

EZEKIEL 31:1-32:32 – “THE TREE FELLED; THE MONSTER TRAPPED; THE CORPSE IS BURIED”

OBSERVATION

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THE TREE FELLED : (VS. 1-18)

ASSYRIA’S GREATNESS: (VS. 1-9)

Eze 31:1 Now it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, (June 21, 587 BC)

Eze 31:2 "Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude: 'Whom are you like in your greatness?'

Eze 31:3 Indeed Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon, With fine branches that shaded the forest, And of high stature; And its top was among the thick boughs.

Eze 31:4 The waters made it grow; Underground waters gave it height, With their rivers running around the place where it was planted, And sent out rivulets to all the trees of the field.

Eze 31:5 'Therefore its height was exalted above all the trees of the field; Its boughs were multiplied, And its branches became long because of the abundance of water, As it sent them out.

Eze 31:6 All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs; Under its branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young; And in its shadow all great nations made their home.

Eze 31:7 'Thus it was beautiful in greatness and in the length of its branches, Because its roots reached to abundant waters.

Eze 31:8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it; The fir trees were not like its boughs, And the chestnut trees were not like its branches; No tree in the garden of God was like it in beauty.

Eze 31:9 I made it beautiful with a multitude of branches, So that all the trees of Eden envied it, That were in the garden of God.'

ASSYRIA’S FALL: (VS. 10-14)

Eze 31:10 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Because you have increased in height, and it set its top among the thick boughs, and its heart was lifted up in its height, Eze 31:11 therefore I will deliver it into the hand of the mighty one of the nations, and he shall surely deal with it; I have driven it out for its wickedness.

Eze 31:12 And aliens, the most terrible of the nations, have cut it down and left it; its branches have fallen on the mountains and in all the valleys; its boughs lie broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the peoples of the earth have gone from under its shadow and left it.

Eze 31:13 'On its ruin will remain all the birds of the heavens, And all the beasts of the field will come to its branches—

INTERPRETATION

Eze 31:1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year of Zedekiah’s reign, or of Jeconiah’s captivity, in the third [month], in the first [day] of the month, [that] the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

Eze 31:2 Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness? Meaning that he was not the same in strength to the king of the Assyrians whom the Babylonians overcame.

Eze 31:3 Fifth prophecy against Egypt: a warning to Pharaoh from the fate of the Assyrians. The Assyrian empire, after having been supreme in Asia for four centuries, had been overthrown by the united forces of the Babylonians and Medes, in the year of the battle of Carchemish (605 b.c.), which had broken the power of Egypt. This gives force to the warning to Egypt from Assyria’s fall.

Eze 31:4 His plants - Rather, her plantation. The water represents the riches and might which flowed into Assyria.

Eze 31:5 When he shot forth - Or, when the deep water sent forth its streams.

Eze 31:6 fowls ... made ... nests in ... boughs — so [Eze 17:23](#); [Dan 4:12](#). The gospel kingdom shall gather all under its covert, for their good and for the glory of God, which the world kingdoms did for evil and for self-aggrandizement ([Mat 13:32](#))

Eze 31:7 Thus was he fair in his greatness..... Amiable, lovely, delightful to look upon in the greatness of his majesty, in his royal glory and dignity: **in the length of his branches**; in the extent of his empire, and the provinces of it: **for his root was by great waters**; his kingdom was well established, firmly rooted among a multitude of people;

Eze 31:8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it, signifying that there was no greater power in the world than his was. The fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches; not any tree in the garden of God was like him in his beauty.

Eze 31:9 I have made it beautiful by the multitude of branches..... Or provinces, the extensiveness of his dominions: all his power and strength, riches and wealth, grandeur and glory, and the vast dominions he was possessed of, were all from the Lord; as whatever kings have are, though they are too apt to ascribe it to themselves; but all are from him, by whom kings reign:

Eze 31:10 Therefore thus says the Lord God..... Having described the greatness of the Assyrian monarch; now follows the account of his fall, and the cause of it, pride: **its heart was lifted up in its height**; this is either an address to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who, though he did not rise up so high as the Assyrian monarch in glory and grandeur; yet he lifted up himself, and thought himself superior to any; which reason he must be brought down

Eze 31:11 I will deliver it into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; That is, of Nebuchadnezzar, who was the monarch and only ruler of the world. **He shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.**

Eze 31:12 And aliens, the most terrible of the nations, have cut it down, and have left it: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth have gone down from his shadow, and have left it. By this is signified the destruction of the power of the Assyrians by the Babylonians.

