### Jeremiah

## Chapter 46

1These are the words that Jehovah sent to JeremiAh the Prophet against the nations.  
  
2[He said this concerning] Egypt and the armies of PharaOh Necho the king of Egypt, who was at the EuPhrates River in CarChemIsh when he was [killed] by NebuChadNezzar the king of Babylon, which happened [back] in the 4th year [of the reign] of JehoiAkim (son of JosiAh), the king of Judah:  
  
 3‘Now, pick up your weapons and shields,  
 And then get ready for battle!  
 4Saddle the horses and mount up their riders…  
 Don your helmets and chest plates,  
 And you should take up your spears!  
  
 5‘Why are they frightened and running?  
 It’s because their mighty have fallen,  
 And into exile, they’re going…  
 They’ll not return to their land,’ says Jehovah.  
  
 6‘Their nimble will not be able to flee,  
 And their strong won’t be saved from those in the north…  
 For at the EuPhrates, they’ll fall.  
  
 7‘What is this that’s rising like a river…  
 Yes, like a river that’s swollen?  
 8The waters of the river of Egypt arose,  
 And said:  
  
 I will rise and cover their land…  
 I’ll destroy their cities and all those who live there.  
  
 9‘So, ready the chariots and mount up your horsemen…  
 Assemble the Ethiopians and Libyans  
 All armed and carrying shields!  
  
 ‘Come, O Lydians, and stretch tight your bows,  
 10For this day belongs to Jehovah of Armies,  
 Who’ll arise to take vengeance on His enemies.  
 Then the sword will devour and be filled…  
 It will get drunk on their blood.  
  
 ‘There’ll be a ‘sacrifice’ to Jehovah of Armies  
 [Being offered by those] from the land to the north  
 At the River EuPhrates.  
  
 11‘So, go to GileAd for ointment  
 [To heal] the virgin daughter of Egypt!  
 But the attempts to heal her will all be in vain,  
 And the ointments will do her no good.  
  
 12‘Now, the nations have all heard your voices,  
 For your cries have filled the whole earth.  
 Warriors fighting warriors have weakened together,  
 And together, they’ve fallen [in battle].’  
  
  
13This is what Jehovah said through JeremiAh the Prophet concerning the coming of NebuChadNezzar (the king of Babylon) to strike the land of Egypt:  
  
 14[‘God said:]  
  
 ‘Send the announcement to Egypt…  
 Yes, let them hear it in Migdol,  
 And then give warning to Memphis!  
 Tell those who live in TahPanHes  
 To prepare their yew to be [chopped] by the sword!  
  
 15‘Why are your mighty all lying face down?  
 They can’t get up, for the Lord knocked them down!  
  
 16‘Yes your mighty [armies] have weakened,  
 Then they turned to their comrades and said:  
  
 ‘Let’s get up and go back to our people and homes…  
 Let’s [flee from] the faces of Greeks!’  
  
 17‘You can call on the name, PharaOh Necho…  
 The one who’s the king of all Egypt,  
 But [his time of glory has past].  
  
 18‘As I live,’ says the King, Jehovah of Armies,  
 ‘As sure as Tabor is found among mountains,  
 And as sure as CarMel is found by the sea,  
 19I’ve come here to settle up matters.  
  
 ‘So get ready, O daughter of Egypt,  
 And those of you who are still left alive;  
 For Memphis will now be destroyed,  
 And she’ll be referred to as Woe,  
 Because she’ll be left without people.  
  
 20‘Egypt is a heifer prepared for the slaughter  
 By a broken branch that will come from the north.  
 21For the soldiers they’ve hired are like calves  
 That are cared for and very-well fed.  
 But, they will all turn back and flee,  
 22Because they won’t wish to wait for the day  
 When their destruction will come…  
 The time when they will be punished.  
  
 ‘Since her voice is like the hissing of snakes  
 That slither along in the sand;  
 They will attack her with axes  
 As though they are chopping up wood.  
  
 23‘Then they’ll cut down all her forests,’ says Jehovah!  
 ‘For, no one can imagine their numbers…  
 As with locusts, there’s no way to count them!  
  
 24‘Disgrace will come to the daughter of Egypt,  
 And she’ll be given to the men from the north.’  
  
 25‘Yes, IsraEl’s God, Jehovah of Armies says this:  
  
 ‘{Look!} Amun, Thebes’ God, will be punished;  
 For, I will bring this on Egypt,  
 As well as on her gods and her kings…  
 To PharaOh and those who are trusting in him.  
  
 26‘To those seeking his life, I will hand them…  
 To the hands of King NebuChadNezzar,  
 And to the hands of his servants.  
  
 ‘Once again, it will be as it was long ago,’ says Jehovah.  
 27So My servant Jacob should not be afraid,  
 Nor should IsraEl ever feel terrified.  
  
 ‘{Look!} For I’ll bring you back from faraway lands…  
 Your offspring, from where they were captives.  
 Jacob will come and then sleep in peace,  
 And no one will bring them more trouble.  
  
 28‘So, don’t be afraid, O Jacob, My child, says Jehovah;  
 For, I will be there with you!  
 And all the nations to which you were led  
 Will be appointed to destruction…  
 The nations where I sent you will all be consumed.  
  
 ‘But although I’ll never appoint you an end,  
 I will still judge and correct you.  
 I won’t declare you free from all guilt,  
 Nor will you ever be acquitted.’