

## **Ezekiel Part 3, Week 4, Ezekiel 31-32 Judgment on Egypt (Part 2)**

### **Day 1 – Ezekiel 31-32**

Last week, we studied the first four oracles or judgments God brought upon the great nation of Egypt. Two weeks ago, we looked at God's judgment on the great port trading cities of Tyre and Sidon. Tyre and Sidon were huge in pride – they had so much stuff! Three weeks ago, we investigated God's judgment on the nations of Ammon, Moab, Edom, and Arabia. All of these judgments from God were placed on these peoples because of their pride, their inappropriate treatment of Israel and also because they refused to acknowledge God as the only true living God and Sovereign LORD over men. All of these judgments brought about the same result: All men, women and children of all the nations would know that God was the LORD. God used the Babylonians as His instrument of judgment on all these nations. Again, this week, we will look at God's judgment on the nation of Egypt only this time God says she's not all that great a nation.

Please start your study this week with at least 10 minutes of concentrated prayer for God to open your mind concerning this second set of His judgments on Egypt. I want you to begin your study with a reread of Isaiah 18-20. See what kind of background information you can glean from these passages. Remember that the Israelites were not to worship other nations' gods and they were also not to rely on any of the other nations for protection. They were to rely on God alone. Remember also that in this time frame of Ezekiel 29-32, the land of Israel had made an alliance with Egypt to come rescue them when they were attacked by Babylon. Egypt did just that and they, too, were taken captive and overrun by the Babylonian armies.

Now, just read Ezekiel 31 and 32

Now, after you have read Ezekiel 31 and 32, go back and read it word for word. Slow your reading down enough so that you are picking up the details as you go. Be on the alert for key words that we have already identified in the other weeks of study. However, do not mark them at this time.

Now, reread these two chapters with discernment. Tomorrow, we will begin marking chapter 31.

### **Day 2-4 – Chapters 31-32 The Last Oracles Against Egypt**

#### **Ezekiel 31 – God's Judgment on Egypt –Part 3: The Allegory of Assyria, Oracle 5 on Egypt**

Please mark the following key repeated words in your own unique way for Ezekiel chapter 31:

the phrase: "the word of the LORD came to me saying," as before

the phrase: “thus says the Lord GOD,” as before; include “declares the Lord GOD,” as one marking as before  
 all references to Ezekiel as before, including “Son of man”  
 all references to Pharaoh, and pronouns as one marking  
 all references to “Egypt,” “his multitude,” as one marking  
 all references to God as before, including, “LORD;” also mark “Lord GOD,” as “Sovereign Lord”  
 “Eden,” “the garden of God,” “God’s garden,” as one marking  
 “all the trees of Eden,” the “cypresses,” “the cedars in God’s Garden” and “the plane tree,” as one marking  
 “a despot of the nations,” and all pronouns  
 all references to the “pit,” “Sheol,” “in the earth beneath,” as one marking  
 all references to the “nations,” as before  
 all references to “Assyria,” as before including all its pronouns  
 all references to “lamentations,” as you marked them before  
 all references to “sword,” “slain,” as you marked “sword,” before  
 all references to “uncircumcised,” including all pronouns

Mark all references to time in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheets, i.e. “in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first of the month,” “on the day when,” and “when.” How long has it been since the last prophecy recorded in Ezekiel 30:20-26?

Mark the reference to the word “therefore” in some unique way in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheet. What is the “therefore,” there for in Ezekiel 31:5, 10, and 11? What statement(s) precede the “therefore” that gives the reader understanding?

God asks Pharaoh and his people, whom they are like in their greatness? He compares them to Assyria in its greatness in Ezekiel 31:3-17. He describes Assyria as this wonderful tree that He Himself has made beautiful. Even the trees of Eden were jealous over Assyria. However, even as great a tree as Assyria was, God still judged her for her pride and she fell. Then God asks Pharaoh again in Ezekiel 31:18 as though He is mocking Pharaoh’s perception of his own greatness.: “To which among the trees of Eden are you thus equal in glory and greatness?” I would like you to list what God has to say about Assyria’s greatness in Ezekiel 31:3-9.