Eze 31:13 On its ruin will remain all the birds of the heavens..... Or, "on his fall"; the fall of this tree: and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches as when a tree is cut down, and its lopped off branches and boughs lie here and there, either the birds and beasts that before dwelt in it or under it, though for a while frightened away, return unto it; or others come: the birds come and sit upon the boughs, and pick up what they can find on them; and the beasts browse upon the branches. the beasts of the field have rested."

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. 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!

Vs. 10-14 The pride of Assyria is obvious. The punishment came from the LORD. The descent into the Pit (Hell)!

Notice how God uses another nation (Babylon) to bring Egypt down!

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Eze 31:14 'So that no trees by the waters may ever again exalt themselves for their height, nor set their tops among the thick boughs, that no tree which drinks water may ever be high enough to reach up to them. 'For they have all been delivered to death, To the depths of the earth, Among the children of men who go down to the Pit.'

ASSYRIA'S BURIAL: (VS. 15-18)

Eze 31:15 "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'In the day when it went down to hell, I caused mourning. I covered the deep because of it. I restrained its rivers, and the great waters were held back. I caused Lebanon to mourn for it, and all the trees of the field wilted because of it.

Eze 31:16 I made the nations shake at the sound of its fall, when I cast it down to hell together with those who descend into the Pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the depths of the earth.

Eze 31:17 They also went down to hell with it, with those slain by the sword; and those who were its strong arm dwelt in its shadows among the nations.

Eze 31:18 'To which of the trees in Eden will you then be likened in glory and greatness? Yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the depths of the earth; you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude,' says the Lord GOD."

THE MONSTER TRAPPED : (VS. 1-16)

THE MONSTER CAPTURED : (VS. 1-10) March 5, 585 BC – Two months after the exiles received news of Jerusalem's fall.

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

Eze 32:2 "Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him: 'You are like a young lion among the nations, And you are like a monster in the seas, Bursting forth in your rivers, Troubling the waters with your feet, And fouling their rivers.'

Eze 32:3 "Thus says the Lord GOD: 'I will therefore spread My net over you with a company of many people, And they will draw you up in My net.

Eze 32:4 Then I will leave you on the land; I will cast you out on the open fields, And cause to settle on you all the birds of the heavens. And with you I will fill the beasts of the whole earth.

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

Eze 32:6 'I will also water the land with the flow of your blood, Even to the mountains; And the riverbeds will be full of you.

INTERPRETATION

Eze 31:14 So that no trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height,.... The end proposed by the Lord in the destruction of the king of Assyria, and the use to be made of it, is this; that the kings of the earth take warning hereby, who rule over a multitude of people.

Eze 31:15 Thus says the Lord GOD; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained its floods, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. The deep waters that caused him to mount so high (meaning his great abundance and pomp) will now lament as though they were covered with sackcloth.

Eze 31:16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to the grave with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the lower parts of the earth. To cause this destruction of the king of Assyria to seem more horrible, he sets forth other kings and princes who are dead, as though they rejoiced at the fall of such a tyrant.

Eze 31:17 They also went down into hell with it - Into remediless destruction.

Eze 31:18 This is Pharaoh - All that I have spoken in this allegory of the lofty cedar refers to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, his princes, confederates, and people.

Eze 32:1 In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month - On March 5, 585 BC, two months after the exiles in Babylon received the news that Jerusalem had fallen.

Eze 32:2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a monster in the seas: and you did come forth with thy rivers, and did trouble the waters with your feet, and did foul their rivers.

Eze 32:3 Thus says the Lord God,.... The Lord God Almighty, who is able to manage this fierce and turbulent creature, this mighty monarch and disturber of the nations: **I will therefore spread My net over you with a company of many people;** meaning the Chaldean army, which the Lord would instigate, and by his providence bring against the king of Egypt, and surround him as fishes in a net, and take him and his people; see [Eze 12:13](#), **and they will draw you up in My net.** out of his rivers, out of his fortresses, out of his own land, and carry him captive, or destroy him.

