

Ezekiel 30:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

Analysis

God will 'make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.' This explicitly identifies Babylon as God's instrument. Though Nebuchadnezzar acted from his own ambitions, God sovereignly directed his campaigns to accomplish divine purposes. This reveals God's absolute control over history, using even pagan rulers to execute His will.

Historical Context

Nebuchadnezzar (605-562 BC) was ancient history's most successful conqueror. His Egyptian campaign fulfilled multiple prophetic oracles (Jeremiah 46, Ezekiel 29-32). Historical records confirm Babylonian military operations against Egypt.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's use of pagan rulers to accomplish His purposes demonstrate His absolute sovereignty?

2. What comfort does God's control over history provide when circumstances seem chaotic or threatening?

Interlinear Text

הִנֵּה אָמַר אֱלֹהִים	Thus saith the Lord GOD	יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים	to cease	אֶת וְהַשְׁבָּתִי	to cease
H3541	Thus saith	H136	GOD	H7673	H853
H559		H3069			
בָּמָה וְ	of Egypt	בְּיַד	מִצְרַיִם	בְּיַד	מֶלֶךְ
I will also make the multitude	of Egypt	by the hand	of Nebuchadrezzar	of Nebuchadrezzar	king
H1995	H4714	H3027	H5019		H4428
בָּבֶל:					
of Babylon					
H894					

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 29:19 (Kingdom): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.

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