

Jeremiah 44:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

Analysis

Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies—(הִנֵּה נָתַן אֶת-פְּרָעָה חֶפְכֻּעַ מִלְּרַמְצָנִים בַּיּוֹן אַיְבָיו) specific, falsifiable prophecy. Hophra (Pharaoh Apries, 589-570 BC) encouraged Judah's rebellion against Babylon and briefly lifted Jerusalem's siege (37:5-11), making him the remnant's hoped-for protector. God declares: the man you're trusting for security will himself fall to enemies.

And into the hand of them that seek his life—(וְבַיּוֹן מִבְּקָשִׁי נֶפֶשׁוֹ) adding emphasis: not just military defeat but mortal threat. **As I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life**—the parallel is devastating. They fled Judah's fate under Zedekiah, placing hope in Hophra—but Egypt's Pharaoh will suffer identical doom. Hophra was eventually overthrown by rival Amasis (570 BC) and killed, fulfilling this prophecy within years of its utterance.

Historical Context

Pharaoh Hophra (Greek: Apries) reigned 589-570 BC. Herodotus (Histories 2.161-169) and Egyptian sources record his overthrow: after military failures

(likely including Nebuchadnezzar's 568/7 BC invasion), general Amasis led rebellion, defeated Hophra, and strangled him. The parallel to Zedekiah (captured 586 BC, sons killed before him, eyes put out, taken to Babylon, 39:4-7) was precise—both Judah and Egypt's kings fell to Babylonian power.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does trusting human rulers for security that only God can provide inevitably lead to disappointment?
2. What does the exact parallel (Zedekiah's fate = Hophra's fate) teach about God's consistent justice across nations?
3. When have you seen God fulfill specific prophecies in your lifetime—how does this strengthen confidence in unfulfilled promises?

Interlinear Text

פָּרֹעַ הַ אָתָּה נְתַתִּי הַנְּתָנָה יְהֹוָה אֱמֹרֶת כְּהֵן	H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	H2005	Behold I will give	H853	הָ	
פָּרֹעַ הַ אָתָּה נְתַתִּי הַנְּתָנָה יְהֹוָה אֱמֹרֶת כְּהֵן	H559	H3068		H5414		H0		
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 34:21 (Kingdom): And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

Ezekiel 30:21 (Kingdom): Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.