Eze 32:4 Then will I leave you on the land,.... Like a fish that is drawn out of the waters with a net or hook, and laid on dry land, and left gasping and expiring, where it cannot long live: **I will cast you out on the open field;** the same in different words, signifying that his army should fall in battle by the sword of the Cyreneans, or Chaldeans, or both, and be left on the surface of the earth unburied: **and cause to settle on you all the birds of the heavens...** Which may be understood either literally of the fowls of the air, that should light upon the slain carcasses, and rest on them till they had satisfied themselves with their flesh; and of the beasts of the field that should gather about them from all parts, and fill themselves with them. You prepared great armies.

Eze 32:5 And I will lay your flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height, with heaps of the carcass of your army.

Eze 32:6 I will also water with the land with the flow of your blood even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of you. As the Nile overflows in Egypt, so will I make the blood of your host overflow it.

God had to teach Assyria a lesson (v. 14), that those who exalt themselves will eventually be abased, a loon nations and individuals need to learn today (Prov. 29:23; Isa 2:12; Mal. 4:1; 1 Peter 5:5-7)

Notice the clarity from God that He is speaking of Pharaoh.

Notice this pharaoh will be laid to rest out in the fields on dry land!

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Eze 32:7 When I put out your light, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, And the moon shall not give her light.

Eze 32:8 All the bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you, And bring darkness upon your land,' Says the Lord GOD.

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

Eze 32:10 Yes, I will make many peoples astonished 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, in the day of your fall.'

THE MONSTER PUNISHED : (VS. 11-16)

Eze 32:11 "For thus says the Lord GOD: 'The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you.

Eze 32:12 By the swords of the mighty warriors, all of them the most terrible of the nations, I will cause your multitude to fall. 'They shall plunder the pomp of Egypt, And all its multitude shall be destroyed.

Eze 32:13 Also I will destroy all its animals From beside its great waters; The foot of man shall muddy them no more, Nor shall the hooves of animals muddy them.

Eze 32:14 Then I will make their waters clear, And make their rivers run like oil,' Says the Lord GOD.

Eze 32:15 'When I make the land of Egypt desolate, And the country is destitute of all that once filled it, When I strike all who dwell in it, Then they shall know that I am the LORD.

Eze 32:16 'This is the lamentation With which they shall lament her; The daughters of the nations shall lament her; They shall lament for her, for Egypt, And for all her multitude,' Says the Lord GOD."

THE CORPSE IS BURIED : (VS. 17-32) March 17, 585 BC

Eze 32:17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Eze 32:18 "Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt, And cast them down to the depths of the earth. Her and the daughters of the famous nations, With those who go down to the Pit:

Eze 32:19 'Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down, be placed with the uncircumcised.'

Eze 32:20 "They shall fall in the midst of those slain by the sword; She is delivered to the sword, Drawing her and all her multitudes.

Eze 32:21 The strong among the mighty Shall speak to him out of the midst of hell With those who help him: 'They have gone down, They lie with the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.'

INTERPRETATION

Eze 32:7 When I put out your light, I will cover the heavens, ...and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. The word signifies to be put out as a candle is put out.

Eze 32:8 All the bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you... By this manner of speech is meant the great sorrow that will be for the slaughter of the king and his people.

Eze 32:9 I will also trouble the hearts - Even the remote nations, who had no connection with you, shall be amazed at the judgments which have fallen upon you.

Eze 32:10 Yes, I will make many people astonished at you,.... That so potent a state, and such a flourishing kingdom, should at once be so easily subdued and conquered: and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee; because of her destruction, lest their turn should be next; so the kings of the earth will be afraid when God's judgments are executed on mystical Egypt;

Eze 32:11 For thus says the Lord God, the sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you. Upon Pharaoh and his kingdom; having a commission and a direction from the Lord, and which would be the instrument of the destruction before threatened.

Eze 32:12 By the swords of the mighty warriors.. the pomp of Egypt, and all its multitude shall be destroyed. This came to pass in less than four years after this prophecy.

