

# **Our God is YHWH**

*A Study of Ezekiel's Prophecy*

## **The Lesson from Assyria**

**Lesson 13**

**Ezekiel 31-32**

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# Ezekiel

Our God/Lord is YAHWEH/LORD/GOD

593-571 BC = 22 years of ministry

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the wrath of the Lord GOD

the goodness of the Lord GOD

	<u>messages of wrath for Jerusalem</u>	<u>messages of wrath for the nations</u>	<u>restoration of Israel</u>	<u>restoration of the LORD's presence</u>
1 the call	4-7 ① the coming judgment of Jerusalem	24 ① the boiling pot · the sign of Ezekiel	34 ① Israel's Shepherd	40-42 ① the temple
2-3 the send	8-11 ② God's glory departs from Jerusalem	25 ② Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia	35 ② Mount Seir	43-46 ② the service
	12-14 ③ the imminent judgment	26-28 ③ Tyre & Sidon	36 ③ Israel's mountains	47-48 ③ the land
	15-19 ④ the unfaithfulness of Israel	29-32 ④ Egypt	37 ④ the dry bones	
	20-23 ⑤ the rebuke of the elders and Israel	33 ⑤ the watchman · the fall of Jerusalem	38-39 ⑤ Gog	YHWH SHAMMAH "the LORD is there"

glory revealed      glory departed      **Jerusalem siege begins**      **Jerusalem destroyed**      glory restored

593 BC           588 BC      586 BC      571 BC

# Judgment for the Nations (588-586 B.C.)

- ▶ 24 – the boiling pot (Israel) – Jerusalem not protected by her special role
- ▶ 25 – Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia – despised the blessing
- ▶ 26-28 – Tyre – the deception of prosperity (26:12-13; 27:33)
- ▶ 29-32 – Egypt – the pride of power (30:6, 18; 29:6-7, 14-16)
- ▶ 33 – the watchman and the fall of Jerusalem
- ▶ They will know that “the God of Israel is YHWH” – “the Savior of the world” (John 4:42)

# The Judgment of Egypt (29-32)

- ▶ Lesson #12: The Monster in the Nile (Ezekiel 29-30)
  - #1 Ezekiel 29:1-16 – The coming judgment: destruction and 40 years of exile (587)
  - #2 Ezekiel 29:17-30:19 – YHWH has given Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar; a lamentation (571)\*
  - #3 Ezekiel 30:20-26 – The victory of YHWH and Nebuchadnezzar over Egypt (587)
- ▶ Lesson #13: The Lesson from Assyria (Ezekiel 31-32)
  - #4 Ezekiel 31:1-18 – The lesson from Assyria for Pharaoh and his hordes (587)
  - #5 Ezekiel 32:1-16 – A lamentation over Pharaoh and Egypt (585)\*
  - #6 Ezekiel 32:17-32 – The people of Egypt and the nations in the nether world (585)\*

## #4 The Lesson from Assyria (31:1-18)

- ▶ Message to Pharaoh and his hordes – Whom are you like in your greatness? (31:1-2)
  - “hordes” – a large body of people with emphasis on unrest, turbulence, or noise
  - “hordes” appears 15 times in the O.T. – 14 in Ezekiel 30-32; 1 in Nahum 3:17
- ▶ “Behold, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon” – the greatness of Assyria (31:3-9)
- ▶ The Sovereign YHWH will “give it into the hand of a despot of the nations” (31:10-14)
- ▶ Lamentation for the fall of Nineveh (612 B.C.) into the pit (31:15-17)
- ▶ To which among the trees of Eden are you thus equal in glory and greatness? (31:18)

## #5 Lamentation for the King of Egypt (32:1-16)

- ▶ A funeral song for the death of Pharaoh and his hordes (32:1-10)
  - Self described: “young lion of the nations”
  - YHWH described: “the monster in the seas” – compare 29:3 and king of Tyre (28:11f)
- ▶ The Sovereign YHWH will judge (32:3-10)
- ▶ The sword of the King of Babylon (32:11-15)
  - Devastate the pride of Egypt
  - They will know that God is YHWH
- ▶ This is a lamentation – for the death of Pharaoh and the nation (32:16)

## #6 In Bed in the Nether World (32:17-32)

“Whom do you surpass in beauty?

Go down and make your bed with the uncircumcised” (32:19)

- ▶ Assyria and her company – who spread terror in the land of the living
- ▶ Elam and all her hordes – who instilled their terror in the land of the living (x2)
- ▶ Meschech, Tubal and their hordes – they instilled terror in the land of the living
- ▶ Edom, its kings and princes – for all their might are laid with those slain by the sword
- ▶ Sidonians –in spite of the terror resulting from their might
- ▶ The nether world – the destiny of the uncircumcised in heart (Romans 2:28-29)
- ▶ The common end for the victor and the victim – the hordes and their killers
- ▶ The terrible comfort of Pharaoh – the futility of mere power on earth

# The Lesson for All the Families of the Earth

- ▶ Your only hope is the blessing that comes through faith in Jesus Christ
  - The exiles must “keep My covenant” – trust in YHWH, the God of Israel
  - Since the cross, we see Jesus revealing that the God of Israel is YHWH
- ▶ The hordes put their trust in their own wisdom
  - They despise the blessing of YHWH through Israel then, and through Christ now
  - They trust in material prosperity
  - They trust in human power
  - They have a common end with all the wicked – rich or poor; powerful or weak
- ▶ “I will bring you down with those who go down to the pit . . . but I will set My glory in the land of the living.” (26:20)



Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ,  
keep seeking the things above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.  
Set your mind on the things above,  
not on things that are on earth.  
For you have died  
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ, who is our life, is revealed,  
then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.  
Colossians 3:1-4