

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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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

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And they shall know	H3588	H589	that I am the LORD	when I have set	a fire
H3045			H3068	H5414	H784
בְּמִצְרַיִם	וְנִשְׁבְּרוּ	כָּל	עֲזָרָיָהּ:		
in Egypt	shall be destroyed	H3605	and when all her helpers		
H4714	H7665		H5826		

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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