How were the “leaders in Israel” addressed according to Ezekiel 17?

What would give Pharaoh (Hopni) the idea that he was secure and mighty?

Name the three trees from the Garden of Eden that could not compare to the tree God created in the Assyrian nation.

How does God describe these three trees' emotions in human terms?

In the next space provided below, I would like you to list what God did to Assyria and why He did it from Ezekiel 31:10-17.

Why will Assyria fall? See Ezekiel 31:10-14. How was Assyria's pride explained?

How does God describe the king/nation who will destroy Assyria? See Ezekiel 31:11.

Is God really referring to Assyria here or is He referring to Babylon? Or is Nebuchadnezzar the "despot of the nations," who will totally destroy the Assyrian empire who ruled before the Babylonians?

Why would God compare Egypt to Assyria and not to another nation?

Assyria was of great consequence to Egypt for two reasons:

1. Up until this time, Assyria had been the only nation from the Cradle of Civilization area to ever invade Egypt. Assyria did so in 633 B.C. and she destroyed the Egyptian capital of Thebes.
2. Assyria had been the world empire that had been quickly overturned by the Babylonians.

What will the alien tyrants of the nations do to Assyria according to Ezekiel according to 31:12?

According to Ezekiel 31:12, what will happen to “all the peoples of the earth,” who have been under Assyria’s care when Assyria is left dead on the mountains, in all the valleys, and in all the ravines of the land where they have fallen and have been cut down?

Where will all the birds of the heavens dwell according to Ezekiel 31:13? Where will all the beasts of the field be?

Why will all the birds of the heavens dwell in Assyria’s broken branches? See Ezekiel 31:14.

Who has “felled” this great tree of Assyria?

Who are “all the trees by the waters,” which will not be exalted in their stature, nor set atop the clouds, nor stand erect in their height? See Ezekiel 31:14. Why will God not allow these other nations to be exalted like Assyria? Does this mean that Egypt’s ambition to be a world power was doomed to failure, too?

What will happen to these “trees by the waters,” instead of glory? What is the fate of all men? Are all men equal in death? Did both the Assyrians’ and the Egyptians’ destinies lie in the pit of hell? Why?

How did the nations react to the fall of Assyria? See 31:15-18.

What did God cause to happen according to Ezekiel 31:15-17?

What part did the “nations” play in Assyria’s reign on the known earth at the time? See Ezekiel 31:16-17? What happened to the nations as a result of their sinfulness? Did God comfort the trees of Eden? Who are these trees of Eden?

Was Egypt equal in glory and greatness to any of the trees of Eden? Why or why not?

What does it mean that Egypt will lie “in the midst of the uncircumcised?” What does the death of the “uncircumcised” imply?

Why was God so very hard on Egypt? Really think on this one. Don’t skip over this! Think on the history of the two nations of Egypt and Israel.

Please record the theme of chapter 31 on the individual worksheet for Ezekiel 31 and on the Ezekiel Theme Summary Chart in the Appendix.

### **Ezekiel 32 – God’s Judgment on Egypt – Part 4 – Lamentation and Oracle 6 on Egypt; Oracle 7 and Final Remarks on the Judgments of Other Nations**

Please mark the following key repeated words in your own unique way for Ezekiel chapter 32:

