### Ezekiel

## Chapter 29

1It was in the 10th year (on the 1st day of the 10th month) that the Word of Jehovah came to me and said:  
  
 2‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Fix your face against Egypt’s King  
 And against those in his Great House…  
 Against him and Egypt, you must now prophesy!  
 3Tell him that thus says Jehovah:  
  
 ‘{Look!} I am against you, O PharaOh,  
 The great dragon who waits between rivers…  
 The One who says, ‘The rivers are mine…  
 Yes, they were created for me!’  
  
 4‘Now, into your jaws, I’ll put hooks,  
 And the fish from your rivers, I’ll stick to you wings.  
 Then I’ll lift you up from their midst  
 And I will remove all their scales  
 5Before I throw you down with your fish.  
  
 ‘On the face of the plains, I will toss you;  
 Then, you’ll be collected and not be [thrown back].  
 There I’ll feed you to the beasts of the fields,  
 As well as to the birds in the skies…  
 6Then, all those who are living in Egypt  
 Will know that I am Jehovah.  
  
 ‘For to the house of IsraEl, you’ve proven to be  
 Just a reed, not a rod,  
 7Since you broke when they grabbed onto you with their hands.  
 Then, by every hand, they were beaten,  
 Because they trusted in you…  
 Yes, because you broke [in their hands],  
 The nations have shattered their hips.  
  
 8‘And because of this,’ says Jehovah;  
 ‘{Look!} I’ll bring the broadsword against you  
 To destroy all your men and your cattle.  
  
 9‘Then the land of Egypt, I will appoint  
 To be wiped away and destroyed…  
 And you’ll know that I am Jehovah.  
 [I’ll do this], because you once said,  
 ‘All the rivers are mine…  
 They were created for me!’  
  
 10‘{Look!} I’m against both you and your rivers;  
 So, I will now hand over Egypt  
 To be destroyed by the broadsword  
 From Migdol on to SyEne,  
 All the way to Ethiopia’s borders.  
  
 11‘Neither man nor beast will then travel that way…  
 No way will any even walk through it.  
 And for the next 40 years, you’ll lie empty.  
  
 12‘I’ll appoint your land to destruction,  
 And the ground will lie fallow and barren.  
 All of your cities will be empty…  
 For 40 years, they’ll all be extinct.  
 I’ll scatter the Egyptians among all the nations…  
 To many places, I’ll [blow] them away.’  
  
 13‘Jehovah says:  
  
 ‘Then, after 40 years, I’ll gather them back  
 From the nations where they’d been dispersed;  
 14I’ll return all the captured Egyptians  
 And settle them back in their lands,  
 Those from which they were taken,  
 And there, they must humbly submit.  
  
 15‘But by then, her rule will have ended,  
 And she’ll not be the highest of nations again.  
 For I’ll cause them to be very few…  
 Uncounted among other nations.  
  
 16‘So you’ll never again serve as IsraEl’s hope,  
 And they’ll be reminded that it had been wrong  
 For them to have trusted in you…  
 And they’ll know that I am Jehovah.’  
  
  
17Well, it was in the 27th year (on the 1st day of the 1st month) that the Word of Jehovah came to me and said:  
  
 18‘O son of man,  
  
 ‘Because of Tyre, King NebuChadNezzar  
 Has reduced his army to slaves.  
 For, all of their heads are now bald  
 And their shoulders are covered with falling hair  
 Because of his army’s attack against Tyre,  
 And the work that they’ve done without pay.  
  
 19‘So because of this,’ says Jehovah,  
 ‘To Babylon’s King NebuChadNezzar,  
 I will now hand over Egypt.  
 Then, he will loot and plunder her spoils  
 And give it to his army, as their reward.  
  
 20‘Yes, in return for his work against Tyre,  
 I’ll give the land of Egypt to him  
 Because of the things he’s accomplished for Me,’ says Jehovah.  
  
 21‘In that day, in the house of IsraEl,  
 A horn will thereafter be raised,  
 And I’ll give you an opened mouth in their midst,  
 So they’ll know that I am Jehovah.’