

Ezekiel 32:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised.

Analysis

Whom dost thou pass in beauty? sarcastically challenges Egypt's pride. You think you're special, but you're not—many before you have fallen. Go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised commands Egypt's descent among pagans. Uncircumcised was a term of contempt from Hebrew perspective, indicating those outside God's covenant. Egypt, who considered herself superior, will be buried among those she despised. Proud distinctions don't survive death. Self-perceived superiority means nothing when judgment comes. All face the same fate without God.

Historical Context

Egypt prided herself on civilization and culture, viewing surrounding peoples as barbarous. Yet in death, these distinctions vanish. Egypt joins the uncircumcised pagan nations in Sheol, her superiority revealed as meaningless. This demolishes human pride—all our distinctions, achievements, and status mean nothing in death without right relationship with God.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What proud distinctions will death reveal as meaningless?
 2. How does shared fate in death demolish human pride?
 3. What survives death besides relationship with God?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

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 32:24 (Parallel theme): There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.

Ezekiel 31:2 (Parallel theme): Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

Ezekiel 28:10 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 32:21 (Parallel theme): The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

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