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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Ezekiel

Chapter 25

Gloating Neighbors: Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 25:17

"I will execute great vengeance on them with wrathful rebukes; and they will know that I am the LORD when I lay My vengeance on them."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 25

This week God shows you four neighbors who cheered when His people fell — and how He answered every one of them. He sees the "Aha!" in our hearts and the old grudges we carry. Let this chapter teach you to lay down gloating and revenge, and to leave your case with the LORD who stands up for His people.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Ezekiel study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

The "Aha!" Over God's House

READ · EZEKIEL 25:1–5

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What three things did Ammon say "Aha!" against, and what did God say He would do to Rabbah (vv3, 5)?

REFLECT

Ammon jeered when the sanctuary was profaned (v3). Why does God take it personally when people mock what belongs to Him?

REFLECT

Think of a time someone who hurt you went down hard. What went on inside you when you heard the news?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down the name of one person whose fall you were glad about. Ask God to forgive that "Aha!" and pray for that person by name today.

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DAY 2 OF 5

Clapped Hands, Stretched-Out Hand

READ · EZEKIEL 25:6–7

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List every action Ammon did with its body and soul in verse 6. Then list what God says He will do in verse 7.

REFLECT

Ammon clapped and stamped with "all the scorn of your soul" (v6). How does scorn show up in the way men talk on the yard, at work, or in a meeting?

REFLECT

God answers clapping hands with His own stretched-out hand (v7). What does that tell you about who really has the power when people mock?

RESPOND — TODAY

Go one full day without making fun of anyone, even in a joke. Tonight, note what you noticed in yourself.

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DAY 3 OF 5

"Like All the Nations"

READ · EZEKIEL 25:8–11

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What exactly did Moab and Seir say about the house of Judah (v8), and which cities did God take from Moab (v9)?

REFLECT

Moab said God's people were no different from anyone else (v8). Where have you heard people say that about Christians — or said it yourself?

REFLECT

If your family or your record says you are 'like all the rest,' what does God's answer to Moab (v11) say about how He sees the people He has called?

RESPOND — TODAY

Thank God by name for one way He has set you apart since you came to Christ, and live today like it is true.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Edom's Revenge

READ · EZEKIEL 25:12–14

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What three phrases in verse 12 describe what Edom did, and whose vengeance does verse 14 say will fall on Edom?

REFLECT

Edom was Judah's brother through Esau, yet it took revenge when Judah was down (v12). Who in your own family or past are you still trying to get even with?

REFLECT

God says, "I will lay My vengeance on Edom" (v14). How would it change your next week to really believe vengeance is His job and not yours?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name the score you are still trying to settle. Tell God out loud that this one is His, and ask Him for strength not to pick it back up.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Old Hatred Cut Off

READ · EZEKIEL 25:15–17

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How does verse 15 describe the Philistines' revenge, and what refrain closes verse 17?

REFLECT

Philistia's "everlasting enmity" (v15) was hatred handed down for generations. What grudge did you inherit from your family, your neighborhood, or the street?

REFLECT

Every oracle ends with people coming to know that He is the LORD (vv5, 7, 11, 17). What is God showing you about Himself through the hard things in your life right now?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write one sentence of blessing for someone you have held a grudge against, and pray it for them before you sleep.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Ammon said "Aha!" and Edom took revenge (vv3, 12). Which of those two is the bigger temptation for you, and why?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Judah did nothing in this chapter — God did it all (vv7, 14, 16). What does it look like for a man to wait on God's justice without becoming passive or bitter?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

How does knowing that Christ took God's judgment for us change the way we look at the people who have wronged us (v17)?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, You saw every "Aha!" and every old grudge, so today I hand You…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 25:17

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