

Ezekiel 26:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground.

Analysis

With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets continues the vivid imagery. Horses trampling streets represents total conquest and occupation. He shall slay thy people by the sword predicts loss of life. And thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground means fortifications will be demolished. The phrase strong garrisons ironically contrasts military strength with ultimate vulnerability—what seemed impregnable falls. Human strength cannot stand against divine decree. Our strongest defenses become rubble when God decrees it. Pride in military might is misplaced confidence.

Historical Context

Tyre's fortifications were legendary, yet they fell to Babylonian assault. Later, Alexander's forces also overcame them. No walls, no matter how strong, can stand when God determines their fall. History demonstrates repeatedly that human defenses, however sophisticated, cannot resist divine purposes. Tyre learned what every empire eventually learns: God humbles the proud.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What defenses are we trusting that God could reduce to rubble?
2. How does pride in human strength blind us to divine sovereignty?
3. What does Tyre's fall teach about the futility of resisting God?

Interlinear Text

בְּפָרָס וְתַ	סֹעַד יְ	יְרֻמָּס	אָתָּה	כָּל	חוֹצֹתִים
With the hoofs	of his horses	shall he tread down	H853	H3605	all thy streets
H6541	H5483	H7429			H2351
עָמָן	בְּכָבְדָּךְ	יִתְּבַרְגֵּד	וּמְאָכָב וְתַ	עָזָזֶה	לֹא רֹצֶחֶן
thy people	by the sword	he shall slay	garrisons	and thy strong	to the ground
H5971	H2719	H2026	H4676	H5797	H776

תְּרַדָּ:

shall go down

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 26:5 (Parallel theme): For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

Isaiah 5:28 (Parallel theme): Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

Habakkuk 1:8 (Parallel theme): Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.

