

Ezekiel 23:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels.

Analysis

They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels pictures total plunder. Nakedness represents complete humiliation and loss of dignity. Fair jewels symbolize wealth, status, and glory—all stripped away. This fulfills covenant curses of Deuteronomy 28:29-35. God warned Moses that disobedience would result in exactly this degradation. Prophetic fulfillment demonstrates covenant fidelity—God keeps promises, both blessing and curse. Jerusalem's shame confirms God's truthfulness. We prefer emphasizing God's mercy, but His justice is equally certain. Every warning will be fulfilled; every threat executed. This should terrify us into obedience and drive us to gratitude that Christ bore our curse (Galatians 3:13), becoming naked and humiliated for us.

Historical Context

Babylonian conquest included systematic plundering. The temple's gold and sacred vessels were carried to Babylon (2 Kings 25:13-17). The wealth of Jerusalem's nobility was seized. Survivors were left destitute, fulfilling Deuteronomy's covenant curses with precision across eight centuries from Moses to Ezekiel.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does covenant curse fulfillment demonstrate God's faithfulness?
2. What should we learn from God's execution of His warnings?
3. How does Christ bearing our curse affect our reading of these judgments?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 16:39 (Parallel theme): And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.

Jeremiah 13:22 (Parallel theme): And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels made bare.

Ezekiel 23:29 (Parallel theme): And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.