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### **The Word of the LORD concerning EGYPT.**

Jeremiah 46:1-2 ----- <sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations. <sup>2</sup>About Egypt. Concerning the army of Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates at Carchemish and which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

Pharaoh Neco was the title of the Kings of Egypt, the government of Egypt, and ultimately the supreme monarch in whom all Egypt's powers were placed in. The term Pharaoh can be traced back to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dynasty. From this period of time it was commonly attached to the monarch's name.

The focus of this chapter is God's Judgment on Egypt; God used Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to defeat Egypt and her allied nations by (v13, 26).

### **The following is a vision of Egypts Defeat.**

Jeremiah 46:3-9 ----- <sup>3</sup>Prepare buckler and shield, and advance for battle! <sup>4</sup>Harness the horses; mount, O horsemen! Take your stations with your helmets, polish your spears, put on your armor! <sup>5</sup>Why have I (Jeremiah) seen it? They are dismayed and have turned backward. Their warriors are beaten down and have fled in haste; they look not back—terror on every side! declares the LORD. <sup>6</sup>The swift cannot flee away, nor the warrior escape; in the north by the river Euphrates they have stumbled and fallen. <sup>7</sup>"Who is this, rising like the Nile, like rivers whose waters surge? <sup>8</sup>Egypt rises like the Nile, like rivers whose waters surge. He said, 'I will rise, I will cover the earth, I will destroy cities and their inhabitants.' <sup>9</sup>Advance, O horses, and rage, O chariots! Let the warriors go out: men of Cush and Put who handle the shield, men of Lud, skilled in handling the bow.

Egypt has said, her kingdom will rise up and cover the earth, all her allied nations and their armies will conquer the world and destroy cities and their inhabitants until they are victorious over all nations, but Jeremiah in a vision sees their warriors fleeing in terror.

### **The Day of the LORD is a Day of Vengeance.**

Jeremiah 46:10-11 ---- <sup>10</sup>That day is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, to avenge himself on his foes. The sword shall devour and be sated and drink its fill of their blood. For the Lord GOD of hosts holds a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates. <sup>11</sup>Go up to Gilead, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt! In vain you have used many medicines; there is no healing for you.

The Day of the LORD in this context; refers to the defeat of Egypt and her allied nations by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon.

A sacrifice in the North Country by the river Euphrates; refers to the battle fought between Babylon and Egypt and the slaughter of the Egyptian armies and destruction of her cities.

### **Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon Defeats Egypt.**

Jeremiah 46:12-15 --- <sup>12</sup>The nations have heard of your shame, and the earth is full of your cry; for warrior has stumbled against warrior; they have both fallen together." <sup>13</sup>The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet about the coming of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to strike the land of Egypt: <sup>14</sup>"Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in Migdol; proclaim in

Memphis and Tahpanhes; Say, 'Stand ready and be prepared, for the sword shall devour around you.' <sup>15</sup>Why are your mighty ones face down? They do not stand because the LORD thrust them down.

The nations have heard of your shame; refers to Egypt's utter defeat by the armies of Babylon.

**Notice**; even though Egypt and her allied nations are defeated by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his armies the LORD says, "He thrust Egypt down."

**There are two ways world history can be viewed: -**

1. Through the natural eyes of mankind without God.
2. Through the eyes of God.

It is very interesting that History books record history without mentioning anything of God this is because history is recorded from the natural way our human mind sees perceives and understands events, whereas the Bible records history from God's perspective and His dealings with Israel.

**Egypt and Her Allied Nations will become Captive to Babylon.**

Jeremiah 46:16-19 --- <sup>16</sup>He (the LORD) made many stumble, and they (Egypt's warriors) fell, and they said one to another, 'Arise, and let us go back to our own people and to the land of our birth, because of the sword of the oppressor.' <sup>17</sup>Call the name of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, 'Noisy one who lets the hour go by.' <sup>18</sup>"As I live, declares the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts, like Tabor among the mountains and like Carmel by the sea, shall one come. <sup>19</sup>Prepare yourselves baggage for exile, O inhabitants of Egypt! For Memphis shall become a waste, a ruin, without inhabitant.

The sword of the oppressor; refers to Babylon and her armies.

Call Pharaoh, king of Egypt, the Noisy one who lets the hour go by; means the Pharaoh, king of Egypt was full of boasting and grandiose speeches, but could not perform or bring to pass what he boasted of, his words were empty of power and full of vanity. Time came and time passed, but the victory the Pharaoh boasted of was an illusion and deception it never came to pass.

