

Ezekiel 39:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel." God promises to protect His name's honor, preventing future pollution through idolatry. Israel's unfaithfulness had profaned God's name among nations; restoration will vindicate it. The dual audience—Israel and nations—emphasizes God's concern for global testimony. The phrase "Holy One in Israel" identifies God with His people while transcending them. God's holiness demands both judgment of sin and vindication of His character.

Historical Context

Israel's exile profaned God's name as nations mocked Yahweh's inability to protect His people (586 BC). God promises to reverse this shame through restoration demonstrating His power and faithfulness. The return from Babylon began this, but complete fulfillment came through Christ and the gospel. The church's growth despite opposition vindicates God's name globally. The promise assures that God will not allow His honor to be permanently tarnished. His reputation is at stake in His people's testimony.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does your behavior either honor or profane God's name before unbelievers?
2. What does God's jealousy for His name's honor teach about taking His reputation seriously?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 38:16 (Holy): And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against

my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

Ezekiel 38:23 (References Lord): Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Isaiah 12:6 (Holy): Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Exodus 20:7 (References Lord): Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Ezekiel 20:39 (Holy): As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

Ezekiel 20:14 (Parallel theme): But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

Isaiah 55:5 (Holy): Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Isaiah 60:9 (Holy): Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

Isaiah 43:14 (Holy): Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

Isaiah 60:14 (Holy): The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.