

Ezekiel 29:1-21 **Egypt – Babylonians payment for work against Tyre.**  
**Forty year desolation**

**Proclamation Against Egypt**

1 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt.

3 Speak, and say, 'Thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God):

"Behold, I am against you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers, Who has said, 'My River is my own; I have made it for myself.'

4 But I will put hooks in your jaws, And cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales; I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, And all the fish in your rivers will stick to your scales.

5 I will leave you in the wilderness, You and all the fish of your rivers; You shall fall on the open field; You shall not be picked up or gathered. I have given you as food To the beasts of the field And to the birds of the heavens.

6 "Then all the inhabitants of Egypt Shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord), Because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.

7 When they took hold of you with the hand, You broke and tore all their shoulders; When they leaned on you, You broke and made all their backs quiver."

8 'Therefore thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "Surely I will bring a sword upon you and cut off from you man and beast.

9 And the land of Egypt shall become desolate and waste; then they will know that I am Yahweh (the Lord), because he said, 'The River is mine, and I have made it.'

10 Indeed, therefore, I am against you and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Migdol to Syene, as far as the border of Ethiopia.

11 Neither foot of man shall pass through it nor foot of beast pass through it, and it shall be uninhabited forty years.

12 I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and among the cities that are laid waste, her cities shall be desolate forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries."

13 'Yet, thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): "At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples among whom they were scattered.

14 I will bring back the captives of Egypt and cause them to return to the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin, and there they shall be a lowly kingdom.

15 It shall be the lowliest of kingdoms; it shall never again exalt itself above the nations, for I will diminish them so that they will not rule over the nations anymore.

16 No longer shall it be the confidence of the house of Israel, but will remind them of their iniquity when they turned to follow them. Then they shall know that I am Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).""

**Babylonia Will Plunder Egypt**

17 And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, that the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to me, saying,

18 "Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to labor strenuously against Tyre; every head was made bald, and every shoulder rubbed raw; yet neither he nor his army received wages from Tyre, for the labor which they expended on it.

19 Therefore thus says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God): 'Surely I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; he shall take away her wealth, carry off her spoil, and remove her pillage; and that will be the wages for his army.

20 I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor, because they worked for Me,' says Adoney Yahweh (the Lord God).

21 'In that day I will cause the horn of the house of Israel to spring forth, and I will open your mouth to speak in their midst. Then they shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord).'"

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Facts Revealed:

**Proclamation Against Egypt** [Ezekiel 29:1-16]

- ✧ The message came from Yahweh to Ezekiel on the twelfth day of the tenth month of the tenth year of Ezekiel's captivity.
- ✧ The message is against Pharaoh king of Egypt.
- ✧ Pharaoh is compared to a great monster in the rivers of Egypt and the people of Egypt to the fish in the rivers.
- ✧ Pharaoh and his people will fall on the open fields and become food for the birds and beasts.
- ✧ On that day the inhabitants of Egypt will know that Yahweh is the true living God.
- ✧ Israel turned to Egypt for help in their time of trouble, but to no avail, Egypt failed like a broken reed.
- ✧ Yahweh will cut off both man and beast, leaving the land of Egypt desolate and waste for forty years because of their pride and arrogance against Yahweh's people Israel.
- ✧ At the end of forty years Yahweh will restore the remnant of the people of Egypt to their land as a lowliest of kingdoms.
- ✧ Israel will no longer turn to Egypt for help, but Egypt will be a reminder to Israel of their iniquity when Israel turned to them for help.
- ✧ **Then they will know that Adoney Yahweh is the Lord God.**

**Babylonia Will Plunder Egypt** [Ezekiel 29:17-21]

- ✧ The first day of the first month of the twenty-seventh year of Ezekiel's captivity the message from Yahweh came to Ezekiel.
- ✧ Egypt will be given to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon as payment for his work as a servant of Yahweh in His punishment against Tyre.
- ✧ 'In that day I will cause the horn of the house of Israel to spring forth, and I will open Ezekiel's mouth to speak in their midst. (Ezekiel had been mute except when Yahweh gave him a message for the people of Israel. [Ezekiel 3:26-27])
- ✧ **Then they shall know that I am Yahweh (the Lord).'"**