

# Ezekiel 30:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph shall have distresses daily.

## Analysis

**And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great pain**—נָתַתִּי אֵשׁ (nātattî 'ēsh, 'I will set fire') repeats from verse 14. חֵיל תַּהֲלִל (hîl tāhîl, 'writhe in pain'), using doubled root for emphasis—agonizing suffering.

**And No shall be rent asunder**—לְהִבָּקַעַ (lēhibbāqēa', 'to be split/breached'). The verb בָּקַעַ (bāqa') describes violently splitting or tearing, used of earthquake destruction and breached city walls. **And Noph shall have distresses daily**—Memphis (נֹפִי, Nōph) faces יוֹמָם צָרָה (sārê yômām, 'adversaries/distresses by day'), meaning constant, ongoing trouble. Where verse 14's judgment was described as single events ('will set fire'), verse 16 emphasizes duration and intensity: ongoing pain, violent destruction, daily distress. Egypt's suffering would be both immediate and prolonged.

## Historical Context

Egypt's decline wasn't a single catastrophic event but prolonged suffering: Babylonian invasion (568/567 BC), Persian conquest (525 BC), Greek conquest (332 BC), Roman absorption (30 BC). The 'daily distresses' proved prophetically accurate—Egypt faced continuous foreign domination and never recovered her former glory. The prophecy's emphasis on both immediate destruction and ongoing suffering matched historical reality.

## Related Passages

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

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

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. What is significant about judgment described as both catastrophic and ongoing?
2. How does 'daily distresses' differ from single judgment events?
3. What does prolonged suffering accomplish that immediate destruction cannot?

## Interlinear Text

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| וְנִתְּתִי            | אֵשׁ     | בְּמִצְרַיִם          | תַּחִּיל | תַּחִּיל | סִין  | וְנֹא  | תִהְיֶה |
| And I will set        | fire     | in Egypt              | pain     | pain     | Sin   | and No | H1961   |
| H5414                 | H784     | H4714                 | H2342    | H2342    | H5512 | H4996  |         |
| לְהִבָּקַעַ           | וְנֹפֶ   | צָרָה                 | יוֹמָם:  |          |       |        |         |
| shall be rent asunder | and Noph | shall have distresses | daily    |          |       |        |         |
| H1234                 | H5297    | H6862                 | H3119    |          |       |        |         |