

Ezekiel 7:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger upon thee: and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations. "Shortly" (mi-qarov, מִקְרֹב) emphasizes imminent timing—not distant future but immediate threat. "Pour out my fury" (eshpokh chamati, אֶשְׂפֹּךְ חֲמָתִי) uses imagery of liquid violence flooding over victim—overwhelming, inescapable, comprehensive. "Accomplish mine anger" (vekheliti appi, וְכִלִּיתִי אֶפִּי) means to complete, finish, or exhaust wrath—judgment will run its full course until justice is fully satisfied. The verse repeats earlier themes (verses 3-4), creating rhythmic intensity that mirrors judgment's relentless approach.

Historical Context

Within 5-6 years of this prophecy (circa 591 BC), God's fury indeed poured out when Babylon besieged Jerusalem (589-586 BC). The 'shortly' proved accurate—brief delay before comprehensive catastrophe. The poured-out fury manifested in famine, disease, violence, fire, and exile. God's anger was fully accomplished—Jerusalem lay in ruins, the temple burned, the population decimated or scattered, the land desolate. No aspect of threatened judgment failed to occur, demonstrating God's word's absolute reliability and His wrath's terrible reality.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does 'shortly' challenge our tendency to presume distant threats won't materialize?
2. What does 'pouring out fury' teach about divine wrath's overwhelming, inescapable nature?
3. In what ways does Christ's accomplishing God's anger on the cross provide assurance believers never face this fury?

Interlinear Text

עַתָּה	מִקֵּר וּב	אֲשֹׁפּ וְ	חַמָּתִי	עַל יְ
H6258	Now will I shortly	pour out	my fury	H5921
	H7138	H8210	H2534	
וְכָלִיתִּי י		אִפִּי	בְּ יְ	וְשִׁפְטִי יְ
upon thee and accomplish	mine anger	H0	upon thee and I will judge	
H3615	H639		H8199	
כְּדָרְךָ יְ	וְנָתַתִּי י	עַל יְ	אֵת	כָּל
thee according to thy ways	and will recompense	H5921	H853	H3605
H1870	H5414			
תוֹעֲבוֹתַיִךְ:				
thee for all thine abominations				
H8441				

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 9:8 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

Ezekiel 14:19 (Parallel theme): Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:

Isaiah 42:25 (Parallel theme): Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

Nahum 1:6 (Parallel theme): Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

Ezekiel 20:8 (Parallel theme): But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me: they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

Ezekiel 20:21 (Judgment): Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

Ezekiel 20:13 (Judgment): But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

Ezekiel 20:33 (Parallel theme): As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

Revelation 14:10 (Judgment): The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Psalms 79:6 (Judgment): Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

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