- the phrase: “thus says the Lord GOD,” as before; include “declares the Lord GOD,” as one marking as before
- the phrase: “the word of the LORD came to me saying,” as before
- the phrase: “terror in the land of the living,” “terror was instilled in the land of the living,” “terror of these heroes was once in the land of the living, “terror of him in the land of the living,” as one marking
- the phrase: “they shall know that I am the LORD,” as before
- all references to Ezekiel as before, including “Son of man”
- all references to Pharaoh, “King of Egypt,” “like the monster in the seas,” “a young lion of the nations,” and pronouns as one marking as before
- all references to “Egypt,” “your multitude,” “its multitude,” “the land of Egypt,” “all her multitude(s),” “the multitude of Egypt,” “all those who live in it,” “his helpers,” as one marking as before
- all references to “Babylon,” “a company of many peoples,” “mighty ones,” “all of them are tyrants of the nations,” as before
- all references to “Nebuchadnezzar,” “king of Babylon,” as before
- all references to God as before, including, “LORD;” “I AM the LORD,” also mark “Lord GOD,” as “Sovereign Lord”
- all references to the “pit,” “Sheol,” “in the earth beneath,” “your bed with the uncircumcised,” “nether world,” “the lower parts of the earth,” as one marking as before
- all references to the “nations,” as before
- all references to “Assyria,” as before including all its pronouns

all references to “Elam,” and “all her multitudes,” as before  
all references to “Meschech,” “Tubal,” and “all her multitudes,” as before  
all references to “Edom,” “its kings,” and “all its princes,” as one marking as before  
all references to “lamentations,” as you marked them before  
all references to “sword,” “slain,” as you marked “sword,” before  
all references to “uncircumcised,” including all pronouns

Mark all references to time in the left margin of the double-spaced worksheets, i.e. “in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first of the month,” “now,” “when,” “on the day of your fall,” “then,” “in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth of the month.” Interestingly, “the twelfth year, on the fifteenth of the month,” date referenced above is March 17, 585 B.C. Today, at the writing of this lesson, it is March 17, 2009. Why would God have allowed me to see this? To what does He want me to pay special attention?

Chapters 31 and 32 of Ezekiel are also lamentations just like Ezekiel 30 that we studied last week. As a reminder, what is “a lamentation?”

Also, again, from chapter 31, why is God so very hard on Egypt?

How does God describe Pharaoh and how does Pharaoh describe himself in Ezekiel 32:2?

How will God spread His net over this monster in the sea? See Ezekiel 32:3?

What will happen to this monster in the sea when he is left on the land, in an open field according to Ezekiel 32:4-6? Does the blood thing here remind you of one of the ten plagues leveled on Egypt when Israel was still in their land as captives?

What will happen to the heavenly bodies when God extinguishes Egypt? See Ezekiel 32:7-8. Does this remind you of one of the ten plagues leveled on Egypt when Israel was still in their land as captives?

God’s judgment on Egypt will extend to the “many peoples,” whom Egypt has not even known. What will happen to the hearts of these “many peoples,” when God’s judgment on Egypt becomes evident? See Ezekiel 32:9-10.

God uses the Babylonians to “catch” Egypt in God’s net and let her die as in Ezekiel 32:3. God will also use the Babylonian’s sword to carry out His judgment on Egypt.

What will happen to “all its multitude” or “all of Egypt” when God devastates her pride by the hand of the Babylonians? Will the animals of Egypt suffer, too? Will the land of Egypt suffer, also? See Ezekiel 32:11-15.

What will be the desired ultimate response that Egypt will have to God’s judgment upon them according to Ezekiel 32: 15?

Where did Egypt and her multitudes go after being slain by the sword? See Ezekiel 32:17-21.

Where did Assyria and all her company go after being slain by the sword? See Ezekiel 32:22-23.

Where did Elam and her multitude go after being slain by the sword? See Ezekiel 32:24-25.

Where did Meshech, Tubal and all their multitudes go after being slain by the sword? See Ezekiel 32:16-28.

Where did Edom, its kings, and its princes, go after being slain by the sword? See Ezekiel 32:29.

Where did the chiefs of the north and all the Sidonians go after being slain by the sword? See Ezekiel 32:30.

