
SUNDAY SERMON

Hidden Hills Sovereign Grace Baptist Church

Willow, Alaska

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Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 29:1-21

Text: Ezekiel 30:1-26; 31:1-18; 32:1-32

Subject: EZEKIEL SERIES – Egypt’s Destruction and the Lamentation for it

In the preceding chapter, we read and considered the prophecy against Pharaoh and Egypt. All together, we have four chapters in succession which speak of the destruction of Egypt and her allies – of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Now we come to chapter 30 and consider Egypt in the Day of the LORD. The expression “**Day of the LORD**” is found fourteen times in the Old Testament. It is true that the final **Day of the LORD** will come upon all nations in the last day – and the very same signs shall occur then as occurred in Egypt’s **Day of the LORD** as we will read in chapter 32.

Ezekiel 32:7-8 (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. All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.*

This is a great day of judgment. The very heavens shall be darkened in that black and dismal day. In the end, we read the very same things:

Revelation 6:12 (KJV) *And I beheld when he had opened the*

sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

We notice in the 30th chapter, that those nations who were confederate with Egypt shall also experience the same judgment – Ethiopia, Libya, Lydia, the mingled people, and Chub (30:5).

The LORD will destroy the idols and the images of Egypt – for there were many of them, but not a one shall be left. Not a city in Egypt shall escape. We will notice they are named—Zaan, No, Noph, Aven, Pibeseth, and Tehaphnehes. All are taken by “the terrible of the nations,” -- Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon and his army. Those left alive shall be scattered among the nations – and these shall know the LORD has done it to them.

Let us read chapter 30.

In this 31st chapter, the LORD makes reference to the king of Assyria and the greatness of his pride and dominion to Pharaoh, king of Egypt. The LORD related the ruin of that great king of Assyria -- how he went down to the grave and caused a great mourning. Pharaoh would be brought down with the “trees of Eden” (kings and rulers) to the lower parts of the earth and lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword.

In these four chapters, 29-32, concerning Pharaoh and Egypt, we are reminded of God’s everlasting love and concern for Israel. God did literally give other nations for Israel. We have read of the fall of the Moabites, the Ammonites, the Edomites, the Philistines, Mighty Tyre with her King, Tyre’s sister city, Sidon; we are now reading of Assyria,

Elam, Meshech, Tubal and her multitudes.

Isaiah 43:3-4 (KJV) *For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.*

Let us read chapter 31.

Chapter 32 is a lamentation both for Pharaoh and for Egypt – a mournful and pitiful cry for those who have been slain and gone down into the pit. In chapters 29 through 32, which all speak of Pharaoh and Egypt, the word pit is found exactly eight (8) times. It comes from the Hebrew word: בור *bore* and is also translated in the OT as: cistern 4, dungeon 11, well 9, and fountain 1. It is a different Hebrew word than the word for hell which is: שאול *sh@'owl sheh-ole'*

Num. 16:30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth and swallow them up, with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down quick into the **pit** <07585>; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD

Num. 16:32-33 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods, they, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the **pit** <07585>, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

We cannot help but notice the words of the LORD toward those nations of people who caused terror in the land of the living – so many of them did so, then reaped as they had sowed. Fallen by the sword – the recipients of terror from others who caused terror in the earth. Remember, if you will, how the LORD exacts judgment on those who cause terror in the earth. Terror is the state of being terrified or greatly frightened; intense fear, fright or dread. Those who cause terror in the land bring this about for the objects of their hatred. This is a good thing for us to remember – for the whole earth is filled with those who bring terror in the earth. Yet, we know the LORD will judge them in due time. Please notice this as we read through this 32nd chapter.

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