

~VENGEANCE (739)

[Greek, *ek-di-ke'o*]

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· Infliction of punishment in return for an injury or offense, retributive action. The Greek word *ek-di-ke'o*, rendered, *avenge*, literally means, *from justice*, suggesting that *the action represents justice achieved*.

· As used in the Bible, vengeance usually *applies to retribution paid by God in behalf of justice*, but it may also refer to a persons executing that which he may view as just or as equalizing matters to his own satisfaction.

·· Belongs To Yehowah

· Unless a person is qualified as executioner of **vengeance** by appointment of Yehowah, or by being designated as such by his Word, he does wrong if he attempts to *avenge himself or others*. **Vengeance is mine, and retribution**, says Yehowah.

· **Vengeance** is mine, and retribution. At the appointed time their foot will move unsteadily, for the day of their disaster is near, and the events in readiness for them do make haste. (**Deuteronomy 32:35**)

· God is addressed by the psalmist:

· O God of acts of **vengeance**, Yehowah, O God of acts of vengeance, beam forth! (**Psalms 94:1**)

· Accordingly, *the individual is condemned by God if he bears a grudge or seeks personal vengeance* for real or fancied wrongs done to himself or to someone else.

- You must not take **vengeance** nor **have a grudge against the sons of your people**, and you must love your fellow as yourself. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 19:18**)
- Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but yield place to the wrath, for it is written: **Vengeance** is mine. I will repay, says Yehowah. (**Romans 12:19**)
- For we know him that said, **Vengeance is mine**. I will recompense, and again; Yehowah will judge his people. (**Hebrews 10:30**)
- **The Scriptures point out that God's anger rests upon all sinners and transgressors, and that only through God's undeserved kindness in providing the ransom sacrifice of Jesus Christ is there a basis for mitigating or withholding the full retributive justice against the sinner.**
- For just as through the disobedience of the one man many were constituted sinners, likewise also through the obedience of the one person many will be constituted righteous. (**Romans 5:19**)
- Now the Law came in beside in order, that trespassing might abound. But where sin abounded, undeserved kindness abounded still more. (**Romans 5:20**)
- To what end? That, just as sin ruled as king with death, likewise also undeserved kindness might rule as king through righteousness with everlasting life in view through Jesus Christ our Lord. (**Romans 5:21**)
- Namely, that God was by means of Christ reconciling a world to himself, not reckoning to them their trespasses, and he committed the word of the reconciliation to us. (**2 Corinthians 5:19**)
- For if the word spoken through angels proved to be firm, and every transgression and disobedient act received a retribution in harmony with justice. (**Hebrews 2:2**)
- How shall we escape if we have neglected a salvation of such greatness in that it began to be spoken through our Lord and was verified for us by those who heard him. (**Hebrews 2:3**)

- **God acts in full harmony with his righteousness when thus forgiving sin, and he is also righteous in bringing judgment upon sinners who reject his provision, such cannot escape divine **vengeance**.**
- **What, then, is the case? If some did not express faith, will their lack of faith perhaps make the faithfulness of God without effect? (**Romans 3:3**)**
- **Never may that happen! But let God be found true, though every man be found a liar, even as it is written: That you might be proved righteous in your words and might win when you are being judged. (**Romans 3:4**)**
- **However, if our unrighteousness brings God's righteousness to the fore, what shall we say? God is not unjust when he vents his wrath, is he? I am speaking as a man does. (**Romans 3:5**)**
- **Never may that happen! How, otherwise, will God judge the world? (**Romans 3:6**)**
- **O Yehowah our God, you yourself answered them. A God granting pardon you proved to be to them, and executing **vengeance** against their notorious deeds. (**Psalms 99:8**)**
- **God set him forth as an offering for propitiation through faith in his blood. This was in order to exhibit his own righteousness, because he was forgiving the sins that occurred in the past while God was exercising forbearance. (**Romans 3:25**)**
- **So as to exhibit his own righteousness in this present season, that he might be righteous even when declaring righteous the man that has faith in Jesus. (**Romans 3:26**)**

