

Ezekiel 31:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

Analysis

God Himself 'made him fair by the multitude of his branches'—explicit attribution of Assyria's glory to divine provision. The phrase 'all the trees of Eden envied him' depicts universal recognition of supremacy. Yet divine gifts don't guarantee perpetual favor when accompanied by pride. God gives, and God takes away (Job 1:21). All glory ultimately belongs to Him.

Historical Context

God's sovereign control over Assyria's rise and fall demonstrates His universal kingship. Though Assyria worshipped false gods, Yahweh controlled their destiny, revealing His supremacy over all territorial deities and earthly powers.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does recognizing God's sovereignty over nations' rise and fall strengthen your faith?

2. What does it mean that God alone deserves glory for all human achievements?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 51:3 (Parallel theme): For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Genesis 13:10 (Parallel theme): And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

Ezekiel 28:13 (Creation): Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.