

## EZEKIEL 29:1-30:26 – “PROCLAMATION AGAINST EGYPT, HER ALLIES AND PHARAOH-PRIDE OF EGYPT WILL BRING GOD’S PUNISHMENT”

### OBSERVATION

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### THE FIRST MESSAGE – THE PICTURE OF KILLING A SEA MONSTER: (VS. 1-16)

*Eze 29:1 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, (about January 7, 587 BC) - 7 mos before Jerusalem fell)*

*Eze 29:2 "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt.*

*Eze 29:3 Speak, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers, Who has said, 'My River is my own; I have made it for myself.'*

*Eze 29:4 But I will put hooks in your jaws, And cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales; I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, And all the fish in your rivers will stick to your scales.*

*Eze 29:5 I will leave you in the wilderness, You and all the fish of your rivers; You shall fall on the open field; You shall not be picked up or gathered. I have given you as food To the beasts of the field And to the birds of the heavens. (there is no record of Pharaoh Hophra receiving any royal burial – not in that great room of pharaohs of Egypt's history!!)*

*Eze 29:6 "Then all the inhabitants of Egypt Shall know that I am the LORD, Because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.*

*Eze 29:7 When they took hold of you with the hand, You broke and tore all their shoulders; When they leaned on you, You broke and made all their backs quiver." (EGYPT WAS DISLOYAL TO ISRAEL-2<sup>nd</sup> sin!)*

*Eze 29:8 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will bring a sword upon you and cut off from you man and beast.*

*Eze 29:9 And the land of Egypt shall become desolate and waste; then they will know that I am the LORD, because he said, 'The River is mine, and I have made it.' (The pride mentioned here is the reason for God's judgment!)*

*Eze 29:10 Indeed, therefore, I am against you and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Migdol to Syene, as far as the border of Ethiopia. (The present desolation is obvious - the design of the judgment is obvious!)*

*Eze 29:11 Neither foot of man shall pass through it nor foot of beast pass through it, and it shall be uninhabited forty years. (Incredible accuracy of the word of God! - That land was devoid of any people as the cities of Egypt was destroyed!)*

### INTERPRETATION

Egypt – the seventh nation in Ezekiel's judgment cycle – (*Gen. 12:10-20; Ex. 14:10-12; 16:1-3; Num. 11:4-9; 14:1-5; Is. 30:1-5; 31:1-3*)

**Eze 29:1** This is the last of the world kingdoms against which Ezekiel's prophecies are directed, and occupies the largest space in them, namely, the next four chapters. Though farther off than Tyre, it exercised a more powerful influence on Israel.

**Eze 29:2 Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt,....** Pharaoh was a name common to all the kings of Egypt; the name of this king was Pharaohhophra, Jer 44:30, and who, by Herodotus, is called Apries: **and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt**; prophesy of his destruction, and of the destruction of the whole land that is under his dominion.

**Eze 29:3** Speak, and say, Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster that lies in the midst of his rivers, which has said, My river is my own, and I have made it for myself. He compares Pharaoh to a dragon which hides himself in the Nile river, as in (*Isa 51:9*).

**Eze 29:4** But I will put hooks in your jaws, I will send enemies against you who will pluck you and your people which trust in you out of your sure places and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick to thy scales, and I will bring you out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of your rivers shall stick to your scales.

**Eze 29:5 I will leave you in the wilderness** - Referring to his being obliged to take refuge in Upper Egypt. But he was afterwards taken prisoner, and strangled by Amasis.

**Eze 29:6** And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. (*2Ki 18:21; Isa 36:6*).

**Eze 29:7** When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and tear all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou didst break, and make all their inward parts to shake. When you felt their hurt, they would stay no more on you, but stood on their feet and put their trust in others.

**Eze 29:8 a sword** — Nebuchadnezzar's army (*Eze 29:19*). Also Amasis and the Egyptian revolvers who after Pharaoh-hophra's discomfiture in Cyrene dethroned and strangled him, having defeated him in a battle fought at Memphis Junius.

