

Ezekiel 7:1

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Analysis

Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, The prophetic formula introduces another divine revelation, this time concerning "the end" (qets, קֵץ) of Israel's probation. Chapter 7 forms a unified prophetic oracle announcing judgment's immediacy using drumbeat repetition of "the end" (verses 2, 3, 6) and "the day" (verses 7, 10, 12). The formula establishes divine origin—what follows isn't Ezekiel's speculation but God's direct communication. This repetitive authentication emphasizes the message's gravity: Israel's final hour has arrived.

Historical Context

Dated to approximately 592-591 BC, this prophecy came roughly five years before Jerusalem's destruction (586 BC). The exiles believed their captivity would be brief and Jerusalem would survive. Ezekiel's message contradicts this false hope, declaring that the end has come. Within a few years, this prophecy would be vindicated when Babylon razed Jerusalem, validating Ezekiel's credentials as true prophet against false prophets promising peace (Jeremiah 28-29; Ezekiel 13).

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the prophetic formula remind us that Scripture originates from God, not human imagination?
2. What does the theme of 'the end' teach about God's patience having limits?
3. How should awareness that judgment eventually comes shape our response to warnings?

Interlinear Text

וְיֵהָיָה	דְּבַר	יְהוָה	אֵלַי	לֵאמֹר:
H1961	Moreover the word	of the LORD	H413	came unto me saying
	H1697	H3068		H559

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