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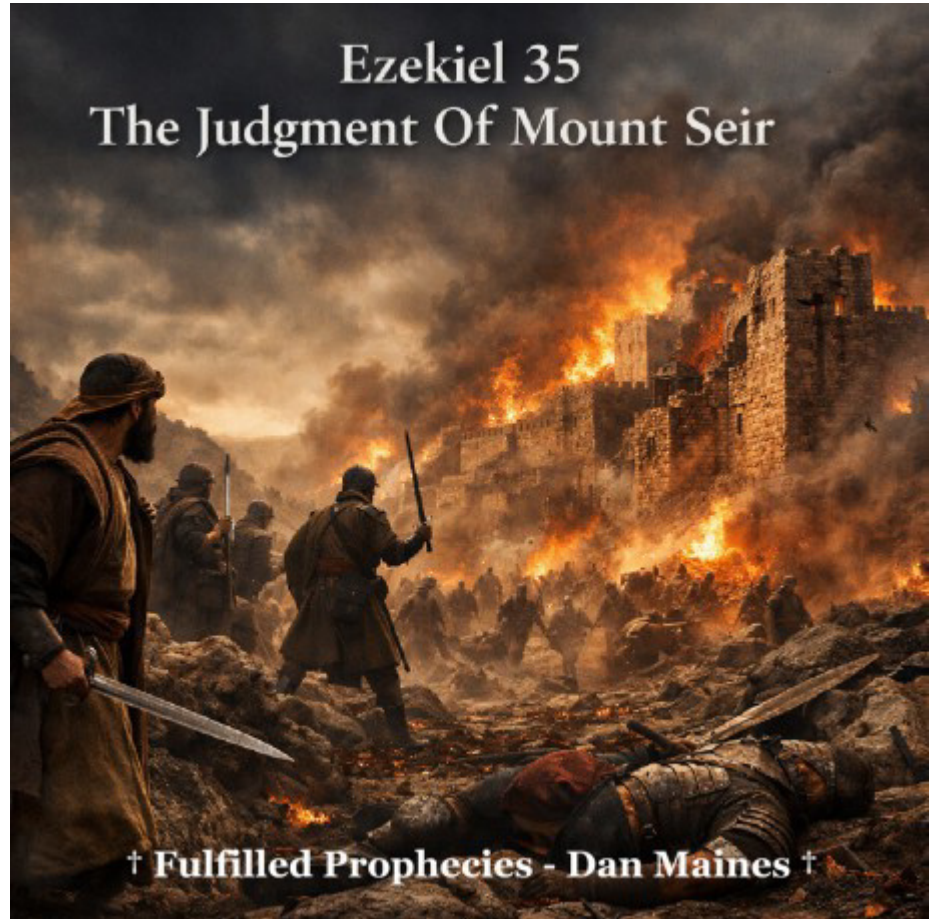
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Ezekiel 35 The Judgment Of Mount Seir



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Introduction

† Ezekiel 35 is a direct judgment against Mount Seir, representing Edom, the long-standing enemy of Israel (Genesis 36:8).

† Edom rejoiced over Israel's fall and sought to take possession of their land, showing hatred that went back to Esau and Jacob

(Obadiah 10-12).

† This judgment was fulfilled in the first century when God removed the old covenant enemies and fully judged those who stood against His people, culminating in AD 70 (Luke 21:22).

Ezekiel 35:1-4

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it and say to it, This is what the Lord God says: Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir, and I will stretch out My hand against you and make you a waste and a desolation. I will turn your cities into ruins and you will become a desolation. Then you will know that I am the Lord.

† God Himself declares He is against Mount Seir, this isn't just political judgment, it's divine judgment (Isaiah 34:5).

† The desolation shows total covenant judgment, just like what came upon Jerusalem later (Matthew 23:38).

† The purpose is clear, they would know that He is the Lord, judgment reveals His authority and truth (Ezekiel 6:7).

Ezekiel 35:5-9

Because you have had everlasting hostility and have handed over the sons of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their disaster, at the time of their final punishment, therefore as I live, declares the Lord God, I will give you over to bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you; since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you. So I will make Mount Seir a waste and a desolation, and I will cut off from it one who passes through and returns. I will fill its mountains with its slain; on your hills, in your valleys, and in all your streams, those slain by the sword will fall. I will make you an everlasting desolation, and your cities will not be inhabited. Then you will

know that I am the Lord.

† Edom's sin is clearly stated, perpetual hatred, they never let it go (Amos 1:11).

† They took advantage of Israel's fall, showing they were enemies of God's covenant people (Psalm 137:7).

† The phrase time of their final punishment points to covenant judgment reaching its full measure, which we see completed in the first century (Matthew 23:32).

Ezekiel 35:10-13

Because you have said, These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we will possess them, although the Lord was there, therefore as I live, declares the Lord God, I will deal with you according to your anger and according to your envy which you showed because of your hatred against them; so I will make Myself known among them when I judge you. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have heard all your insults which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate; they have been given to us as food. And you have spoken arrogantly against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard it.

† Edom thought the land was theirs, but God says He was there, ownership was always His (Leviticus 25:23).

† Their pride and arrogance weren't just against Israel, they were against God Himself (Proverbs 16:18).

† God heard every word, nothing escapes Him, judgment comes based on truth, not assumption (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

Ezekiel 35:14-15

This is what the Lord God says: As all the earth rejoices, I will make you a desolation. Just as you rejoiced over the

inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, so I will deal with you. You will be a desolation, Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the Lord.

† Edom rejoiced over Israel's fall, and God turns that same judgment back on them (Galatians 6:7).

† This is a reversal principle, what they celebrated becomes their own destruction (Obadiah 15).

† This again shows covenant justice, not random events, but measured judgment (Romans 2:6).

Historical References

† Josephus records the Idumeans being involved in the destruction of Jerusalem and then being destroyed themselves shortly after, showing this judgment reached its full expression in the first century (Josephus, Wars of the Jews, Book 4-5).

† Eusebius notes the disappearance of Edom as a distinct people, confirming the prophecy of perpetual desolation (Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History).

† Tacitus records the destruction and upheaval in Judea and its surrounding regions, aligning with the fulfillment period (Tacitus, Histories 5).

How It Applies To Us Today

† God still judges pride and hatred, nothing has changed, He sees everything (James 4:6).

† Rejoicing in someone else's fall is condemned, we're called to righteousness, not revenge (Proverbs 24:17).

† God keeps His word completely, what He said about Edom came to pass, and that builds our confidence in everything He has promised (2 Peter 3:9).

† The fulfilled judgment shows we're not waiting for these things, they've already happened, and we now live in the established kingdom (Hebrews 12:28).

† It reminds us that opposing God's people is ultimately opposing God Himself (Acts 9:4).

Q & A Appendix

Q Who was Mount Seir referring to?

A It refers to Edom, descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:8).

Q What was Edom's main sin?

A Perpetual hatred and rejoicing over Israel's destruction (Amos 1:11; Obadiah 12).

Q When was this judgment fulfilled?

A It reached fulfillment in the first century, culminating around AD 70 with the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of surrounding enemies (Luke 21:22).

Q Why does God emphasize you shall know that I am the Lord?

A Because judgment reveals His authority and confirms His word (Ezekiel 6:7).

Q What does this teach us today?

A That God is just, He sees everything, and He repays according to actions (Romans 2:6).

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