See Also RANSOM

· Yehowah's Vengeance Has A Purpose

- **Yehowah's **vengeance** brings relief and benefit when he acts in behalf of those who trust in him, additionally, it procures praise to him as the just Judge.**
- **The psalmist says;**
- **The righteous one will rejoice because he has beheld the**

- vengeance.** His steps he will bathe in the blood of the wicked one. (**Psalms 58:10**)
- **And mankind will say; Surely there is fruitage for the righteous one. Surely there exists a God that is judging in the earth. (**Psalms 58:11**)**
 - **Therefore, the primary purpose for God's taking vengeance is to vindicate and glorify his own name and sovereignty.**
 - **And the Egyptians will certainly know that I am Yehowah when I get glory for myself by means of Pharaoh, his war chariots and his cavalrymen. (**Exodus 14:18**)**
 - **O my God, make them like a thistle whirl, like stubble before a wind. (**Psalms 83:13**)**
 - **Like a fire that burns up the forest and like a flame that scorches the mountains. (**Psalms 83:14**)**
 - **In just that way may you pursue them with your tempest and may you disturb them with your own storm wind. (**Psalms 83:15**)**
 - **Fill their faces with dishonor, that people may search for your name, O Yehowah. (**Psalms 83:16**)**
 - **O may they be ashamed and be disturbed for all times, and may they become abashed and perish. (**Psalms 83:17**)**
 - **That people may know that you, whose name is Yehowah, you alone are the Most High over all the earth. (**Psalms 83:18**)**
 - **O Yehowah, you are my God. I exalt you, I laud your name, for you have done wonderful things, counsels from early times, in faithfulness, in trustworthiness. (**Isaiah 25:1**)**
 - **For you have made a city a pile of stones, a fortified town a crumbling ruin, a dwelling tower of strangers to be no city, which will not be rebuilt even to time indefinite. (**Isaiah 25:2**)**
 - **That is why those who are a strong people will glorify you, the town of the tyrannical nations, they will fear you. (**Isaiah 25:3**)**
 - **For you have become a stronghold to the lowly one, a stronghold**

- to the poor one in the distress that he has, a refuge from the rainstorm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the tyrannical ones is like a rainstorm against a wall. (**Isaiah 25:4**)
- Like the heat in a waterless country, the noise of strangers you subdue, the heat with the shadow of a cloud. The melody itself of the tyrannical ones becomes suppressed. (**Isaiah 25:5**)
 - And I will bring my **vengeance** on Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they must do in Edom according to my anger and according to my rage, and they will have to know what my vengeance is, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 25:14**)
 - And I will execute in them great acts of **vengeance**, with raging reproofs, and they will have to know that I am Yehowah when I bring my vengeance on them. (**Ezekiel 25:17**)
 - And I shall certainly magnify myself and sanctify myself and make myself known before the eyes of many nations, and they will have to know that I am Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 38:23**)
 - His action also vindicates his servants as being truly his representatives and delivers them from undesirable circumstances.
 - Israel also got to see the great hand that Yehowah put in action against the Egyptians, and the people began to fear Yehowah and to put faith in Yehowah and in Moses his servant. (**Exodus 14:31**)
 - Who among the gods is like you, O Yehowah Who is like you, proving yourself mighty in holiness. The One to be feared with songs of praise, the One doing marvels. (**Exodus 15:11**)
 - You stretched out your right hand, the earth proceeded to swallow them up. (**Exodus 15:12**)
 - You in your loving-kindness have led the people whom you have recovered. You in your strength will certainly conduct them to your holy abiding place. (**Exodus 15:13**)
 - Peoples must hear, they will be agitated. Birth pangs must take hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. (**Exodus 15:14**)

