

Quote Verse 1:

"In the tenth year, in... the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me,"

This records the particular month and day that Yahweh's* word came to Ezekiel.

Verse 2:

"Saying, Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt."

This prophecy is directed against Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Yahweh does not specify which Pharaoh he is referring to, for he does not name him. But, you may interject, isn't he referring to the Pharaoh that ruled at the time that this prophecy was given? No, for the judgments pronounced against him were not fulfilled in his day, but are about to be fulfilled in these very last days that we are now living in. How can this be? Who and where is Pharaoh today?

Yahweh speaks to Israel and gives then the understanding. Egypt, which was the first world power and dominated the known world, was ruled by the Pharaohs (one Pharaoh at a time). This dominant world power represents the whole world under the rule of the devil (I John 5:19 Rev. Ver., II Cor. 4:3,4, Rev. 12:9, Matt. 4:5) Furthermore, Yahweh is referring to the devil when he speaks to Pharaoh in Exodus 9:16 when he states: "But for this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that they may proclaim my name throughout all the earth," (Leeser's Version). Yahweh's name and purpose has not as yet been proclaimed throughout all the earth, for this work is done in the very last days of this

world just before its complete destruction. Matthew 24:14 states: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Preaching the good news of the kingdom will make known to the peoples of the earth the purpose of the Almighty God, Yahweh, and His name is enshrined in His purpose; for it means (I will become whatsoever I please).

Therefore, having His servants declare His name throughout all the earth, would mean that His purpose for mankind on the earth would be explained by them. His purpose is to establish a righteous government around the face of the entire earth, to turn the earth into a paradise for his people, and to pull by the roots and feed to the flames the present governments now in existence or which may arise in the interim.

Yahweh further continues in the 2nd verse by telling Ezekiel to prophesy against all Egypt. That which is involved in specifying all of Egypt, means to let no portion thereof be omitted. Because Egypt would never have gained any prestige without commerce, He uses the name of Egypt in this prophecy to picture commerce in all of its aspects. For this reason this prophecy is directed against all forms of selfish commerce which prevails throughout the entire world today, simply referred to as "all of Egypt".

Verse 3:

"Speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh, king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his river, which hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself."

Yahweh directs His words specific-

*Yahweh, the original Hebrew name of the living God, erroneously written, Jehovah

ally against Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Again, if our understanding is correct, and the explanation given consistent, Pharaoh is not a man, but he is the same dragon, that Yahweh mentions in Revelation 12:9, where he is termed "the great dragon, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world." Here, the devil is pictured as lying in the midst of his rivers. The rivers symbolize a way of life. The devil lying in the midst of his rivers indicates that he controls them, and that commerce, as we know it, is his brainchild. Yahweh further emphasizes this truth by quoting the devil's mind when he states: "My river is mine own". In saying this he is taking full credit and claiming full authority over it, boasting proudly that he has made it, and that he has started commerce, and that it is for himself that he has done this. Making it for himself means that it was never intended to benefit mankind. It can not do something that it was not designed to do. The proof of this is that the system has actually been a curse to the great majority of mankind. For this reason, commerce is not regarded as a blessing by the righteous; but is regarded as a blessing by the devil, and by those who will eventually prove to be willfully ignorant of the Truth.

Verse 4:

"But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales."

Here, Yahweh pictures the devil as a monster that will be captured and pulled out of his rivers, and all those who cling to commerce will be dragged out with him, herein symbolically referred to as the "fish of the waters

that stick unto his scales." This means that the devil and all those who insist on continuing in this selfish system will be forcefully extracted from the rivers or commercial system, leaving the river free and clear for the righteous to navigate, so at last they can flourish. Psalm 72:7 states: "In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth." The day has finally come wherein the meek shall inherit the earth. They will no longer have to fear this monstrous organization which now controls the system.

Verse 5:

"And I will leave thee thrown into the wilderness, (desert), thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open fields; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven."

Being thrown into the wilderness or desert would mean that this great sea monster would be thrown into an environment wherein he could not survive. The environment that will bring about the demise of the devil and his system is the overwhelming evidence brought against it by Yahweh's people, Israel. This will cause all honest hearted people to despise commerce as we know it, and bring to an end the deliberate exploitation of the helpless masses of the human race. This message will be even more convincing when Yahweh causes Israel to explain his purpose toward mankind by describing Yahweh's system as one directed by love, justice, wisdom and power, which are the attributes of Yahweh. These attributes will direct Yahweh's organization to bring about the blessing of the human race specifically. Being thrown into the open field would mean that the devil and his organization would be in a position of open view to

all who would want to see and understand. "...thou shalt not be brought together or gathered..." should be rendered "never to be gathered or buried." (Moffatts Translation). To say the least, his death will be unceremonious, which in reality will be utterly disgraceful, and Yahweh pictures this by allowing him to be consumed by scavengers. This treatment is not even given to a criminal. All will have the opportunity to see what a tremendous farce commerce really is, claiming to be the benefactor of the human race, providing them with their material needs and giving people jobs so they may purchase these necessities. In reality the people are being used; used to produce the goods that will make big business richer! This is the only true motivation that is found in the heart of big business.

