

The Justice and Redemption of God
Ezekiel 25:1-17

Main Point:

When assaulted by the enemy, find your hope in the justice and redemption of God.

1. God sees the assaults on His people.
2. God justly deals with the assaults on His people.
3. God does so for His glory and the redemption of His people.

Iain Duguid "In practice, if not in theory, these chapters tend to be bracketed off and ignored in our thinking about the book of Ezekiel. If the book as a whole is rarely preached, that is doubly true of the oracles against the nations."

Christopher Wright "Each nation is accused of either words of malicious gloating over Judah's misfortune, or of actual acts of revenge in which ... ancient enmities were fully vented and old scores violently settled."

Genesis 12:3 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you ... (NKJV)

Iain Duguid "To take God's people lightly is never a safe thing to do..."

Matthew Henry "It is a very wicked thing to be glad at the calamities of any, especially of God's people, and a sin that God will surely reckon for."

Ezekiel 28:25-26 25 "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. 26 And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.'" ' ' " (NKJV)

Christopher Wright "The general point is that such negative messages of ultimate defeat and destruction for Israel's enemies were, of course, by implication positive messages of deliverance and hope for Israel itself."