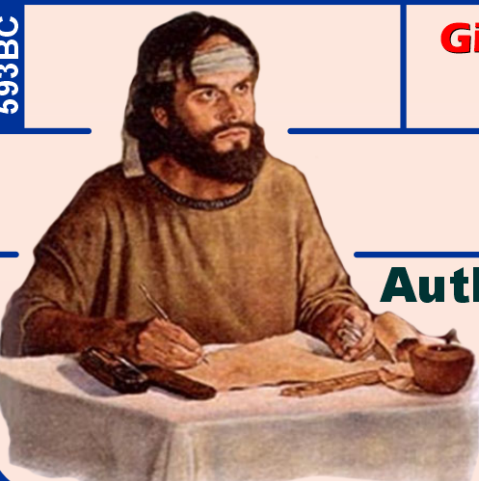


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EZEKIEL

BOOK OF EZEKIEL – OUTLINE

INWARD → Personal		OUTWARD ↺ Peoples		ONWARD → Prophetic													
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Ezekiel's Call to Ministry - Ezekiel Birth (623BC) and Ministry Years (593-571BC) 597BC is the 2nd Deportation; Ezekiel taken at age 25 593BC Ezekiel begins Ministry at age 30		Sinfulness of Israel and Fall of Jerusalem - A Disobedient Nation (4-7) - A Departed Glory (8-11) - A Disciplined Nation (12-24) - The Futility of False Optimism (12-19) - The History of Judah's Corruption (20-24)		Judgment on Nations that Opposed Israel - Ammon (25:1-7) - Moab (25:8-11) - Edom (25:12-14) - Philistia (25:15-17) - Tyre (26:1—28:19) - Sidon (28:20-24) - Egypt (29-32)		Restoration of Israel in the Future - Return of Israel to the land (33-39) - Restoration of Israel in the Kingdom (40-48) - Promised Land; Millennial Temple, and the Glory of God											
593BC		Given BEFORE the siege of Jerusalem		587BC		Given DURING the siege of Jerusalem		586BC		Given AFTER the siege of Jerusalem		571BC					
						The City Destroyed 7 Years Prophesying JUDGMENT						The City Restored 15 Years Prophesying HOPE					
Author: Ezekiel (“God strengthens”) Place: Babylonia Time: About 22 years (593-571BC)																	
Events: 605BC — FIRST Siege upon Israel by Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel taken) Ezekiel 17 years old																	
597BC — SECOND assault upon Jerusalem (Ezekiel taken) Ezekiel 25 years old																	
593BC — Ezekiel at age 30 called by God to testify against Israel Ezekiel 30 years old																	
586BC — THIRD assault upon Jerusalem (City & Temple destroyed) Ezekiel 37 years old																	

INTRODUCTION: EZEKIEL 25

- **The siege of Jerusalem had begun; it was only a matter of time till her destruction would be complete.**
- **So Ezekiel turned from Jerusalem to give messages against those nations surrounding it.**
- **If God would not spare His own people because of their sin, how could the nations around her hope to escape His judgment?**
- **God's judgment began in Israel (chapters 4-24), but it would extend from there to 'other nations' (chapters 25-32).**



INTRODUCTION: EZEKIEL 25

- **God's judgment on these nations is based on the Abrahamic Covenant (Ge.12:1-3; 15:1-21).**
- **Those who bless the descendants of Abraham will be blessed, and those who curse the descendants of Abraham will be cursed.**
- **Ezekiel pronounced God's curse on seven countries that contributed to Judah's downfall.**
- **Each prophecy closes with a statement of the result of its judgment: then "they will know that I am the Lord."**



