

# 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** (וְשָׁלְלוּ אֶת־שָׁלְלֵיהֶם וְרָבְּזוּ אֶת־בִּזְזֵיהֶם, 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** (נְאֻם אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה, 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

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

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

## Study Questions

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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

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וְלֹא	וְשָׂא ו	עֵצִים	מִן	הַשָּׂדֶה	וְלֹא א
H3808	So that they shall take	no wood	H4480	out of the field	H3808
	H5375	H6086		H7704	
וְיִחַטְּבוּ	מִן	הַעֵצִים	כִּי	בְנֵי שֵׁק	יִבְעֲרוּ
neither cut down	H4480	any out of the forests	H3588	the weapons	for they shall burn
H2404		H3293		H5402	H1197
אֶשׁ	וְשָׂאוּ	אֶת	וְשָׂאוּ	בְּזִימָה	אֶת
with fire	and they shall spoil	H853	and they shall spoil	them and rob	H853
H784	H7997		H7997	H962	
בְּזִימָה	נֹא	אֲדֹנָי	יְהוָה:		
them and rob	them saith	the Lord	GOD		
H962	H5002	H136	H3069		

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.