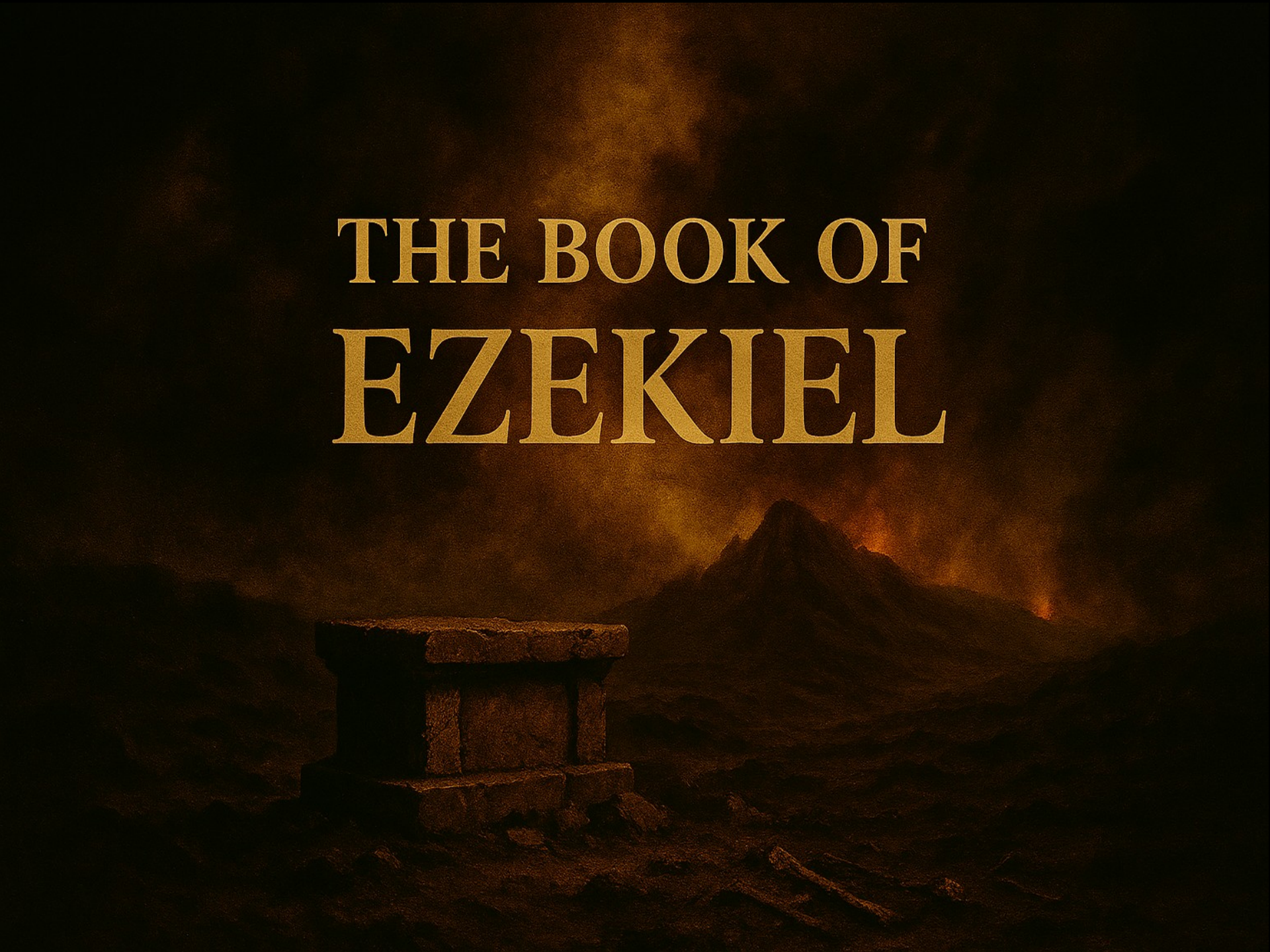

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Chapter 29

The Judgment on Egypt and Pharaoh

Chapter 29 - Overview

- In this chapter Ezekiel prophesies against Pharaoh Hophra and Egypt, punishing them for their pride and for being an unreliable ally to Israel.
  - Pharaoh is described as a great monster (or crocodile) lying in the streams of the Nile, arrogantly claiming, "The Nile is mine; I made it for myself.“
  - God promises to put hooks in Pharaoh’s jaws, drag him out of his rivers, and leave him and his people to rot in the open fields.
  - Egypt is rebuked for being a "staff of reed" to Israel—when Israel leaned on them for support against Babylon, the staff snapped and splintered, injuring them.
  - Egypt will be laid waste and depopulated from Migdol to Aswan for 40 years.
  - After 40 years, God will gather the Egyptians back, but Egypt will be restored only as a "lowly kingdom," never again to rule over other nations or tempt Israel into a false alliance.

