This Morning

THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

a verse-by-verse study

THE JUDGMENT ON THE NATIONS

Ch31 & Ch32

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LIVE & ONLINE via TEAMS

Judgment of the Nations

SEVEN NATIONS

• Ammonites	25:2-7
• Moab	25:8-11
• Edom	25:12-14
• Philistines	25:15-17
• Tyre	26:1-21
• Sidon	28:21-24
• Egypt	29-32

- Ezekiel targets exactly 7 nations! This 7-nation structure is widely recognised by scholars as a deliberate, symbolic layout representing the completeness of Gentile judgment around Israel.

Judgment of the Nations

- In the book of Daniel and Revelation we read of a coming world leader and 10 ‘kings’. Three of those kingdoms fall, leaving seven! Daniel 7 / Revelation 13/17
- There were 10 specific nations recorded in the Abraham / Joshua era. Three fall (on the east of the Jordan before Israel crossed over the Jordan) leaving seven in the Land for Joshua to conquer. Gen 15:19-21 / Josh 3:10
- We know that Ezekiel prophesies against seven nations, but what happened in the lead up to the destruction of Jerusalem and the judgment of these seven? Ezek 25-32
- Before Nebuchadnezzar marched south to deal with Judah and the 7 nations on Ezekiel's list, the geopolitical map of the Ancient Near East was completely reshaped.
- **Three** massive, sovereign powers were systematically crushed right before this period:

Judgment of the Nations

1) Assyria:

- Its capital, Nineveh, fell in 612 B.C. to a coalition of Babylonians and Medes.

2) Aram / Syria-Damascus:

- They attempted to hold out as a state entity but were entirely broken by 609 B.C.

3) Hittite/Egyptian Coalition:

- It featured the remnants of the Assyrian army, local Hittite/Syrian remnants, and the full military might of Pharaoh Necho II's Egyptian Empire attempting to lock down the Euphrates border. When this coalition shattered, Egypt was forcefully expelled from Asia, leaving the entire pathway open to Jerusalem

Judgment of the Nations

- Biblical confirmation:
- Jeremiah, before he addresses the smaller nations like Moab, Ammon, and Edom, he opens his foreign judgments with an explicit poetic description of the Battle of Carchemish (Jeremiah 46) and follows it later with a specific oracle against Damascus (Jeremiah 49:23-27).
- With the Assyrian, Syria-Damascus, and the Carchemish Coalition, we see a seamless historical account of "three that fell“, leaving Ezekiel to focus on the final 7.
- This Divine design runs from Genesis right through to Revelation.
- The same God who portioned out the nations to Joshua and measured them out to Ezekiel is the one tracking the kingdoms at the end of the story!

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Chapter 31

The Judgment on Egypt and Pharaoh

Overview

Chapter 31

- Ezekiel 31 is a masterful, poetic warning to Pharaoh
- God tells Ezekiel to compare the pride of Egypt to the historical fall of "the Assyrian," who was once a towering, majestic cedar tree but was chopped down for its arrogance.
- Just as we saw in chapter 28, where the earthly king of Tyre was initially in view, only for the curtain to be pulled back to reveal the malevolent spiritual power behind the earthly king…
- So, in these chapters we are given a glimpse behind the scenes…
- The imagery here might be <u>far more literal</u> than many have assumed!

Understanding Scripture

- Dr Chuck Missler said that over the years of studying the Bible, he had to revise his understanding on a number of occasions…
- …and it was always to take the text **more literally** than he had previously done!
- God says what He means and means what He says!
- As serious Bible students we must trust the text, despite what the world or our natural minds would have us think!
- Remember Satan's first attack: '*Has God said?*'
- One of Satan's greatest deceptions is to cause us to doubt God's Word (or to allegorise it)!

Understanding Scripture

- The danger of allegorising or "spiritualising" Scripture—taking a text that was meant to be understood historically or literally and turning it into a purely symbolic or mystical lesson—has been heavily warned against:
  - "When you strip away the literal meaning, the interpreter becomes the authority over the text, rather than the text being the authority over the interpreter". – BibleHub
- *"To allegorize is to strip the Word of its power... You may find a spiritual meaning if it is there, but never invent one where God did not place it."* – Spurgeon
- *"Where God speaks plainly, let no man dare to speak mysteriously. God's words are weights, not playthings for a fertile wit."* - *Trapp*

Understanding Scripture

- Chuck Smith (founder of Calvary Chapel) said:
  - *"Once you begin to spiritualize or allegorize the text, you open a Pandora's box. The Bible ceases to mean what it says, and it begins to mean what the commentator thinks it says. We must allow God to say what He means and mean what He says."*

Chapter 31

- Verses 1–2: The Premise and the Question
  - God tells Ezekiel to speak directly to Pharaoh and his crowds, asking a rhetorical question: "Who can be compared to your greatness?“
- Verses 3–9: The Example of the Great Cedar
  - Ezekiel references ‘The Assyrian’, a magnificent cedar of Lebanon. It had beautiful branches, deep water sources, and towered above other trees.
  - It was so grand it provided shelter for all the birds and beasts, and even the trees in the Garden of Eden envied it.

Chapter 31

- Verses 10–14: The Sin of Pride and the Sentence of Destruction
  - Because the tree grew so high and became proud in its heart (v. 10), God handed it over to a "mighty one of the nations"
  - This tree that was cut down on account of its pride is the original of which Nebuchadnezzar was a type, ‘cutting down’ the proud kingdom of Assyria (given here as a warning to Egypt)

Chapter 31

- Verses 15–17: The Global Mourning and Descent into Sheol
  - When the great tree falls, God causes a deep mourning across the earth. The waters dry up, Lebanon laments, and the earth shakes at the sound of its crash. The tree—along with its allies who lived under its shade—is dragged down to Sheol (the underworld) to join those already slain by the sword.
- Verse 18: The Direct Application to Egypt
  - God snaps Pharaoh back to reality. He asks: "Which of the trees of Eden matches your glory?" God declares that just like the great Assyrian cedar, Egypt will be brought down to the depths of the earth and will lie unceremoniously in the dust among the uncircumcised.

