

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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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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בֶּן	אָדָם	שֵׁי	פָּנֶי	יָבֵן	עַל	פַּרְעֹה	הַ	מֶלֶךְ
Son	of man	set	thy face	H5921	against Pharaoh	king		
H1121	H120	H7760	H6440		H6547	H4428		

מִצְרַיִם	וְהִנֵּבִי	אֶל	יְהוָה
against him and against all Egypt	and prophesy	H5921	H5921
H4714	H5012		

מִצְרַיִם	כָּלֵה:
against him and against all Egypt	H3605
H4714	

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.