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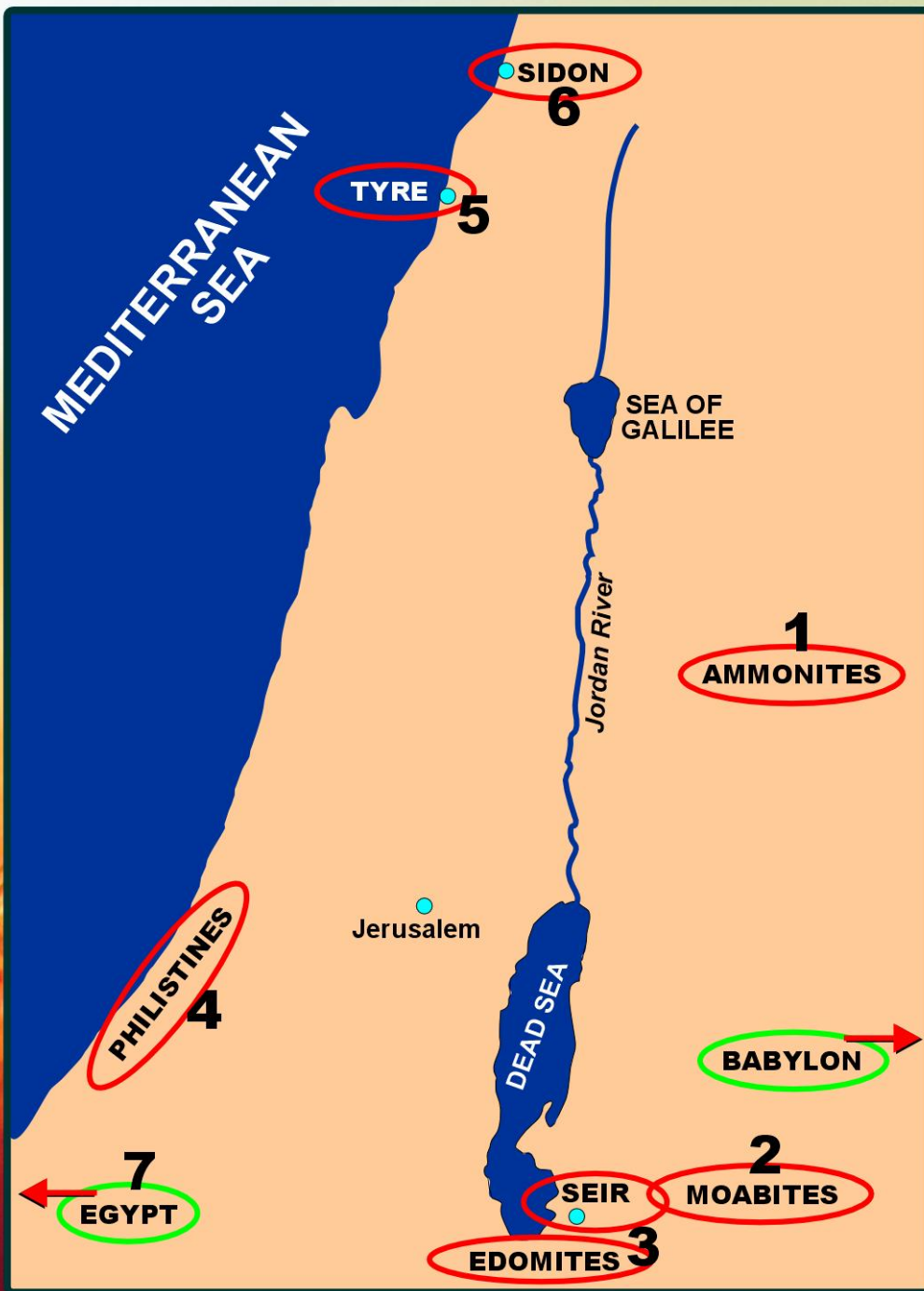
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Judgment on

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(Ezekiel 25:1-7)



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EZEKIEL 24-33

**The word of the LORD
came to me, saying,**

EZEKIEL 25:1



The word of the LORD came to me, saying, (Ek.25:1)

- The Lord directed His servant Ezekiel to set his face toward the nation of Ammon and to deliver a message of judgment from Him.**
- It is fitting, after devoting chapters 1-24 to calamity on His chosen nation, that God should reveal His impartiality toward all sinners and provide the prophet with judgments to proclaim on Gentiles.**
- Israel's sinful failure had profaned God's honor in the eyes of these peoples (Ek.36:21-23), but these nations had falsely assumed that, when Israel was exiled, their God was defeated.**



**Son of man, set your face
against the Ammonites,
and prophesy against
them.**

EZEKIEL 25:2



Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them. (Ek.25:2)

- **Ezekiel had already pronounced judgment on Ammon (Ek.21:28-32). Now Ammon was singled out to head the list of nations that would feel the sting of divine judgment.**
- **Ammon and Israel had been in conflict since the time of Jephthah during the period of the Judges (Jg.10:6-11:33).**
 - **Saul fought with the Ammonites to rescue Jabesh Gilead (1Sm.11:1-11).**
 - **David conquered Ammon (1Ch.19:1-20:3).**
- **Sometime after the death of Solomon the Ammonites regained their independence and renewed their hostilities with Judah.**



**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,
and against the land of Israel when it
was desolate, and against the house of
Judah when they went into captivity,**

EZEKIEL 25:3



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, and against the land of Israel when it was desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into captivity, (Ek.25:3)

- **Ammon rejoiced over the destruction of the temple (mockingly saying Aha!) and the decimation and exile of the people of Judah.**
- **The Ammonites joined Babylon against Judah about 600 B.C. (2Ki.24:2).**
- **God judged this people because of their enmity against Israel (Ek.25:3, 6).**
- **They expressed malicious pleasure at the dishonoring of the temple, desolation of the land, and dispersion of the inhabitants.**



**indeed, therefore, I will deliver you
as a possession to the men of the
East, and they shall set their
encampments among you and make
their dwellings among you; they shall
eat your fruit, and they shall drink
your milk.**

