

Ezekiel 23:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

And they shall deal with thee hatefully, and shall take away all thy labour describes vindictive thoroughness of conquest. Hatefully (bessin'ah) indicates personal malice, not merely military necessity. All thy labour refers to generational accumulation—everything built, earned, created would be confiscated. And shall leave thee naked and bare reduces Judah to original nothingness. The nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered uses sexual shame as metaphor for total disgrace. Both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms emphasizes sin itself becomes public spectacle. What was done in secret becomes displayed for all. Sin always comes to light; what we hide, God exposes (Luke 12:2-3). Every secret will be revealed; every hidden thing made manifest.

Historical Context

Babylonian conquered peoples lost everything: land, homes, livestock, treasures, freedom. Economic devastation was total, leaving land desolate and survivors impoverished. Archaeological evidence shows widespread destruction and population collapse in Judah after 586 BC, with occupation dropping perhaps 75% or more, confirming thorough judgment.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does sin's exposure constitute part of its punishment?
2. What does it mean that hidden things will be revealed?
3. How should awareness that all will be disclosed affect our behavior?

Interlinear Text

וְעַשׂ	וְעַשׂ	וְעַשׂ	בְּשַׁנְאָה	בְּשַׁנְאָה	וְלֹקַחְוּ	וְלֹקַחְוּ	כָּל
And they shall deal	with thee hatefully	and shall take away	with thee hatefully	and shall take away	and shall take away	and shall take away	all
H6213	H854	H3947	H8135	H3605			
וְעַזְבֵּן	וְעַזְבֵּן	וְעַזְבֵּן	עִירָה	עִירָה	וְנִגְשַׁלְתָּה	וְנִגְשַׁלְתָּה	
all thy labour	and shall leave	thee naked	thee naked	and bare	shall be discovered	shall be discovered	
H3018	H5800	H5903	H6181	H1540			
עָרָה	עָרָה	עָרָה	זָכָרְתָּה	זָכָרְתָּה	וְזָמַתָּה	וְזָמַתָּה	וְתִזְנֹוְתִּיםָה
and the nakedness	of thy whoredoms	both thy lewdness	both thy lewdness	and thy whoredoms	and thy whoredoms	and thy whoredoms	
H6172	H2183	H2154	H2154	H8457			

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.