**Eze 29:9** And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he has said, The river is mine, and I have made it. Thus God cannot permit man to attribute anything to himself or put his trust in anything save in him alone.

**Eze 29:10 Syene - Boundary between Ethiopia and Egypt**; that is, all Egypt from north - east to south - west. Syene, now called Essuan, was the last city in Egypt, going towards Ethiopia. It was famous for a well into which the rays of the sun fell perpendicularly at midday.

**Eze 29:11** Neither foot of man shall pass through it,.... This must be understood not strictly, but with some limitation; it cannot be thought that Egypt was so depopulated as that there should not be a single passenger in it; but that there should be few inhabitants in it, or that there should be scarce any that should come into it for traffic; it should not be frequented as it had been at least there should be very few that travelled in it, in comparison of what had: no foot of beast shall pass through it: no droves of sheep and oxen, and such like useful cattle, only beasts of prey should dwell in it: neither shall it be inhabited forty years: afterwards, *Eze 29:17*, a prophecy is given out concerning the destruction of it by Nebuchadnezzar, which was in the twenty seventh year, that is, of Jeconiah's captivity.

### APPLICATION

Ezekiel may be divided into three sections, following the prophet's call in 1-3: (1) God's judgment on Jerusalem, 4-24; (2) God's judgment on the surrounding nations, 25-32; and (3) God's restoration of the Jews in the kingdom, 33-48. Chapters 1-24 were given before the siege of Jerusalem; chapters 25-32 during the siege; and chapters 33-48 after the siege. Though the prophet was in distant Babylon, he was able to see events in Jerusalem through the power of the Spirit of God. Ezekiel not only proclaimed God's message to the people, but he had to live the message before them. God commanded him to do a number of symbolic acts in order to get the attention of the people: play at war (*Eze 4:1-3*); lie on his side a certain number of days (*Eze 4:4-17*); shave his hair and beard (*Eze 5:1-4*); act like someone fleeing from war (*Eze 12:1-16*); sit and sigh (*Eze 21:1-7*); and, the most difficult of all, have his wife die (*Eze 24:15-27*). It was not easy to be a prophet. In chapters 25-28 we come to the judgment of the neighboring nations surrounding Israel. In chapter 26 we come to a judgment that is very similar to the position the United States has today! In chapter 28 we see the defeat of Tyre's real king and who is the force behind their commercial success. In chapter 29-32 Egypt is the seventh nation in Ezekiel's judgment cycle and receives more attention than any of the other nations.

v. 3 – The picture of a great dragon

v. 4-5 – The punishment of the dragon

v. 6-7 – The pain that Egypt caused Israel

Egypt – the country that put Israel in bondage for 400 years. Egypt became the setting for the type of redemption that is spoken all through the New Testament. Three of the prophecies are dated.

Our country's pride is being brought down!  
Financial crisis! US supremacy is over!



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### OBSERVATION

#### THE STORM ANNOUNCED – THE REALIZATION OF THE POWER OF GOD UPON EGYPT AND HER ALLIES - (VS. 1-19)

Eze 30:1 *The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, (no date given here)*

Eze 30:2 *"Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Wail, 'Woe to the day!'"*

Eze 30:3 *For the day is near, Even the day of the LORD is near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.*

Eze 30:4 *The sword shall come upon Egypt, And great anguish shall be in Ethiopia, When the slain fall in Egypt, And they take away her wealth, And her foundations are broken down.*

Eze 30:5 *"Ethiopia, Libya, Lydia, all the mingled people, Chub, and the men of the lands who are allied, shall fall with them by the sword."*

Eze 30:6 *"Thus says the LORD: "Those who uphold Egypt shall fall, And the pride of her power shall come down. From Migdol to Syene Those within her shall fall by the sword," Says the Lord GOD.*

Eze 30:7 *"They shall be desolate in the midst of the desolate countries, And her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are laid waste.*