EZEKIEL 25:4



indeed, therefore, I will deliver you as a possession to the men of the East, and they shall set their encampments among you and make their dwellings among you; they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk. (Ek.25:4)

- **God would send them to the people of the East, nomadic desert tribesmen, as a possession.**
- **These nomads would overrun the Ammonites, turning Rabbah, Ammon's capital city, into a pasture for camels and Ammon into a resting place for sheep.**
- **Because of Ammon's malice against Israel, Ammon would be plundered by other nations and destroyed.**
- **Perhaps this meant the coming of Babylon from the east which would devastate Ammon in either 588-86 B.C. or 582/81 B.C. Or, it could refer to their land being occupied by the various nomadic tribes living beyond the Jordan River.**



**And I will make Rabbah a stable
for camels and Ammon a resting
place for flocks. Then you shall
know that I am the LORD.**

EZEKIEL 25:5



And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels and Ammon a resting place for flocks. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ek.25:5)

- **The capital city, Rabbah (modern Amman), as well as the rest of the land, would become a desolation inhabited mainly by camels and flocks of sheep and goats.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar brought Ammon and Moab into subjection in the fifth year after Jerusalem fell (about 581 B.C.).**



**For thus says the Lord GOD:
"Because you clapped your
hands, stamped your feet,
and rejoiced in heart with
all your disdain for the land
of Israel,**

EZEKIEL 25:6



For thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you clapped your hands, stamped your feet, and rejoiced in heart with all your disdain for the land of Israel, (Ek.25:6)

- **The Ammonites gloated over Judah's misfortune.**
- **God's judgment would fit Ammon's sin. They rejoiced over Judah's downfall so they would fall.**
- **God would end their existence as a separate nation and destroy them as a people.**



**indeed, therefore, I will stretch out My
hand against you, and give you as
plunder to the nations; I will cut you
off from the peoples, and I will cause
you to perish from the countries; I will
destroy you, and you shall know that I
am the LORD.**

EZEKIEL 25:7



indeed, therefore, I will stretch out My hand against you, and give you as plunder to the nations; I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish from the countries; I will destroy you, and you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ek.25:7)

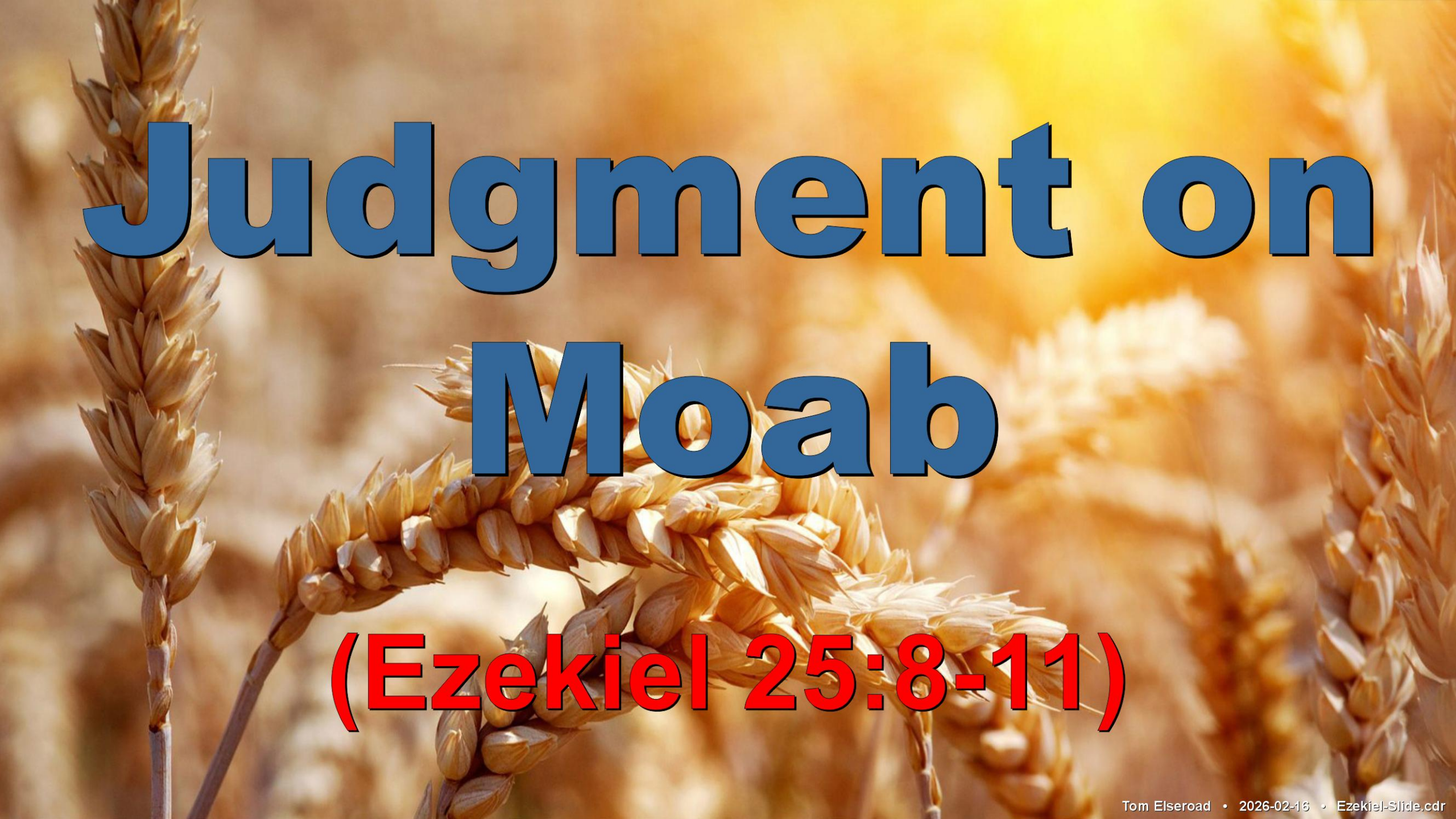
- When Nebuchadnezzar decided to attack Judah instead of Ammon (Ek.21:18-27), Ammon was relieved that she had been spared.**
- Because the Ammonites had rejoiced over Israel's misfortune the Lord would punish them and give them as the spoils of war to other nations.**
- Ammon no longer existed as a nation after Nebuchadnezzar destroyed it and Bedouins from the east plundered it.**
- This judgment would teach them that Yahweh is God.**