The Great Monster

Verses 1–5

- God pronounces judgment on Pharaoh, comparing him to a proud river monster caught with hooks and thrown into the wilderness.



1 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the
twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord
came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of
Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all
Egypt:

Ezekiel 29:1-2

3 Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I
am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great
dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which
hath said, My river is mine own, and I have
made it for myself.

4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause
the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and
I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy
rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick
unto thy scales.

Ezekiel 29:3-4

5 And I will leave thee thrown into the wilderness,
thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall
upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought
together, nor gathered: I have given thee for
meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of
the heaven.

Ezekiel 29:5

The Staff of Reed

Verses 6–9

- Egypt is condemned for being a fragile "staff of reed" that snapped and injured Israel when they leaned on it for support.

- Pride and false confidence always go hand in hand. Israel looked to a worldly, wealthy superpower for security rather than leaning on the Lord. When they did, the "reed" broke and caused much pain

6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I
am the Lord, because they have been a staff of
reed to the house of Israel.

Ezekiel 29:6

- *"Whenever we rely on human systems, wealth, or worldly alliances for our ultimate peace and security, God will allow those very systems to break under our weight to remind us that He alone is our rock".* – Jon Courson

7 When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand.

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.

Ezekiel 29:7-8

9 And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste;
and they shall know that I am the Lord: because
he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made
it.

Ezekiel 29:9

- *"With this proud speech he is twice twitted. The Egyptians so trusted in their river Nile, as if they needed no help from heaven."* – John Trapp

40 Year Desolation Pronounced

Verses 10–12

- God promises to turn Egypt into a desolate, uninhabited wasteland from north to south for forty years.



10 Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia.

Ezekiel 29:10

11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of
beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be
inhabited forty years.
12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the
midst of the countries that are desolate, and her
cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be
desolate forty years: and I will scatter the
Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse
them through the countries.

Ezekiel 29:11-12

The Lowly Kingdom

Verses 13–16

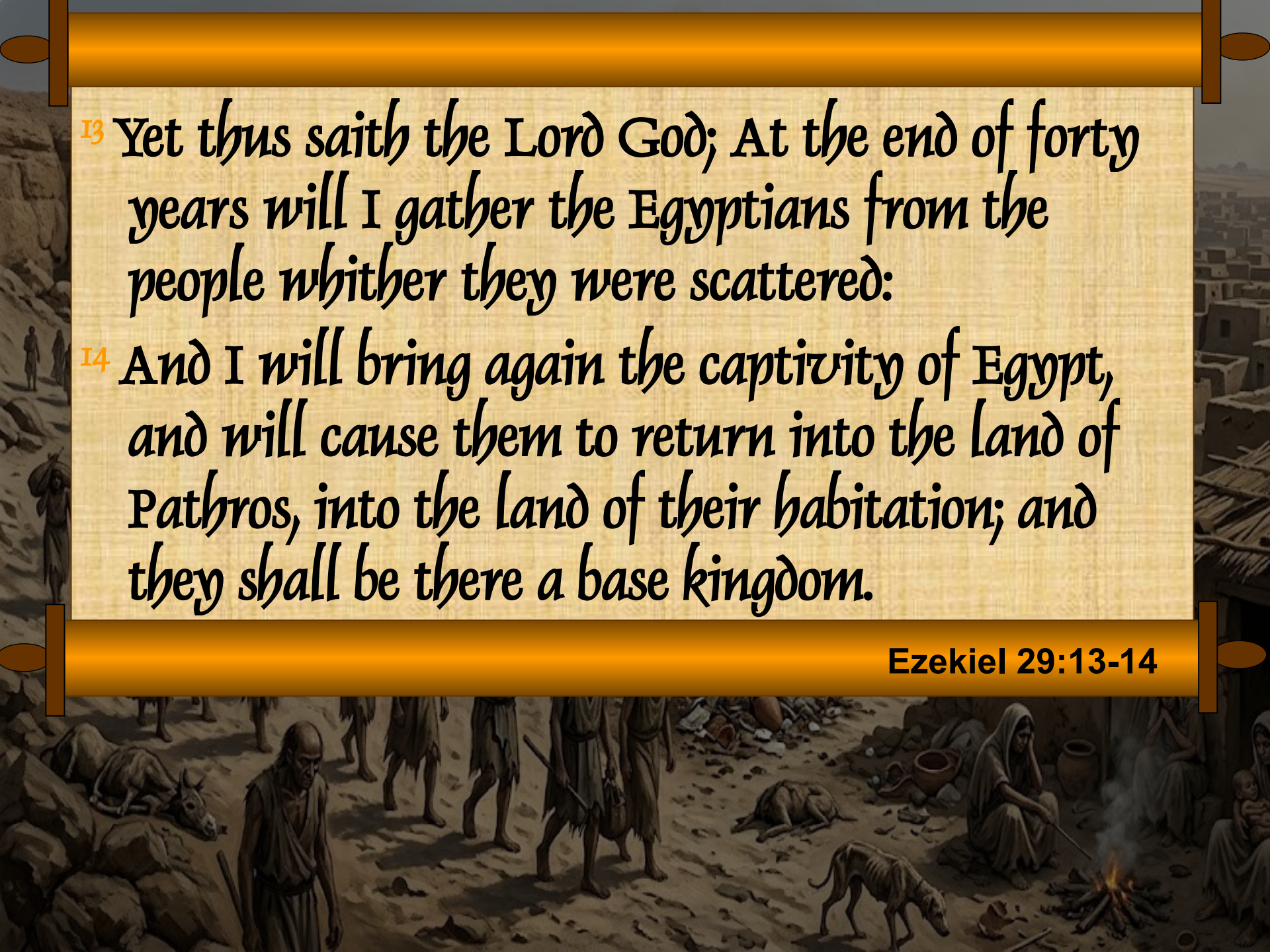
- After forty years, God will restore the Egyptians to their homeland, but only as a lowly, weak kingdom that will never threaten or tempt Israel again.