- **At that time the sheiks of Edom will indeed be disturbed. As for the despots of Moab, trembling will take hold on them. All the inhabitants of Canaan will indeed be disheartened. (Exodus 15:15)**
- **Fright and dread will fall upon them. Because of the greatness of your arm they will be motionless like a stone; Until your people pass by, O Yehowah, until the people whom you have produced pass by. (Exodus 15:16)**
- **And as for you, O son of man, take for yourself a stick and write upon it, For Judah and for the sons of Israel his partners. And take another stick and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and all the house of Israel his partners. (Ezekiel 37:16)**
- **And speak to them; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am taking the sons of Israel from among the nations to which they have gone, and I will collect them together from round about and bring them onto their soil. (Ezekiel 37:21)**
- **And I shall actually make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and one king is what all of them will come to have as king, and they will no longer continue to be two nations, nor will they be divided any longer into two kingdoms. (Ezekiel 37:22)**
- **And they will no longer defile themselves with their dungy idols and with their disgusting things and with all their transgressions, and I shall certainly save them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and I will cleanse them, and they must become my people, and I myself shall become their God. (Ezekiel 37:23)**
- **For Yehowah will plead the cause of his people, and he will feel regret even over his servants. (Psalms 135:14)**
- **And he will exalt the horn of his people, the praise of all his loyal ones, of the sons of Israel, the people near to him. Praise Yah, you people! (Psalms 148:14)**
- **The wicked is a ransom for the righteous one, and the one dealing treacherously takes the place of the upright ones. (Proverbs 21:18)**

· A Fixed Time For God's Vengeance

- The Scriptures indicate that God has a due time for large-scale expressions of his **vengeance** upon his enemies. The prophet Isaiah was commissioned to proclaim the day of **vengeance** on the part of our God.
- God's **vengeance** was expressed against ancient Babylon, the oppressor of his people, when the armies of Medo-Persia were used to break her power in **539 B.C.E.**
- The spirit of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah is upon me, for the reason that Yehowah has anointed me to tell Good News to the meek ones. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those taken captive and the wide opening of the eyes even to the prisoners. (**Isaiah 61:1**)
- To proclaim the year of goodwill on the part of Yehowah and **the day of vengeance on the part of our God**, to comfort all the mourning ones. (**Isaiah 61:2**)
- The pronouncement against Babylon that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw in vision. (**Isaiah 13:1**)
- Howl, you people, for the day of Yehowah is near! As a despoiling from the Almighty it will come. (**Isaiah 13:6**)
- Look! The day of Yehowah itself is coming, cruel both with fury and with burning anger, in order to make the land an object of astonishment, and that it may annihilate the lands sinners out of it. (**Isaiah 13:9**)
- Here I am arousing against them the Medes, who account silver itself as nothing and who, as respects gold, take no delight in it. (**Isaiah 13:17**)
- Jesus Christ, when on earth, quoted part of Isaiah's prophecy;
- The spirit of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah is upon me, for the reason that Yehowah has anointed me to tell Good News to the meek ones. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to those taken captive and the wide opening of the eyes even to the prisoners. (**Isaiah 61:1**)

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- **Applied it to himself.**
- And he came to Nazareth, where he had been reared, and, according to his custom on the Sabbath day, he entered into the synagogue, and he stood up to read. (**Luke 4:16**)
- So the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed him, and he opened the scroll and found the place where it was written. (**Luke 4:17**)
- Yehowah's spirit is upon me, because he anointed me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed ones away with a release. (**Luke 4:18**)
- To preach Yehowah's acceptable year. (**Luke 4:19**)
- With that he rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were intently fixed upon him. (**Luke 4:20**)
- Then he started to say to them; Today this scripture that you just heard is fulfilled. (**Luke 4:21**)
- Though the record does not say that he quoted the part concerning, **the day of vengeance**, in actuality he did proclaim that **day**, which came upon Jerusalem in **70 C.E.**
- Jesus foretold the encampment by armies, of the Romans, around the city, telling his followers to flee from Jerusalem when they saw this, **because these are days for meting out justice , literally days of vengeance**, that all the things written may be fulfilled. **Int, compare AT, KJ, RO, RS**
- Furthermore, when you see Jerusalem surrounded by encamped armies, then know that the desolating of her has drawn near. (**Luke 21:20**)
- Then let those in Judea begin fleeing to the mountains, and let those in the midst of her withdraw, and let those in the country

