

# Ezekiel 30:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down.

## Analysis

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The 'sword' represents military conquest, specifically Babylon's invasion. Egypt's 'pain' and Ethiopia's 'great pain' indicate widespread suffering. The phrase 'they shall take away her multitude' depicts deportation and plundering. God's judgments often come through secondary causes (pagan armies) while remaining sovereignly directed by Him.

## Historical Context

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Nebuchadnezzar's campaigns brought destruction throughout the region. Egypt and her allies (including Ethiopia/Cush) experienced military defeat and economic devastation, fulfilling these prophecies within decades.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

1. How do you recognize God's sovereign hand in historical events that appear to be merely political or military?
2. What does it mean that God accomplishes His purposes through both believers and unbelievers?

## Interlinear Text

וְבָא הַ	סָלַפְלָה	וְקִימַת הַ	בָּמָצָב יִם	עַד רַב
shall come	And the sword	in Egypt	H1961	and great pain
H935	H2719	H4714		H2479
וְשָׁבַע וְ	בָּמָצָב יִם	סָלַל	בְּנֵפֶל	לְקַח וְ
shall be in Ethiopia	shall fall	when the slain	H4714	and they shall take away
H3568	H5307	H2491		H3947
בָּמָוֹן הַ	וְנִקְרֵס וְ	וְסִדּוּמִים		
her multitude	shall be broken down	and her foundations		
H1995	H2040	H3247		

## Additional Cross-References

**Ezekiel 29:19** (References Egypt): 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.

**Ezekiel 29:8** (Word): Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.