

Ezekiel 29:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:

Analysis

God commands Ezekiel to 'set thy face against Pharaoh' and 'all Egypt,' demonstrating that judgment addresses both leaders and systems. Egypt represented worldly power, wisdom, and wealth—all alternatives to trusting God. Prophesying against Egypt confronted Judah's residual Egypt-dependence, revealing that God alone is reliable refuge.

Historical Context

Egypt had dominated ancient Near Eastern politics for millennia. Judah repeatedly sought Egyptian alliances against Mesopotamian powers (Assyria, Babylon) despite prophetic warnings. Isaiah (chapters 30-31) and Jeremiah (chapter 46) also prophesied against Egypt.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How do worldly systems and powers compete for the trust that belongs to God alone?

2. What does it mean to make God your refuge rather than human institutions or resources?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 6:2 (Prophecy): Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,

Jeremiah 44:30 (Kingdom): Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

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