

Ezekiel 26:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.

Analysis

By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee describes the massive Babylonian cavalry creating dust clouds. Thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots predicts the trembling ground from thousands of horses and chariots. When he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach describes the final assault through breached walls. The sensory details (dust, noise, shaking, breach) make judgment visceral and real. Ezekiel wants the exiles and Tyre to feel the coming devastation. Prophecy isn't abstract but concrete and terrifying.

Historical Context

Nebuchadnezzar's army was among history's largest to that point, with extensive cavalry and chariot forces. The sight and sound of such forces would indeed be overwhelming. Though Tyre's island portion escaped by sea, the mainland city experienced exactly this assault, with walls breached and Babylonian forces entering in triumph.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. Why does prophecy use sensory details rather than abstract concepts?
2. How should vivid descriptions of judgment affect our response?
3. What does the overwhelming nature of judgment teach about resisting God?

Interlinear Text

מִשְׁפָּעַת	סוּסֵי יוֹ	יִכָּסְרוּ	אֲבָקָם	מִקּוֹל
By reason of the abundance	of his horses	shall cover	their dust	at the noise
H8229	H5483	H3680	H80	H6963
פָּרָשִׁים	וְגִלְגָּלִים	וְרֶכֶב	תִּרְעַשְׁנָה	חֻמוֹתַי יְיָ
of the horsemen	and of the wheels	and of the chariots	shall shake	thee thy walls
H6571	H1534	H7393	H7493	H2346
בָּבֹאוּ	בִּשְׁעָרַי יְיָ	כַּמְבֹּאֵי י	עַיִר	
when he shall enter	into thy gates	as men enter	into a city	
H935	H8179	H3996	H5892	
מִבְּקָעָה:				
wherein is made a breach				
H1234				

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 47:3 (Parallel theme): At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to their children for feebleness of hands;

Ezekiel 27:28 (Parallel theme): The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.

Ezekiel 26:15 (Creation): Thus saith the Lord GOD to Tyrus; Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee?

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