

Isaiah 19

Oracle about **Babylon**
(13:1-14:27)

Oracle about **Babylon**
(21:1-10)

Oracle about **Philistia**
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Oracle about **Dumah**
(21:11-12)

Oracle about **Moab**
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Oracle about **Qedar**
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Oracle about **Valley of Vision**
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Isaiah 19 — Overview

19:1-4: Oracle Introduction

- Judgment on Egypt's idols and civil war

19:5-10: Economic Collapse

- Nile dries up, fishing and linen industries fail

19:11-15: Wisdom Fails

- Egypt's counselors are foolish

19:16-17: “In that Day” #1

- Egypt will fear Judah

19:18: “In that Day” #2

- Five cities speak Hebrew and swear to the LORD

19:19-22: “In that Day” #3

- Altar to the LORD in Egypt, they will worship

19:23-25: “In that Day” #4

- Highway between Egypt and Assyria, blessing

Isaiah 19:1-11

¹ An oracle concerning Egypt .

Behold, the LORD is riding on a swift cloud
and comes to Egypt ;

and the idols of Egypt will tremble at his presence,
and the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them .

² And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians ,
and they will fight, each against another
and each against his neighbor,
city against city, kingdom against kingdom;

³ and the spirit of the Egyptians within them will be emptied out,
and I will confound their counsel ;

and they will inquire of the idols and the sorcerers,
and the mediums and the necromancers;

⁴ and I will give over the Egyptians
into the hand of a hard master,
and a fierce king will rule over them,
declares the Lord GOD of hosts .

⁵ And the waters of the sea will be dried up,
and the river will be dry and parched,

⁶ and its canals will become foul,
and the branches of Egypt's Nile will diminish and dry up,
reeds and rushes will rot away.

⁷ There will be bare places by the Nile,
on the brink of the Nile,
and all that is sown by the Nile will be parched,
will be driven away, and will be no more.

⁸ The fishermen will mourn and lament,
all who cast a hook in the Nile;
and they will languish
who spread nets on the water.

⁹ The workers in combed flax will be in despair,
and the weavers of white cotton.

¹⁰ Those who are the pillars of the land will be crushed,
and all who work for pay will be grieved.

¹¹ The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish;
the wisest counselors of Pharaoh give stupid counsel .
How can you say to Pharaoh,
"I am a son of the wise,
a son of ancient kings"?

Isaiah 19:12-25

¹² Where then are your wise men?

Let them tell you

that they might **know** what the **LORD of hosts** has **purposed** against **Egypt**.

¹³ The **princes of Zoan** have become fools,
and the princes of Memphis are deluded;
those who are the cornerstones of her tribes
have made **Egypt** stagger.

¹⁴ The LORD has mingled **within her** a **spirit** of confusion,
and they will make **Egypt** stagger in all its **deeds**,
as a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

¹⁵ And there will be nothing for **Egypt**
that head or tail, palm branch or reed, may **do**.

¹⁶ In that day the **Egyptians** will be like women, and tremble with **fear**
before the hand that the **LORD of hosts** shakes over them. ¹⁷ And the land
of Judah will become a terror to the **Egyptians**. Everyone to whom it is
mentioned will **fear** because of the **purpose** that the **LORD of hosts** has
purposed against them.

¹⁸ In that day there will be five cities in the land of **Egypt** that speak the
language of Canaan and swear allegiance to the **LORD of hosts**. One of
these 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 at its border. ²⁰ It will be a sign and a
witness to the **LORD of hosts** in the land of **Egypt**. When they cry to the
LORD because of oppressors, he will send them a savior and defender, and
deliver them. ²¹ And the LORD will make himself **known** to the **Egyptians**,
and the **Egyptians** will **know** the LORD in that day and **worship** with
sacrifice and offering, and they will make vows to the LORD and perform
them. ²² And the LORD will strike **Egypt**, striking and healing, and they
will return to the LORD, and he will listen to their pleas for mercy and heal
them.

²³ In that day there will be a highway from **Egypt** to Assyria, and Assyria
will come into **Egypt**, and **Egypt** into Assyria, and the **Egyptians** will
worship with the Assyrians.

²⁴ In that day Israel will be the third with **Egypt** and Assyria, a blessing
in the **midst** of the earth, ²⁵ whom the **LORD of hosts** has blessed, saying,
"Blessed be **Egypt** my people, and Assyria the **work** of my hands, and Is-
rael my inheritance."