



Pharaoh's Pride (Ezekiel 31)

Nov 18

RECAP: [Ezekiel](#)

CONTEXT: Ezekiel, having pronounced judgements against Judah, now turns his attention to the nations around Judah (chs.25–32; Philistia, Ammon, Moab, Edom; and Egypt and Tyre). Egypt and Tyre represented the larger powers. Judah had been tempted to rely on them through alliances for their security and had even come to worship their gods. These nations exuded pride before God, believing themselves to be as God. The Lord was going to use Babylon to bring judgement upon all of these nations together in one fell sweep.

FIRST, A.M. SERMON RECAP (Ezk 24:15–27)

- Why is it important to mourn (and mourn in the Lord)?
- What trends do you see in the area of mourning, funerals, etc? How has Covid impacted this?
- What are your thoughts on this sign that the Lord asked of Ezekiel? What did it symbolize and how was it therefore suitable?
- Why was Ezekiel released from his muteness when the messenger arrived? How should this passage encourage trust in the Lord's words?
- Other?

READ: Ezekiel 31

QUESTIONS:

1. **V. 1–2a- What comes to mind when you think of the Pharaohs and the nation of Egypt?**
2. **What do you think of when you call to mind trees?**
3. *In vv. 2b–9 an illusion is being made to Assyria. Assyria had been a mighty empire, one of the first of its kind, encompassing many lands and peoples and soaring to great heights of power. It did not think that its days would be numbered, that an axe was set (Isa 10:5–19) and that even as it allied itself with Egypt nothing could*

stop the rise of Babylon as a punishment of her sins. V. 2b (and v. 18) is a rhetorical question that compares Egypt with Assyria.

4. Throughout this chapter “Eden” is mentioned. Given the overall context (see also Gen 3:5 and the story of the Fall), why do you think this is so?
5. **How do you think Egypt viewed itself?**
6. **How is v. 10 similar to Ezk 17:24 last week?**
7. **How is v. 10 similar to the story of Babel (Gen 11)?**
 - a. **To a general yet key theme in Scripture (James 4:6)**
8. **V. 11- How does pride goeth before the fall (Prov 16:18)**
 - a. *V. 12 refers to Babylon.*
9. *Vv. 12–14. A nation that once provided for many (“a bread basket”) now can no longer sustain life.*
10. *Vv. 15–7 further develops this theme...*
11. V. 18- Just like Assyria, Egypt thought it was something. What was it now?
12. **How does Egypt stand as an example of Prov 16:8? Practically how should this be borne out in our lives?**
13. Who are the proud nations and people of the earth today? What lesson ought they take from Egypt's warning?

NEXT WEEK: Ezekiel's Temple Vision (Ezk 45–6)