Eze 30:8 *Then they will know that I am the LORD, When I have set a fire in Egypt And all her helpers are destroyed.*

Eze 30:9 *On that day messengers shall go forth from Me in ships To make the careless Ethiopians afraid, And great anguish shall come upon them, As on the day of Egypt; For indeed it is coming!"*

Eze 30:10 *"Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also make a multitude of Egypt to cease By the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.*

Eze 30:11 *He and his people with him, the most terrible of the nations, Shall be brought to destroy the land; They shall draw their swords against Egypt, And fill the land with the slain.*

Eze 30:12 *I will make the rivers dry, And sell the land into the hand of the wicked; I will make the land waste, and all that is in it, By the hand of aliens. I, the LORD, have spoken."*

Eze 30:13 *"Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also destroy the idols, And cause the images to cease from Noph; There shall no longer be princes from the land of Egypt; I will put fear in the land of Egypt.*

### INTERPRETATION

Eze 30:1 Third prophecy Ezek. 30:1-19 against Egypt, probably to be connected with the previous verses

Eze 30:2 Wail, Woe to the day! — that is, Alas for the day!

Eze 30:3 **the time of the Gentiles** — namely, for taking vengeance on them. The judgment on Egypt is the beginning of a world-wide judgment on all the heathen enemies of God

Eze 30:4 **anguish** — **literally**, “pangs with trembling as of a woman in childbirth.”

Eze 30:5 Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

Eze 30:6 Thus says the LORD; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Syene, which was a strong city of Egypt, shall they fall in it by the sword, says the Lord GOD.

Eze 30:7 **Shall be desolate** - All these countries shall be desolated, and the places named shall be chief in these desolations.

Eze 30:8 **And they will know that I am the Lord,....** The Egyptians shall know the Lord to be the true God, and acknowledge him to be omniscient and omnipotent, that should so exactly foretell their destruction, and accomplish it: **when I have set a fire in Egypt:** a war there; the heat of battle, very devouring and consuming, as well as very grievous and terrible, as fire is.

Eze 30:9 **Messengers shall go forth from me in ships** - Ships can ascend the Nile up to Syene or Essuan, by the cataracts; and when Nebuchadnezzar’s vessels went up, they struck terror into the Ethiopians. They are represented here as the “messengers of God.”

Eze 30:10 **Thus says the Lord God, I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease,....** The vast numbers of people that inhabited Egypt; some of its cities were very populous, especially the city No, after mentioned; but now the numbers should be greatly lessened, and the whole land sadly depopulated.

Eze 30:11 **He and his people with him,....** He and his army, consisting chiefly of Chaldeans; though there were of other nations among them, as were in his army when he besieged Jerusalem, as seems to be suggested in the next clause: **the most terrible of the nations shall be brought to destroy the land;** the Chaldeans, the most fierce, cruel, and terrible of all people, and others the most terrible that could be collected out of all nations under the yoke of the king of Babylon; and all of them terrible to the nations against whom they came, as now against Egypt to destroy it;

Eze 30:12 **I will make the rivers dry** - As the overflowing of the Nile was the grand cause of fertility to Egypt, the drying it up, or preventing that annual inundation, must be the cause of dearth, famine, etc. By rivers, we may understand the various canals cut from the Nile to carry water into the different parts of the land. When the Nile did not rise to its usual height these canals were quite dry.

Eze 30:13 **Their images to cease out of Noph** - Afterwards Memphis, and now Cairo or Kahira. This was the seat of Egyptian idolatry; the place where Apis was particularly worshipped. **No more a prince of the land of Egypt** - Not one, from that time to the present day.

### APPLICATION

Vs. 1-3 – an example of the day of the Lord.

