

Ezekiel 26:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.

Analysis

And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease removes Tyre's joy and celebration. And the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard silences music—the soundtrack of prosperous life. The change from singing to silence represents the end of happiness and prosperity. When God judges, joy departs. The absence of music indicates desolation—no celebrations, no weddings, no festivals. Judgment brings mourning; blessing brings music. The presence or absence of song reflects spiritual state—silence indicates judgment.

Historical Context

Tyre was famous for luxury, entertainment, and cultural sophistication. Its markets, festivals, and celebrations were legendary. The prophecy that music would cease was fulfilled as Tyre declined from cultural capital to minor port. The songs and harps fell silent when judgment came. Later, Revelation applies similar imagery to Babylon's fall (Revelation 18:22), showing this pattern repeats across civilizations.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What does music's presence or absence reveal about a community's spiritual health?
2. How does judgment silence joy and celebration?
3. What songs have fallen silent in our lives or communities due to sin's consequences?

Interlinear Text

וְהַשְׁבַּת	בְּמִזְבֵּחַ	שִׁירֵיךְ	וְלֹא	פְּנֵיךְ
to cease	And I will cause the noise	of thy songs	and the sound	of thy harps
H7673	H1995	H7892	H6963	H3658
ל	אָשָׁם	עִזּוֹד:		
H3808	shall be no more heard	H5750		
	H8085			

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 23:16 (Parallel theme): Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

Jeremiah 7:34 (Parallel theme): Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

Isaiah 14:11 (Parallel theme): Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

Jeremiah 25:10 (Parallel theme): Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.

Jeremiah 16:9 (Parallel theme): For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.

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