13 Yet thus saith the Lord God; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered:

14 And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom.

Ezekiel 29:13-14



15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall
it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I
will diminish them, that they shall no more rule
over the nations.

16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the
house of Israel, which bringeth their iniquity to
remembrance, when they shall look after them:
but they shall know that I am the Lord God.

Ezekiel 29:15-16

Historical Postscript

Verses 17–21

- A short historical postscript (verses 17–21) notes that because King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon got no plunder from his long siege of Tyre, God is giving him Egypt as "wages" for his army.

- *"Well, if God is rewarding a heathen king for obeying him, how much more will he take care of those believers who cheerfully do his will! No need to fear! All will be well."* – Spurgeon

17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:

Ezekiel 29:17-18

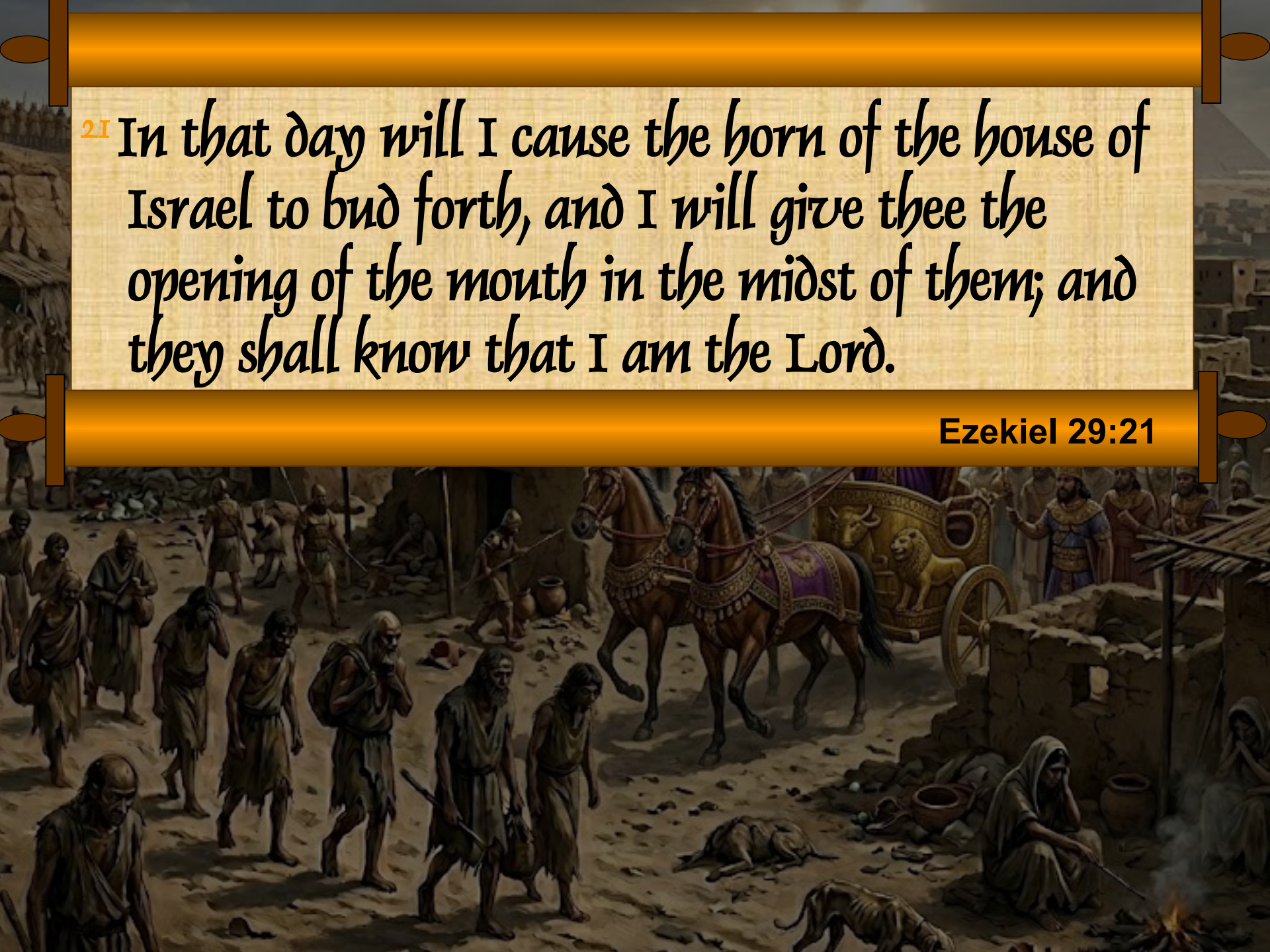
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will
give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar
king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude,
and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall
be the wages for his army.