- places not enter into her. (Luke 21:21)
- Because these are days for **meting out justice**, that all the things written may be fulfilled. (Luke 21:22)
 - Jesus Christ further said, before his death and resurrection,
 - Concerning that day and hour nobody knows, neither the angels of the heavens nor the Son, but only the Father. (Matthew 24:36)
 - He thereby revealed that **vengeance** was sure to be executed at a time known and set by God. He illustrated the sureness of God's action in his due time in behalf of his name and his servants, speaking of a judge who, because of a widows persistence in asking for justice, decided;
 - Saying; In a certain city there was a certain judge that had no fear of God and had no respect for man. (Luke 18:2)
 - But there was a widow in that city and she kept going to him, saying; See that I get justice from my adversary at Law. (Luke 18:3)
 - Well, for a while he was unwilling, but afterward he said to himself, Although I do not fear God or respect a man. (Luke 18:4)
 - At any rate, because of this widows continually making me trouble, I will see that she gets justice, so that she will not keep coming and pummeling me to a finish. (Luke 18:5)
 - Then the Lord said; Hear what the judge, although unrighteous, said! (Luke 18:6)
 - Certainly, then, shall not God cause justice to be done for his chosen ones who cry out to him day and night, even though he is long-suffering toward them? (Luke 18:7)
 - I tell you, He will cause justice to be done to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man arrives, will he really find the faith on the earth? (Luke 18:8)
 - Furthermore, in the apostle John's vision recorded in the book of Revelation, John saw the souls of those slaughtered because of the

word of God and because of the witness work they used to have, crying out:

- **And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those slaughtered because of the word of God and because of the witness work that they used to have. (Revelation 6:9)**
- **And they cried with a loud voice, saying; Until when, Sovereign Lord holy and true, are you refraining from judging and avenging our blood upon those who dwell on the earth? (Revelation 6:10)**
- **And a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little while longer, until the number was filled also of their fellow slaves and their brothers who were about to be killed as they also had been. (Revelation 6:11)**
- **The Scriptures reveal that this execution of **vengeance** begins on **Babylon the Great**, then proceeds to come upon, **the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies.****
- **After these things I heard what was as a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven. They said; Praise Yah, you people! The salvation and the glory and the power belong to our God. (Revelation 19:1)**
- **Because his judgments are true and righteous. For he has executed judgment upon the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he has avenged the blood of his slaves at her hand. (Revelation 19:2)**
- **And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage the war with the one seated on the horse and with his army. (Revelation 19:19)**
- **And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur. (Revelation 19:20)**
- **But the rest were killed off with the long sword of the one seated on the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth. And all**

the birds were filled from the fleshy parts of them. (**Revelation 19:21**)

•• **Appointed Executioners**

- **The Lord Jesus Christ is God's Chief Executioner of **vengeance**. The apostle Paul comforts Christians with the words.**
- **This takes into account that it is righteous on God's part to **repay tribulation** to those who make tribulation for you. (**2 Thessalonians 1:6**)**
- **But, to you who suffer tribulation, relief along with us at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his powerful angels. (**2 Thessalonians 1:7**)**
- **In a flaming fire, as he brings **vengeance upon those who do not know God and those who do not obey the Good News about our Lord Jesus**. (**2 Thessalonians 1:8**)**
- **These very ones will undergo the judicial punishment of everlasting destruction from before the Lord and from the glory of his strength. (**2 Thessalonians 1:9**)**

•• **In The Christian Congregation**

- **The apostles were appointed under Jesus Christ to care for the Christian congregation and to protect it from uncleanness and loss of Yehovah's favor.**
- **In harmony with his God-given authority, the apostle Paul wrote to the congregation at Corinth, which was experiencing divisions and troubles from false apostles.**
- **And we are holding ourselves in readiness to inflict punishment for every disobedience, as soon as your own obedience has been fully carried out. (**2 Corinthians 10:6**)**
- **For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. (**2 Corinthians 11:13**)**
- **And we are holding ourselves in readiness to inflict punishment for every disobedience, as soon as your own obedience has been fully carried out. (**2 Corinthians 10:6**)**

