

Ezekiel 7:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Historical Context

Israel's 'ways' included systematic idolatry (Ezekiel 8), social injustice (Ezekiel 22:6-12), false prophecy (Ezekiel 13), corrupt leadership (Ezekiel 22:25-28), and covenant violations too numerous to catalog. God's judgment would match these sins precisely: idols would be destroyed (Ezekiel 6:4-6), oppressors would be oppressed, false prophets would be silenced, corrupt leaders executed (2 Kings 25:18-21), and covenant curses fulfilled (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28). History demonstrates God's justice is neither vindictive nor lenient but perfectly calibrated to sin's reality.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does 'now' emphasize judgment's immediacy and strip away presumption that God delays indefinitely?
2. What does judgment 'according to thy ways' teach about measure-for-measure divine justice?
3. In what ways should awareness of perfect justice drive us to Christ who bore our recompense?

Interlinear Text

עַתָּה	H6258	Now is the end	H7093	בְּאַתְּ	H5921	עַל־יְהֹוָה	H7971	וְשָׁלַחַת־		בְּאַתְּ	H0	אֲפִי	H639
וְשָׁפֹטְתָּךְ	H8199	upon thee and will judge		תִּשְׁפֹּטְתָּךְ	H1870	יְהֹוָה	H5414	וְתִּתְּהַנֵּתָךְ	H5921	עַל־יְהֹוָה			
כָּל־אֶת	H853	H3605	upon thee all thine abominations	H8441	תְּעַבּוּתֶיךָ								

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.

Ezekiel 18:30 (Judgment): Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Ezekiel 33:20 (Judgment): Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

Ezekiel 16:38 (Judgment): And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.

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