20 I have given him the land of Egypt for his labour
wherewith he served against it, because they
wrought for me, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 29:19-20

21 In that day will I cause the horn of the house of
Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the
opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and
they shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 29:21



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Chapter 30

The Judgment on Egypt & her allies


Put / Lud
Location
Potential Region
Lud
Put
(Turkey) Lydia
Jerusalem
Libya (Put)
Egypt
Ethiopia(Cush)
Lydia (Lud)
(Sudan)

Chapter 30 - Overview

- This chapter shifts into a vivid, poetic lamentation, describing the actual day of doom and the specific cities that will fall.
  - A time of clouds and doom is announced, not just for Egypt, but for her foreign mercenaries and allies (Cush, Put, Lydia, and Arabia).
  - Nebuchadnezzar and his ruthless army are explicitly named as the ones who will destroy the land and dry up the streams of the Nile.
  - The prophecy lists key Egyptian cultural, religious, and political hubs that will face terror, fire, and captivity:
  - At Tahpanhes, the day will darken as God breaks Egypt's power and shatters her proud strength.
  - The chapter ends with God breaking the arms of Pharaoh so he can no longer hold a sword, while strengthening the arms of the King of Babylon to wield His sword of judgment.

The Day of the LORD

Verses 1–5

- A lamentation is raised for the upcoming "Day of the Lord," bringing terror and slaughter to Egypt and all her regional allies.
- *"Imagine an exile from Judah, a third-rate Palestinian state whose future was very much in doubt, asserting that Judah's national Deity is about to bring an end to Egypt! When Ezekiel spoke these words, Egypt had existed for two and a half millennia. The pyramids... had stood already for two thousand years... It was either outrageous delusion or great faith that led the prophet to utter this oracle.“* – David Guzik

