

Isaiah's Prophecy to Judah—Book of Oracles: Egypt (c. 715–711 BC)

Isaiah 19

God Will Defeat Egypt and Her Gods

1 The oracle concerning Egypt.

Behold, the LORD is riding on a swift cloud and is about to come to Egypt;
The idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence,
And the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them.

2 “So I will incite Egyptians against Egyptians;
And they will each fight against his brother and each against his neighbor,
City against city *and* kingdom against kingdom.

3 “Then the spirit of the Egyptians will be demoralized within them;
And I will confound their strategy,
So that they will resort to idols and ghosts of the dead
And to mediums and spiritists.

4 “Moreover, I will deliver the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel master,
And a mighty king will rule over them,” declares the Lord GOD of hosts.

5 The waters from the sea will dry up,
And the river will be parched and dry.

6 The canals will emit a stench,
The streams of Egypt will thin out and dry up;
The reeds and rushes will rot away.

7 The bulrushes by the Nile, by the edge of the Nile
And all the sown fields by the Nile
Will become dry, be driven away, and be no more.

8 And the fishermen will lament,
And all those who cast a line into the Nile will mourn,
And those who spread nets on the waters will pine away.

9 Moreover, the manufacturers of linen made from combed flax
And the weavers of white cloth will be utterly dejected.

10 And the pillars *of Egypt* will be crushed;
All the hired laborers will be grieved in soul.

11 The princes of Zoan are mere fools;
The advice of Pharaoh's wisest advisers has become stupid.
How can you *men* say to Pharaoh,
“I am a son of the wise, a son of ancient kings “?

12 Well then, where are your wise men?
Please let them tell you,
And let them understand what the LORD of hosts
Has purposed against Egypt.

13 The princes of Zoan have acted foolishly,
The princes of Memphis are deluded;
Those who are the cornerstone of her tribes
Have led Egypt astray.

14 The LORD has mixed within her a spirit of distortion;
They have led Egypt astray in all that it does,
As a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

15 There will be no work for Egypt

Which *its* head or tail, *its* palm branch or bulrush, may do.

Egypt Will Worship God in the Millennium

16 In that day the Egyptians will become like women, and they will tremble and be in dread because of the waving of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He is going to wave over them.

17 The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt; everyone to whom it is mentioned will be in dread of it, because of the purpose of the LORD of hosts which He is purposing against them.

18 In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will be speaking the language of Canaan and swearing *allegiance* to the LORD of hosts; one will be called the City of Destruction.

19 In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD near its border.

20 It will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Champion, and He will deliver them.

21 Thus the LORD will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. They will even worship with sacrifice and offering, and will make a vow to the LORD and perform it.

22 The LORD will strike Egypt, striking but healing; so they will return to the LORD, and He will respond to them and will heal them.

23 In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

24 In that day Israel will be the third *party* with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,

25 whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.”

Isaiah’s Prophecy to Judah—Book of Oracles: Egypt and Cush (c. 711 BC)

Isaiah 20

1 In the year that the commander came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him and he fought against Ashdod and captured it,

2 at that time the LORD spoke through Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, “Go and loosen the sackcloth from your hips and take your shoes off your feet.” And he did so, going naked and barefoot.

3 And the LORD said, “Even as My servant Isaiah has gone naked and barefoot three years as a sign and token against Egypt and Cush,

4 so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Cush, young and old, naked and barefoot with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

5 “Then they will be dismayed and ashamed because of Cush their hope and Egypt their boast.

6 “So the inhabitants of this coastland will say in that day, ‘Behold, such is our hope, where we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and we, how shall we escape?’”

Isaiah’s Prophecy to Judah—Book of Oracles: Babylon (c. 710 BC)

Isaiah 21:1–10

1 The oracle concerning the wilderness of the sea.

As windstorms in the Negev sweep on,
It comes from the wilderness, from a terrifying land.

2 A harsh vision has been shown to me;
The treacherous one *still* deals treacherously, and the destroyer *still* destroys.
Go up, Elam, lay siege, Media;
I have made an end of all the groaning she has caused.

- 3 For this reason my loins are full of anguish;
Pains have seized me like the pains of a woman in labor.
I am so bewildered I cannot hear, so terrified I cannot see.
- 4 My mind reels, horror overwhelms me;
The twilight I longed for has been turned for me into trembling.
- 5 They set the table, they spread out the cloth, they eat, they drink;
“Rise up, captains, oil the shields,”
- 6 For thus the Lord says to me,

“Go, station the lookout, let him report what he sees.
- 7 “When he sees riders, horsemen in pairs,
A train of donkeys, a train of camels,
Let him pay close attention, very close attention.”
- 8 Then the lookout called,

“O Lord, I stand continually by day on the watchtower,
And I am stationed every night at my guard post.
- 9 “Now behold, here comes a troop of riders, horsemen in pairs.”
And one said, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon;
And all the images of her gods are shattered on the ground.”
- 10 O my threshed *people*, and my afflicted of the threshing floor!
What I have heard from the LORD of hosts,
The God of Israel, I make known to you.

Isaiah’s Prophecy to Judah—Book of Oracles: Edom (c. 709 BC)

Isaiah 21:11–12

- 11 The oracle concerning Edom.

One keeps calling to me from Seir,
“Watchman, how far gone is the night?
Watchman, how far gone is the night?”
- 12 The watchman says,
“Morning comes but also night.
If you would inquire, inquire;
Come back again.”

Isaiah’s Prophecy to Judah—Book of Oracles: Arabia (c. 708 BC)

Isaiah 21:13–17

- 13 The oracle about Arabia.

In the thickets of Arabia you must spend the night,
O caravans of Dedanites.
- 14 Bring water for the thirsty,
O inhabitants of the land of Tema,
Meet the fugitive with bread.

15 For they have fled from the swords,
From the drawn sword, and from the bent bow
And from the press of battle.

16 For thus the Lord said to me, “In a year, as a hired man would count it, all the splendor of Kedar will terminate;

17 and the remainder of the number of bowmen, the mighty men of the sons of Kedar, will be few; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken.”

Hezekiah Rebels Against Assyria and Defeats Philistia (705 BC)

2 Kings 18:7–8

7 And the LORD was with him [Hezekiah]; wherever he went he prospered. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

8 He defeated the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.

Hezekiah’s Tunnel (c. 705–701 BC)

2 Kings 20:20b

2 Chronicles 32:30a

20b and how he
made the pool and
the conduit and brought water into the city,

30a It was Hezekiah who
stopped the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon and
directed them to the west side of the city of David.

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