

Ezekiel 32:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

Analysis

Cosmic darkening imagery—sun covered, moon darkened, stars veiled—represents judgment affecting heaven and earth. This apocalyptic language appears throughout Scripture (Isaiah 13:10, Joel 2:10, Matthew 24:29) for catastrophic divine intervention. Egypt's fall would seem like world-ending cataclysm to those affected, revealing judgment's comprehensive impact.

Historical Context

Ancient peoples interpreted astronomical phenomena as divine signs. This prophecy used cosmic imagery to emphasize that Egypt's fall represented divine judgment, not mere political change. It was a God-ordained historical earthquake.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How should awareness of ultimate cosmic judgment (Christ's return) affect present priorities?

2. What does apocalyptic imagery reveal about the seriousness of sin and judgment in God's perspective?

Interlinear Text

אֶכֶס נֹ	בְּכִבּוֹתְךָ	שָׁמַיִם	וְהִקְדַּרְתִּי	אֶת		
I will cover	And when I shall put thee out	the heaven	and make	H853		
H3680	H3518	H8064	H6937			
הַכִּכְיֹהִם	שֶׁשֶּׁשׁ	בְּעָנָן	אֶכֶס נֹ	וְיָרֵחַ	לֹא	יָאֵר
the stars	the sun	with a cloud	I will cover	and the moon	H3808	shall not give
H3556	H8121	H6051	H3680	H3394		H215
אֶרְאֶה						
her light						
H216						

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 24:29 (Light): Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Joel 2:31 (Darkness): The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Isaiah 34:4 (Parallel theme): And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

Isaiah 13:10 (Light): For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Joel 2:2 (Darkness): A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

Ezekiel 30:3 (Parallel theme): For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

Joel 3:15 (Darkness): The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Revelation 8:12 (Darkness): And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Proverbs 13:9 (Light): The light of the righteous rejoiceth: but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

Jeremiah 13:16 (Light): Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.