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- **Jeremiah predicted that Yahweh would restore the fortunes of the Ammonites (Je.49:6). This occurred briefly after the Exile.**
- **Restoration of this region will also take place in the Millennium (Je.46:26-28; 48:47).**





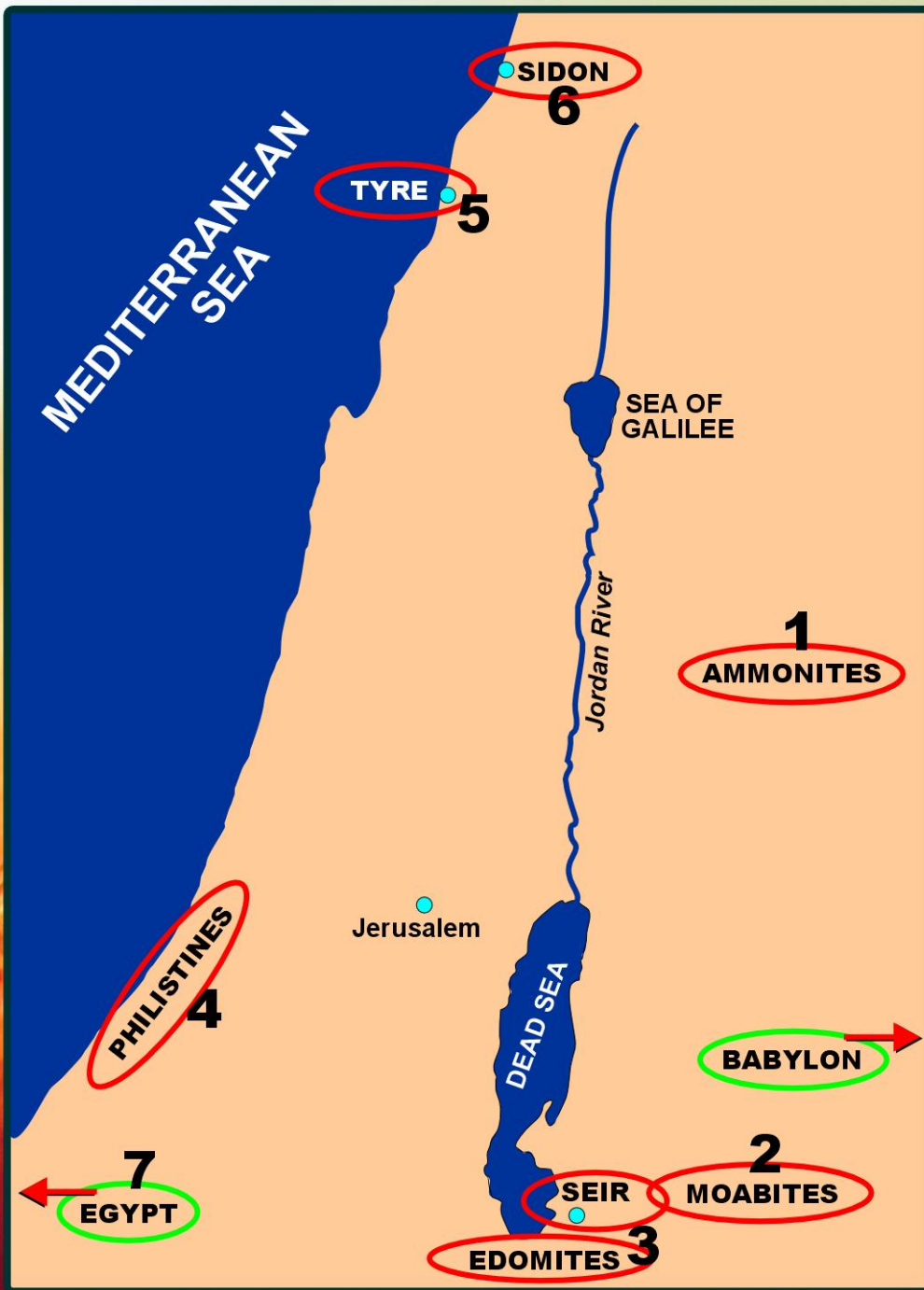
Judgment on Moab

(Ezekiel 25:8-11)

**'Thus says the Lord GOD:
"Because Moab and Seir
say, 'Look! The house of
Judah is like all the
nations,'**

EZEKIEL 25:8





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Fall of Jerusalem ACCOMPLISHED

Jerusalem Struck Down (33:21-33)

EZEKIEL 24-33

'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because Moab and Seir say, 'Look! The house of Judah is like all the nations,' (Ek.25:8)

- **Moab's sin was her contempt for God's people.**
- **Seir was the name of the mountain range south of the Dead Sea that encompassed the country of Edom.**
- **Seir became synonymous with the land of Edom (2Ch.20:10; Nu.20:14-21).**



'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because Moab and Seir say, 'Look! The house of Judah is like all the nations,' (Ek.25:8)

- The residents of Moab and Seir (Edom) had regarded Judah as just one of the other nations even though the Judahites were blood relatives of theirs (Je.48:27; Zp.2:8-9).**
- This attitude reflected disrespect for Yahweh. They viewed Israel's God as no better than other pagan deities since Judah had fallen to the Babylonians.**
- By minimizing Judah's position of centrality among the nations, they were profaning the name of God who had promised Judah that position.**
- Their two sins were (1) gloating over Israel's fall, and (2) They said Israel was not a privileged people before God.**





MOAB

The hostility between Moab and Israel began when Balak, king of Moab, tried to oppose Israel as Moses was leading them to Canaan (Nu.22-24).

Relations between the countries improved slightly after that, and some Israelites went to Moab during a famine.