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Chapter 31

The Judgment on Egypt and Pharaoh

1 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

Ezekiel 31:1-2

- Immediately we see the overtones of Ch 28 where God mocks the king of Tyre…
- Yet there were many earthly rulers greater than Pharaoh… so just who is in view here?

Chuck Missler

- A subtle tone here somewhat analogous to Ezekiel 28 where clearly God reaches through the king of Tyre and those idioms, to speak to Satan. There are hints of that same kind of thing here, but not as strong.
- Daniel 10 presents an angelic messenger, a bizarre, supernatural conflict going on invisibly behind the powers that be in the world.
- That same perspective seems to be behind the Pharaoh of Egypt.

The Incomparable!

- The reason this taunt is so devastating is that "Who is like...?" is a phrase reserved exclusively for Yahweh in the Hebrew scriptures.
- It is the ultimate expression of God's unique, incomparable holiness.
  - Moses sang it at the Exodus: *"Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"* - Exodus 15:11
  - The Psalmist declared it: *"O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty like You, O Lord?"* - Psalm 89:8
  - Micah's very name means it: The name Micah literally translates to "Who is like Yahweh?"

The Incomparable!

- So, when Pharaoh (or the King of Tyre) look out at their empires and think, "Who is like me in my greatness?", they are committing the ultimate sin:
- “The Incomparability Claim”.
- They are claiming an attribute that belongs solely to the Creator.
- We were told that the ‘king of Tyre’ would be ‘brought down’
- So here, Pharoah (and the power behind him) will be brought down!

3 Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with
fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and
of an high stature; and his top was among the
thick boughs.

4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up
on high with her rivers running round about his
plants, and sent out her little rivers unto all the
trees of the field.

Ezekiel 31:3-4

5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth.

6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

Ezekiel 31:5-6

7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of
his branches: for his root was by great waters.
8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide
him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the
chesnut trees were not like his branches; nor any
tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his
beauty.
9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his
branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were
in the garden of God, envied him.

Ezekiel 31:7-9

10 Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height;

11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness.

Ezekiel 31:10-11

12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

Ezekiel 31:12

13 Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches:

14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

Ezekiel 31:13-14

15 Thus saith the Lord God; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him.

Ezekiel 31:15

16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his
fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that
descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the
choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water,
shall be comforted in the nether parts of the
earth.

17 They also went down into hell with him unto
them that be slain with the sword; and they that
were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the
midst of the heathen.

Ezekiel 31:16-17

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword.

This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 31:18

Behind The Curtain!

- The language goes far beyond Pharaoh, or Assyria
- The last verse tells Pharaoh to look at what has just been described, because they same will happen to you!
- So, what is it we have just read?

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The Assyrian

- This is one of the consistent titles of ‘Antichrist’
  - There are 33 titles in the Old Testament
  - 13 titles in the New Testament
- Isaiah 10:5
  - "Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger...",
- Isaiah 14:25
  - "I will break the Assyrian in my land...“
- Micah 5:5-6
  - "When the Assyrian comes into our land... he will deliver us from the Assyrian"
- "The Assyrian" is used as a localised archetype of the ultimate, end-times oppressor of Israel.

Divine Judgement

- Ezekiel 31 structurally links the pre-Flood world, the fall of Assyria, and the coming judgment of Egypt:
- **The Pre-Flood Echo** (The Trees of Eden):
- The text implies there were once great majestic trees in Eden (and beyond?)
- Far greater than anything we know today
- These are used as an example of the pride of ‘The Assyrian’
- Ezekiel explicitly places this majestic cedar in Eden, the garden of God (v. 8-9). It grew so massive because "the waters made it great, the deep set it up on high" (v. 4). This echoes the pre-flood world where the subterranean fountains of the deep nourished the earth.

Acts 17:11

- *“Types and shadows are wonderful—they are the pictures God paints for us. But a shadow is only real because a real, solid object is casting it. If you throw out the historical, literal reality of the text, you are chasing a shadow with nothing casting it. You lose the foundation.”* – Jon Courson

- *“I do not drop the literal meaning of a text to take up a spiritual one, but I take the literal first, and then build the spiritual upon it”* - Spurgeon

Divine Judgement

- Something occurred that caused the cutting down of these trees (which Ezekiel uses to point to what is coming upon Pharaoh)
- Ancient Jewish literature, the Dead Sea Scrolls fragments of the *'Book of Giants'* and the *'Book of Enoch'* all tell of the cutting down of the great pre-Flood trees.
  - In a spiritual sense, the suggestion is that these real trees were analogous to Angelic beings (Watchers), that were supposed to be 'guardian angels' overseeing the earth.
  - The trees immense height, sprawling branches, and deep root systems were indicative of these Angels overwhelming power, resources, and the widespread corruption the brought to the earth.
    - See Genesis 6
  - So, they were 'cut down' because they grew intensely arrogant, ravaged the earth's natural resources, and led humanity into systemic rebellion against the Creator.

Divine Judgement

The actual pre-flood cutting down of these trees:

- Ezekiel tells us that when God cuts the tree down, its branches fall into the valleys, and it is driven down to Sheol to be with "those who go down to the Pit" (v. 16).
- In 2 Peter 2:4-5 and Jude 6, the judgment of the angels who sinned (the Watchers) is tied directly to the narrative of the Flood. They were cast down into Tartarus/the Abyss.
- These extra-biblical sources tell us that these colossal trees were actually destroyed so that the physical giants (the Nephilim) could not use their immense physical stature or climb to escape the rising waters of the Flood.
- Every trace of the forbidden angelic hybrid civilization had to be forcefully severed at the root.

