

“Egypt!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. These last chapters of judgment deal with Egypt.
 - 1.1.1. And God sets aside **4 chapters** w/4 illustrations for them!
 - 1.1.2. Israel would oft run to Egypt, instead of **trusting in the Lord**.

2. **EGYPT! (Ch.29-32)**

- 2.1. **LOCHNEST OF THE NILE!** (Ch.29)
- 2.2. The King of Egypt thought he was a great monster, guarding his royal river(Nile) (3)
 - 2.2.1. His name was **Pharaoh Hophra** (whom King Zedekiah of Israel pleaded to for help in Jer.37:7)
 - 2.2.2. God didn't see him as a *great monster* but only a **weak reed**(6,7).
- 2.3. This **great monster** is most likely a metaphor for the famous Nile **crocodile**.
 - 2.3.1. Which could be a Leviathon?
- 2.4. God would **capture** the monster & show Pharaoh that **HE** owned the Nile River & could do with it what **He** pleased!
 - 2.4.1. God would use the **Babylonians** to do this, & **Pharaoh** would not be able to stop them.
- 2.5. **So once again it's all about pride!** (29:1-3; 31:10; 32:1,2)
- 2.6. **BROKEN ARMS!** (Ch.30)
- 2.7. God would **break Pharaoh's arms** & not allow them to **heal**.
 - 2.7.1. But He would strengthen Neb's arms, & give him victory over Egypt & her many allies.
- 2.8. **CUTTING DOWN THE GREAT TREE!** (Ch.31)
- 2.9. This message was for Pharaoh, who thought his nation was indestructible.
 - 2.9.1. **Assyria** once had the same idea, but look what God did to her.
 - 2.9.2. God would rebuke Pharaoh's pride, cut down his nation, & cast it into hell(15,17).
- 2.10. **LION IN A NET!** (Ch.32)
- 2.11. Egypt was **strong** & **active** like a **young lion**, but **the nation** would be caught in **God's net** & go down into **the pit** with all the other great nations of that era.
- 2.12. Remember God is the King & rules over the nations as He pleases. What He does has one grand purpose; that the nations would know He is the Lord! (5 x's)
 - 2.12.1. When nations & rulers start to think they are gods, God has to remind them that **He alone is the God of all the earth** & **He won't share His glory with another**.

- 2.13. Let's talk about the **lessons** we can *glean from Israel* regarding Egypt.
- 2.14. **Application!**
- 2.15. **Remember the day you came out of Egypt!** Ex.13:3
- 2.15.1. We can remember the day we got out of **bondage**.
 2.15.1.1. The feeling of: relief, release, respite, reprieve, liberation, freedom.
- 2.16. **The Long way home!** Ex.13:17
- 2.16.1. Has God laid out any long-cuts in your life?
- 2.16.2. Here is why He doesn't always give you the **easiest** or **shortest** ways!
- 2.17. **Right B4 10 Commandments!** Ex.20:2
- 2.17.1. God is into getting us all out of **bondage** & into **freedom**...but what kind of freedom?
- 2.17.2. Paul tells us in Gal.5:13 – not a wild freedom, but a freedom to love.
 2.17.2.1. Not a **loose** liberty, but a **liberating liberty** to love!
- 2.18. **Loving Leeks!** Numb 11:4-6
- 2.18.1. **Leeks**, like onions, are mentioned only once in the entire bible.
 2.18.1.1. Then, only in association w/the **fruits of Egypt** as contrasted w/the **heavenly manna**.
- 2.18.2. Leeks become symbolic of the **works of the flesh** & the **old nature**.
- 2.19. When Moses delivered Israel, they went **out of Egypt**, but Egypt was not yet **OUT of them!**
- 2.19.1. Egypt was still **IN** them, though they were no longer in Egypt.
- 2.20. What a picture of our salvation!
- 2.20.1. When we're saved we don't immediately **lose** our **old** nature, but instead we receive a **new** nature, which must ultimately overcome the old.
- 2.21. Every believer has **2 natures**: We received the **1st** via our **natural birth** from father Adam. And **the new** from our new birth by the Spirit of God.
- 2.21.1. The **flesh** provides the tinder on which the devil's temptations can **kindle**. J. O. Sanders; Enjoying Intimacy with God
- 2.22. There will always be the struggle between the 2, this side of heaven.
- 2.22.1. Gal.5:17 **For the flesh** lusts against the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** against the **flesh**; and these are **contrary** to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.
- 2.22.2. That means we'll constantly struggle between the appetite for **leeks** & learning to be feed on **Manna**.

- 2.23. Paul gives us a long list of “*leeks*” in Gal19:21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry & witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 2.24. So what is the *Manna for our soul*?
- 2.24.1. Paul says it in the next verse (But the fruit of the Spirit is) love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control.
- 2.25. The **nature** that you feed is the **nature** which will be **victorious**.
- 2.25.1. **Live** for God, **die** to the world!
- 2.26. **Why did we leave Egypt???** Numb 11:18-20
- 2.26.1. Why did we leave? We liked it there didn't we?
- 2.26.2. 2nd guessing your decision to follow Christ.
- 2.26.2.1. **The devils whisper**: partying was fun. Wine, women, & a song.
- 2.26.3. Oh, so now it makes sense & why it's **important to remember the bondage** God brought you ought of personally!
- 2.26.3.1. **Because** later the devil will use your forgetfulness to draw you back to Egypt.
- 2.26.4. Your Egypt can be a “**good thing**” also!
- 2.26.4.1. **Story** – of leaving CC Bellflower for Kel & I. We were out here where He placed us, had to get back where ministry was done “*the right way*”(way we were used to).
- 2.26.4.2. **It was going back to Egypt for us.**
- 2.26.4.3. **God asked me what are you doing back here?**