

Ezekiel 30:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

Analysis

This comprehensive list (Ethiopia, Libya, Lydia, 'mingled people,' and 'men of the land that is in league') shows Egypt's widespread alliances, all of whom would share her fate. Dependence on human alliances provides false security. The phrase 'fall by the sword' indicates violent military defeat across Egypt's entire alliance network.

Historical Context

These nations represented Egypt's mercenary forces and political allies. Ethiopia (Cush) was Egypt's southern neighbor, Libya (Put) to the west, Lydia (possibly Ludim/Libyans) across the Mediterranean. The 'mingled people' were foreign mercenaries in Egyptian service.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do political and social alliances sometimes provide false confidence instead of trust in God?
2. What warning does this passage give about alliances built on mutual interest rather than righteousness?

Interlinear Text

כּ וְשׁ	וּפּ וּט	וּלְיָד	וְכָל	הָעָרֹב	וְכָל
Ethiopia	and Libya	and Lydia	H3605	and all the mingled	people and Chub
H3568	H6316	H3865		H6153	H3552
וְגֵרֵי	אֶרֶץ	הַבֶּרֶת	אִתָּם	בְּחֶרֶב	
and the men	of the land	that is in league	H854	with them by the sword	
H1121	H776	H1285		H2719	
יִפְּלוּ:					
shall fall					
H5307					

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 25:20 (Parallel theme): And all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,

Ezekiel 27:10 (Parallel theme): They of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness.

Jeremiah 25:24 (Parallel theme): And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,