

Ezekiel 26:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

Analysis

For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon specifies the immediate agent of judgment. From the north indicates Babylon's approach—the standard invasion route into the Levant. A king of kings identifies Nebuchadnezzar's imperial status, ruling over subject kings. With horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people catalogs military might. The description emphasizes overwhelming force. Tyre's walls and fleet won't save her from divinely-appointed conquest. No human strength resists God's ordained instruments of judgment.

Historical Context

Nebuchadnezzar II (605-562 BC) was the most powerful monarch of his era, ruling the Neo-Babylonian Empire. His siege of Tyre (585-572 BC) lasted 13 years, one of history's longest sieges. Though he gained little plunder (the city evacuated to the island with their wealth), he devastated mainland Tyre, partially fulfilling this prophecy.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does God use powerful human rulers to accomplish His purposes?
2. What does Nebuchadnezzar's 'king of kings' title teach about earthly vs divine sovereignty?
3. Why can't human strength or technology resist divinely appointed judgment?

Interlinear Text

כֹּה	אָמַר	אֲדָנִי	יְהוָה	הִנְנִי	יָא	אֶל
H3588	H3541	For thus saith	the Lord	GOD	H2005	Behold I will bring
	H559		H136	H3069	H935	H413
צָר	נְבוּכַדְרֶאצַּר	מֶלֶךְ יָם	בְּבָל	מִצָּפֹן	מֶלֶךְ יָם	
upon Tyrus	Nebuchadrezzar	a king	of Babylon	from the north	a king	
H6865	H5019	H4428	H894	H6828	H4428	
מֶלֶךְ יָם	בָּסֵוִס	וּבָרָכָב	וּבַפָּרָשִׁים	וּבַחֲבֵרִים	וּבַחֲבֵרִים	
a king	with horses	and with chariots	and with horsemen	and with horsemen	and companies	
H4428	H5483	H7393	H6571	H6571	H6951	
וְעַם	רַב:					
people	and much					
H5971	H7227					

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 2:37 (Kingdom): Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

Ezra 7:12 (Kingdom): Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time.

Ezekiel 23:24 (Parallel theme): And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against thee

buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments.

Isaiah 10:8 (Kingdom): For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?

Jeremiah 52:32 (Kingdom): And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon,

Jeremiah 25:9 (Kingdom): Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

Hosea 8:10 (Kingdom): Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.

Daniel 2:47 (Kingdom): The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.