Divine Judgement

- This is exactly why Ezekiel 31 is so powerful.
- When Ezekiel tells Pharaoh that the great "cedar of Lebanon" (Assyria/The Assyrian archetype) was nourished by the deep waters but ultimately chopped down by foreigners and sent to Sheol, his audience would have immediately pictured this exact Pre-Flood/Flood judgment.
- He is telling the powers of his day that the exact same "axe" that leveled the trees, and thereby the giants, before the Flood is coming for them.

Divine Judgement

- God is essentially telling Pharaoh: *"You think you are an immortal, cosmic power? The spiritual entities behind the great pre-Flood rebellion thought the same thing.*
- *They were nourished by the deep, grew arrogant, and I brought an axe to them at the Flood.*
- *Assyria became a historical monument to that same pride, and now you, Pharaoh, are next.“*

Divine Judgement

- Observing that the entity behind this “great cedar tree" is the same spiritual authority that animates "The Assyrian" (the Antichrist), is a key principle of Biblical hermeneutics:
  - The Law of Double Reference.
- Just as Satan was the spiritual power animating the King of Tyre (Ch 28) and the King of Babylon (Isaiah 14), a specific, high-ranking spiritual principality has historically animated the brutal, anti-God empires of the world.
- Assyria was the first global empire to brutally scatter and attempt to eliminate the northern kingdom of Israel.
- Therefore, the spiritual entity driving Assyria became the blueprint for the final "Assyrian" who will attempt to do the same thing to the whole world in the end times.

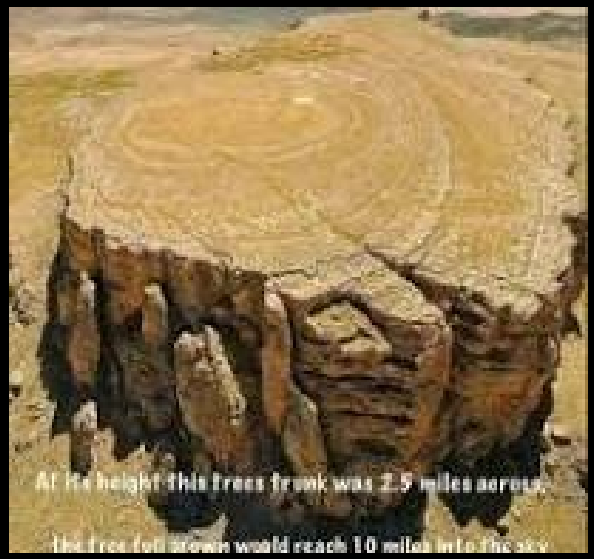
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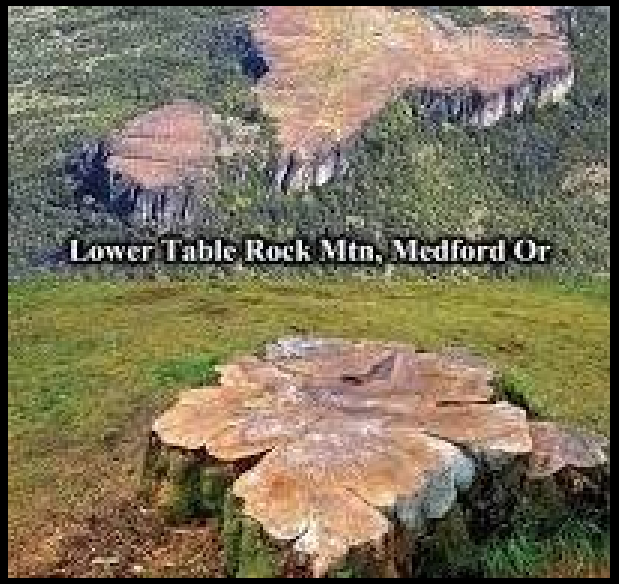
- Ezekiel 31 isn't just a poem about a tree; it's a Divine warning from the God of the Past, Present & Future!
- **The Past:** God judged the pride of the Fallen Angels (the "trees of Eden") by cutting them down and sending them to the Pit (alluded to in Peter, Jude & Enoch).
- **The Present (Ezekiel's Day):** God used Nebuchadnezzar to cut down the historical empire of Assyria as a physical manifestation of that same judgment.
- **The Immediate Prophecy:** Pharaoh (Egypt) is about to suffer the exact same fate.
- **The Future Prophecy:** The final, ultimate "Assyrian" (the Antichrist), who will rise with the same towering, arrogant pride, will ultimately be broken by the spoken word of God and cast alive into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 19:20).

Tremendous Stumps?



