

Jeremiah 46:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings; even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him:

Analysis

The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith; Behold, I will punish the multitude of No—(יהוה צבאות אלהי ישראל אמר הנני פוקד אל-amon מנא) YHWH Tsevaot (LORD of armies) emphasizes divine military supremacy. Amon mi-No refers to the god Amon-Re worshiped at No (Thebes), Egypt's religious capital. The verb foqed (punish/visit) is the same root as pequddah (visitation) in v.21, denoting divine reckoning.

And Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings—the comprehensive list targets every level of Egyptian society and spirituality. The phrase **all them that trust in him** (הבטחים לו) indicts both Egyptians and Judahites who relied on Egyptian alliance (cf. Isaiah 30:1-7, 31:1-3) rather than Yahweh.

Historical Context

No (Thebes) was Egypt's southern capital and primary worship center for Amon-Re, king of Egypt's gods. The city's destruction by Assyria in 663 BC (mentioned in Nahum 3:8-10) preceded Jeremiah's prophecy, yet it had partially recovered. Multiple pharaohs ruled during this period, creating political instability.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Why does God specifically target Egypt's gods alongside its political leaders?
2. How does trusting in political alliances become a form of idolatry?
3. What modern equivalents of "trusting in Pharaoh" tempt believers to rely on worldly power rather than God?

Interlinear Text

saith	The LORD	of hosts	the God	of Israel	H2005
H559	H3068	H6635	H430	H3478	
Behold I will punish	the multitude	of No	and Pharaoh		
H6485	H413	H527	H5921	H5921	H547
and Egypt	the God	and their kings	and Pharaoh		
H4714	H5921	H430	H4428	H5921	H5921
and all them that trust					
H982					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 12:12 (References God): For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

Zephaniah 2:11 (References God): The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.

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