

Ezekiel 32:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude pictures Elam's place among the dead. Her graves are round about him describes burial. All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword repeats their fate. Though their terror was caused in the land of the living notes past power. Yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit reiterates poetic justice. He is put in the midst of them that be slain places Elam among all the defeated. The repetition hammers home the message: all earthly terror ends in graves; all human power terminates in death; all pride descends to dust.

Historical Context

Elam never regained independence or power after Assyrian conquest. The nation that once terrorized neighbors became a minor province under successive empires (Persian, Greek, Parthian). The pattern fulfilled Ezekiel's prophecy: once-terrifying Elam permanently humbled, her terror revealed as temporary, her shame eternal.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the grave prove all human terror temporary?
2. What distinguishes eternal shame from temporary humiliation?
3. Why does death unite all earthly powers in common defeat?

Interlinear Text

בְּכָל לָהּ מִשְׁכַּב נָתַן: חָלָל יָם בֵּת וְ
in the midst of the slain They have set her a bed H0 H3605
H8432 H2491 H5414 H4904

כָּל מ קְבֻרָתָהּ סְבִיבוֹתָיו הַמִּוֶּה
with all her multitude are round about her graves H3605
H1995 H5439 H6913

נָתַן: כִּי הָרֶב חָלָל יָם עֲרֵל יָם
him all of them uncircumcised of the slain by the sword H3588 They have set
H6189 H2491 H2719 H5414

אֶת כָּל־מָתָם וַיִּשָּׂא וְ חַיִּים בְּאֶרֶץ חֲתִיתָם
though their terror in the land of the living yet have they borne their shame H854
H2851 H776 H2416 H5375 H3639

נָתַן: חָלָל יָם בֵּת וְ בֹר י וְרִידֵי
with them that go down to the pit in the midst of the slain They have set
H3381 H953 H8432 H2491 H5414

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 139:8 (Parallel theme): If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

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