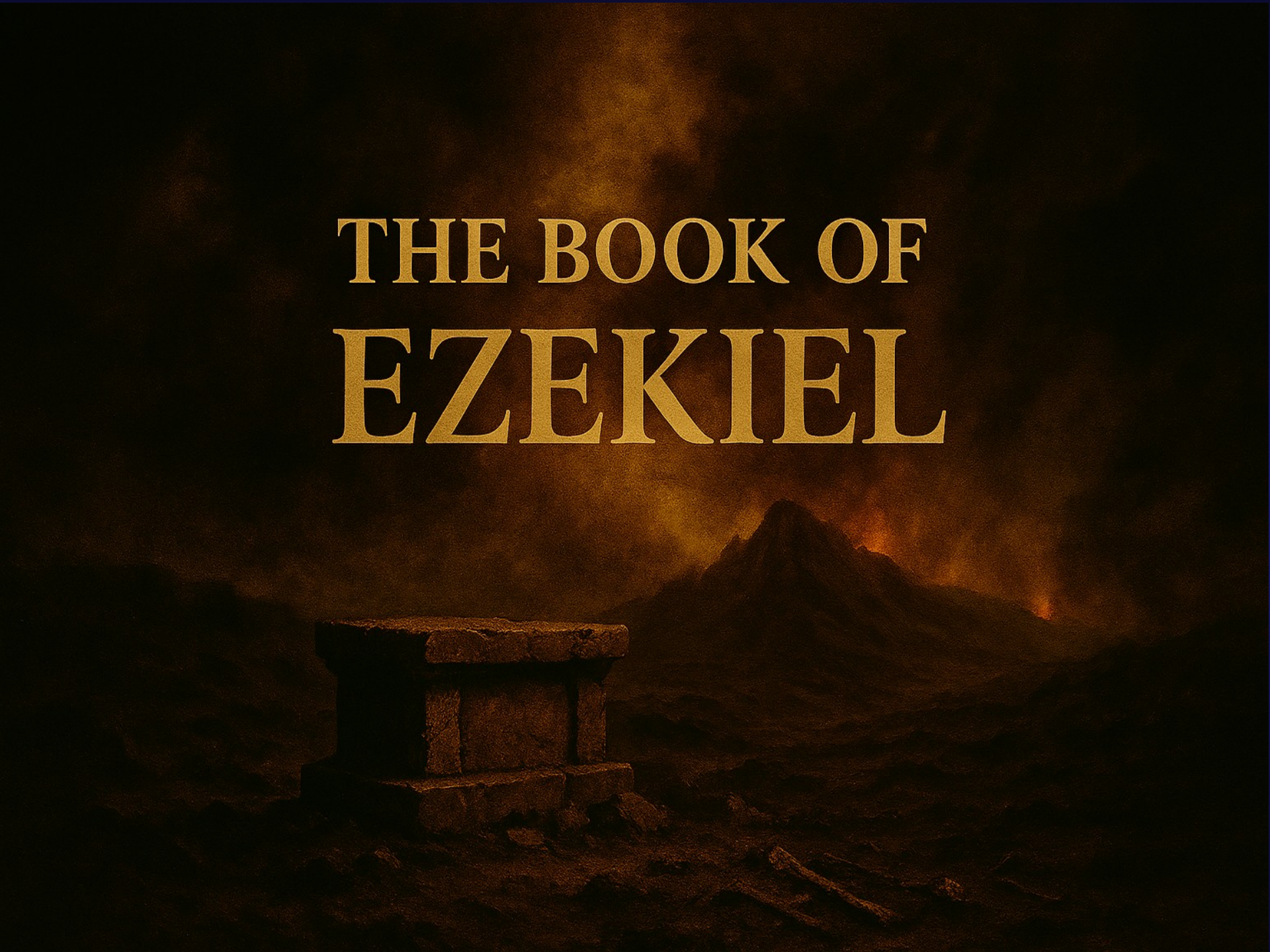











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Seven Oracles Against Egypt

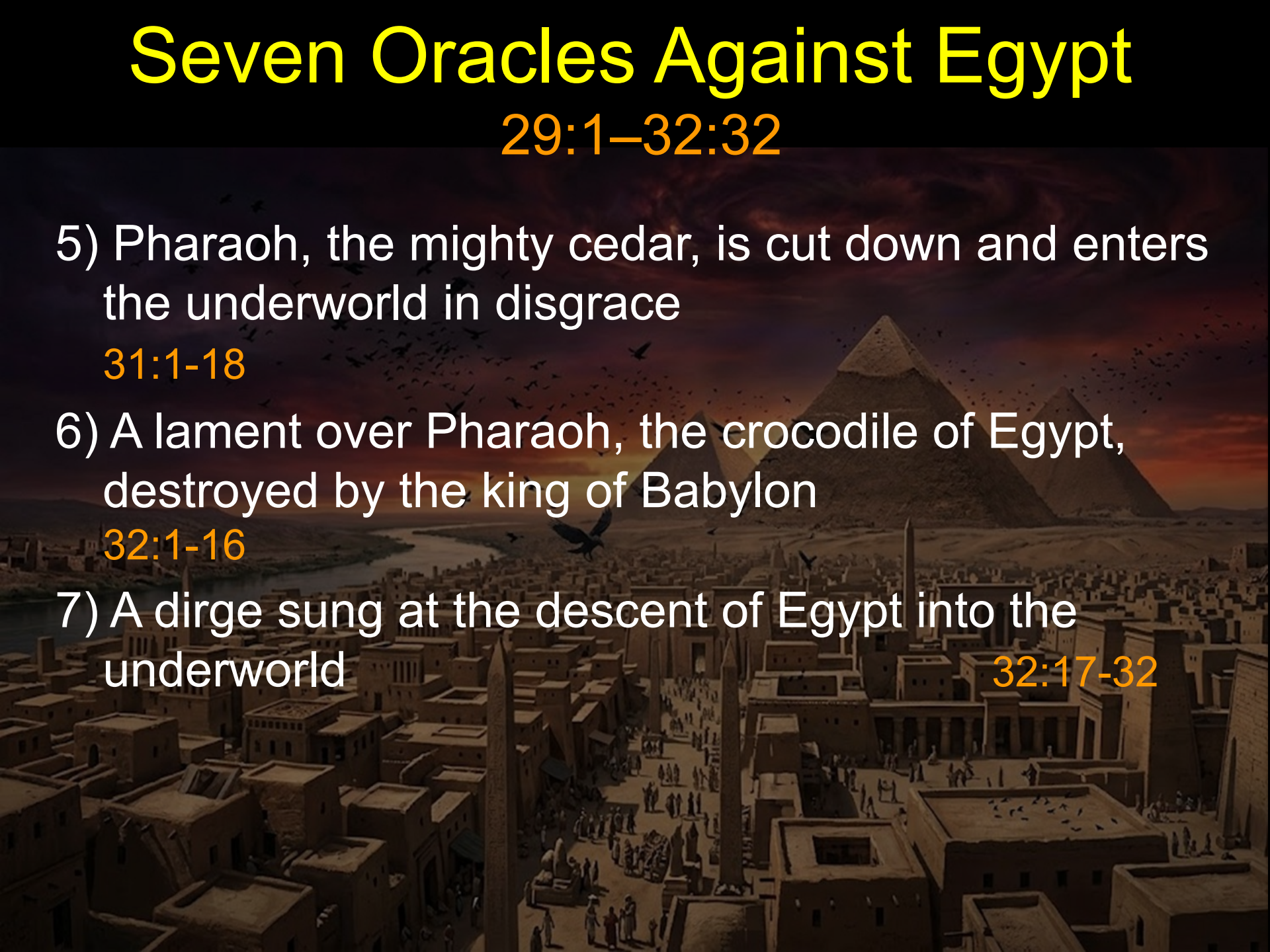
29:1–32:32

1) Pharaoh as a sea-monster or crocodile is to be cast out to be devoured, and the nation is to be restored to lowly status after 40 years
   29:1-16
2) Egypt is to be given to Nebuchadrezzar as a recompense for his futile siege of Tyre
   29:17-21
3) Egypt will be overthrown, together with its allies, wealth, princes, and cities
   30:1-19
4) The arms of Egypt will be broken by the arms of the king of Babylon
