

Ezekiel 29-32 – 11 October 2015

Intro –

This last prophecy is against Egypt (chap 29-31)

Written in 587: 1) Months before Jerusalem's fall.

2) Before Ezekiel chapters 26-28 were written.

Battle of Carchemish was around 605BC which turned the tide finally away from Egypt & to Babylon.

Pharaoh of Egypt is Hophra: 1) Grandson of Nechoh who killed Josiah at Megiddo. 2) One whom Zedekiah looked to for help against Babylon.

Today we're going to discuss the source of our confidence. We'll examine the things we're trusting in.

Chapter 29:1-3

1. Pharaoh wanted to be known as the creator of the Nile. What pride!

2. Is the source of our confidence...#1 - the natural resources that God has given us?

- a. Our beauty or strength?
- b. What would life be like for you if they were gone?
- c. These have been given by God, we can't boast!
- d. **Praise God that He's promised to always provide our daily bread!!**

3. *Dragon* – tan-neen

- a. Translated *whale* in the Creation Story.
- b. Also translated *sea monster* or *serpent*.
- c. Moses
 - i. God told him to cast his rod and became a serpent or snake.
 - ii. Before Pharaoh at the Exodus cast down his rod and became a tan-neen.

1. Vs 4 – This god Pharaoh will be forced into battle with Babylon against his will.
2. Vs 6 – The Lord is against them b/c they did not support Israel.
 - a. Are you supporting Israel today?

Chapter 29:7-11

1. Vs 9 – Judgment b/c of pride and not supporting Israel.
2. Vs 11 – After Persia conquered Babylon they quickly returned captives to their homelands.

Chapter 29:12-16

1. Egypt will furthermore be a nation of low stature.
2. Egypt is always a picture of the world.
3. Even into future prophecy Egypt isn't an active player.
4. Egypt is seen as a lazy nation during the Millennium (see Zec 14)

5. Israel would never again turn to Egypt for help.
 - a. **Is the source of our confidence...#2 - the strong people or groups around us?**
 - i. A rich or smart father, a great protective neighborhood or town to live in.
 - ii. What would life be like for you if they were gone?
 - iii. We shouldn't have confidence in fickle people that can change allegiance on a dime.
 - iv. **Praise God that He's choose to be our strong tower, our shield and defender!!!**

Chapter 29:17-21

1. Tyre sent all their treasures out to sea during the siege of the island city.
2. So God used this to motivate Babylon to go after Egypt at this time.

Chapter 30:1-10

1. The greatness of Egypt and all her regional allies have come to an end.
2. All earthly prosperity will come to an end.

Chapter 30:11-13

1. They're fearful b/c the source of their strength and confident has failed.
2. **Is the source of our confidence...#3 - the idols and addictions we've placed around us daily?**
 - a. "I must have my XYZ pleasure each day or I'm not happy."
 - b. "I must have my game time today or I can't calm down."
 - c. What would life be like for you if they were gone?
 - d. We should be taking pleasure and confidence in worthless idols.
 - e. **Praise God that He's satisfying when we delight ourselves in Him, He gives us the pleasures & desires of our heart!!!**

3. We put our confidence in the Lord and get pleasure from serving Him!

Chapter 30:14-19

1. The Christian can relax in times of great trial saying, “The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord’.
2. The Christian can say, “Who can mind the journey, when the road leads home”.

Chapter 30:20-26

1. God chooses to use Babylon the evil to judge Egypt the evil.
2. Answer: Habakkuk 2:2-20
 - a. Read Hab 2:2-4 – It will all be settled evenly and rightly in the end of time. In the meantime...live by faith.
 - b. Hab 2:5-13 – Says all evil doers will get what’s coming to them.

- c. **This is what we put our confidence in...
that God know how to and will make all
things right in the end!!**
 - i. Hab 2:14 – The day is coming the all of
God’s plans in these things shall be reveals
and we’ll revel in the greatness of it.
 - ii. “True and right are your judgments” – Rev
19:2

Chapter 31 – Intro

1. Chap 30:20 prophecy was 3 months before
Babylon invades Jerusalem.
2. Chap 31:1 parable of Egypt given 1 month
before Babylon invades Jerusalem.

Chapter 31:1-3

1. Egypt, in this parable, is likened unto Assyria, as
being among the greatness nations in the world.
2. Cedars of Lebanon representing strength.

Chapter 31:4-6

1. Fowls in parables represent evil or the evil one.
2. Luk 13 shows fowls lodging in the church.

Chapter 31:7-12

1. Pharaoh being judged for his pride as we talked about in chapter 29.
2. Jeremiah had been telling the people not to trust Egypt to help against Babylon.
3. Vs 13 – All the people abandon the Pharaoh.
4. People run to the shine, new, cool thing.....and when it goes south or becomes old they abandon it.
5. God is our Rock and strong tower, ever stable and sure.

Chapter 31:13-18

1. Pharaoh Hophra was destined to hell.
2. What if we could read our name out of the eternal books right now!

- a. What if God recorded for the whole world to read, “your mom is destined for.....heaven!
- b. Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol* – That’s what makes the story amazing that he learns his future and decides to act against it.
- c. What if you could read in the book of eternity;
 - i. “Ah the things you did, led your kids to.....
 - 1. Resent Christians
 - 2. Love Christ with their whole heart.

Chapter 32 – Intro

- 1. This chapter is now 1.5 years after the fall of Jerusalem.
- 2. This is a lamentation so it repeats a lot as a song or rhyme would.

Chapter 32:1-16

- 1. Babylon named as the conqueror of Egypt.
- 2. Vs 15 - ...”they know that I am the Lord.” – one of the purposes of prophecy is for people to

turn to God as His Word comes true and know Him.

Chapter 32:17-27

1. Though they were known as the powerful while they yet lived, they lie among the dead in hell.

Chapter 32:28-32

1. “Pharaoh shall be comforted” – better Pharaoh shall come to understand that they’re all in the same boat.

May God bless you today with a confidence, a satisfaction and a pleasure for Himself. May He richly bless you and you seek to live Him.