

# Ezekiel 32:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave continues the catalog of fallen nations in Sheol. All of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth describes their fate. Elam was east of Babylon (modern Iran). Which caused their terror in the land of the living notes they once terrorized others. Yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit means their terror couldn't prevent their own destruction and shame. Those who inspire fear ultimately experience fear; those who inflict shame ultimately bear shame. Divine justice is precisely reciprocal.

## Historical Context

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Elam was conquered by Assyria (circa 640 BC under Ashurbanipal), demonstrating that even regional powers fall when God decrees it. Elam's inclusion in this catalog of fallen nations reinforces the universal pattern: all earthly powers are temporary; all empires fall; only God's kingdom endures. Terror and military might provide no protection from divine judgment.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does justice turn terror back on those who wielded it?
2. What shame will we bear if we've inflicted shame on others?
3. Why can't human terror protect from divine judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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שָׁם	עֵילָם	וְכָל	הַמִּוֹן הַ	סְבִיב וְ	קִבְרָתָהּ הַ
H8033	There is Elam	H3605	and all her multitude	round about	her grave
	H5867		H1995	H5439	H6900
כָּל הַ	חַלְלִים	הַנִּפְלִי יָם	בְּחֶרֶב	אֲשֶׁר	יִוְרְדִי
H3605	all of them slain	fallen	by the sword	H834	which are gone down
	H2491	H5307	H2719		H3381
עֲרֵל יָם	אֶל	בְּאֶרֶץ	תַּחְתִּי וְ	אֲשֶׁר	נָתַן וְ
uncircumcised	H413	in the land	into the nether parts	H834	which caused
H6189		H776	H8482		H5414
חֲתִיתָם	בְּאֶרֶץ	חַיִּים	וַיִּשָּׂא וְ	כָלמָתָם	אֶת
their terror	in the land	of the living	yet have they borne	their shame	H854
H2851	H776	H2416	H5375	H3639	
יִוְרְדִי	בֹר:				
which are gone down	to the pit				
H3381	H953				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 10:22** (Parallel theme): The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram.

**Ezekiel 16:54** (Parallel theme): That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.

**Ezekiel 32:18** (Parallel theme): Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

**Ezekiel 32:25** (Word): They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that be slain.

**Ezekiel 32:30** (Word): There be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

**Ezekiel 26:20** (Parallel theme): When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth, in places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I shall set glory in the land of the living;

**Ezekiel 16:52** (Parallel theme): Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

**Jeremiah 25:25** (Parallel theme): And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

**Genesis 14:1** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations;

**Ezekiel 39:26** (Parallel theme): After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.

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