

Ezekiel 29:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom.

Analysis

And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros promises restoration. Into the land of their habitation specifies return to homeland. Pathros was Upper (southern) Egypt. And they shall be there a base kingdom declares Egypt's reduced status. Base (shefelah) means lowly, humble, insignificant. Egypt will exist but never again as a superpower. This is permanent humbling. God grants restoration but not return to former glory. Egypt survives but as a minor power. Pride is permanently broken. The nation continues but greatness is lost forever.

Historical Context

From Nebuchadnezzar onward, Egypt never regained empire status. Subject to Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Byzantium, Arabs, Ottomans, and European colonialism, Egypt remained a subject nation for millennia until modern independence. The prophecy of becoming 'a base kingdom' was precisely fulfilled—Egypt exists but as shadow of former glory.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What's the difference between survival and restoration to glory?
2. How does permanent humbling differ from temporary discipline?
3. What does Egypt's reduction teach about the lasting effects of divine judgment?

Interlinear Text

וְהִשְׁבֵּתִי י	אֶת	שָׁב וְ	מִצֵּרִים	וְהִשְׁבֵּתִי י	אֶתְכֶם
And I will bring again	H853	the captivity	of Egypt	And I will bring again	H853
H7725		H7622	H4714	H7725	
אֶרֶץ	פַּתְרוֹס	עַל	אֶרֶץ	מְכוֹרֶת	שֶׁם
into the land	of Pathros	H5921	into the land	of their habitation	H1961 H8033
H776	H6624		H776	H4351	
מִמְלָכָה	שָׁפְלָה:				
kingdom	and they shall be there a base				
H4467	H8217				

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 30:14 (Parallel theme): And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments in No.

Isaiah 11:11 (References Egypt): And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

Jeremiah 44:1 (References Egypt): The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