   30:20-26

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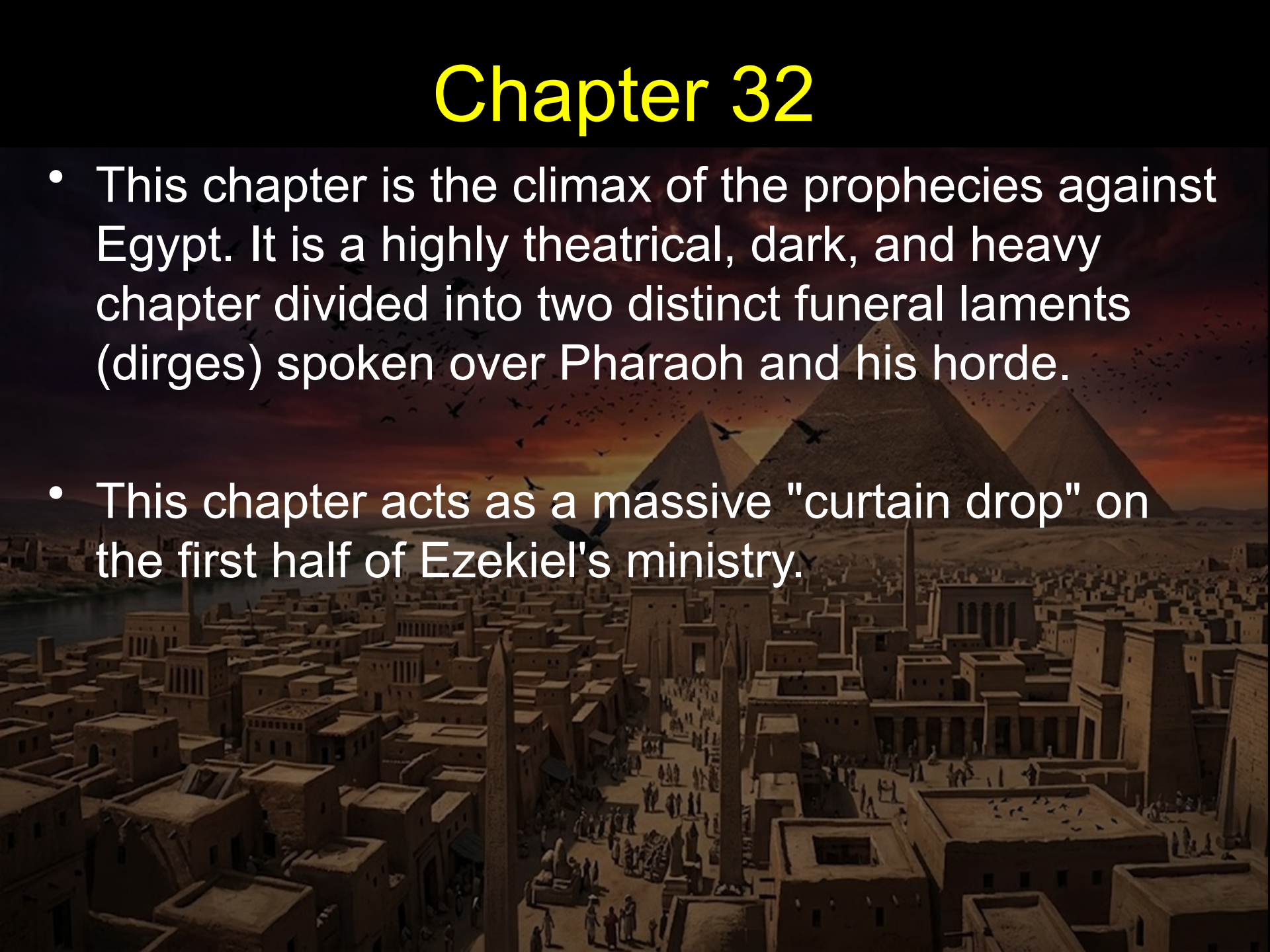
5) Pharaoh, the mighty cedar, is cut down and enters the underworld in disgrace
   31:1-18
6) A lament over Pharaoh, the crocodile of Egypt, destroyed by the king of Babylon
   32:1-16
7) A dirge sung at the descent of Egypt into the underworld
   32:17-32



Chapter 32

- This chapter is the climax of the prophecies against Egypt. It is a highly theatrical, dark, and heavy chapter divided into two distinct funeral laments (dirges) spoken over Pharaoh and his horde.

