

Isaiah

“The Evangelical Prophet”

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H. The *Judgment* against **Egypt** (19:1-25)

1. A *Descent* into **Chaos** (19:1-4)

19 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**.

2. A *Destruction* of Egypt’s **Natural Resources** (19:5-10)

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

⁶The **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**.

3. A **Delusional, Disoriented Leadership** (19:11-15)

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**.

4. A **Dreadful Fear** of **Israel** (19:16-17)

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.

5. A *Divine Reawakening* (19:18-22)

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**.

6. A *Dramatic Unity* (19:23-25)

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**."

The *Judgment* of **Egypt**—A Summary

A. *Why* was **God judging** Egypt?

1. *Judged* because of their **idolatry** (19:1)
2. *Judged* because of their **occult practices** (19:3)
3. *Judged* because of **foolish** and **unwise leadership** (19:11-14)

B. *How* was **Egypt judged**?

1. Their **idols** would "**tremble**" at the **presence** of the **Lord**, and the **heart** of the **Egyptians** would "**melt within them**" (19:1)
2. They would have **civil war** among them (19:2)

3. Their **spirit** would be **demoralized** and their “**strategy**” **confounded**—**leading them** to the pursuit of **evil practices** (19:3)
4. They would be **conquered** and **ruled** by a **cruel master** and **king** (19:4)
5. They would experience **draught**, and the **Nile** with its surrounding **fields** and **plants** would **dry up**—**destroying** their **crops** (19:5-7)
6. Their **fishing industry** would **suffer**, and so would their **linen industry**—**all working classes** would **suffer** (19:8-10)
7. Their **wise men (leaders)** would act **foolishly**, **leading** them **astray**—The **Lord** would send them a “**spirit**” of **confusion** (19:11-14)
8. They would **suffer extensive unemployment** (19:15)
9. They would live in **fear** and **dread** of the **Lord of hosts** “**waving His hand**” over them, and the “**terror**” of the land of **Judah** against them (19:16-17)

Personal Observations/Application

- A. When **God** brought *judgments* against **Egypt**, **He** would do so through **various ways**. As we saw tonight, **civil war**, **cruel conquerors**, **natural disasters**, **economic hardship**, and “**foolish**” **confusing leadership** can oftentimes be the **result** of the **judgment of God** upon a **nation**.
- B. The *judgments* upon **Egypt** were the result of **idolatry**, **spiritism**, and “**foolish**,” **perverted leadership**. **Egypt’s ungodliness** and **wicked practices** **resulted** in **God’s judgments**, and **serve** as a **warning** to all **nations** that they can expect to “**reap**” the same if they **practice evil**.
- C. According to **Isaiah’s prophetic prediction**, **Egypt** would, “**in that day**,” **cry out to the LORD** because of **oppressors**, and that **He** would **send them a Savior** and a “**Champion**,” and **deliver them**. At **that time** **Egypt** will “**know the LORD**,” and **worship Him** with *sacrifice* and *offering*. **Egypt**, though *stricken* by **Him**, will **return** to the **LORD** and be healed.

Miraculously at that time, the ancient *enemies* of **Egypt**, **Assyria**, and **Israel** will all be the **people of God**, **united**, and a “**blessing** in the **midst** of the **earth** (19:21-25).