

Ezekiel 39:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

Analysis

Thou shalt fall upon the open field (על-פָנֵי הַשָּׂמֶן תִּפּוֹל, al-penei hasadeh tippol)—Gog's armies, introduced in chapter 38, meet catastrophic defeat in Israel's open country, unburied and exposed. The phrase **for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD** (כִּי אָנִי דִבָרָתִי) carries covenant oath force—divine decree, irrevocable.

This is poetic justice: Gog comes to plunder Israel's 'unwalled villages' (38:11), but his army becomes carrion for birds and beasts (39:4). The open field becomes massive graveyard. Revelation 19:17-18 applies this imagery to Christ's final victory: birds summoned to feast on God's enemies. What Gog intended for Israel, God executes upon Gog—the righteous reversal of divine judgment.

Historical Context

Ezekiel 38-39's 'Gog of Magog' prophecy has sparked endless debate—historical (Scythians, Babylonians), eschatological (Revelation 20:8), or symbolic (archetypal evil coalition). Written ca. 585 BC to exiles fearing Israel's permanent extinction, these chapters promise future security: God will defend restored Israel against any future invader, no matter how mighty. The 'open field' guarantees public vindication.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's promise 'I have spoken it' provide certainty when facing overwhelming opposition?
2. What does Gog's defeat 'upon the open field' teach about God's public vindication of His people?

Interlinear Text

עַל	עַל	בְּנֵי	בְּנֵי	תַּפְאֵל	תַּפְאֵל	אַתְּ	אַתְּ	רֹאֵתִי	רֹאֵתִי
H5921	upon the open	field	Thou shalt fall	H3588	H589	for I have spoken			
H6440		H7704	H5307				H1696		

וְ	וְ	יְהֹוָה	יְהֹוָה	אָדָם	אָדָם	וְ	וְ	רֹאֵתִי	רֹאֵתִי
it saith	the Lord	GOD							
H5002	H136	H3069							

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