁלָךְ בְּבָאָרֶת
neither cut down any out of the forests the weapons for they shall burn
H2404 H4480 H3293 H3588 H5402 H1197

אֵשׁ שְׁלִילָה מִן שְׁלִילָה מִן בְּזִיזִים מִן אַתָּה
with fire and they shall spoil and they shall spoil them and rob
H784 H7997 H853 H7997 H962 H853

בְּזִיזִים מִן אַדְנָה יְהוָה
them and rob them saith the Lord GOD
H962 H5002 H136 H3069

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 33:1 (Parallel theme): Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

Isaiah 14:2 (References Lord): And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

Micah 5:8 (Parallel theme): And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.

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