What correlation is there between “the uncircumcised,” and those who go down to the “pit,” “Sheol,” “the nether world,” or “the lower parts of the earth?” See Ezekiel 32:19,21, 24-30, 32.

What must have been going on in the minds of Pharaoh and his people when God said all of these nations were waiting for them in Sheol? Pharaoh may have been mighty on this earth, but the same fate awaited him as all those who had gone before him in death.

In the end, Egypt suffered the same judgment for her pride as all the other nations, greater or smaller than herself. All men, who were not of the circumcised, will be responsible for their own actions in this life; they will die the same death; they will make their eternal bed in the “pit.” All men, who are not of the circumcised, are those who openly defy the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who shake their finger in the face of the Sovereign LORD of the Universe and deny Him access to their hearts and their will. Notice that all these statements have “they will” as their premise. All of these men refuse to see God’s right to His claim on their lives. They know better than God how to live their own lives. They know better than God what is right for them. They know better than God their

position in this life. They know better than God what is right and what is wrong. Do they now? In all of this, “They shall know that I AM the LORD!”

### **Day 5 - Personal reflection:**

These questions are as much for me as they are for you.

What will happen to the nations, like Iran, who openly defy the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

What do we know will happen to those nations who do not bless Israel, but indeed curse her and want to wipe her off the face of the planet?

What happened to Germany after WWII? Were they completely annihilated as a nation or were they, by the grace of God, allowed to come back and live as a nation?

I wonder what the Islamic faith will think about their religion having “nation” status when it is time for God’s judgments to be passed out once again to the nations. This month marks the thirtieth anniversary of the first Islamic state of Iran – a nation where their religion is the law of the land – Sharia law. Their religion as law requires them to seek the return of the Islamic Mahdi, the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam. Their religion as law requires them to actively provoke the chaotic state the world must be in for the return of their messiah. Their religion as law requires them to do everything possible to bring about the destruction of Israel and the United States.

What will happen to this nation? Or more accurately, what is happening to this nation right now? Last week, I heard for the first time, that, we, the people, have turned our backs on God, and that the United States has now come under God’s judgment. I heard it from David Wilkerson, from Franklin Graham, and from Larry Snapp on Sunday morning in his prayer. Always, in the Scripture, when God repeats the same thing three times, He wants us to pay attention to what He is saying. I know this is not Scripture, but I do think the Holy Spirit has inspired this warning. He wants us to pay attention not only to our Christian leaders, but also to the current times and events that are occurring around us.

What is our biggest idol or sin in this country? Who have we been bowing down to worship? Is it not ourselves and our own comfort? Is it not our own self-indulgence or our independence from God rule? We want big government to rule our lives, but we don’t



want our Creator, our loving, Sovereign Lord, to have a say in what we are doing or how we are living our lives?

Have we denied God access to our children in our schools?

Have we denied Him access to our lives if just for Sunday morning alone?

Have we refused to properly respond to the Sabbath in which He has given us to rest and reflect on Him? Do you ever wonder if we would be in such horrible financial shape in this country if we had kept Saturday or Sunday as no-work days?

Do you know better than God how to live your own life?

Do you know better than God what is right for you?

Do you know better than God your position in this life?

Do you know better than God what is right and what is wrong? Do you have your own sense of right and wrong or has it been based on what God says about it in His word?

The people of Ezekiel's time were terrified when Egypt fell. Egypt was as important to the other nations in Ezekiel's day as we (the USA) are important to all those nations surrounding us in our day. What effect would the overnight destruction of the United States have on the rest of the world?

What will happen to us, the USA, if we reject the light that God has given us? This light from God we have been given is similar in amount and content to the light the Egyptians had been given.

