

Ezekiel 39:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

Analysis

Behold, it is come, and it is done (הִנֵּה בָּאָה וְנִיחַתָּה, hineh va'ah venihyetah)—prophetic perfect tense, viewing future as accomplished fact. God speaks Gog's defeat as already executed, demonstrating divine sovereignty over time. The dual verbs emphasize certainty: 'it is come' (approaching reality) and 'it is done' (completed action).

This is the day whereof I have spoken (הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּרְתִּי, hayom asher dibarti)—the long-anticipated 'day of the LORD,' referenced throughout prophets (Joel 2:1, Zephaniah 1:14). This yom YHWH brings both judgment (for enemies) and salvation (for Israel). The definite article 'THE day' signals eschatological climax, when God's promises face ultimate validation. Compare Revelation's 'It is done!' (16:17, 21:6)—same divine finality.

Historical Context

Ezekiel's exilic audience desperately needed assurance God's promises wouldn't fail. This verse functions as divine guarantee: what God speaks inevitably occurs. The 'day' likely encompasses both near (return from exile) and far (final eschatological victory) fulfillments, the prophetic 'already/not yet' tension. For exiles doubting God's power, this declaration was lifeline—history bends to divine speech.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's prophetic perfect tense ('it is done' before it happens) strengthen faith during waiting periods?
2. What confidence comes from knowing God has spoken definitively about 'the day' of ultimate justice?

Interlinear Text

הִנֵּה	הִנֵּה	בָּאָה	וְנִתְחַנֵּתָה	נִאָמֵן	אָדָנִי	הִי	וְאַ	יְהִי	הִ
H2009		Behold it is come	and it is done	saith	the Lord	H3068		H1931	
		H935	H1961	H5002	H136				
וְמִ	רָאָשׁ	דְּבָרָתִי							
this is the day	H834	whereof I have spoken							
H3117		H1696							

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 38:17 (References God): Thus saith the Lord GOD; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?