

Jeremiah 46:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

Analysis

The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north (הַבִּישָׁה בַּת־מִצְרַיִם נִתְּנָה בְיַד עַם־צָפוֹן)—The verb *hovishshah* (confounded/ashamed) denotes humiliation and disappointment of false hope. *Bat Mitsrayim* (daughter of Egypt) personifies the nation as a woman stripped of dignity, *nittenah* (delivered/given) into enemy hands.

This verse fulfills Ezekiel's contemporary prophecy (Ezekiel 29-32) and reverses Egypt's self-image as regional superpower. The passive construction *nittenah* emphasizes divine agency—God actively delivers Egypt to Babylon. The phrase *am tsafon* (people of the north) became shorthand for Babylonian forces, whose repeated invasions traumatized Judah and Egypt alike.

Historical Context

Egypt prided itself as the ancient world's most stable civilization, ruling for millennia with minimal foreign invasion. Nebuchadnezzar's 568 BC campaign shattered this image. The "north" consistently represents threat in Jeremiah, as Mesopotamian armies approached via the Fertile Crescent.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. What does Egypt's humiliation teach about national pride and self-sufficiency before God?
2. How does the personification of Egypt as a shamed woman intensify the prophetic message?
3. When have you experienced being "delivered into the hand" of consequences you thought you could avoid?

Interlinear Text

הִבְּיָשָׁה	בִּת	מִצְרַיִם	נִתְּנָה	בְּיָד
shall be confounded	The daughter	of Egypt	she shall be delivered	into the hand
H3001	H1323	H4714	H5414	H3027
עַם	צָפוֹן:			
of the people	of the north			
H5971	H6828			

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 1:15 (Parallel theme): For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.