- This chapter acts as a massive "curtain drop" on the first half of Ezekiel's ministry.



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Part 1: The Monster Hauled Ashore

Verses 1–16

- Verses 1–2: The Metaphor of the Sea Monster
  - God shifts the imagery from the towering cedar tree of chapter 31 to a terrifying sea monster (Tannin or dragon) thrashing in the rivers, muddying the waters with its feet.



Part 1: The Monster Hauled Ashore

Verses 1–16

- Verses 3–6: The Great Catch and Slaughter
  - God throws a massive net over the monster using a coalition of nations. He hauls Egypt out onto dry land, leaving its carcass to rot on the mountains and fill the valleys, feeding the birds and beasts of the earth.



Part 1: The Monster Hauled Ashore

Verses 1–16

- Verses 7–10: Cosmic Blackout and Terror
  - God darkens the sun, moon, and stars over Egypt, wrapping the land in pitch-black judgment. This sudden collapse strikes sheer terror into the hearts of distant foreign kings and nations.



Part 1: The Monster Hauled Ashore

Verses 1–16

- Verses 11–16: The Babylonian Sword and Desolation
  - The abstract cosmic imagery gets grounded in military reality: the sword of the King of Babylon is coming. The waters of the Nile, once muddied by Egypt's pride, will settle and flow smooth as oil because there will be no humans or cattle left to disturb them.



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Chapter 32

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1 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.

Ezekiel 32:1-2

3 Thus saith the Lord God; I will therefore spread
out my net over thee with a company of many
people; and they shall bring thee up in my net.
4 Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast
thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all
the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee, and
I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

Ezekiel 32:3-4

5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and
fill the valleys with thy height.
6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein
thou swimmest, even to the mountains; and the
rivers shall be full of thee.

Ezekiel 32:5-6

7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 32:7-8

9 I will also vex the hearts of many people, when I
shall bring thy destruction among the nations,
into the countries which thou hast not known.

10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee,
and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee,
when I shall brandish my sword before them; and
they shall tremble at every moment, every man
for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

Ezekiel 32:9-10

11 For thus saith the Lord God; The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.

Ezekiel 32:11-12

13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from
beside the great waters; neither shall the foot of
man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of
beasts trouble them.

14 Then will I make their waters deep, and cause
their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord God.

Ezekiel 32:13-14

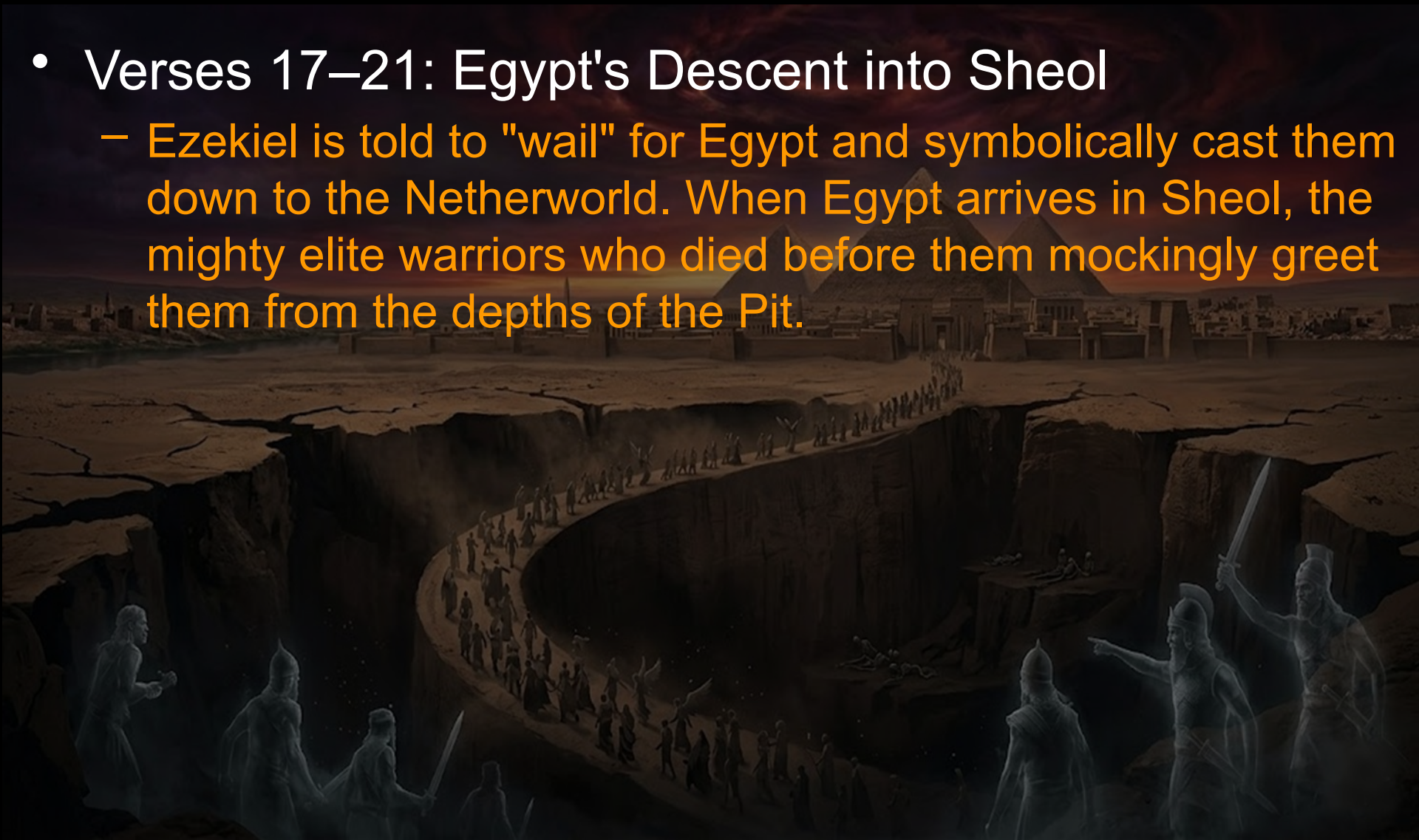
15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate,
and the country shall be destitute of that
whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them
that dwell therein, then shall they know that I
am the Lord.