- That is why I write these things while absent, that, when I am present, I may not act with severity according to the authority that the Lord gave me, to build up and not to tear down. (2 Corinthians 13:10)
- Older men appointed to care for the congregation were authorized to carry out **vengeance** to the extent that they could take steps to bring about justice and to reestablish the congregation in righteousness before God, by correcting the wrong that had been done.
- This the governing members of the Corinthian congregation did, after Paul corrected them, and thus Paul wrote in his second letter to them; What a great earnestness it produced in you, yes, righting of the wrong, **vengeance!**
- These men showed godly repentance after Paul's first letter and cleared out the wicked man therein referred to, doing all they could to right matters before Yehowah.
- Hence even if I saddened you by my letter, I do not regret it. Even if I did at first regret it; I see that that letter saddened you, though but for a little while. (2 Corinthians 7:8)
- Now I rejoice, not because you were just saddened, but because you were saddened into repenting, for you were saddened in a godly way, that you might suffer no damage in anything due to us. (2 Corinthians 7:9)
- For sadness in a godly way makes for repentance to salvation that is not to be regretted, but the sadness of the world produces death. (2 Corinthians 7:10)
- For, look! this very thing, your being saddened in a godly way, what a great earnestness it produced in you, yes, clearing of yourselves, yes, indignation, yes, fear, yes, longing, yes, zeal, yes, righting of the wrong! In every respect you demonstrated yourselves to be chaste in this matter. (2 Corinthians 7:11)
- Certainly, although I wrote you, I did it, neither for the one who did the wrong, nor for the one who was wronged, but that your earnestness for us might be made manifest among you in the sight of God. (2 Corinthians 7:12)

- **However, those men were not authorized to carry out on the wrongdoer the full penalty demanded by justice full **vengeance** in putting him to death, as had been the prerogative of the judges under the Mosaic Law.**
- **Now a man who commits adultery with another man's wife is one who commits adultery with the wife of his fellowman. He should be put to death without fail, the adulterer and the adulteress as well. (**Leviticus 20:10**)**
- **Any man that has disregarded the Law of Moses dies without compassion, upon the testimony of two or three. (**Hebrews 10:28**)**
- **They merely expelled such unrepentant bad persons from the congregation.**
- **While God judges those outside? Remove the wicked man from among yourselves. (**1 Corinthians 5:13**)**
- **If such ones remained unrepentant, they would eventually receive full justice for their misdeeds in everlasting death.**
- **Of how much more severe a punishment, do you think, will the man be counted worthy who has trampled upon the Son of God and who has esteemed as of ordinary value the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has outraged the spirit of undeserved kindness with contempt? (**Hebrews 10:29**)**
- **For we know him that said; **Vengeance** is mine. I will recompense. And again; Yehowah will judge his people. (**Hebrews 10:30**)**
- **Indeed, the Christian who takes up unrighteousness, as, for example, fornication, is in danger, because Yehowah is one who exacts punishment, literally, **is the avenger**, for all these things.**
- **For this is what God wills, the sanctifying of you, that you abstain from fornication. (**1 Thessalonians 4:3**)**
- **That each one of you should know how to get possession of his own vessel in sanctification and honor. (**1 Thessalonians 4:4**)**
- **Not in covetous sexual appetite such as also those nations have**

which do not know God. (1 Thessalonians 4:5)

- That no one go to the point of harming and encroach upon the rights of his brother in this matter, because Yehowah is one who **exacts punishment** for all these things, just as we told you beforehand and also gave you a thorough witness. (1 Thessalonians 4:6)

•• Rulers

- Governmental rulers, whose duty it is to see that justice is carried out, may be the ones who execute **vengeance** upon evildoers, including any Christians who break the laws of the land that are in harmony with what is right and that are consistent with the authority allowed those rulers by God.
- In such case, these rulers are indirectly executing God's vengeance, as the apostle Paul writes;
- For those ruling are an object of fear, not to the good deed, but to the bad. Do you, then, want to have no fear of the authority? Keep doing good, and you will have praise from it. (Romans 13:3)
- For it is God's minister to you for your good. But if you are doing what is bad, be in fear, for it is not without purpose that it bears the sword, for it is God's minister, an **avenger** to express wrath upon the one practicing what is bad. (Romans 13:4)
- For the Lords sake subject yourselves to every human creation: whether to a king as being superior. (1 Peter 2:13)
- Or to governor's as being sent by him to inflict punishment on evildoers but to praise doers of good. (1 Peter 2:14)
- Anyone shedding man's blood, by man will his own blood be shed, for in God's image he made man. (Genesis 9:6)