Eze 32:13 I will destroy all it animals.... Which used to graze beside the river Nile, and the canal, of it, in the plains and meadows, valley, and hills, which these ran by; meaning both horses, which Egypt abounded with, and would be good booty for the Chaldeans, and oxen and sheep, which they would kill for present use, or drive away for future service:

Eze 32:14 Then will I make their waters deep, and make their rivers to run like oil, says the Lord GOD. That is, of the Chaldeans your enemies, who will quietly enjoy all your conveniences.

Eze 32:15 ..is destitute of all that once filled it... - Of grain, and all other necessities of life.

Eze 32:16 As in Eze 19:14. This is a prophetic lamentation; yet so it shall come to pass

Eze 32:17 The second lamentation for Pharaoh. This funeral dirge in imagination accompanies him to the unseen world. Egypt personified in its political head is ideally represented as undergoing the change by death to which man is liable. Expressing that Egypt's supremacy is no more.

Eze 32:18 Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down to the depths of the earth, Her and the daughters of the famous nations, With those who go down to the Pit. That is, prophecy that they will be cast down: thus the Lord gives his prophets power both to plant and to destroy by his word, read (Jer 1:10).

Eze 32:19 Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down, be placed with the uncircumcised. Have not other kingdoms more beautiful than you perished?

Eze 32:20 Eze 32:20 They shall fall in the midst of those slain by the sword; She is delivered to the sword, drawing her and all her multitudes. That is, Egypt.

Eze 32:21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with those who help him; They have gone down, They lie with the uncircumcised, slain by the sword. To make the matter more sensible, he brings in Pharaoh whom the dead will meet and marvel at him, read (Isa 14:9).

APPLICATION

Notice this distress that will come to the nations!

The picture is grim and almost macabre as the other nations welcome Pharaoh and his hosts and taunt them as they arrive in the underworld—like us you thought you were invincible, but now you have joined us in death and decay. You are no longer on a throne—you are in a grave! Your bed is a tomb!!! Forever!

Notice this desolation that will come to Egypt by Babylon!

v. 18 - People have an unusual kind of concepts of hell. Here's a little insight into it, and it's not like a lot of people imagine. Some people think of it as a you know, unending party time. "I'm going to hell because all my friends are there." These verses cause it to be a sobering time. "The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell"...

Luke 16:19-31

Mat 25:46 And these will go away into everlasting(aionios – eternal, forever, everlasting) punishment, but the righteous into eternal (aionios – eternal, forever, everlasting) life."

Isa 66:24 "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.

Mar 9:43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—

Mar 9:44 where 'THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.'

Mar 9:45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—

Mar 9:46 where 'THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.'

Mar 9:47 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—

Mar 9:48 where 'THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.'

Rev 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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Eze 32:22 "Assyria is there, and all her company, With their graves all around her, All of them slain, fallen by the sword.

Eze 32:23 Her graves are set in the recesses of the Pit, And her company is all around her grave, All of them slain, fallen by the sword, Who caused terror in the land of the living.

Eze 32:24 "There is Elam and all her multitude, All around her grave, All of them slain, fallen by the sword, Who have gone down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, Who caused their terror in the land of the living; Now they bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.

Eze 32:25 They have set her bed in the midst of the slain, With all her multitude, With her graves all around it, All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; Though their terror was caused In the land of the living, Yet they bear their shame With those who go down to the Pit; It was put in the midst of the slain.

Eze 32:26 "There are Meshech and Tubal and all their multitudes, With all their graves around it, All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, Though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

Eze 32:27 They do not lie with the mighty Who are fallen of the uncircumcised, Who have gone down to hell with their weapons of war; They have laid their swords under their heads, But their iniquities will be on their bones, Because of the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

Eze 32:28 Yes, you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, And lie with those slain by the sword.

Eze 32:29 "There is Edom, Her kings and all her princes, Who despite their might Are laid beside those slain by the sword; They shall lie with the uncircumcised, And with those who go down to the Pit.

Eze 32:30 There are the princes of the north, All of them, and all the Sidonians, Who have gone down with the slain In shame at the terror which they caused by their might; They lie uncircumcised with those slain by the sword, And bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.

Eze 32:31 "Pharaoh will see them And be comforted over all his multitude, Pharaoh and all his army, Slain by the sword," Says the Lord GOD.