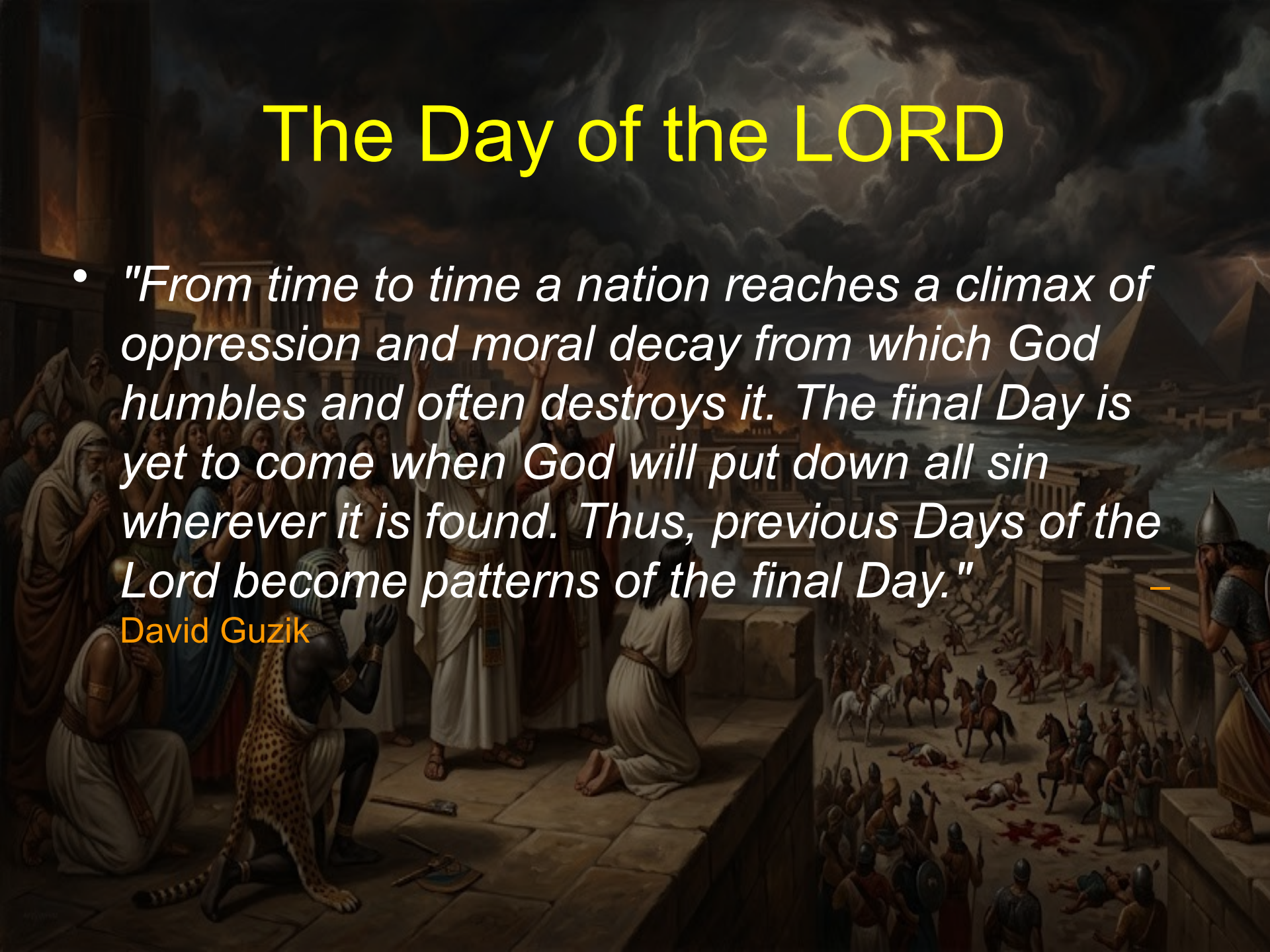
1 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Howl ye, Woe worth the day!
3 For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

Ezekiel 30:1-3

- *"The Jews were led out of Egypt by a bright cloud (Exodus 13:21), but the Egyptians who once enslaved them will be under a dark cloud."* – John Trapp

The Day of the LORD

- *"From time to time a nation reaches a climax of oppression and moral decay from which God humbles and often destroys it. The final Day is yet to come when God will put down all sin wherever it is found. Thus, previous Days of the Lord become patterns of the final Day."* – David Guzik



4 And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great
pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall
in Egypt, and they shall take away her
multitude, and her foundations shall be broken
down.

5 Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the
mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the
land that is in league, shall fall with them by the
sword.

Ezekiel 30:4-5

Egypt's Allies Made Desolate

Verses 6–9

- The support systems of Egypt will fall, her cities will be desolated, and messengers will carry panic up the Nile to unsuspecting neighbors.



6 Thus saith the Lord; They also that uphold Egypt
shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come
down: from the tower of Syene shall they fall in
it by the sword, saith the Lord God.

7 And they shall be desolate in the midst of the
countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be
in the midst of the cities that are wasted.

8 And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I
have set a fire in Egypt, and when all her
helpers shall be destroyed.

Ezekiel 30:6-8

9 In that day shall messengers go forth from me in
ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid, and
great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of
Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

Ezekiel 30:9



Babylon – God’s Instrument

Verses 10–12

- King Nebuchadnezzar and his ruthless army are appointed as God's instruments to devastate the land and dry up the Nile.