These two chapters (31 and 32) on Egypt conclude this section about the judgment on all the other nations surrounding Israel. Next week we will start a new section that will reveal all the blessings that will be given the nation of Israel. As with Isaiah, I believe this next section is going to be a whole lot more uplifting than the judgment section on Israel and the other nations that we've studied so far in Ezekiel. I am so glad that we are at this point in our study. I'm tired of all the doom and gloom. However, I must admit, that I am much more aware in my understanding of our present world than I was 18 weeks ago. How about you? How far have you come in your understanding of the times that we live in? What have you learned concerning protecting, providing, and warning for your own children for the dark days that are surely coming? There is no doubt, in my mind anyway, the end times are upon us and the judgment process has begun in our nation. The other nations – those against Israel, will soon be judged, also. I don't think I'm supposed to be happy about the other nations' judgment, but I am (at least a little bit). One thing I can be ecstatic about for sure is that when this judgment is all said and done, all from all the nations of the world will know that God is the LORD!

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## Chapter 31

### Chapter Theme \_\_\_\_\_

31:1 And it came about in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

31:2 “Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude, ‘Whom are you like in your greatness?’

31:3 ‘Behold, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon With beautiful branches and forest shade, And very high; And its top was among the clouds.

31:4 ‘The waters made it grow, the deep made it high. With its rivers it continually extended all around its planting place, And it sent out its channels to all the trees of the field.

31:5 ‘Therefore its height was loftier than all the trees of the field And its boughs became many and its branches long Because of many waters as it spread them out.

31:6 ‘All the birds of the heavens nested in its boughs, And under its branches all the beasts of the field gave birth, And all great nations lived under its shade.

31:7 ‘So it was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its branches; For its roots extended to many waters.

31:8 ‘The cedars in God’s garden could not match it; The cypresses could not compare with its boughs, And the plane trees could not match its branches. No tree in God’s garden could compare with it in its beauty.

31:9 ‘I made it beautiful with the multitude of its branches, And all the trees of Eden, which were in the garden of God, were jealous of it.

31:10 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, “Because it is high in stature, and it has set its top among the clouds, and its heart is haughty in its loftiness,

31:11 therefore, I will give it into the hand of a despot of the nations; he will thoroughly deal with it. According to its wickedness I have driven it away.

31:12 “And alien tyrants of the nations have cut it down and left it; on the mountains and in all the valleys its branches have fallen, and its boughs have been broken in all the ravines of the land. And all the peoples of the earth have gone down from its shade and left it.

31:13 “On its ruin all the birds of the heavens will dwell. And all the beasts of the field will be on its fallen branches

31:14 in order that all the trees by the waters may not be exalted in their stature, nor set their top among the clouds, nor their well-watered mighty ones stand erect in their height. For they have all been given over to death, to the earth beneath, among the sons of men, with those who go down to the pit.”

31:15 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “On the day when it went down to Sheol I caused lamentations; I closed the deep over it and held back its rivers. And its many waters were stopped up, and I made Lebanon mourn for it, and all the trees of the field wilted away on account of it.

31:16 “I made the nations quake at the sound of its fall when I made it go down to Sheol with those who go down to the pit; and all the well-watered trees of Eden, the choicest and best of Lebanon, were comforted in the earth beneath.

31:17 “They also went down with it to Sheol to those who were slain by the sword; and those who were its strength lived under its shade among the nations.

31:18 “To which among the trees of Eden are you thus equal in glory and greatness? Yet you will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the earth beneath; you will lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those who were slain by the sword. So is Pharaoh and all his multitude!” declares the Lord GOD.”

## **Chapter 32**

### **Chapter Theme** \_\_\_\_\_

32:1 And it came about in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

32:2 “Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, ‘You compared yourself to a young lion of the nations, Yet you are like the monster in the seas; And you burst forth in your rivers, And muddied the waters with your feet, And fouled their rivers.’”

32:3 Thus says the Lord GOD, “Now I will spread My net over you With a company of many peoples, And they shall lift you up in My net.

32:4 “And I will leave you on the land; I will cast you on the open field. And I will cause all the birds of the heavens to dwell on you, And I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with you.