Eze 32:32 "For I have caused My terror in the land of the living; And he shall be placed in the midst of the uncircumcised With those slain by the sword, Pharaoh and all his multitude," Says the Lord GOD.

INTERPRETATION

Eze 32:22 Assyria is there - The mightiest conquerors of the earth have gone down to the grave before thee; there they and their soldiers lie together, all slain by the sword.

Eze 32:23 in the recesses of the pit — Sepulchres in the East were caves hollowed out of the rock, and the bodies were laid in niches formed at the **sides. who caused terror** — They, who alive were a terror to others, are now, in the nether world, themselves a terrible object to behold.

Eze 32:24 There is Elam (Persians) and all her multitude, All around her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised into the lower parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit. Whom in his life all the world feared.

Eze 32:25 With her graves all around her multitude; the king of Persia and his grave, surrounded with the graves of his soldiers and officers:

Eze 32:26 Meshech, Tubal — northern nations: the Moschi and Tibareni, between the Black and Caspian Seas. Herodotus [3.94], mentions them as a subjugated people, tributaries to Darius Hystaspes (see [Eze 27:13](#)).

Eze 32:27 Who died not by cruel death but by the course of nature, and are honorably buried with their coat of armor and signs of honor.

Eze 32:28 Yes, you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised,.... this may refer to Pharaoh king of Egypt; but rather it respects the prince of the Scythians, who should fall into the hands of Heathens, and be destroyed by them:

Eze 32:29 There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes,.... In the next place, near the graves of the above mentioned, and in the same ruinous and desolate condition, lie the famous kingdom of Idumea, and the several kings and dukes of it, from the first setting of it up, to its last destruction prophesied of, [Eze 25:12](#), of many of which mention is made, [Gen 36:15](#), which with their might are laid by them that are slain with the sword; who, notwithstanding their powerful armies, and prowess and skill in war, yet are conquered, and destroyed, and laid in graves in like manner as all others slain by the sword, of the enemy are:

Eze 32:30 There are the princes of the north, the kings of Babylon, **all of them, and all the Sidonians,** who are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

Eze 32:31 Pharaoh will see them, and be comforted over all his multitude, [even] Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, says the Lord GOD, as the wicked rejoice when they see others partakers of their miseries.

Eze 32:32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living.... I will make the Egyptians afraid of me, as they caused others to fear them.

APPLICATION

THE NATIONS THAT FORGET GOD WILL GO TO HELL!!!

It's important that we learn the lessons that history teaches us, because as we look at history, history is nothing more than God's activities in the past with nations, with empires, with individuals. The principles remain, the work of God is, is the same. **"Righteousness will exalt a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."** That, that's basic! A nation that exalts God, a nation that will put God in the heart of the nation, worship, serve God is a nation that will be strong, it will be powerful. But a nation that forgets God, a nation that forsakes God will be brought down to the pit!

So the importance to learn the lessons of history! That's exactly what the prophet was trying to cause the Pharaoh to see. Here you have the example of Assyria. Great, powerful, exalted above the other nations, higher than the other nations, and yet, brought down. "It's just like you! For you are to be brought down because of the wickedness of your pride."

God's word. God's word to the Pharaoh, very sobering word of the destruction and the judgment of God that is to come upon the Pharaoh and the people.

ITi 2:1-4: Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Questions:

In Chapter 31, why is Assyria mentioned? Who is the main subject of Chapter 31? How do we know?

Chapter 31:15-16 Who is the king of hell? Who is the prisoner of hell?

Chapter 32:17-30 Where do the pagan rulers referenced to in today's study go after death?

Does today's study seem to indicate that those in hell are aware of their surroundings? Is it a real place with enormous suffering and the leaders of the great nations are there? Will those in hell have ongoing sensations? Who are some of the nations mentioned? (vs. 22-30)

How and why is Pharaoh comforted when he sees other nations in the Pit? (vs. 31-32)

In studying Ezekiel do you have any trouble thinking of our own nation? Our turning from Biblical principles belief in evolution, secular humanism!

Do you think disasters will cause this nation to turn to the LORD?

Are you praying for the kings of the nations and for our own nation?