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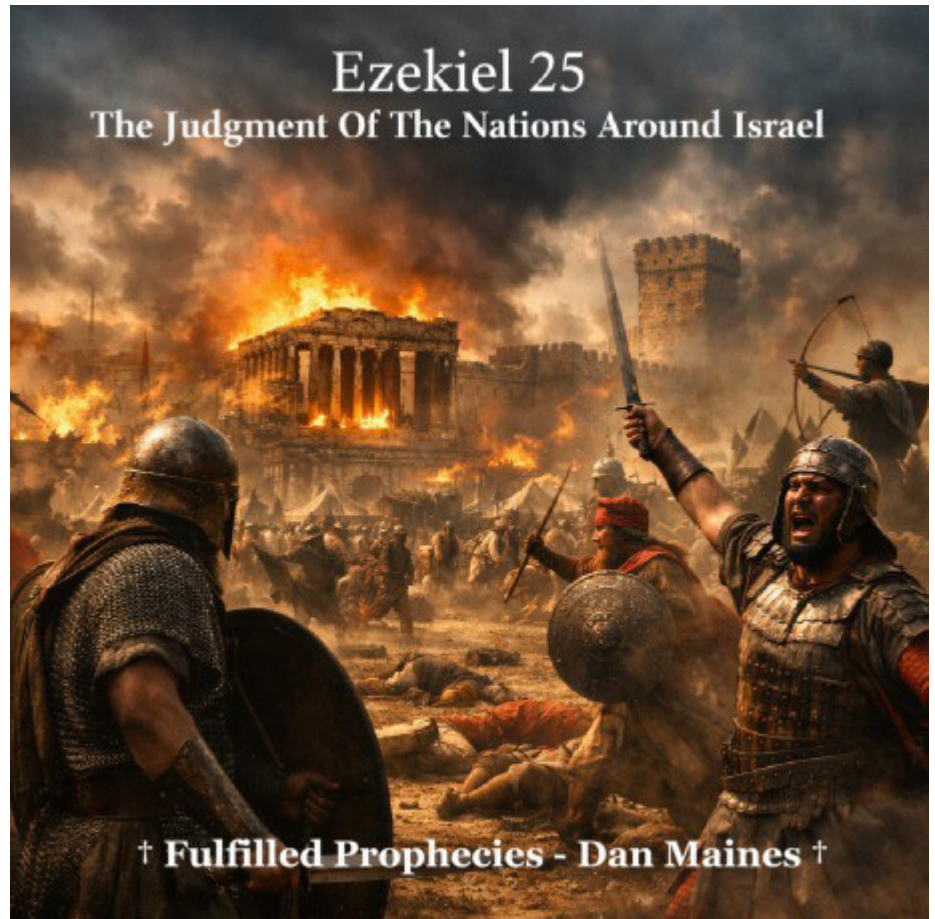
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Ezekiel 25 The Judgment Of The Nations Around Israel



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Introduction

† Ezekiel 25 shifts the focus from Jerusalem to the surrounding nations who rejoiced over her fall.

† God is not only judging His own people, He's also judging those who mocked, hated, and took advantage of her destruction.

† This chapter shows that no nation escapes God's justice,

especially those who oppose His covenant people.

Prophecy Against Ammon

Ezekiel 25:1-3

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face toward the sons of Ammon and prophesy against them, and say to the sons of Ammon, Hear the word of the Lord God! This is what the Lord God says, Because you said, Aha! against My sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was made desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into exile

† Ammon rejoiced over the destruction of the temple and the exile of Judah, showing hatred toward what God had established (Ezekiel 25:3)

† This reveals that their sin was not just political, it was spiritual opposition to God Himself (Psalm 137:7)

† God takes personally how nations respond to His people and His sanctuary

Ezekiel 25:4-5

therefore, behold, I am going to hand you over to the sons of the east as a possession, and they will set their encampments among you and make their dwellings among you; they will eat your fruit and drink your milk. I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels and the sons of Ammon a resting place for flocks. Thus you will know that I am the Lord

† God turns their land over to invaders, the same kind of destruction they celebrated (Ezekiel 25:4)

† Their capital becomes a place of ruin and animals, showing complete humiliation (Isaiah 34:13)

† The purpose is clear, they will know that He is the Lord

Ezekiel 25:6-7

For this is what the Lord God says, Because you have clapped

your hands and stamped your feet and rejoiced with all the contempt of your soul against the land of Israel, therefore, behold, I have stretched out My hand against you and will hand you over as plunder to the nations. And I will eliminate you from the peoples and cut you off from the lands; I will destroy you. Thus you will know that I am the Lord