10 Thus saith the Lord God; I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon.

Ezekiel 30:10



11 He and his people with him, the terrible of the
nations, shall be brought to destroy the land: and
they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and
fill the land with the slain.

12 And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land
into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the
land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of
strangers: I the Lord have spoken it.

Ezekiel 30:11-12

Worthless Idols

Verses 13–19

- God executes judgment on Egypt's idols and specific major cities, shattering their pride, wealth, and fortresses through fire and sword.

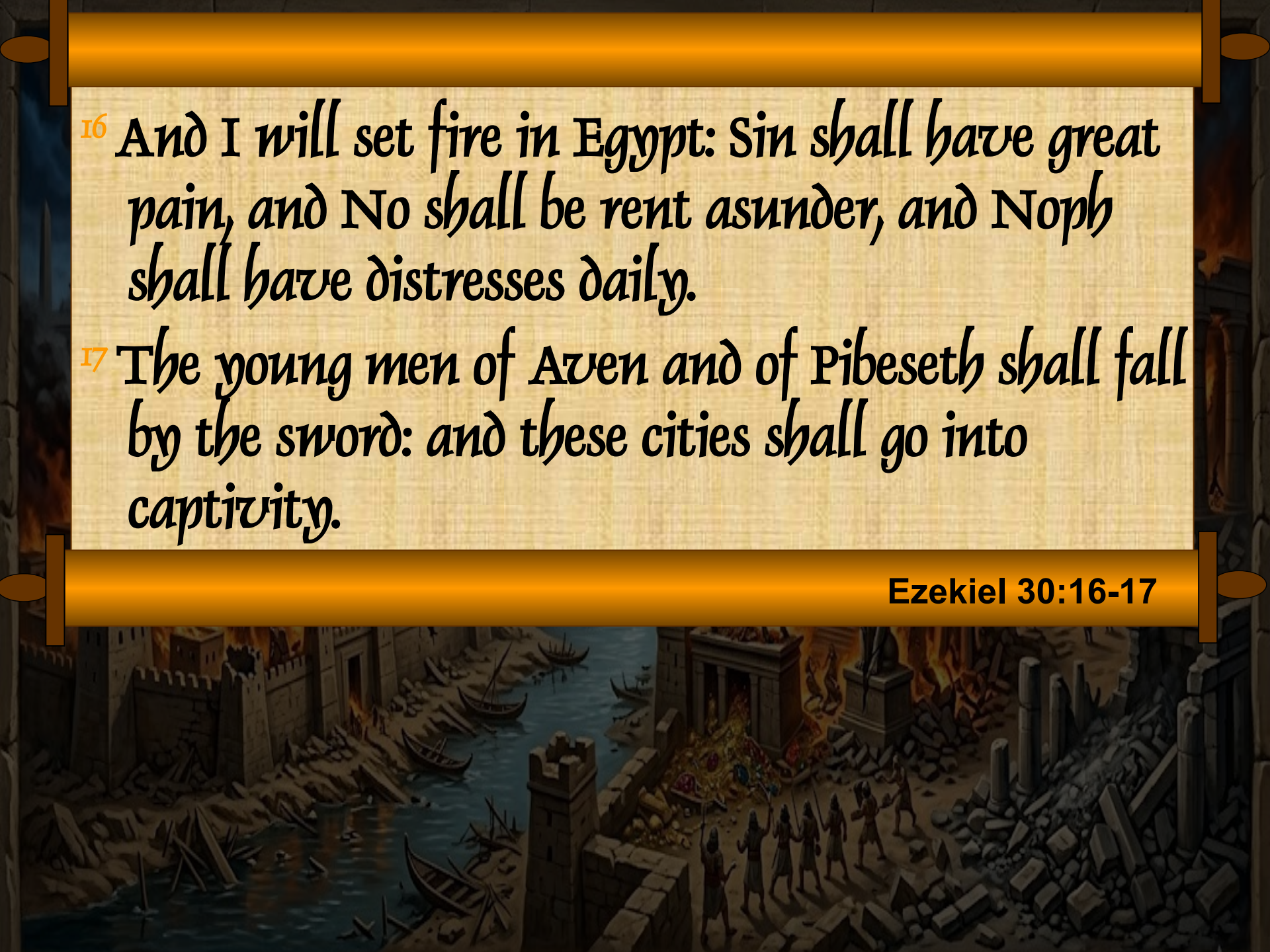


13 Thus saith the Lord God; I will also destroy the
idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of
Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the
land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of
Egypt.
14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set
fire in Zoan, and will execute judgments in No.
15 And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strength
of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

Ezekiel 30:13-15

16 And I will set fire in Egypt: Sin shall have great
pain, and No shall be rent asunder, and Noph
shall have distresses daily.
17 The young men of Aven and of Pibeseth shall fall
by the sword: and these cities shall go into
captivity.