Yahweh at this moment has not passed final judgment on the individuals who maneuver these monstrous organizations, for they have been deceived by the devil and the devil is responsible for this-extracting for profit-form of trade. Sentence has, however, been pronounced on the system. This system, which has enslaved the peoples of the earth, will itself be reduced to the lowest level of existence. It will be changed from a position of dominance to that of a servant of servants (Genesis 9:18-27) so that mankind can forever enjoy the exquisite luxury of a giant inanimate world wide slave, who will serve our every need and promise all the time to do more. This will forever remove the stigma fastened upon the poor by the affluent society, (the few who control and reap the benefits of the system).

Verse 6:

"And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the Lord, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel."

The collapse of commerce will cause the members of this world, symbolically

referred to as "all the inhabitants of Egypt", to realize that Yahweh is against their system, to realize that if their system had been righteous, the Lord's people (herein referred to as "the house of Israel") would never have broken away. Being "a staff of reed" means that it disappointed all the righteous who believed in the justice of the system.

Verse 7:

"When they took hold of thee by thy hand, thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to be at a stand."

This further describes the findings of all those who truly trusted in the system. They were sadly disappointed and shocked by their experience. The system is merciless, regarding mankind as a mere source of slave labor to bring in revenue to the controlling organizations. The resulting feeling of deflation, due to unfulfilled expectations, is described by Yahweh as a reed that snaps when one trusts or leans thereon.

Verse 8:

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee."

The sword mentioned by Yahweh is His sword of execution, which is carried out after judgment has been pronounced. "...cutting off man and beast out of thee" means that Egypt or commerce would be altogether uninhabited, and if uninhabited it could no longer continue. This means that commerce in its present form of operation will cease forever. This is Yahweh's sentence, and it shall stand.

Verse 9:

"And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste; and they shall know that I am the Lord: because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it."

Yahweh continues to use Egypt as a symbol of commerce, and when he states that it will be "desolate and waste", or "a waste", (Smith's Translation) He is referring to commerce coming to a complete standstill, as literal Egypt might if it were altogether uninhabited. When He states that "...they shall know that I am the Lord..", they will then understand Yahweh's righteous judgments against their unrighteous system, for the scriptures state that Yahweh is known by his judgments. The devil, boasting that the system is his, and that he has made it as though it were to continue forever, righteous or not, has now provoked Yahweh's indignation to the point of passing a sentence of ultimate destruction.

Verse 10:

"Behold, therefore I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia."

Because of the corruption of the system that has shattered the righteous and because of the boast of the devil that the system is made by him, and that he is going to control it even though "the earth is Yahweh's and the fullness thereof", (Psalm 24:1), Yahweh's final summation is an emphatic pronouncement of a complete and final destruction upon Egypt (commerce) from one end to the other. This means that all selfish commerce will be done away with in all of its forms.

Verse 11:

"No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years."

Again Yahweh emphasizes that Egypt or commerce will be completely desolate and waste, meaning that it will no longer be operating. It will die, even as literal Egypt would, if there were no inhabitants within her boundaries. Yahweh shows how complete the desolation will be when he states that not even a man or beast shall pass through it. Not being "inhabited forty years" refers to the period of Yahweh's judgment. This is understood by seeing Yahweh use the number 40 as the full period of time required for the destruction of the world by the flood (Genesis 7:4, 12 & 17), the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years (Numbers 14:33 & 34 and Exodus 16:35), and Yahshua's 40 days of temptation (Luke 4:2). Therefore, 40 is used to symbolize the period of Yahweh's judgment, which judgment begins to take effect immediately.

Verse 12:

"And I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be desolate forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries."

Egypt being "desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate", means that commerce would be dealt a death dealing blow. This would affect all the other countries in Satan's organization, because commerce is a way of life. "...Her cities among the cities that are laid waste..." refers to her

*Yahshua, composed of the Names Yah and Hoshua, signifying "Yahweh-Savior", in the Hebrew language, and presently known as Jesus, from the corrupted Greek version of Iesous. (Page 4)

organizations that depend on commerce becoming inactive as is a land that is waste and barren. Being desolate 40 years indicates that they will all be affected by Yahweh's Period of Judgment. "...Scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries." would mean that they would be out of contact with one another, and could no longer get together, a thing that they necessarily must do if they were to put commerce into operation again.

Verse 13:

"Yet thus saith the Lord God: At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered."

