

Ezekiel 30:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In that day shall messengers go forth from me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

Analysis

God would send 'messengers' in ships to terrify 'the careless Ethiopians,' bringing 'great pain' as in Egypt's day. Ethiopia's false security ('carelessness') would be shattered by witnessing Egypt's judgment. This reveals that God's judgments serve warning purposes for others. Events in history teach spiritual lessons for those who have eyes to see.

Historical Context

Ethiopia (Cush) bordered Egypt to the south, sometimes ruling Egypt (25th Dynasty). Their close relationship made Egypt's fate particularly relevant. Babylon's Egyptian campaign brought terror throughout the region.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How should you respond to God's judgments in others' lives—with fear and self-examination or with complacent presumption?

2. What warnings is God providing through current events for those willing to pay attention?

Interlinear Text

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| בְּפִרְאֹר יְד | מַלְפִּנִי | מִלְאָכִים | יִצְאֵי | בַּה וְאַבִּי | וּמְ |
| In that day | H1931 | go forth | shall messengers | from me | in ships |
| H3117 | | H3318 | H4397 | H6440 | H6716 |
| | | | | | H2729 |
| אַת אַת כ וְש בְּ טַח וּבִתְמַת הַמְלָכָל הַבְּהִמָּה | | | | | |
| H853 | Ethiopians | to make the careless | H1961 | and great pain | H0 |
| H3568 | | H983 | | H2479 | |
| וּמְאָכִים כִּי הַבְּהִמָּה בְּאַהֲרֹן כִּי מִצְבָּח יְמִים וְבִי וּמְ | | | | | |
| In that day | of Egypt | H3588 | H2009 | for lo it cometh | |
| H3117 | H4714 | | | H935 | |

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 23:5 (References Egypt): As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

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