

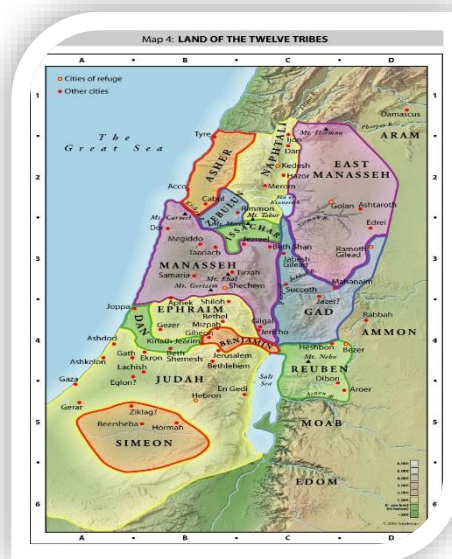
# EZEKIEL 25 vs 1

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Of the last chapter, we learn bloody Jerusalem didn't even seek to cover and hide their bloody shame. Matthew Henry wrote: Judgment began at the house of God, and therefore with them the prophets began, who were the judges; but it must not end there, and therefore the prophets did not end there.

An outline of Ezekiel: **Chapters 1 – 24:** The Lord's prophecies against **Israel** and **Judah**; **Chapter 25:** prophecies against 4 neighbors: **Ammon, Moab, Edom** – east of Jordan, **Philistia** – Gaza to Ashdod - the western coastline; **Chapter 26 – 28:** judgment on Tyre in Lebanon, its overthrow; a funeral song; its leader's downfall, and a funeral song for its real king, lastly judgment on Sidon. **Chapter 29 – 32:** judgment on Egypt; description of judgment; comparison to Assyria; a funeral song over Egypt. **Chapter 33:** appointing watchmen on the wall; **Chapter 34:** firing all the shepherds / the hired pastors; the LORD will do the job. **Chapter 35 - 36:** judgment begins at the household of God; but extends to the irksome neighbors; God always looks for love freely given. Much of this record – but not all was local history 2500 years ago.



## Prophecy Against Ammon

**<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came again to me saying,**

**<sup>2</sup> Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites / modern-day Jordan, and prophesy against them;**

**<sup>3</sup> And say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of the LORD God: Thus says the Lord God; Because you said, Aha, against My sanctuary when it was profaned when they went in captivity / this verse is interesting since modern-day Jordan is responsible for the place called: the Temple Mount in Jerusalem;**

**and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah / churchianity is totally clueless, but it's interesting to hear how our Jewish cousins, for being so smart are equally clueless and say silly things like Abraham was Jewish, or others similar things, when muddying up the distinct differences between these 2 houses of the Old Testament;**

**<sup>4</sup> so indeed, I am delivering you to the people of the East for a possession, and they will set their strongholds in you, and make their dwellings in you. They will eat your fruit, and they will drink your milk.**

**<sup>5</sup> And I will make Rabbah a pasture for camels, and Ammon a fold for flocks: and you will know:**

**I am the LORD.**

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**<sup>6</sup> For thus says the LORD God: Because you clapped your hands and stomped your feet, and rejoiced with all the malice in your heart against the land of **Israel**;**

**<sup>7</sup> so indeed, I have stretched out My hand against you, and will deliver you for a plunder to the nations. And I will cut you off from the peoples, and will make you to perish from the countries; I will destroy you. Then you will know:**

**I am the LORD.**

Prophecy Against Moab and Seir

**<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD God: Because that Moab and Seir say, Indeed, the **house of Judah** is like all the other nations;**

**<sup>9</sup> so, indeed, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from its cities on its borders, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim / isn't it interesting how faithful Ezekiel told all these details about great warring factions in his day, the equivalent of our Al Qaeda – a made up name by the CIA; and moderate rebels – also invented by them, as if there is such a thing; and the others mentioned here; the problem is that all these fierce warriors... can't hardly be located today in our genius 21<sup>st</sup> century; except by a few pots and broken artifacts found in deserted dust piles,**

**<sup>10</sup> I will give it along with the Ammonites to the people of the East as a possession, that the Ammonites may be remembered no more among the nations,**

**<sup>11</sup> and I will execute judgments on Moab. Then they will know:**

**I am the LORD.**

Prophecy Against Edom

**<sup>12</sup> Thus says the LORD God:**

**Because Edom took vengeance against the **house of Judah**, and has greatly offended, revenging himself on them;**

**<sup>13</sup> so thus says the LORD God:**

**I will stretch out My hand against Edom, and cut off from it man and beast. And I will make it desolate; from Teman even to Dedan they will fall by the sword.**

**<sup>14</sup> And I will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people **Israel**: and they will do in Edom according to My anger and according to My wrath.**

**Then they will know My vengeance, says the LORD God.**

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## Prophecy Against Philistia

**<sup>15</sup> Thus says the LORD God: Because the Philistines took revenge, and with vengeance and malice in their heart to destroy it for the old hatred / the never-ending animosity;**

**<sup>16</sup> so thus says the LORD God; Indeed, I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the rest along the sea coast.**

**<sup>17</sup> I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes. Then they will know:**

**I am the LORD,** when I will lay My vengeance on them.

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When reading these verses, we must remember, that in every nation, tribe and language, the people of the Lord have responded to Him through the ages. I am sure citizens of eternity who live in some of these places have a certain anxiety over these verses; our brothers and sisters in the Lord must always remember 2 things:

1. that no matter where they live: in the world we will have tribulation, troubling times; but the people of God are not appointed **to wrath**, but to salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord – **1 Thessalonians 5**
2. 3 Days are still on the Lord's calendar; shadows of things to come... the **Day of Trumpets**; the **Day Afflicting of souls**; and the joyous **Day of Tabernacles** – **Zechariah 14**. Obviously, the Day of God's wrath is what we intended to avoid. And we will avoid it because we acknowledge that Jesus the Messiah came the first time, and substituted His life for ours. When we make Him our sacrifice for sin, and as we live to know Him better; He will see and be satisfied – **Isaiah 53**.

Doesn't it seem like lots of people still need to learn that simple lesson: The God of Israel and Judah...

**He is the Lord.**

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