Through this contact Ruth the Moabite entered Israel's history and the royal line of David.

**therefore, behold, I will clear the
territory of Moab of cities, of the
cities on its frontier, the glory of
the country, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal
Meon, and Kirjathaim.**

EZEKIEL 25:9

therefore, behold, I will clear the territory of Moab of cities, of the cities on its frontier, the glory of the country, Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kirjathaim. (Ek.25:9)

- **Because Moab treated Judah with contempt, God would remove Moab's glory by exposing its northern flank to attack.**
 - **He would destroy three towns: Beth Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kirjathaim.**
 - **Beth Jeshimoth guarded the ascent to the Medeba Plateau from the Plains of Moab by the Jordan River.**
 - **Baal Meon and Kiriathaim were important fortresses on the Medeba Plateau.**



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- **Yahweh would give the whole country over to the control of the eastern invaders along with Ammon, and Moab would cease to exist as a nation (Ek.25:7; Je.48:7-9).**
- **Both Ammonites and Moabites became absorbed into the Arabian peoples.**



**To the men of the East I will
give it as a possession,
together with the Ammonites,
that the Ammonites may not
be remembered among the
nations.**

EZEKIEL 25:10



To the men of the East I will give it as a possession, together with the Ammonites, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations. (Ek.25:10)

- **In addition to losing her defenses Moab would also lose her freedom.**
- **God said He would give Moab to the people of the East, the same fate as Ammon (Ek.25:4).**



**And I will execute judgments
upon Moab, and they shall
know that I am the LORD.**

EZEKIEL 25:11



And I will execute judgments upon Moab, and they shall know that I am the LORD. (Ek.25:11)

