

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

בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין בְּתַוְךָ	סְלַלְלָה בְּנִתְנִין	מִשְׁכַּב לְהַבְּכָל	בְּכָל	לְהַבְּכָל
in the midst of the slain	They have set	her a bed	HO	H3605
H8432	H2491	H5414	H4904	
כָּל מְקֹבְרַתְהָ סְבִיבָתְהָ קְמֹונָה	סְבִיבָתְהָ קְמֹונָה	קְמֹונָה	כָּל	מְקֹבְרַתְהָ
with all her multitude are round about	her graves	her graves	H3605	
H1995	H5439	H6913		H3605
עַרְלֵי יְמִין סְלַלְלָה בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין	בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין סְלַלְלָה בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין	בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין סְלַלְלָה	עַרְלֵי יְמִין	בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין
him all of them uncircumcised	of the slain	by the sword	H3588	They have set
H6189	H2491	H2719	H5414	
אֶת כְּלָמַדְתָּם תִּישְׁאַל וְתִּשְׁאַל בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין	בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין	בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין	אֶת כְּלָמַדְתָּם	תִּשְׁאַל בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין
though their terror	in the land	of the living	H5375	their shame
H2851	H776	H2416	H3639	H854
בְּתַוְךָ וּרְדֵי יְמִין סְלַלְלָה בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין	בְּתַוְךָ וּרְדֵי יְמִין סְלַלְלָה בְּצִלְלֵי יְמִין	בְּתַוְךָ וּרְדֵי יְמִין סְלַלְלָה	בְּתַוְךָ וּרְדֵי	בְּתַוְךָ וּרְדֵי
with them that go down	to the pit	in the midst of the slain	H2491	They have set
H3381	H953	H8432	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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