**Egypt is a Beautiful Heifer.**

Jeremiah 46:20-24 --- <sup>20</sup>"A beautiful heifer is Egypt, but a biting fly from the north has come upon her. <sup>21</sup>Even her hired soldiers in her midst are like fattened calves; yes, they have turned and fled together; they did not stand, for the day of their calamity has come upon them, the time of their punishment. <sup>22</sup>"She makes a sound like a serpent gliding away; for her enemies march in force and come against her with axes like those who fell trees. <sup>23</sup>They shall cut down her forest, declares the LORD, though it is impenetrable, because they are more numerous than locusts; they are without number. <sup>24</sup>The daughter of Egypt shall be put to shame; she shall be delivered into the hand of a people from the north."

Egypt is a beautiful heifer; means from human perspective Egypt was a grand and magnificent city; it had enormous power, prosperity and wealth. It had amazing buildings, architecture, culture, art education, statutes, temples, military might, worldwide commercial trade, the Nile River, the longest in the world (it covers some 4000 miles) and for centuries was the ranking world power.

A biting fly from the north; refers to the armies of Babylon.

Egypt is pictured as; a snake slithering along the ground fleeing from its enemies.

The armies of Babylon are pictured as; being more numerous than locusts that cannot be numbered.

The people from the north; refers to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, his allied nations and their armies.

### **The LORD is Punishing Pharaoh and His Allied Nations.**

Jeremiah 46:25-26 --- <sup>25</sup>The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, said: "Behold, I am bringing punishment upon Amon of Thebes, and Pharaoh and Egypt and her gods and her kings, upon Pharaoh and those who trust in him. <sup>26</sup>I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their life, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his officers. Afterward Egypt shall be inhabited as in the days of old, declares the LORD.

God is using Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to punish Pharaoh King of Egypt, his allied nations, their gods and everyone who was trusting in, Pharaoh the king of Egypt.

### **The LORD Comforts Israel.**

Jeremiah 46:27-28 -- <sup>27</sup>"But fear not, O Jacob my servant, nor be dismayed, O Israel, for behold, I will save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and none shall make him afraid. <sup>28</sup>Fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares the LORD, for I am with you. I will make a full end of all the nations to which I have driven you, but of you I will not make a full end. I will discipline you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished."

The LORD tells the people of Israel in the land of Egypt that He will save them and their offspring from the land of their captivity.

The land of their captivity; refers to Babylon's kingship and authority over the people of Israel and the people of Judah, Israel has been taken captive to Assyria and the Judeans are in captivity to Babylon while a remnant of them fled to Egypt, but Assyria, Egypt and their allied nations are all under Babylonian dominion.

**The LORD says**; He will punish and discipline Israel, but will not totally destroy them, they will again live in peace and safety and no nation will make them afraid.

These comforting words were fulfilled through  
Cyrus King of Media Persia.

The three stages of Babylonian conquest: -

1. Babylon invaded Jerusalem and took its inhabitants (the Two Tribes of Judah) into captivity.
2. Later Babylon conquered Assyria who had previously taken Israel (the Ten Tribes in the land of Samaria) captive.
3. Then Babylon conquered Egypt and her allied nations and the remnant of Jordanians who had fled to Egypt became subject to Babylonian rule.

**Thus**; these three groups of Israel were under Babylonian rule for 70 years. They went into captivity to Babylon as rebellious people who had turned from God to idols and who were even sacrificing their own children to Molech.

**Nevertheless**; while under Babylonian rule for 70 years God moulded them like a master potter moulds a beautiful clay jar. They were taken captive to Babylon as unfaithful people that had turned away from the LORD to idols and other gods.

Seventy years later, Cyrus (King of Persia) who the LORD called His Shepherd (Isaiah 44:28) conquered the empire of Babylon and gave written permission to all the people of Israel who Babylon had held in captivity for 70 years to return to Jerusalem to rebuild their homes, their cities and the Temple of the LORD.

Under Ezra and Nehemiah God brought Israel back to their beloved City Jerusalem, multitudes from Egypt and the surrounding nations they had been scattered into returned to Jerusalem with their families and established their homes in their own land.

Once again the people of Israel became one nation faithful to one God, the LORD their God, the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob (the people of Israel never turned to pagan gods again). Thus, the words of the LORD through the prophet Jeremiah were fulfilled.

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