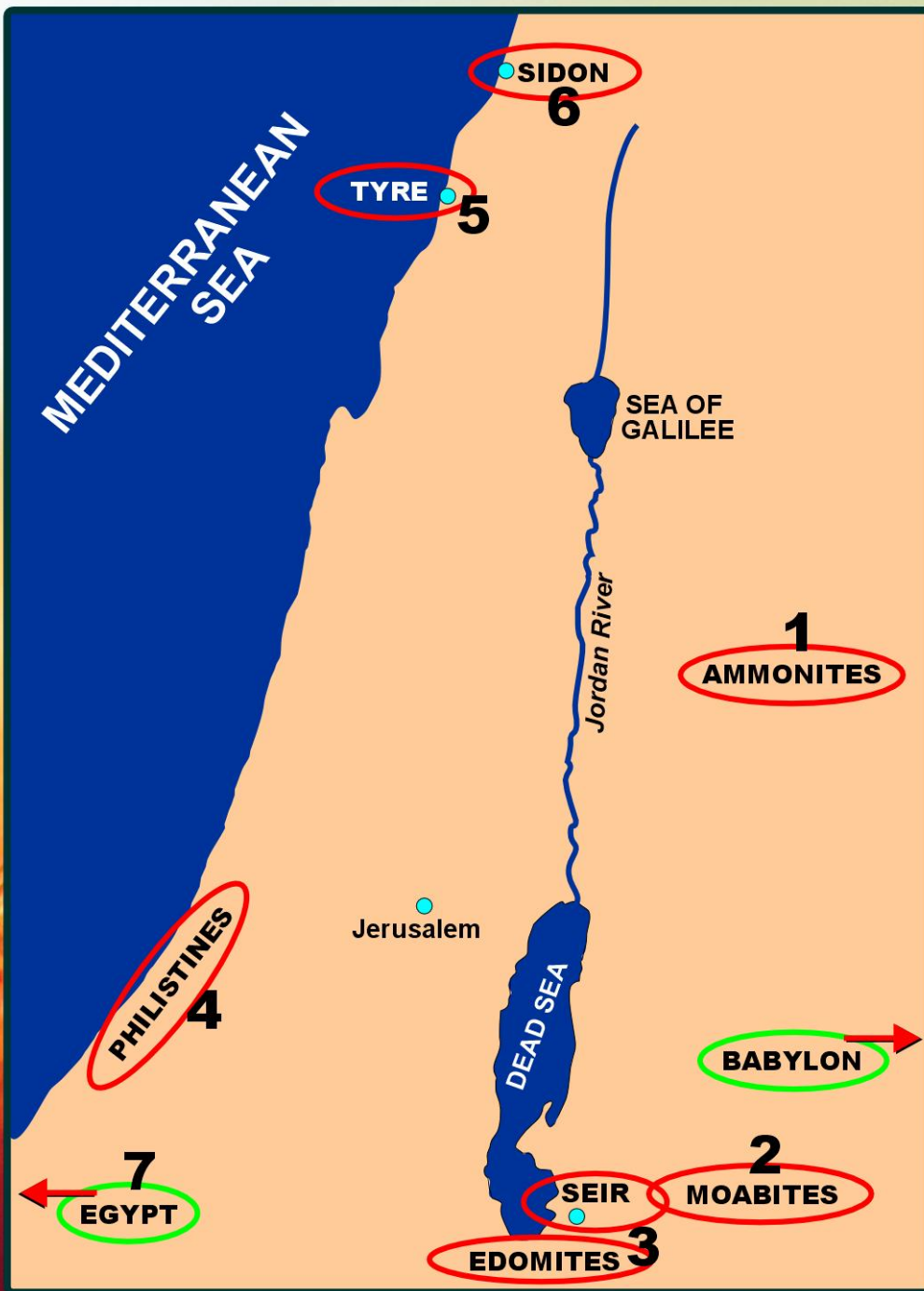
- **Yahweh would judge Moab, and the Moabites would come to realize that He is God.**
- **Moab also passed out of existence during the Exile.**
- **Yet Yahweh promised to restore the fortunes of Moab in the distant future (Je.48:47; 46:26; 49:6, 39).**
- **This will happen at Christ's coming when modern residents of Moab's territory will stream to Jerusalem to worship Messiah in the Millennium.**





Judgment on Edom

(Ezekiel 25:12-14)



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EZEKIEL 24-33

**Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because
of what Edom did against the
house of Judah by taking
vengeance, and has greatly
offended by avenging itself on
them,**

EZEKIEL 25:12



Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because of what Edom did against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended by avenging itself on them, (Ek.25:12)

- **Like Ammon and Moab, Edom was involved in a long series of conflicts with Israel.**
- **The strife actually began when Edom refused to let Israel cross her territory during the time of the wilderness wanderings (Nu.20:14-21).**
- **Saul fought the Edomites (1Sm.14:47), and David finally captured Edom and made it a vassal state to Israel (2Sm.8:13-14).**



Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because of what Edom did against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended by avenging itself on them, (Ek.25:12)

- **Ezekiel said Edom's sin was that she took revenge on the house of Judah.**
- **Edom saw in Judah's conflict with Babylon an opportunity to oppose her rival.**
- **If her foe were destroyed then Edom could achieve a place of power at the southern end of the Dead Sea.**



