

Ezekiel 31:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by great waters.

Analysis

The cedar was 'fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches'—outward glory and far-reaching influence. The source: 'his root was by great waters.' Repeated emphasis on water-source teaches that all blessing flows from God. Acknowledging this source produces humility; denying it produces pride. Assyria's beauty depended on God's provision, though they refused acknowledgment.

Historical Context

Assyrian art and architecture were magnificent—Nineveh's palaces, libraries, and gardens represented peak ancient civilization. Yet their glory was contingent on God's providence, not inherent national greatness.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God as the source of all success affect your attitude toward achievements?

2. What would change if you consistently attributed blessings to God's grace rather than your effort?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּהְיֶה	בְּגָדָל וֹ	בְּאֵל קֶרֶךְ	דְּלִיּוֹתַי	כִּי	הָהָה
Thus was he fair	in his greatness	in the length	of his branches	H3588	H1961
H3302	H1433	H753	H1808		
שֹׁשֶׁן וֹ	אֵל	מִיָּם	רַבִּים:		
for his root	H413	waters	was by great		
H8328		H4325	H7227		

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