

Ezekiel 32:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

Analysis

The captured dragon would be 'left upon the land' and 'cast forth upon the open field'—exposed, helpless, dishonored. All creatures would feed upon him, representing total humiliation. Denial of proper burial was the ultimate disgrace in ancient culture. This judgment reveals that pride leads to ultimate humiliation (Matthew 23:12).

Historical Context

This imagery reverses Egyptian funeral practices. Egypt's elaborate mummification and tomb-building sought to preserve bodies for afterlife. Propheying exposure to scavengers struck at core Egyptian values and religious beliefs.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God's judgment sometimes involve exposing and stripping away false dignities and pretensions?
2. What false securities or dignities might God need to remove to bring you to humility and dependence on Him?

Interlinear Text

וְנִטְשֶׁתָּ יָרֵךְ Then will I leave H5203	הָאָרֶץ: of the whole earth H776	עַל H5921	פָּנֵי י upon the open H6440	הַשָּׂדֶה הַ field H7704
אֶטִּילָךְ I will cast thee forth H2904	וְהִשְׁכַּנְתָּ י to remain H7931	עַל יָרֵךְ H5921	כָּל H3605	ע וּפְ and will cause all the fowls H5775
הַשָּׁמַיִם of the heaven H8064	וְהִשְׁבַּעְתָּ י upon thee and I will fill H7646	מִמָּוֶה H4480	חַיֵּי הַ the beasts H2416	כָּל H3605
				הָאָרֶץ: of the whole earth H776

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 18:6 (Parallel theme): They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

Ezekiel 29:5 (Parallel theme): And I will leave thee thrown into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.