

# Ezekiel 32:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will therefore spread out my net over thee with a company of many people; and they shall bring thee up in my net.

## Analysis

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God will spread His 'net' over Pharaoh with 'an assembly of many peoples'—multinational coalition (Babylon and allies) would capture Egypt like hunters netting prey. The imagery reduces mighty Pharaoh to caught fish, emphasizing helplessness before God. No creature escapes God's sovereign purposes. Human power is illusory when confronting divine judgment.

## Historical Context

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Nebuchadnezzar's coalition included various subject peoples and allied forces. This international army fulfilled the prophecy of 'many peoples' bringing Egypt down. Historical records confirm Babylonian military operations against Egypt circa 568-567 BC.

## Related Passages

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

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's sovereignty over the mightiest human powers encourage you in times of apparent powerlessness?
2. What does it mean that God uses corporate action ('many peoples') to accomplish His purposes?

## Interlinear Text

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H3541	Thus saith			the Lord	GOD		I will therefore spread out					
H559		H136			H3069			H6566				
רֶשֶׁת	וְ	בְּלִקְבָּעַ	לְ	בְּלִקְבָּעַ	בְּ	יְמִם	עַמִּים	בְּ	יְמִם	עַמִּים	וְ	
my net		over thee with a company		people	of many		and they shall bring thee up					
H7568		H6951		H5971	H7227			H5927				
בְּשִׁרְמִי												
in my net												
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 12:13** (Parallel theme): My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

**Jeremiah 16:16** (References Lord): Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

**Ecclesiastes 9:12** (Parallel theme): For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

**Ezekiel 17:20** (Parallel theme): And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.

**Hosea 7:12** (Parallel theme): When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.

**Lamentations 1:13** (Parallel theme): From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaleth against them: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back: he hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

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