

# Ezekiel 7:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.

## Analysis

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**Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded.** The "day" references the Day of the LORD—time of divine intervention in judgment. "The rod hath blossomed" (parach ha-matteh, הַמְתֵּה הַרְאֵב) and "pride hath budded" (tzatz ha-zadon, תְּצַצֵּחַ עַזּוֹן) use botanical imagery of maturation—sin has fully ripened, warranting harvest judgment. The "rod" may refer to Babylon as God's instrument (Isaiah 10:5) or to Israel's rebellious pride reaching full bloom. Either way, complete maturation signals judgment time has arrived—unripe sin eventually ripens into unavoidable consequences.

## Historical Context

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Israel's pride manifested in presuming their covenant status guaranteed protection regardless of behavior. They boasted in temple presence ('the temple of the LORD,' Jeremiah 7:4), Davidic throne, and chosenness while violating every covenant command. This arrogant presumption had 'budded' into full bloom, making judgment both necessary and just. The imagery of blossoming and budding suggests gradual accumulation—sin grows incrementally until reaching critical mass demanding divine response. Archaeological evidence of increasing idolatry and injustice throughout late monarchy period confirms this progressive deterioration climaxing in comprehensive judgment.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does sin 'blossoming' and 'budding' illustrate its progressive nature and eventual ripening for judgment?
2. What forms of pride in contemporary Christianity mirror Israel's presumptuous confidence?
3. In what ways does recognizing sin's progressive maturation create urgency for addressing it early?

## Interlinear Text

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בַּאֲזַרְבָּה	בְּאֵת	בְּאֵת	בְּאֵת	בְּאֵת	בְּאֵת	בְּאֵת	בְּאֵת
H2009	<b>Behold the day</b>	H2009	<b>behold it is come</b>	H935	<b>is gone forth</b>	H3318	<b>the morning</b>
	H3117						H6843
בָּרְבָּרָה	בְּרָבָרָה	בְּרָבָרָה	בְּרָבָרָה	בְּרָבָרָה	בְּרָבָרָה	בְּרָבָרָה	בְּרָבָרָה
hath blossomed	the rod	hath budded	pride				
H6692	H4294	H6524	H2087				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 10:5** (Parallel theme): O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

**Proverbs 14:3** (Parallel theme): In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride: but the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

**1 Thessalonians 5:3** (Parallel theme): For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

**James 4:6** (Parallel theme): But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

**Numbers 17:8** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.

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