

Ezekiel 32 is a funeral song over a king who thinks he is untouchable. God pulls back the curtain and shows Pharaoh, Egypt, and every proud nation where human greatness ends if it refuses to bow to Him.

1. A Lament over Pharaoh: From Hunter to Carcass (Ezekiel 32:1–10)

“And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came to me, saying: ‘Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt...’” (Ezekiel 32:1–2a, NKJV)

About a year and a half after the previous prophecy, God tells Ezekiel to sing a lament—a funeral song—for Pharaoh.

God paints two striking pictures of Pharaoh:

- Like a young lion among the nations – powerful, dangerous, intimidating.
- Like a great crocodile (sea monster) in the Nile – thrashing in the river, muddying the waters, stirring up trouble.

“...You are like a young lion among the nations, and you are like a monster in the seas, bursting forth in your rivers, troubling the waters with your feet, and fouling their rivers.” (Ezekiel 32:2, NKJV)

Pharaoh had thrown his weight around, disturbed and damaged other nations, and relied on his power and position. God says, in effect, “You have churned up the waters long enough. Now I am coming after you.”

“Thus says the Lord God: ‘I will therefore spread My net over you with a company of many people, and they will draw you up in My net.’” (Ezekiel 32:3, NKJV)

God uses the picture of a crocodile being dragged out of the water with a net. Once the great beast is on land, it is no longer terrifying. It becomes food for birds and wild animals.

- Your flesh will be scattered on the mountains.
- The valleys will be filled with your remains.
- Your blood will soak the land and the rivers.

This is God’s way of saying:

“You thought you were in control, but your power had an expiration date.”

Then the imagery suddenly stretches upward:

“When I put out your light, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you, and bring darkness upon your land,” says the Lord God. (Ezekiel 32:7–8, NKJV)

This language is often used in Scripture for times of great, decisive judgment. It pictured the fall of Egypt then, and it also anticipates the final shaking of the world when God brings history to its

climactic judgment. Jesus echoed this kind of imagery when He described the final days before His return (see Matthew 24:29–31, NKJV).

Whether in Pharaoh's day or the last day, the message is the same:

When God judges, no earthly light can hold back His darkness. No leader, no system, no military, no economy is big enough to stand against Him.

2. God's Sword and the Purpose of Prophecy (Ezekiel 32:9–16)

God goes on to say that many nations will tremble when they hear of Egypt's fall:

- Kings will be horrified.
- Peoples will be shaken, afraid for their own lives.
- Egypt's "pomp" and showy greatness will collapse.

"For thus says the Lord God: 'The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you.'" (Ezekiel 32:11)

God uses Babylon as His instrument. Human armies think they are advancing their own agendas, but God can turn the whole course of history and use them to accomplish His judgments.

Egypt's economy and environment—its animals, rivers, and land—are all affected. Its power is broken. Its pride is brought low.

And then that repeated purpose statement appears again:

"...Then they shall know that I am the Lord." (Ezekiel 32:15, NKJV)

Why does God speak ahead of time through prophecy?

- So that when it happens, people will know that He is truly God.
- So that His word is recognized as reliable.
- So that no one can honestly say, "We were never warned."

Jesus Christ Himself pointed to this pattern when He said:

"Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He." (John 13:19, NKJV)

Prophecy is not a game for speculation; it is God's way of calling people to trust Him, repent, and believe His word.

3. The Descent to the Pit: Egypt Joins the Fallen Nations (Ezekiel 32:17–32)

Fifteen days later, God gives Ezekiel another lament, this time focusing on Egypt's final destination.

"Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, her and the daughters of the famous nations, to the depths of the earth, with those who go down to the Pit." (Ezekiel 32:18, NKJV)

The scene shifts to the realm of the dead—down into “the Pit,” the nether parts of the earth, what the Old Testament often calls Sheol.

Down there, powerful nations are pictured as already fallen:

- Assyria
- Elam
- Meshech and Tubal
- Edom
- The princes of the north
- The Sidonians

They were once terrifying in the land of the living. Now they lie slain, uncircumcised, humbled, and silent.

