

Ezekiel 29:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.

Analysis

Egypt would face 'sword' judgment—war, destruction, and population decimation. The parallel with Israel's judgment reveals God's impartiality: He judges all nations by the same righteous standards. Egypt's judgment actually less severe than Jerusalem's—they would remain a nation (verse 14), while Judah faced complete exile. This shows God's special discipline of His own people.

Historical Context

Nebuchadnezzar's Egyptian campaign (circa 568-567 BC) brought significant destruction and political subjugation. Egypt survived as a nation but never regained superpower status, becoming a minor kingdom under foreign domination.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does God's impartial judgment of all nations assure you of His ultimate justice?
2. What does it mean that God judges His own people more strictly than those outside the covenant (1 Peter 4:17)?

Interlinear Text

לְכָה	כִּי	אָמַר	הָנָתָן	יְהוָה	אָדָם	מִבְיאָה
H3651	H3541	Therefore thus saith	the Lord	GOD	H2005	Behold I will bring
		H559	H136	H3069		H935
עַל	עַל	כִּי	נִכְבַּת	מִמֶּנּוּ	אֶת	וּבְהַמְּה
H5921	H2719	a sword	upon thee and cut off	H4480	man	and beast
			H3772		H120	H929

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 14:17 (Word): Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:

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