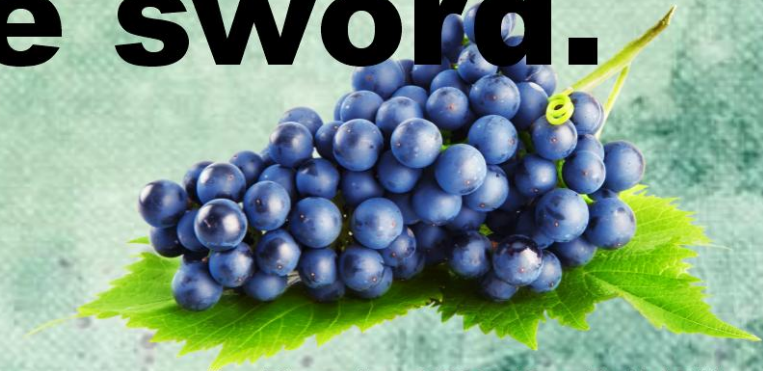
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- **Edom became a vassal of Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar's stunning defeat of Egypt in 605B.C.**
- **When Judah revolted in 588B.C., Edom sided with Babylon and aided Babylon in her assaults on Judah (Ps.137:7; Je.49:7-22).**
- **Edom acted like a cheering section for Babylon, calling out "raze it, raze it" (Ps.137:7; Lm.4:21-22).**



**therefore thus says the Lord
GOD: "I will also stretch out My
hand against Edom, cut off
man and beast from it, and
make it desolate from Teman;
Dedan shall fall by the sword.**

EZEKIEL 25:13



therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also stretch out My hand against Edom, cut off man and beast from it, and make it desolate from Teman; Dedan shall fall by the sword. (Ek.25:13)

- **God would kill Edom's men and their animals from Teman to Dedan.**
- **Teman was a city in central Edom about three miles from Sela, later known as Petra.**
- **Dedan was southeast of Edom in northern Arabia.**
- **Jeremiah revealed that this punishment would come through Nebuchadnezzar (Je.9:26; 25:21; 27:1-11).**



therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also stretch out My hand against Edom, cut off man and beast from it, and make it desolate from Teman; Dedan shall fall by the sword. (Ek.25:13)

- **Edom was conquered by the Nabateans during the intertestamental period.**
- **The remnant of the Edomites (also called Idumeans) moved west to the Negev.**
- **Later they were forced to become Jewish converts (Josephus, Antiquities).**
- **Thus, the Edomites lost both their country and their national identity.**
- **All three of these nations (Ammon, Moab, and Edom) have disappeared as separate nations, being absorbed into the Arab peoples.**



**I will lay My vengeance on Edom
by the hand of My people Israel,
that they may do in Edom according
to My anger and according to My
fury; and they shall know My
vengeance," says the Lord GOD.**