Egypt, for all her greatness, will join them:

“Pharaoh will see them and be comforted over all his multitude, Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword,” says the Lord God. (Ezekiel 32:31, NKJV)

“Comforted” here does not mean joy—it means that he will finally realize he is not unique. He is just one more proud ruler who thought he could stand, and now lies in the same place as all the others.

The point is clear:

- No empire is immortal.
- No ruler is exempt from God’s judgment.
- No nation can escape the reality of death and accountability.

Practical Application for Us Today

We may not be Pharaoh, but the same spiritual issues still confront us.

1. Where is your security?

Egypt thought her power, geography, river, economy, and army guaranteed her safety. God showed her otherwise.

Today, people put their confidence in:

- Wealth
- Technology
- Political influence
- Military strength
- Health and youth
- Human relationships

None of these can protect a person—or a nation—from death or from standing before God.

Ask yourself honestly:

- What am I really leaning on?
- If God stripped away my job, health, status, or savings, would I still stand in peace because my hope is in Him?

2. Be careful about pride—especially when things are going well.

Pharaoh's problem was not that he was strong; it was that his heart was lifted up in that strength.

Pride can sound like:

- "I built this. I earned this. I deserve this."
- "I can manage my life without God."
- "I know better than what God says in His word."

God is patient, but He is not indifferent. He loves us too much to let pride go unchecked forever.

"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6, NKJV)

If we will not humble ourselves, God knows how to humble us.

3. Listen to God's warnings while there is time.

Egypt ignored God's word. By the time everything collapsed, the only thing left was judgment. The same is true on a personal level.

God warns because He loves. He sends His word, He sends His Spirit, He sends people into our lives—not to condemn us, but to rescue us before it is too late.

A Challenge for Believers

If you already belong to Jesus, Ezekiel 32 should stir you in a few ways.

1. Walk humbly.

Let success, blessing, or influence drive you to gratitude, not arrogance. Give God the glory intentionally. Thank Him out loud. Let people know He is the source of every good thing.

2. Do not envy the "greatness" of this world.

Egypt, Assyria, Babylon—each one looked unstoppable in its prime. Now they are entries in a history book. The systems and movements that seem dominant today will all pass. Only the kingdom of God endures forever.

3. Take prophecy seriously.

God has spoken about judgment, but He has also spoken about salvation, the Good News in Jesus Christ, and the hope of resurrection. Build your life on what God has said, not on what the world assumes.

4. Care about those who are not ready.

If we know that every person will stand before God, we cannot be indifferent. Let this sober vision of judgment move you to pray, to speak, and to love people enough to tell them the truth about Jesus.

An Invitation to Non-Believers: Do Not Go Down Unprepared

Ezekiel 32 shows us nations and kings going down into the pit—powerful, admired, feared—but ultimately judged.

You do not have to share that fate.

All of us have sinned. All of us, on our own, stand under the same judgment.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23, NKJV)

But God has done something Pharaoh never knew:
He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into this world.

- Jesus lived a sinless life.
- He willingly shed His blood on the cross to pay for our sins.
- He took the judgment we deserve.
- On the third day, He rose from the dead.

His resurrection declares that He is God, Savior, and Lord—not just for Israel, not just for one time in history, but for all people, for all time.

You do not have to go into eternity relying on your own goodness, your own strength, or your own record. You can be forgiven and made new.

“For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13, NKJV)

If you know you are not right with God, but you want to be, you can turn to Jesus right now. There is no special formula, but here is a simple way to express what is in your heart:

“Lord Jesus, I admit that I have sinned against You. I have lived in my own strength and gone my own way. Thank You for shedding Your blood on the cross for my sins. Thank You that You rose from the dead and that You are God, Savior, and Lord. I turn from my sin and I give my life to You. Please forgive me, cleanse me, and make me new. Help me to follow You from this day forward.”

If you call on Him sincerely, He hears you.

He saves, not because you are good, but because He is gracious.

Ezekiel 32 reminds us: kingdoms fall, rulers die, and history moves toward judgment. But in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness, new life, and a kingdom that cannot be shaken.