Ezekiel 28-30

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INTRODUCTION

- The Lord desires that we all may live. He desired Israel to live.
- They'd forgotten about God. They had fallen away.
- The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for anyone to perish, but for all to come to repentance.

1 Egypt Given to Nebuchadnezzar for His Labor

- Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, made his army labor hard against Tyre.
- I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor which he performed, because they acted for me, declares the Lord God.
- Not a single one of those dates is intended as a faith-building mechanism, because they're not from Scripture, but they can help us understand what's going on in this particular time.
- Nebuchadnezzar battled against Egypt and pretty much brought it to his knees. He never captured it.

2 The Day of the Lord Is Judgment

Genesis 1:1–2

- It's judgment against nations that he's talking about here.
- A sword will come upon Egypt, and anguish will be in Ethiopia.
- Those who are presently in league or aligned with, allied with Egypt are going to fall.
- Thus I will execute judgments on Egypt, and they will know that I am the Lord.

3 I Have Broken the Arm of Pharaoh

- Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.
- Now he has broken the strength, broken the strength, the Assyrian strength, broken the support that Assyria had and brought Assyria down.
- Now he's talking about breaking his arms, and that is going to be the rest of his strength or his ability to do mischief and or do evil.
- I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them among the lands.

4 Assyria Was a Cedar in Lebanon

- We have Assyria here, a previous power who was allied with Egypt that fell. And Egypt's going to be just like them.
- Therefore its height was loftier than all the trees of the field, and its boughs became many and its branches long.

- Assyria was once an instrument of the Lord, acting on the Lord's behalf, doing the Lord's will.

5 Just Plain Old Arrogant Pride

Matthew 25

- Because it is high in stature, and has set its top among the clouds, and its heart is haughty in its loftiness.
- What we're talking about here is pride, just plain old arrogant pride.
- It's going to be the realm of the dead, but it's the realm of the spiritually dead.
- You will lie in the midst of the uncircumcised. And the uncircumcised here, at least to me, means those outside the household of God.

6 A Lamentation Over Pharaoh, King of Egypt

- This is the Lord taking away the light of Egypt, the light from Egypt, his light from Egypt, simply because of their inequity.
- I will make many peoples appalled at you, and their kings will be horribly afraid of you when I brandish my sword.
- The sword is the word of God. And of course, the New Testament explains the sword as the word of God.
- Pharaoh will have the wicked alliance that he had with him in the realm of the dead to comfort him. That is the message.

MY NOTES