

Ezekiel 31:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

Analysis

God asks rhetorically 'Whom art thou like in thy greatness?'—a question anticipating the answer 'Assyria' (verse 3). This comparison method draws parallels between Egypt and Assyria, showing Egypt would share Assyria's fate. Teaching through historical analogy helps people recognize patterns in God's dealings: pride brings humiliation, empire-building leads to fall.

Historical Context

Assyria dominated the ancient Near East for centuries (883-612 BC) before falling to Babylon. Egypt now faced the same judgment for similar pride. History repeats patterns when nations repeat sins.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. What patterns do you see in God's historical dealings with nations and individuals?
2. How can learning from history help you avoid repeating others' mistakes?

Interlinear Text

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| Son | of man | speak | | H413 | unto Pharaoh | king | of Egypt | | | | H413 |
| H1121 | H120 | H559 | | | H6547 | H4428 | H4714 | | | | |
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| and to his multitude | H413 | H4310 | Whom art thou like | | H1819 | | | in thy greatness | H1433 | | |
| | H1995 | | | | | | | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 29:19 (Kingdom): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

Ezekiel 31:18 (Parallel theme): To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 30:10 (Kingdom): Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.