

Ezekiel 30:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Analysis

Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt—The section concludes: וְעָשִׂיתִי שְׁפָטִים בְּמִצְרַיִם (wě'āsîtî shěphāṭîm bēmiṣrayim, 'and I will do judgments in Egypt'). The verb עָשָׂה ('āsāh, 'to do/make') emphasizes God's active execution of justice, not passive observation.

And they shall know that I am the LORD—The inevitable recognition formula: וַיָּדָעוּ כִּי־אֲנִי יְהוָה (wěyādē'û kî-ānî YHWH). Egypt's gods—Ra, Osiris, Ptah, Amun—would prove powerless. Pharaoh's claim to divinity would be exposed as blasphemy. The Exodus demonstrated YHWH's superiority (Exodus 7:5, 14:4, 18); now, centuries later, God completes Egypt's humiliation. Every nation would 'know YHWH' through either salvation or judgment. Egypt, having repeatedly oppressed Israel and refused to acknowledge God, would learn through devastating conquest that YHWH alone is God.

Historical Context

Egypt's judgment fulfilled God's long-standing promise to reckon with Israel's ancient oppressor (Genesis 15:13-14, Exodus 3:20). After Nebuchadnezzar's invasion (568/567 BC), Egypt never regained superpower status. The land that once enslaved God's people became 'the basest of kingdoms' (29:14-15), subservient to foreign rulers for millennia. History itself became theology—demonstrating YHWH's sovereignty and justice.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Egypt's judgment fulfill God's ancient promises from Genesis and Exodus?
2. What does 'they shall know that I am the LORD' teach about the purpose of judgment?
3. How should believers view historical events as theological demonstrations of God's character?

Interlinear Text

וְעָשָׂה יְהוָה	שְׁפָט יִם	בְּמִצְרַיִם	וַיֵּדְעוּ	כִּי	אֲנִי יְהוָה
Thus will I execute	judgments	in Egypt	and they shall know	H3588	H589
H6213	H8201	H4714	H3045		

יְהוָה:
that I am the LORD
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Additional Cross-References

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

Revelation 17:1 (Judgment): And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

Psalms 9:16 (Judgment): The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgsaion. Selah.

Romans 2:5 (Judgment): But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Ezekiel 5:15 (Judgment): So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken it.

Ezekiel 25:11 (Judgment): And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

Ezekiel 5:8 (Judgment): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.

Numbers 33:4 (Judgment): For the Egyptians buried all their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.