

Ezekiel 32:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.

Analysis

They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword predicts Egypt's military defeat. She is delivered to the sword means God has decreed it. Draw her and all her multitudes commands the executioners to drag Egypt to judgment. The imagery is stark—no dignity, no honor, just corpses dragged to mass graves. This is the fate of proud nations who defy God. All human glory ends in graves. Every empire becomes carrion. Only God's kingdom endures.

Historical Context

Egypt's defeat by Babylon fulfilled this prophecy. Later conquests by Persia, Greece, and Rome kept Egypt subject to foreign powers. The great civilization that built pyramids and ruled the ancient world became subject to others, her glory faded, her power broken. Time and judgment reduce all human empires to graves and ruins.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What happens to proud empires that defy God?
2. How does the grave's indignity reverse earthly glory?
3. Which kingdom alone endures beyond the grave?

Interlinear Text

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in the midst of them that are slain by the sword They shall fall by the sword
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she is delivered draw her and all her multitudes
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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 28:3 (Parallel theme): Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts.

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