

Ezekiel 30:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted.

Analysis

Egypt would be 'desolate in the midst of countries that are desolate'—not unique in judgment but sharing the fate of other judged nations. This removes any sense of exceptional treatment. Egypt's cities would be 'in the midst of cities that are wasted,' showing comprehensive regional judgment. God's justice operates consistently across all peoples.

Historical Context

The entire ancient Near Eastern world experienced upheaval during the Neo-Babylonian period. Babylon's conquests created a devastated landscape from Egypt to Persia, demonstrating God's comprehensive judgment of that generation.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's consistent justice across all nations assure you that He will ultimately right all wrongs?

2. What does it mean that no nation or people is exempt from accountability to God?

Interlinear Text

נִשְׁמָה וְ	בְּתוֹךְ	אֶרֶץ וְ	נִשְׁמָה וְ	
And they shall be desolate	in the midst	of the countries	And they shall be desolate	
H8074	H8432	H776	H8074	
עַרְיָה	בְּתוֹךְ	עַרְיָה	נִחְרָב וְ	תְּהִינָה:
and her cities	in the midst	and her cities	that are wasted	H1961
H5892	H8432	H5892	H2717	

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 29:12 (Parallel theme): And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.