† Their celebration of Israel's fall exposed their heart of hatred (Ezekiel 25:6)

† God responds with total judgment, cutting them off from among the nations (Jeremiah 49:2)

† This shows that mocking God's judgment brings judgment on yourself

Prophecy Against Moab

Ezekiel 25:8-9

This is what the Lord God says, Because Moab and Seir say, Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations, therefore, behold, I am going to deprive the flank of Moab of its cities, of its cities which are on its frontiers, the glory of the land, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim

† Moab denied that Judah was distinct, treating God's chosen people as nothing special (Ezekiel 25:8)

† This is a rejection of God's covenant identity and purpose (Deuteronomy 7:6)

† Their cities, once strong, are opened up to invasion and loss

Ezekiel 25:10-11

and I will give it for a possession along with the sons of Ammon to the sons of the east, so that the sons of Ammon will not be remembered among the nations. So I will execute judgments on Moab, and they will know that I am the Lord

† Moab joins Ammon in destruction, showing shared guilt and shared judgment (Ezekiel 25:10)

† Their identity as a nation fades, fulfilling God's word against them (Jeremiah 48:42)

† Again, the goal is recognition of the Lord's authority

Prophecy Against Edom

Ezekiel 25:12-13

This is what the Lord God says, Because Edom has acted revengefully against the house of Judah and has incurred grievous guilt, and avenged themselves upon them, therefore this is what the Lord God says, I will also stretch out My hand against Edom and eliminate human and animal life from it. And I will make it a desolation; from Teman even to Dedan they will fall by the sword

† Edom acted in vengeance against Judah, showing deep hostility (Obadiah 1:10-12)

† Their betrayal during Israel's suffering brings direct judgment from God

† Their land becomes desolate, showing complete reversal of their pride

Ezekiel 25:14

And I will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel. So they will deal with Edom in accordance with My anger and in accordance with My wrath; so they will know My vengeance, declares the Lord God

† God uses Israel as an instrument of judgment against Edom (Ezekiel 25:14)

† This fulfills the principle that what they did to others will be done to them (Galatians 6:7)

† The result is that they experience God's vengeance directly

Prophecy Against Philistia

Ezekiel 25:15-16

This is what the Lord God says, Because the Philistines have acted in revenge and have taken vengeance with malice of soul to destroy in everlasting hostility, therefore this is what the Lord God says, Behold, I am going to stretch out My hand against the Philistines, even eliminate the Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast

† The Philistines carried long-standing hatred and acted on it (Ezekiel 25:15)

† Their desire to destroy Israel brings their own destruction (Zephaniah 2:5)

† God removes even the remnant, leaving nothing behind

Ezekiel 25:17

And I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful punishments; and they will know that I am the Lord when I lay My vengeance on them

† God's vengeance is described as great and undeniable (Ezekiel 25:17)

† His judgment serves as a revelation of His authority

† Every nation that opposed Him comes to the same conclusion, He is the Lord

Historical References

† Josephus records the destruction and subjugation of surrounding nations during the rise of Babylon and later powers, showing these prophecies unfolding in history

† Eusebius notes the disappearance and absorption of these nations into other peoples, confirming their loss of identity

† Irenaeus speaks of God's consistent judgment on those who oppose His people, showing this pattern across time

How It Applies To Us Today

† God sees how people respond to His truth, and He holds them accountable

† Rejoicing over the downfall of others, especially God's people, is a serious offense before Him

† Pride, revenge, and hatred always lead to destruction

† God is consistent, what He judged then, He still judges now

† We are called to humility, not arrogance, recognizing that all authority belongs to Him

Q & A Appendix

Q When were these judgments fulfilled?

A These judgments began with the Babylonian conquests in the 6th century BC and continued through later empires, with the complete disappearance of these nations by the first century, aligning with the broader judgment leading up to AD 70 (Jeremiah 49; Obadiah 1; Ezekiel 25)

Q Why did God judge these nations?

A Because they rejoiced over Israel's fall, took vengeance, and opposed God's people (Ezekiel 25:3, 6, 12, 15)

Q What does it mean that they would know the Lord?

A It means they would recognize His authority through judgment (Ezekiel 25:5, 7, 11, 17)

Q Does this apply only to ancient nations?

A No, the principle remains that God judges pride, hatred, and opposition to His truth (Galatians 6:7)

Q How does this connect to AD 70?

A These earlier judgments establish the pattern of covenant judgment that culminates in the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, showing God's consistent dealing with sin (Matthew 23:38; Luke 21:22)

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