

Ezekiel 30:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her helpers shall be destroyed.

Analysis

The covenant formula 'they shall know that I am the LORD' reveals judgment's revelatory purpose. Even Egypt's pagan populace would recognize Yahweh's sovereignty through fulfilled prophecy. The phrase 'when I have set a fire in Egypt' uses fire as judgment metaphor—comprehensive, purifying, devastating. God's judgments make His character known.

Historical Context

Egypt's fall to Babylon circa 568-567 BC, followed by Persian, Greek, and Roman domination, fulfilled these prophecies. Egypt never regained her former glory, demonstrating the accuracy of Ezekiel's words and vindicating Yahweh's uniqueness.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How do you see God's character revealed through His judgments in history?

2. What does it mean that even those who reject God will ultimately acknowledge His sovereignty?

Interlinear Text

וְיִדְעָו	פִּ	אֵن	הִנֵּה	בַּתְּהִתְ	אֵשׁ
And they shall know	that I am the LORD	when I have set	a fire		
H3045	H3588	H589	H3068	H5414	H784

בְּמִצְרָיִם	וְנִשְׁבַּרְתֶּן	כֹּל	עִזּוֹרִים
in Egypt	shall be destroyed	and when all her helpers	
H4714	H7665	H3605	H5826

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 29:6 (References Lord): And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

Psalms 58:11 (Parallel theme): So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Amos 1:12 (Parallel theme): But I will send a fire upon Teman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

Amos 1:14 (Parallel theme): But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:

Amos 1:10 (Parallel theme): But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof.

Amos 1:7 (Parallel theme): But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, which shall devour the palaces thereof:

Amos 1:4 (Parallel theme): But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

Ezekiel 22:31 (References Lord): Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 29:9 (References Lord): And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it.

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

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