EZEKIEL 25:14



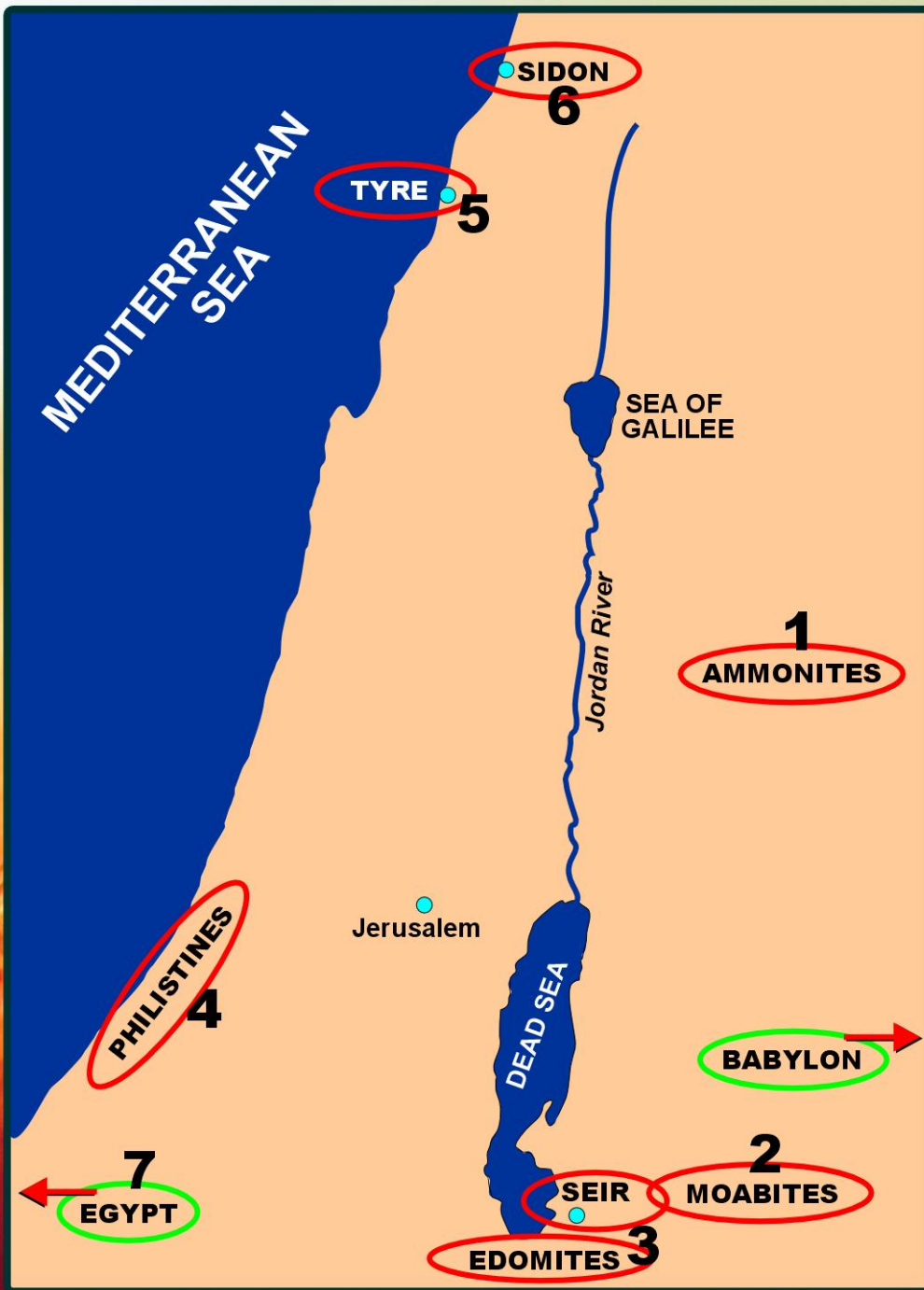
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- God said Israel would bring His vengeance against the Edomites, and the Edomites would come to know (experience) His vengeance.**
- The Israelites would play a part in Edom's judgment acting as the Lord's agents of His anger (EK.35:1-36:15; Is.11:14; Da.11:41; Am.9:12; Ob.1:18).**
- The Edomites too would come to acknowledge Yahweh as the true God.**
- Today the residents of the territory formerly occupied by Ammon, Moab, and Edom all go by the name "Arab."**



Judgment on Philistia

(Ezekiel 25:15-17)



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EZEKIEL 24-33

**Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because
the Philistines dealt vengefully
and took vengeance with a
spiteful heart, to destroy because
of the old hatred,"**

EZEKIEL 25:15



Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the Philistines dealt vengefully and took vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy because of the old hatred," (Ek.25:15)

- **The Philistines had been Israel's enemy from the time of the Conquest.**
- **Israel had failed to take all the Promised Land because she disobeyed God and because of the Philistines' military superiority on the coastal plain (Jg.3:1-4).**



Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because the Philistines dealt vengefully and took vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy because of the old hatred," (Ek.25:15)

- **Philistia remained a vassal country through the reign of Solomon and into the divided monarchy.**
- **The feud between Philistia and Judah was halted by Babylon's intervention.**
- **Nebuchadnezzar established control over both countries. Yet the rivalry remained.**
- **Philistia's sin was that she acted in vengeance with Judah. Thus, God would destroy her.**



**therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
"I will stretch out My hand against
the Philistines, and I will cut off
the Cherethites and destroy the
remnant of the seacoast.**

EZEKIEL 25:16



therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast. (Ek.25:16)

- **The Cherethites was a synonym for the Philistines (1Sm.30:1-14; Zp.2:5).**
- **During the intertestamental period the Philistines disappeared as a nation.**
- **The Cherethites was a group of Philistines who originated in Crete (ancient Caphtor; 1Sm.30:14; Zp.2:5), and the rest of the Philistines who lived by the Mediterranean seacoast.**
- **This is a play on words in Hebrew. The Lord said He would cut off the cutters off (i.e., the Cherethites).**



**I will execute great vengeance
on them with furious rebukes;
and they shall know that I am
the LORD, when I lay My
vengeance upon them.**

EZEKIEL 25:17



I will execute great vengeance on them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I lay My vengeance upon them. (Ek.25:17)

- **This nation that had tried to usurp God's people discovered God's true character (they shall know that I am the LORD) when He judged them for their sin.**
- **God would take vengeance on them for their treatment of His chosen people.**
- **There is no record of the Philistines' existence after the second century B.C., though the name of their cities remained.**
- **They would know that Yahweh was God when they experienced His judgment.**
- **This great vengeance was fulfilled at the time of Babylon's invasion of 588-86 B.C. or 582/81 B.C. (Je.25:20; 47:1-7).**



JUDGMENT ON GENTILE NATIONS

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