

Ezekiel 6:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

Analysis

He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them. No location provides safety—those far from Jerusalem die by pestilence, those near fall by sword, those remaining under siege starve. The comprehensive geographical coverage (far, near, besieged) eliminates all escape possibilities. "Thus will I accomplish my fury" (vekheliti chamati, וְכִלִּיתִי חֲמָתִי) indicates God's wrath will fully exhaust itself, completing its purpose. Divine anger isn't capricious emotion but settled judicial response that must run its course until justice is satisfied. Only Christ's substitutionary atonement fully exhausted God's fury against believers' sin (Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:2).

Historical Context

Historical fulfillment confirmed this comprehensive judgment. Refugees who fled Jerusalem early died from disease in crowded conditions elsewhere. Those who stayed to defend the city fell by Babylonian swords when walls were breached. Survivors trapped during the 18-month siege starved to death (2 Kings 25:3; Lamentations 4:4-10). No strategy succeeded; every location proved deadly. This taught that when God decrees judgment, human ingenuity cannot circumvent it.

The only safety lies in repentance and submission to God's will, not in geographical relocation or military strategy.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does the elimination of all escape routes illustrate the futility of fleeing from God?
2. What does God's fury being 'accomplished' teach about divine justice requiring full satisfaction?
3. In what ways does Christ's exhausting God's wrath provide assurance believers will never face divine fury?

Interlinear Text

הַכֹּחַ וְקִי	בְּדַבַּר	יָמָוֶת	וְהַקָּרוֹב	בְּחֶרֶב
He that is far off	of the pestilence	shall die	and he that is near	by the sword
H7350	H1698	H4191	H7138	H2719
יִפֹּל	וְהַנִּשְׁאָר	וְהַנֶּצֶחַ	בְּרָעָב	יָמָוֶת
shall fall	and he that remaineth	and is besieged	by the famine	shall die
H5307	H7604	H5341	H7458	H4191
וְכָלִיתִּי	חֲמָתִי	בָּם:		
thus will I accomplish	my fury			
H3615	H2534	H0		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 5:13 (Parallel theme): Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them.

Lamentations 4:11 (Parallel theme): The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger, and hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.

Lamentations 4:22 (Parallel theme): The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: he will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.

Daniel 9:7 (Parallel theme): O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.