16 This is the lamentation wherewith they shall
lament her: the daughters of the nations shall
lament her: they shall lament for her, even for
Egypt, and for all her multitude, saith the Lord
God.

Ezekiel 32:15-16

Part 2: The Underworld Welcome

Verses 17–32



- Verses 17–21: Egypt's Descent into Sheol
  - Ezekiel is told to "wail" for Egypt and symbolically cast them down to the Netherworld. When Egypt arrives in Sheol, the mighty elite warriors who died before them mockingly greet them from the depths of the Pit.

17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

Ezekiel 32:17-18

19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be
thou laid with the uncircumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain
by the sword: she is delivered to the sword: draw
her and all her multitudes.

21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him
out of the midst of hell with them that help him:
they are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain
by the sword.

Ezekiel 32:19-21

Part 2: The Underworld Welcome

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- Verses 22–30: The Roll Call of the Slain
  - Ezekiel provides a chilling, claustrophobic tour of the graveyard of fallen empires. Egypt looks around and sees that they are surrounded by the graves of all the other giants who once terrorised the land of the living:
    - Assyria and her company (v. 22-23)
    - Elam and all her multitude (v. 24-25)
    - Meshech-Tubal (northern nomadic warrior tribes; (v. 26-28)
    - Edom, her kings, and princes (v. 29)
    - The Princes of the North and the Sidonians (v. 30)

22 Asshur is there and all her company: his graves
are about him: all of them slain, fallen by the
sword:

23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit, and
her company is round about her grave: all of
them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused
terror in the land of the living.

Ezekiel 32:22-23

24 There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.

Ezekiel 32:24

25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword: though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that be slain.

Ezekiel 32:25

26 There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living.

Ezekiel 32:26

27 And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.

Ezekiel 32:27

- "the mighty that are fallen" is “Ha Gibborim” The Nephilim!
  - Ezekiel is intentionally playing on words here. He is looking down into the underworld and noting that these proud, terrifying empires (like Egypt and Assyria) are being forced to sleep in the exact same dark compartment of Sheol as the Nephilim/Gibborim of old.

28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain with the sword.

Ezekiel 32:28

29 There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes,
which with their might are laid by them that
were slain by the sword: they shall lie with the
uncircumcised, and with them that go down to
the pit.