Ezekiel 30:16-17



18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be darkened,
when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and
the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for
her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters
shall go into captivity.

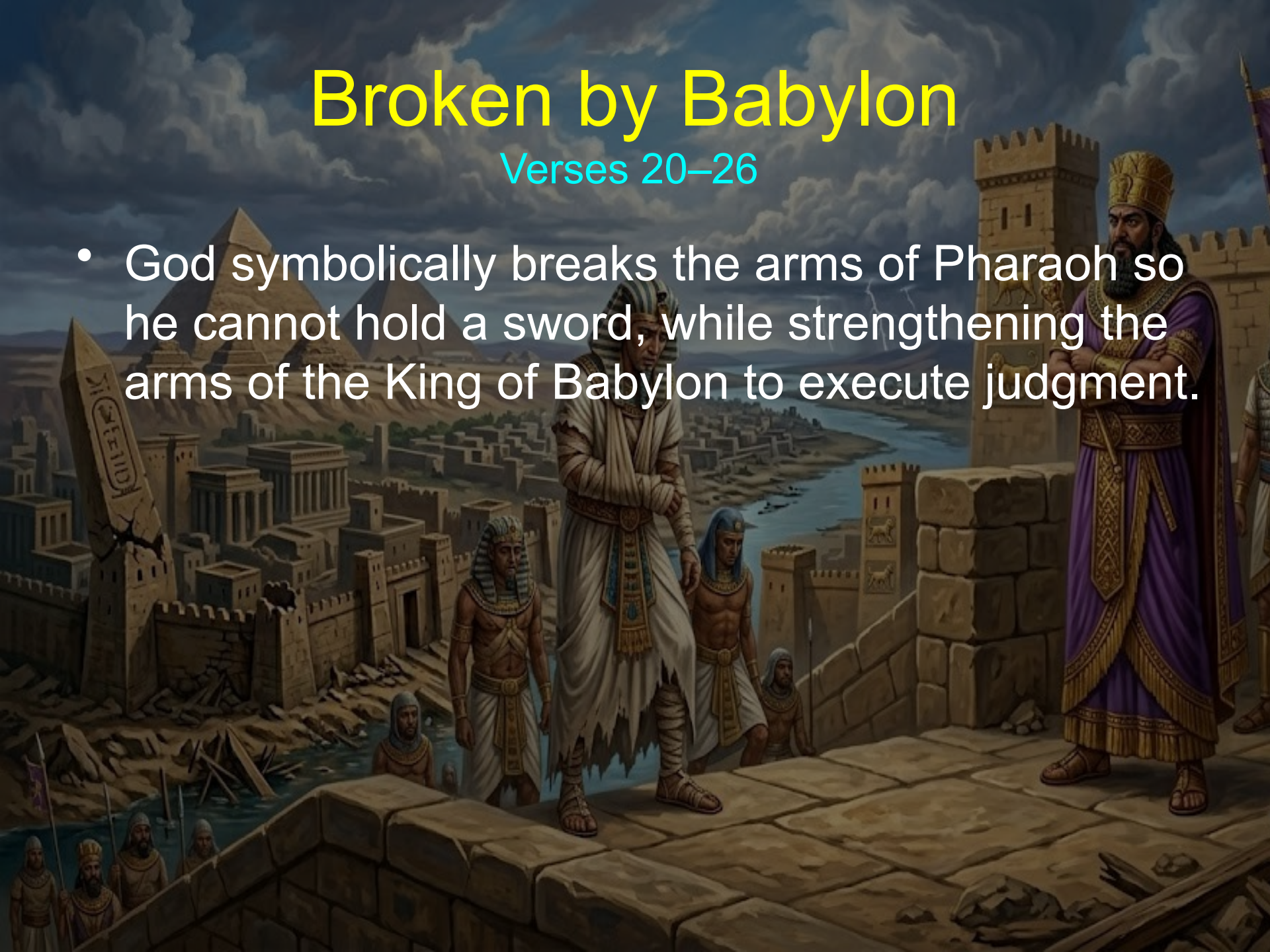
19 Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt: and
they shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 30:18-19

Broken by Babylon

Verses 20–26

- God symbolically breaks the arms of Pharaoh so he cannot hold a sword, while strengthening the arms of the King of Babylon to execute judgment.



