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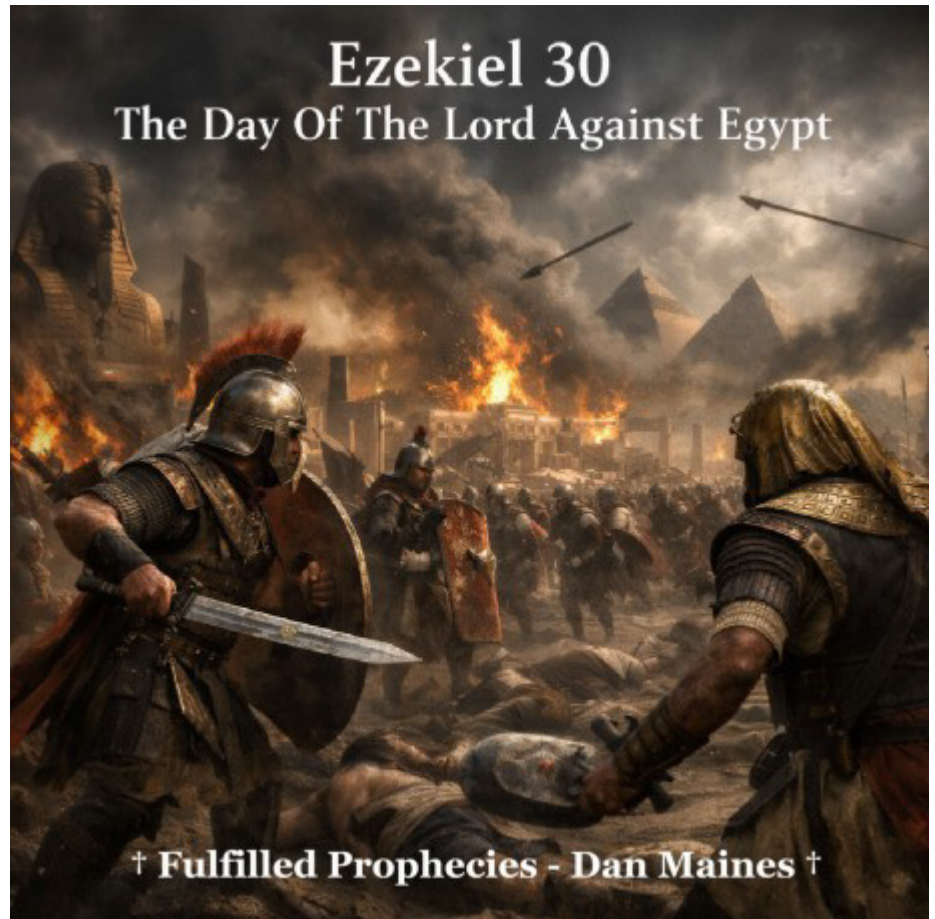
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Ezekiel 30 The Day Of The Lord Against Egypt



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Introduction

† Ezekiel 30 continues the judgment against Egypt, showing that God's wrath wasn't limited to Jerusalem but extended to all nations that opposed Him (Ezekiel 30:3)

† This chapter focuses on the Day of the Lord, not in a distant future, but in the historical judgment that came upon Egypt through Babylon (Ezekiel 30:10)

† From the fulfilled perspective, we see that God was already

demonstrating His authority over all nations long before AD 70, preparing the stage for the final covenant judgment

Ezekiel 30:1-3

Now the word of the Lord came again to me, saying, Son of man, prophesy and say, This is what the Lord God says: Wail, Alas for the day. For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, it will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations.

† The Day of the Lord here is clearly tied to Egypt and surrounding nations, not the end of the physical world (Ezekiel 30:3)

† This shows that the phrase Day of the Lord is used throughout scripture for historical judgments, not just one final event (Isaiah 13:6)

† This directly supports that Matthew 24 speaks of a similar covenantal judgment, fulfilled in AD 70, not a future global destruction (Matthew 24:34)

Ezekiel 30:4-5

A sword will come upon Egypt, and anguish will be in Cush when the slain fall in Egypt, they take away her wealth, and her foundations are torn down. Cush, Put, Lud, all Arabia, Libya, and the people of the land that is in league will fall with them by the sword.

† God's judgment extends beyond Egypt to allied nations, showing the interconnected nature of judgment (Ezekiel 30:5)

† This mirrors Revelation where judgment spreads across the Roman world, not just one city (Revelation 18:9-11)

† It proves God judges entire systems and alliances that stand against Him

Ezekiel 30:6-9

This is what the Lord says: Indeed, those who support Egypt will fall, and the pride of her power will come down, from Migdol to Syene they will fall within her by the sword, declares the Lord

God. They will be desolate in the midst of desolated lands, and her cities will be in the midst of devastated cities. And they will know that I am the Lord, when I set a fire in Egypt and all her helpers are shattered. On that day messengers will go forth from Me in ships to frighten secure Cush, and anguish will be on them as on the day of Egypt, for behold, it is coming.