•• Imperfect Mans Tendency To Seek Vengeance

- It is a tendency of fallen, imperfect men to seek **vengeance** upon those who do them injustice or upon persons whom they hate. The man who commits adultery with another man's wife is in danger of retributive **vengeance** from the husband, as the Proverbs say;

- Anyone committing adultery with a woman is in want of heart, he that does it is bringing his own soul to ruin. (**Proverbs 6:32**)
- A plague and dishonor he will find, and his reproach itself will not be wiped out. (**Proverbs 6:33**)
- For the rage of an able-bodied man is jealousy, and he will **not show compassion in the day of vengeance**. (**Proverbs 6:34**)
- He will have no consideration for any sort of ransom, neither will he show willingness, no matter how large you make the present. (**Proverbs 6:35**)
- Nonetheless, **vengeance** taken by a person on his own initiative is usually carried out in uncontrolled anger and is to no good purpose, but brings God's anger against the **avenging** individual.
- Know this, my beloved brothers. Every man must be swift about hearing, slow about speaking, slow about wrath. (**James 1:19**)
- For man's wrath does not work out God's righteousness. (**James 1:20**)

·· Enemies Of God And Of His Servants

- Those who hate God have shown hostility toward God's servants, seeking to wreak **vengeance** upon them. This is not a true bringing about of justice, but it is a desire or action as a result of peoples hostility toward what is right and righteous, and it is an attempt to get rid of those righteous ones whose words and course of action convict them of wickedness.
- Out of the mouth of children and sucklings you have founded strength, on account of those showing hostility to you, so as to make the enemy and the one taking his **vengeance** desist. (**Psalms 8:2**)
- All day long my humiliation is in front of me, and the shame of my own face has covered me. (**Psalms 44:15**)
- Due to the voice of the one reproaching and speaking abusively, because of the enemy and the one taking his revenge. (**Psalms 44:16**)

- In some instances God's servants have been killed with the perverted idea that justice was being carried out.
- Men will expel you from the synagogue. In fact, the hour is coming when everyone that kills you will imagine he has rendered a sacred service to God. (**John 16:2**)
- In executing this claimed or supposed **vindictive justice**, however, they have not pleased God but, rather, have stored up **vengeance** for themselves.
- At times, it is true, Yehowah used the nations, such as Babylon, to bring his own **vengeance** on his people Israel when they broke their covenant with him.
- And I shall certainly bring upon you a sword wreaking **vengeance** for the covenant, and you will indeed gather yourselves into your cities, and I shall certainly send pestilence into the midst of you, and you must be given into the hand of an enemy. (**Leviticus 26:25**)
- But those nations, on their part, acted because of hatred and malice, expressing their own **vengefulness**, and for this Yehowah, in turn, took **vengeance** upon them.
- You have seen all their **vengeance**, all their thoughts against me. (**Lamentations 3:60**)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that Edom has acted in taking **vengeance** upon the house of Judah and they kept doing wrong extensively and avenged themselves on them. (**Ezekiel 25:12**)
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; I will also stretch out my hand against Edom and cut off from it man and domestic animal, and I will make it a devastated place from Teman, even to Dedan. By the sword they will fall. (**Ezekiel 25:13**)
- And I will bring my **vengeance** on Edom by the hand of my people Israel, and they must do in Edom according to my anger and according to my rage, and they will have to know what my vengeance is, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 25:14**)

- **This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that the Philistines have acted with **vengeance** and they kept avenging themselves with a vengeance with scorn in the soul, in order to cause ruin, with an indefinitely lasting enmity. (Ezekiel 25:15)**
- **Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Here I am stretching out my hand against the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites and destroy the rest of the seacoast. (Ezekiel 25:16)**
- **And I will execute in them great acts of **vengeance**, with raging reproofs, and they will have to know that I am Yehowah when I bring my vengeance on them. (Ezekiel 25:17)**

See Also AVENGER OF BLOOD

See Also CITIES OF REFUGE