20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the
first month, in the seventh day of the month,
that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh
king of Egypt; and, lo, it shall not be bound up to
be healed, to put a roller to bind it, to make it
strong to hold the sword.

Ezekiel 30:20-21

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am
against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his
arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and
I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.

23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the
nations, and will disperse them through the
countries.

Ezekiel 30:22-23

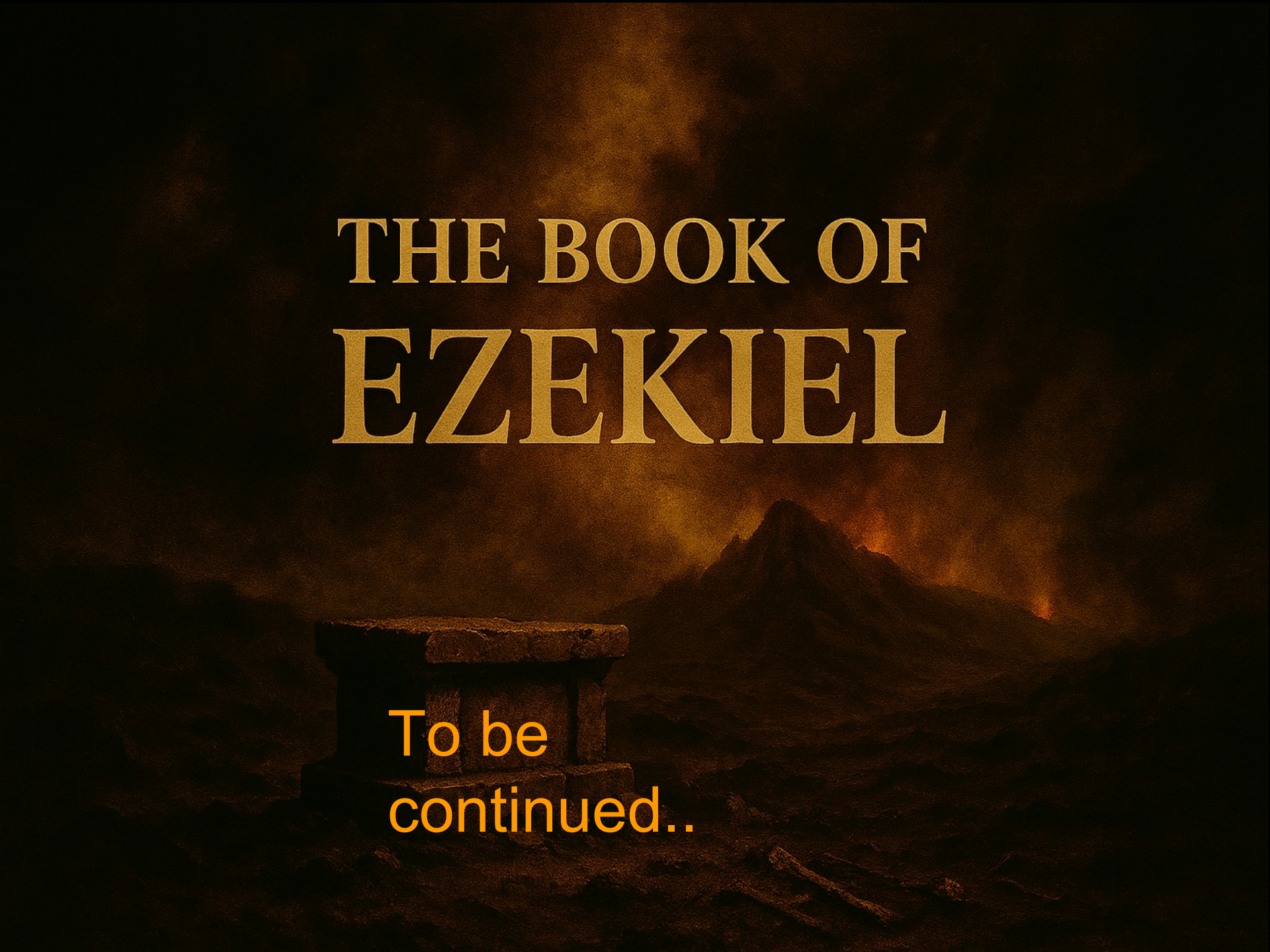
24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of
Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I
will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan
before him with the groanings of a deadly
wounded man.

Ezekiel 30:24



25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of
Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall
down; and they shall know that I am the Lord,
when I shall put my sword into the hand of the
king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon
the land of Egypt.
26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the
nations, and disperse them among the countries;
and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Ezekiel 30:25-26


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