

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

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, פָּרַח הַמַּטֶּה) and "pride hath budded" (tzatz ha-zadon, צָצַח הַזֵּדוֹן) 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

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

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

הֵן הַ	הֵן הַ	הֵן הַ	בֹּא הַ	יָצָא הַ	הַצֶּפֶר הַ
H2009	Behold the day	H2009	behold it is come	is gone forth	the morning
	H3117		H935	H3318	H6843
יָצָא	הַמֶּטֶה הַ	פָּרַח הַ	הַצִּדִּין:		
hath blossomed	the rod	hath budded	pride		
H6692	H4294	H6524	H2087		

Additional Cross-References

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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