

Ezekiel 32:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Asshur is there and all her company: his graves are about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:

Analysis

Asshur is there and all her company introduces Assyria in Sheol. His graves are about him notes burial sites. All of them slain, fallen by the sword describes their violent end. The catalog of fallen nations in Sheol continues through verse 32, listing empire after empire that defied God and fell. This procession demonstrates that no human power escapes divine judgment. Every proud empire joins the cemetery of history. The list serves as warning: defy God, and you join the fallen. All human glory is temporary; divine justice is eternal.

Historical Context

Assyria fell in 612 BC, ending three centuries of dominance. Ezekiel, writing circa 571 BC (per verse 1), references Assyria's fall as historical fact and warning. What seemed invincible—Assyria's military machine—couldn't resist divine decree. The pattern repeats throughout history: proud empires rise, defy God, and fall. The catalog continues with other empires, demonstrating the universal pattern.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does the catalog of fallen empires teach about earthly power?
2. How many empires must fall before we learn the lesson?
3. Which kingdom alone escapes the cemetery of history?

Interlinear Text

קָרְבָּת	וְ	סְבִיבוֹת	וְ	קָרְבָּת	וְ	אֲשֶׁר	וְ	שׁ	וְ
H8033	Asshur	H3605	is there and all her company	H6951		H5439	are about	H6913	his graves
H804									
כָּל	וְ	כָּל	וְ	כָּל	וְ	כָּל	וְ	כָּל	וְ
H3605	him all of them slain	H2491		H5307	fallen	H2719	by the sword		

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 32:26 (Word): There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

Ezekiel 32:24 (Word): 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.