32:5 “And I will lay your flesh on the mountains, And fill the valleys with your refuse.

32:6 “I will also make the land drink the discharge of your blood, As far as the mountains, And the ravines shall be full of you.

32:7 “And when I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens, and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud, And the moon shall not give its light.

32:8 “All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you And will set darkness on your land,” Declares the Lord GOD.

32:9 “I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into lands which you have not known.

32:10 “And I will make many peoples appalled at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid of you when I brandish My sword before them; and they shall tremble every moment, every man for his own life, on the day of your fall.”

32:11 For thus says the Lord GOD, “The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you.

32:12 “By the swords of the mighty ones I will cause your multitude to fall; all of them are tyrants of the nations, And they shall devastate the pride of Egypt, And all its multitude shall be destroyed.

32:13 “I will also destroy all its cattle from beside many waters; And the foot of man shall not muddy them anymore, And the hoofs of beasts shall not muddy them.

32:14 “Then I will make their waters settle, And will cause their rivers to run like oil,” Declares the Lord GOD.

32:15 “When I make the land of Egypt a desolation, And the land is destitute of that which filled it, When I smite all those who live in it, Then they shall know that I am the LORD.

32:16 “This is a lamentation and they shall chant it. The daughters of the nations shall chant it. Over Egypt and over all her multitude they shall chant it,” declares the Lord GOD.

32:17 And it came about in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me saying,

32:18 “Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and bring it down, her and the daughters of the powerful nations, to the nether world, with those who go down to the pit;

32:19 ‘Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down and make your bed with the uncircumcised.’

32:20 “They shall fall in the midst of those who are slain by the sword. She is given over to the sword; they have drawn her and all her multitudes away.

32:21 “The strong among the mighty ones shall speak of him and his helpers from the midst of Sheol, They have gone down, they lie still, the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

32:22 “Assyria is there and all her company; her graves are round about her. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword,

32:23 whose graves are set in the remotest parts of the pit, and her company is round about her grave. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword, who spread terror in the land of the living.

32:24 “Elam is there and all her multitude around her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who went down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, who instilled their terror in the land of the living, and bore their disgrace with those who went down to the pit.

32:25 “They have made a bed for her among the slain with all her multitude. Her graves are around it, they are all uncircumcised, slain by the sword (although their terror was instilled in the

land of the living), and they bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit; they were put in the midst of the slain.

32:26 “Meshech, Tubal and all their multitude are there; their graves surround them. All of them were slain by the sword uncircumcised, though they instilled their terror in the land of the living.

32:27 “Nor do they lie beside the fallen heroes of the uncircumcised, who went down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and whose swords were laid under their heads; but the punishment for their iniquity rested on their bones, though the terror of these heroes was once in the land of the living.

32:28 “But in the midst of the uncircumcised you will be broken and lie with those slain by the sword.

32:29 “There also is Edom, its kings, and all its princes, who for all their might are laid with those slain by the sword; they will lie with the uncircumcised, and with those who go down to the pit.

32:30 “There also are the chiefs of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who in spite of the terror resulting from their might, in shame went down with the slain. So they lay down uncircumcised with those slain by the sword, and bore their disgrace with those who go down to the pit.

32:31 “These Pharaoh will see, and he will be comforted for all his multitude slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his army,” declares the Lord GOD. 32 “Though I instilled a terror of him in the land of the living, yet he will be made to lie down among the uncircumcised along with those slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude,” declares the Lord GOD.

**Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse."**

**Oracle 5 Against Egypt - Ezekiel 31**

**Oracle 5 Against Egypt - vs 1-9, 10-14, 15-18**

**11th year, 3rd month, 1st day of month = June 21, 587 BC  
less than 2 mos. after Oracle 4**

**Ezekiel 31:1-9** Allegory of Assyria as the loftiest of cedar trees vs. the greatness and glory of Pharaoh in Egypt Addressed to Pharaoh Hophra and his hordes

Starts out with whom could Egypt compare herself? Assyria

Assyria appropriate to compare herself with b/c Assyria to show effects of God's judgment on her for her pride

1. only Cradle of Civilization nation to invade Egypt - 633 BC - Assyria destroyed city of Thebes

2. Assyria had been destroyed by Babylon and this is same country Ezekiel said would enter Egypt

Assyria formerly was exalted, had attained power and influence that exceeded Egypt, compared to lofty cedar in Lebanon, higher than all the other trees 31:5

**Ezekiel 31:10-14** Parable of the downfall of Assyria vs. the fall of Egypt/Pharaoh

Assyria fell because of her pride

God toppled Assyria by handing it over to the nation of Babylon

Nebuchadnezzar fell the tree (Assyria) by chopping her down like a tree 28:7, 30:11, 32:12

Those who sought protection under Assyria's shade abandoned her once she was felled

Egypt would fall just like Assyria

All nations including Assyria destined for the grave

**Ezekiel 31:15-18** Descent of Assyria into the grave vs. the descent of Pharaoh/Egypt into the grave

Mourning for Assyria by other nations

The other nations thought if Assyria, then we are next or we will never be as great - there was no hope for life nor glory for other nations

Ends with whom could Egypt compare herself? Assyria



Genesis 12:3 "And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse."

Oracles 6-7 or Judgments Against Egypt - Ezekiel 32

Oracle 6 Against Egypt - vs 1-16

12th year, 12th month, 1st day of month = March 3, 585 BC  
2 mos after news Jerusalem's fall reached captives in Babylon

Ezekiel 32:1-16 The Lament for Pharaoh

The fall of Jerusalem was now so certain that Ezekiel was to take up a lament for Pharaoh, King of Egypt (see also laments written for Judah in Ezek. 19, city of Tyre in Ezek. 26 and in Ezek. 18 and king of Tyre in Ezek.

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Figurative language for fall of Egypt to Babylonians

1. Ezek said Pharaoh said he was like lion among nations; God said he was like monster in the seas - 32:2B

2. This is what the Sovereign Lord says 32:3-10

if croc - God will sent Pharaoh's enemies on croc hunt

God will throw croc on land & hurl him on open field

God will drench land w/ Pharaoh's and peoples' blood - plague 1

God will darken sun, stars, moon, land - plague 9

Surrounding nations appalled, kings shudder with horror - they too can be destroyed

Literal fall of Egypt to Babylonians

1. Sword of King of Babylon will come against Egypt

2. Land of Egypt decimated

3. Egypt's pride shattered

4. Waters once stirred by man, muddied by cows will be still, settled and streams would flow like oil

5. Professional chanters for dirge over Egypt's fall

Oracle 7 Against Egypt - vs 17-21, 22-32

12th year, 12th month, 15th day of month = March 17, 585 BC  
2 weeks after Oracle 6

Ezekiel 32:17-21

Consignment of hosts of Egypt to Sheol - after life there is no opportunity to change destiny

Ezekiel assigned Egypt w/ her surrounding nations to Sheol in his dirge

God's word of judgement so sure that Egypt's appoint to grave was already made

Death of the uncircumcised is usually by the sword and is shameful and in defeat

Pharaoh and his armies - descend into Sheol

Ezekiel 32:22-32

Those awaiting Egypt in grave - the other nations

Assyria there with whole army

Elam there with all her hordes

Meshech Tubal there with all other warriors

Edom's kings and all her princes are there

All Princes' from the north and all Sidonians slain in disgrace despite all the terror caused by their power on earth

All men die, all men responsible for their deeds in this life, all men cannot change their destiny after this life, all bodies go into the earth (the grave), all souls (before Christ) went into either Hades or Sheol (Paradise, Abraham's Bosom). In Hades they await the coming judgment - to hell, and the lake of fire; Sheol emptied out by Christ when He ascended to His father