

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

Psalms 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

בִּי וּם	הָהּ וָא	יֵצֵא ו	מַלְאֲכֵי יָם	מִלִּפְנֵי	בַּצִּי יָם	לִהְסֹר יָד
In that day	H1931	go forth	shall messengers	from me	in ships	afraid
H3117		H3318	H4397	H6440	H6716	H2729
אֶת	כּ וְשׁ	בְּ טֹחַ	וְהִיָּתָה	חֲלָחֵלָה	בָּהֶם	
H853	Ethiopians	to make the careless	H1961	and great pain	H0	
	H3568	H983		H2479		
בִּי וּם	מִצֵּרִים	כִּי י	הִנֵּה	בָּאָהּ:		
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.