Vs. 4-6 – it will bring the death of Egypt and her allies

v. 7 – causing great desolation in the land

v. 8 – great destruction causing them to know the Lord did it

v. 9 – great distress will come upon the Ethiopians

vs. 10-12 – Death will be spread by the hand of the Babylonians

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*Eze 30:14 I will make Pathros desolate, Set fire to Zoan, And execute judgments in No.*

*Eze 30:15 I will pour My fury on Sin, the strength of Egypt; I will cut off the multitude of No,*

*Eze 30:16 And set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall have great pain, No shall be split open, And Noph shall be in distress daily.*

*Eze 30:17 The young men of Aven and Pi Beseth shall fall by the sword, And these cities shall go into captivity.*

*Eze 30:18 At Tehaphnehes the day shall also be darkened, When I break the yokes of Egypt there. And her arrogant strength shall cease in her; As for her, a cloud shall cover her, And her daughters shall go into captivity.*

*Eze 30:19 Thus I will execute judgments on Egypt, Then they shall know that I am the LORD. " " "*

*Eze 30:20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh day of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,*

*Eze 30:21 "Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and see, it has not been bandaged for healing, nor a splint put on to bind it, to make it strong enough to hold a sword.*

*Eze 30:22 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Surely I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, both the strong one and the one that was broken; and I will make the sword fall out of his hand.*

*Eze 30:23 I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them throughout the countries.*

*Eze 30:24 I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put My sword in his hand; but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he will groan before him with the groanings of a mortally wounded man.*

*Eze 30:25 Thus I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; they shall know that I am the LORD, when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he stretches it out against the land of Egypt.*

*Eze 30:26 I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries. Then they shall know that I am the LORD. " " (70 x in Ezekiel's prophecy)*

### INTERPRETATION

**Eze 30:14 I will make Pathros desolate** - See Eze 29:14.

Zoan - Tanis, the ancient capital of Egypt.

No - Diospolis, or Thebes, the city of Jupiter.

**Eze 30:15 My fury upon Sin** - Pelusium, a strong city of Egypt, on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

**Eze 30:16 and Noph shall be in distress daily**: that is, Memphis, as before; enemies shall surround it daily, as the Targum; shall besiege and distress it, until it is taken: or, "in the daytime"; their enemies should not come as thieves in the night, openly in the day.

**Eze 30:17 Aven** - Or On, the famous Heliopolis, or city of the sun.

**Pibeseth** - Bubastum or Bubaste, by a slight alteration of the letters. It is situated on the eastern branch of the Nile, towards Arabia.

**Eze 30:18 Tehaphnehes** - Called also Tahapanes, Jer 2:16. This is the Pelusian Daphne. **Break the yokes** - The sceptres. Nebuchadnezzar broke the scepter of Egypt when he confirmed the kingdom to Amasis, who had rebelled against Apries.

**Eze 30:19 Thus will I execute judgments on Egypt**,.... In the several provinces, and in the several cities of it before mentioned, and in all other places; even the judgments of fire, famine, sword, and captivity:

**Then they shall know that I am the Lord**; God omniscient and omnipotent, by the, judgments executed; and own the same: this more especially they did, when the Gospel was preached among them, and many were converted by it in the times of the apostles.

**Eze 30:20** And it came to pass in the<sup>1</sup> eleventh year of the captivity of Jeconiah, or of Zedekiah's reign., in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

**Eze 30:21** Son of man, for Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Pharaoh Nebo at Carchemish, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a bandage to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.

**Eze 30:22** Therefore thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, his force and power, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand

**Eze 30:23. I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations**,.... Among the several provinces of Babylon, and other places, where the Chaldeans should carry or send them: **and will disperse them through the countries**: the same thing repeated in different words for the confirmation of it

**Eze 30:24**. Egypt will groan before the king of Babylon with the groanings of a mortally wounded man.

**Eze 30:25** But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt

**Eze 30:26. I will scatter the Egyptians** - Several fled with Apries to Upper Egypt; and when Nebuchadnezzar wasted the country, he carried many of them to Babylon

### APPLICATION

**Are we looking to the world for help? As a nation? As individuals? OR are we looking to God?**