

Title: The Ruler Of All

Text: 1:1

Main Idea: God shows us that He is sovereign over all nations and turns the plans and motives of all to serve His holy purpose.

Division Statements:

1. God governs the fate of all nations (v. 1a).

The clear implication of “Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom.” Note also verse 2.

2. God reveals the fate of the nations through His prophets (1b).

“We have heard a report from the Lord...”

3. God puts plans in the hearts of the nations to accomplish His purpose (v. 1c).

“And a messenger has been sent among the nations, saying, ‘Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle.’”

4. God uses even the motives of the wicked to accomplish His holy purpose (v. 1c).

This is evident from the instruments God sometimes uses to accomplish His purposes (e.g. Assyria & Babylon). Examples in the Scripture are abundant, but note well the statement of Joseph in Genesis 50:20.

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