† The phrase they will know that I am the Lord shows the purpose of judgment, revelation of God's authority (Ezekiel 30:8)

† This same phrase appears repeatedly in Ezekiel, proving judgment is revelatory, not random

† In the fulfilled perspective, AD 70 served the same purpose, revealing Christ's authority over the Old Covenant world (Luke 21:22)

Ezekiel 30:10-12

This is what the Lord God says: I will also eliminate the hordes of Egypt by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. He and his people with him, the most ruthless of the nations, will be brought in to destroy the land, and they will draw their swords against Egypt and fill the land with the slain. Moreover, I will make the Nile canals dry and sell the land into the hands of evil men, and I will make the land desolate and all that is in it by the hand of strangers, I the Lord have spoken.

† This clearly identifies the historical fulfillment through Nebuchadnezzar, not a symbolic future event (Ezekiel 30:10)

† God uses nations as instruments of judgment, just as Rome was used in AD 70 (Luke 21:20)

† The drying of the Nile shows economic collapse, not cosmic destruction

Ezekiel 30:13-19

This is what the Lord God says: I will also destroy the idols and make the images cease from Memphis. And there will no longer be a prince in the land of Egypt, and I will put fear in the land of

Egypt. I will make Pathros desolate, set a fire in Zoan and execute judgments on Thebes. I will pour out My wrath on Sin, the stronghold of Egypt, I will also cut off the hordes of Thebes. I will set a fire in Egypt, Sin will writhe in anguish, Thebes will be breached, and Memphis will have distresses daily. The young men of On and of Pi-beseth will fall by the sword, and the women will go into captivity. In Tehaphnehes the day will be dark when I break there the yoke bars of Egypt, then the pride of her power will cease in her, as for her, a cloud will cover her, and her daughters will go into captivity. This is how I will execute judgments on Egypt, and they will know that I am the Lord.

† The destruction of idols shows God's judgment targets false worship systems (Ezekiel 30:13)

† The repeated phrase I will shows God's direct sovereignty over history

† This parallels Revelation where Babylon's idols and system are destroyed (Revelation 18:2)

Ezekiel 30:20-26

Now in the eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh of the month, the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and behold, it has not been bound up for healing or wrapped with a bandage that it may be strong to hold the sword. Therefore this is what the Lord God says: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt and will break his arms, both the strong and the broken, and I will make the sword fall from his hand. I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands. For I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put My sword in his hand, and I will break the arms of Pharaoh so that he will groan before him with the groanings of a mortally wounded man. So I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh will fall, then they will 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. When I scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands, then they will know that I am the Lord.

† Breaking Pharaoh's arm symbolizes total loss of power and military strength (Ezekiel 30:21)

† God strengthening Babylon shows He controls both sides of history (Ezekiel 30:24)

† Scattering Egypt mirrors covenantal judgment language later used for Israel (Luke 21:24)

Historical References

† Flavius Josephus records how nations rose and fell under divine providence, confirming the pattern seen in Ezekiel

† Eusebius of Caesarea notes that God used empires like Babylon and Rome to carry out judgment according to His plan

† Irenaeus of Lyons affirms that prophetic judgments were fulfilled in real historical events, not postponed indefinitely

How It Applies To Us Today

† God still rules over nations, nothing happens outside His authority (Daniel 4:17)

† Judgment always exposes false security, Egypt trusted in power, but it failed (Ezekiel 30:6)

† We're reminded that the Day of the Lord already happened many times in history, culminating in AD 70 (Luke 21:22)

† This gives us confidence that prophecy is fulfilled, not waiting for completion

† It calls us to trust Christ's finished work, not fear future destruction

Q & A Appendix

Q When was Ezekiel 30 fulfilled

A It was fulfilled historically through Nebuchadnezzar's invasion

of Egypt around 568 to 567 BC (Ezekiel 30:10)

Q What is the Day of the Lord in this chapter

A It refers to a historical judgment on Egypt, not the end of the world (Ezekiel 30:3)

Q Does this connect to AD 70

A Yes, it shows the same pattern of covenantal judgment later fulfilled in AD 70 (Luke 21:22)

Q Why does God judge nations

A To reveal His authority and bring down pride (Ezekiel 30:8)

Q What does breaking Pharaoh's arm mean

A It represents total loss of power and military defeat (Ezekiel 30:21)

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