

Jeremiah 46:1-28 **Judgment against Egypt – Remnant of Israel Saved**

Judgment on Egypt at Euphrates River

1 The word of Yahweh (the Lord) which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations.

2 Against Egypt.

Concerning the army of Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, which was by the River Euphrates in Carchemish, and which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

3 "Order the buckler and shield, And draw near to battle! 4 Harness the horses, And mount up, you horsemen! Stand forth with your helmets, Polish the spears, Put on the armor!

5 Why have I seen them dismayed and turned back? Their mighty ones are beaten down; They have speedily fled, And did not look back, For fear was all around," says Yahweh (the Lord).

6 "Do not let the swift flee away, Nor the mighty man escape; They will stumble and fall Toward the north, by the River Euphrates.

7 "Who is this coming up like a flood, Whose waters move like the rivers?

8 Egypt rises up like a flood, And its waters move like the rivers; And he says, 'I will go up and cover the earth, I will destroy the city and its inhabitants.'

9 Come up, O horses, and rage, O chariots! And let the mighty men come forth: The Ethiopians and the Libyans who handle the shield, And the Lydians who handle and bend the bow.

10 For this is the day of Adoney Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord God of hosts), A day of vengeance, That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; For Adoney Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord God of hosts) has a sacrifice In the north country by the River Euphrates.

11 "Go up to Gilead and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt; In vain you will use many medicines; You shall not be cured.

12 The nations have heard of your shame, And your cry has filled the land; For the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty; They both have fallen together."

Babylonia Will Strike Egypt

13 The word that Yahweh (the Lord) spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon would come and strike the land of Egypt.

14 "Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in Migdol; Proclaim in Noph and in Tahpanhes; Say, 'Stand fast and prepare yourselves, For the sword devours all around you.'

15 Why are your valiant men swept away? They did not stand Because Yahweh (the Lord) drove them away.

16 He made many fall; Yes, one fell upon another. And they said, 'Arise! Let us go back to our own people And to the land of our nativity From the oppressing sword.'

17 They cried there, 'Pharaoh, king of Egypt, is but a noise. He has passed by the appointed time!'

18 "As I live," says the King, Whose name is Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts)," Surely as Tabor is among the mountains And as Carmel by the sea, so he shall come.

19 O you daughter dwelling in Egypt, Prepare yourself to go into captivity! For Noph shall be waste and desolate, without inhabitant.

20 "Egypt is a very pretty heifer, But destruction comes, it comes from the north.

21 Also her mercenaries are in her midst like fat bulls, For they also are turned back, They have fled away together. They did not stand, For the day of their calamity had come upon them, The time of their punishment.

22 Her noise shall go like a serpent, For they shall march with an army And come against her with axes, Like those who chop wood.

23 "They shall cut down her forest," says Yahweh (the Lord), "Though it cannot be searched, Because they are innumerable, And more numerous than grasshoppers.

24 The daughter of Egypt shall be ashamed; She shall be delivered into the hand Of the people of the north."

25 Yahweh Tsebaovt Elohey Yisrael (The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel), says: "Behold, I will bring punishment on Amon of No, and Pharaoh and Egypt, with their gods and their kings — Pharaoh and those who trust in him.

26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of his servants. Afterward it shall be inhabited as in the days of old," says Yahweh (the Lord).

God Will Preserve Israel (cf. Jeremiah 30:10,11, 27)

27 'But do not fear, O My servant Jacob, And do not be dismayed, O Israel! For behold, I will save you from afar, And your offspring from the land of their captivity; Jacob shall return, have rest and be at ease; No one shall make him afraid.

28 Do not fear, O Jacob My servant," says the Lord, "For I am with you; For I will make a complete end of all the nations To which I have driven you, But I will not make a complete end of you. I will rightly correct you, For I will not leave you wholly unpunished."

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Facts Revealed:

✧ The year that Nebuchadnezzar became king of Babylon, Yahweh called him "My servant" to punish Judah and all the pagan nations of the Middle East. [[Jeremiah 25:1-11](#), [27:1-11](#)]

✧ After seventy years Babylon will be punished for all their iniquities. [[Jeremiah 25:12-14](#)]

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✧ The Judgment of Egypt began at the River Euphrates when Pharaoh Necho pridefully went to Carchemish and was defeated by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon in the fourth year of Jehoiakim king of Judah appointed king by Pharaoh Necho. [[2 Kings 23:34](#), [Jeremiah 46:1-12](#)]

✧ Human nature is prideful and arrogant when they feel powerful which leads to failure when the time of vengeance from Yahweh arrives.

✧ Pharaoh left Egypt with a great show of force, but was not able to stand when Yahweh delivered him and his armies into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

✧ Yahweh called the slaughter of the Egyptian armies His sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates. [[Jeremiah 46:10](#)]

Babylon Will Strike the land of Egypt [[Jeremiah 46:13-26](#)]

✧ The message to the cities of Egypt is to prepare for war, because their army is returning to the land of Egypt in fear from the disaster they encountered at the River Euphrates.

- ✧ They could not stand because Yahweh had driven them away. [[Jeremiah 46:15-17](#)]
- ✧ Yahweh is bringing Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to destroy Egypt because of their idolatry and worship of their king. [[Jeremiah 46:25-26](#)]
- ✧ Afterward Egypt will be inhabited as in the days of old.
- ✧ Yahweh always looks beyond the coming judgment to the time of future restoration giving us hope when it seems the end has come.

God Will Preserve a remnant of Israel (cf. [Jeremiah 30:10,11, 27](#)) [[Jeremiah 46:27-28](#)]

- ✧ Looking forward to the Kingdom age, Yahweh encourages His people by the promise of a future time of restoration, rest, and peace.
- ✧ Yahweh said, He will make a complete end of all nations He has scattered His people to but He will not make a complete end of His people Israel.
- ✧ Still He can not leave His erring people wholly unpunished, but will rightly correct them.
- ✧ We do well when we receive the chastening of Yahweh willingly and return to our God.
- ✧ His desire is for the welfare of His people who choose to walk His way.
- ✧ The Kingdom age follows the Great Tribulation.