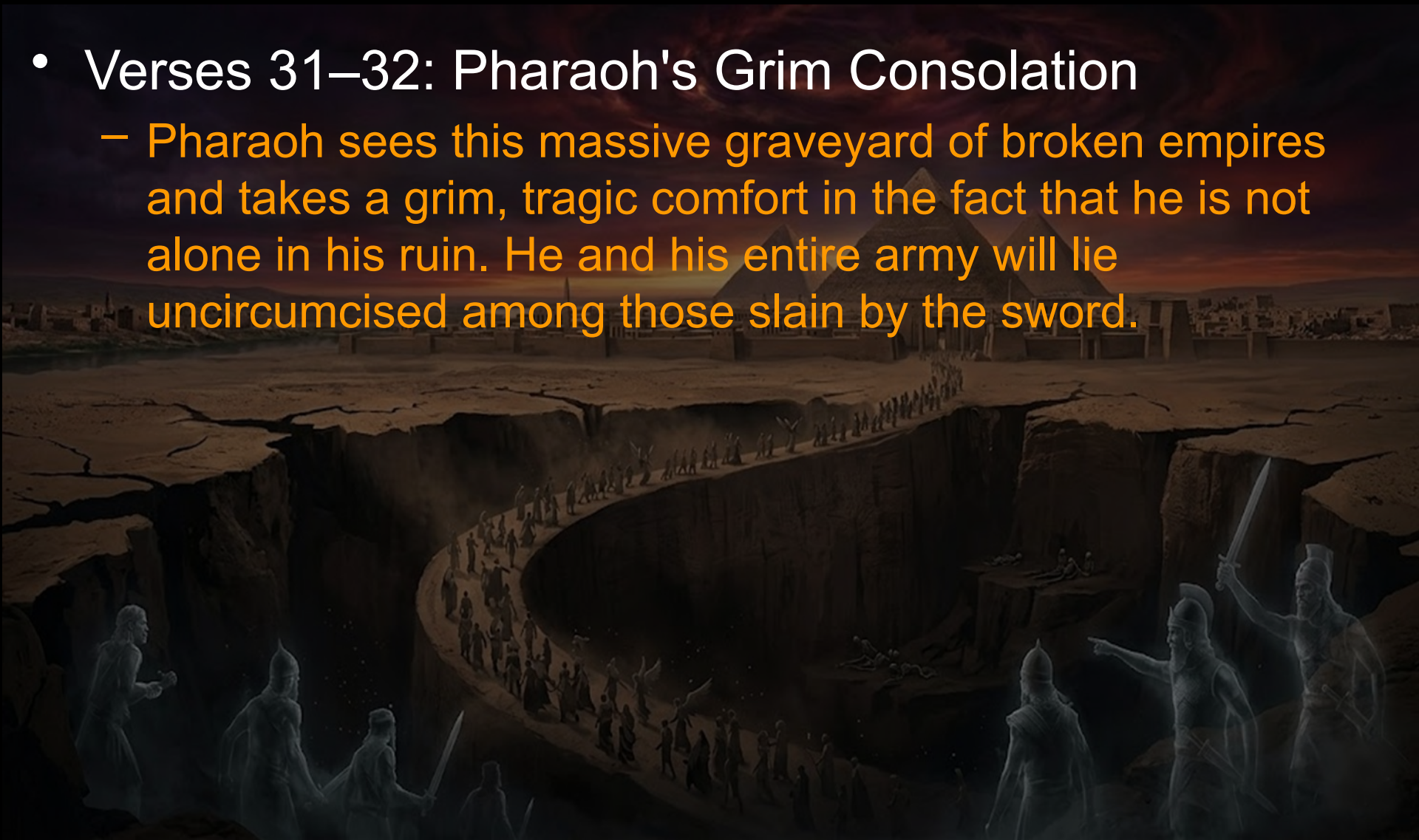
Ezekiel 32:29

30 There be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; with their terror they are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with them that be slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

Ezekiel 32:30

Part 2: The Underworld Welcome

Verses 17–32

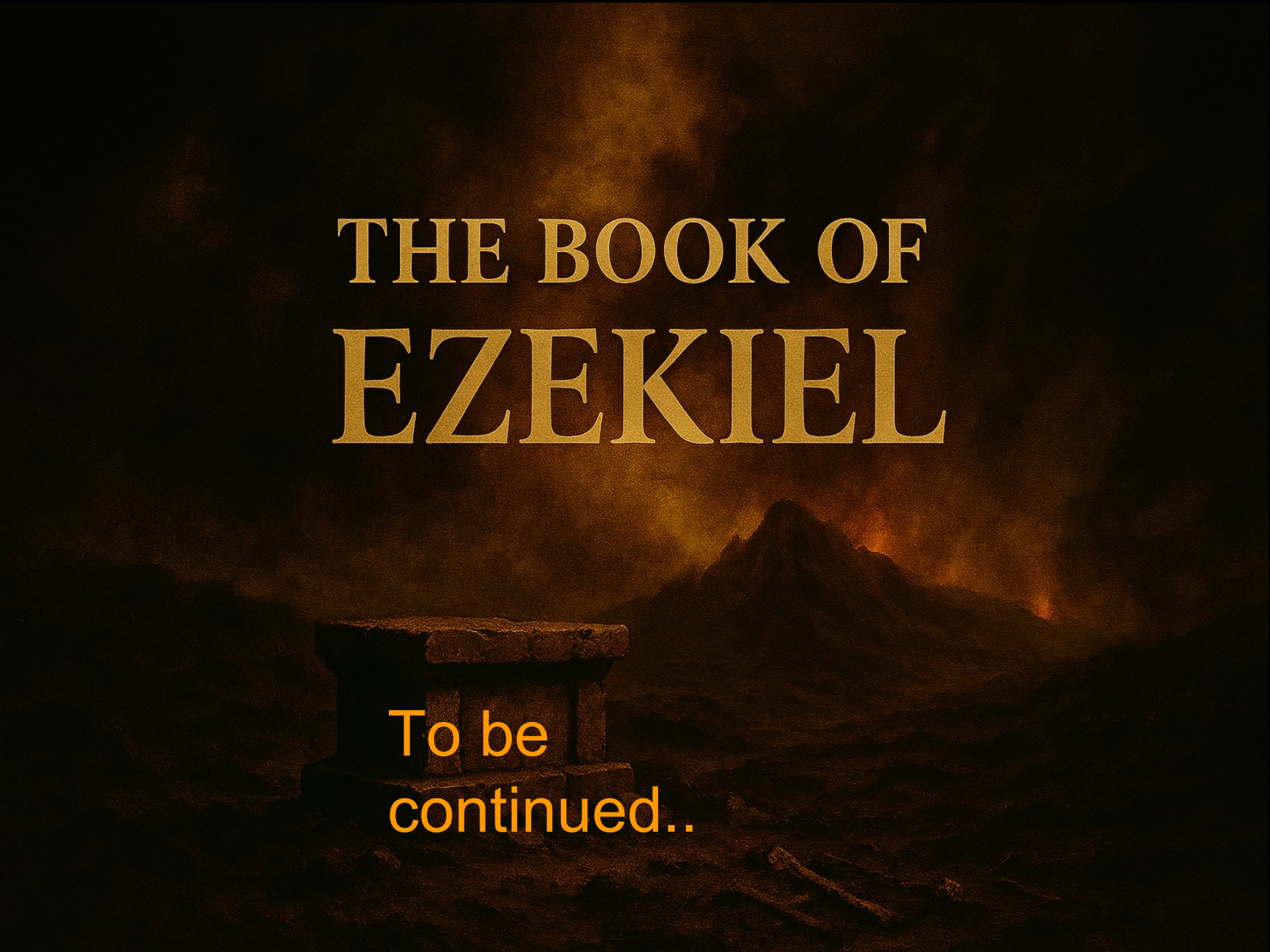


- Verses 31–32: Pharaoh's Grim Consolation
  - Pharaoh sees this massive graveyard of broken empires and takes a grim, tragic comfort in the fact that he is not alone in his ruin. He and his entire army will lie uncircumcised among those slain by the sword.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord God.

32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

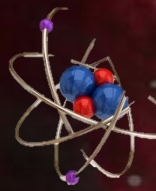
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