This indicates that after Yahweh has pronounced sentence on the devil's organization or commercial system, that he will restore commerce or trade, symbolically referred to as "gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered."

Verse 14:

"And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom."

Bringing back the captivity refers to regathering or restoring them, that once again commerce or trade may be put into operation. Returning to the land of Pathros and into the land of their habitation symbolically means that Egypt will be regathered that once again it may be active in the pursuit that it was noted for. However, it is now become a base kingdom or a lowly kingdom, meaning that it shall not be the dominant element that it was in the devil's organization.

Verse 15:

"It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations; for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations."

Becoming the basest of the kingdoms means that it will become the servant of all. When Yahweh states that it shall not exalt itself above the nations, He means that it will no longer have a position of authority on the earth. They will become submissive and never again rule over the earth. Commerce, or trade will from now on serve mankind, instead of man serving the system.

Verse 16:

"And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, which bringeth their iniquity to remembrance, when they shall look after them: but they shall know that I am the Lord God."

Where once the Israel of the flesh trusted in commerce for their security, causing them to reject Yahweh, the Israel of promise will never again trust in a system of thievery, which operates contrary to Yahweh's given attributes. Having learned their lesson once and for all, they will never again go back to a system that is not directed by Yahweh. As further emphasis of Yahweh's purpose, we will examine one of Yahweh's first prophecies dealing with the devil's system.

Genesis 9:18-27 inclusive.

Verse 18 states:

"And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan."

The understanding of this brief prophecy can only be revealed by understanding the meaning of the names herein-given. The name Shem means heavenly ruler, and through him the Hebrew race had its origin, and from which Yahweh eventually chose Israel. Although Ham means dark or burnt, in the ensuing events we find that he becomes the corrupted one, corrupted because of his choice of conduct. Japheth means persuaded; persuaded only when they have the required proof as evidence, and Canaan means commerce, trade or system of things.

Verses 19 to 25 inclusive state:

- (19) "These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread."
- (20) "And Noah began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard:"
- (21) "And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent."
- (22) "And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without."
- (23) "And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness."
- (24) "And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him."
- (25) "And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren."

If this were meant to be a lesson in the punishment of wrongdoing, and not a prophesy to guide Israel in the future, the sentence of punishment should have been then and there pronounced against Ham, the one who corrupted himself. But, we notice that the curse was pronounced upon Canaan, the offspring of Ham. Ham's corrupting himself in this prophecy pictures the devil, who also corrupted himself by departing from the just and loving will of Yahweh and following a perverted course, a course of disobedience which is contrary to the way that all of Yahweh's creatures have been created to pursue. This course must be guided by the attributes of Yahweh which are love, justice, wisdom and power.

The devil, who caused Adam and Eve to sin in the very beginning, became the god of this world. It was he who started commerce or trade that resulted in this present system. Yahweh never got the opportunity to start his perfect, holy system, because before there was any need for trade, mankind had already gone astray, and the devil had become the god of this world. When Yahweh curses Canaan, he is pronouncing a curse on the offspring of the corrupted one, which is fulfilled in commerce; commerce being the offspring of the devil. The name Canaan meaning commerce or trade means that the system will be sentenced to the lowest position possible, becoming a servant of servants. A servant is a lowly position, but a servant of servants is demeaning to the utmost.

Verse 26:

"And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant."

This should be rendered "Blessed of the Lord by God may Shem be."* This means that the blessed of Yahweh who are to rule in His Kingdom shall have the system for their servant, meaning that they will not be a slave to the system, which is the situation today.

*Smith's Translation

Verse 27:

"God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant."

Enlarging Japheth would mean that the persuaded ones will increase in numbers and will eventually total to 1/3 of the earth's population (Zech. 13:8) These are not a portion of Israel, nor are they the ruling class, but make up the aliens or strangers, and their duties as strangers will be that of a servant to Israel. Isaiah 14:1 & 2 states: "For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land; and the strangers shall be joined with them, and bring them to their place; and the House of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids; and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors." Isaiah 61: 5 states: "And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers." Living in the tents of Shem means that the strangers will dwell in the sheltering organization built by Israel, and that the system would also be their servant, thus putting the sys-

tem in the lowest position of all, fulfilled by Yahweh's words in Ezekiel, Chapter 29, verse 15, when he states: "...and it shall be the basest of the kingdoms..." Typical Israel journeyed toward the Promised Land, which was Canaan Land. This was not fulfilled in the Israel of the flesh, for the true blessings were not realized at that time. These typical people merely foreshadowed the blessings that would be fulfilled in the Israel of Promise. In the anti-typical role, or the role of fulfillment, the Israel of Promise is marching in faith toward the promised system mentioned in the following two sentences of the Lord's Prayer: "...Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven..." (Matthew 6:10), and again in Revelation 21:3,4, &5, where it states: "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

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