

# Jeremiah 46

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## I. NEBUCHADREZZAR COMES AGAINST EGYPT (46:1-6)

- A. Pharaoh-Necho -- Necho II (sometimes Necho) was a king of the Twenty-sixth dynasty of Egypt (610 BCE - 595 BCE). [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Necho\\_II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Necho_II) (10/13/2009)
- B. Jehoiakim (Hebrew: -- "he whom Jehovah has set up", also sometimes spelled Jehoikim) (c. 634-598 BC, reign 609-598 BC) was king of Judah. He was the second son of king Josiah by Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. His birth name was Eliakim. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jehoiakim> (10/13/2009)
- C. Carchemish (called Europus by the Greco-Romans) was an important ancient city of the Mitanni and Hittite empires, now on the frontier between Turkey and Syria. It was the location of an important battle between the Babylonians and Egyptians, mentioned in the Bible. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carchemish> (10/13/2009)
  - 1. Carchemish means Fortress of Chemosh
  - 2. It was near the place where Abraham traveled north to Haran.
- D. Egypt is ordered to attack the Babylonian army as though they are equipped and able to defeat this great northern army, 3-4
- E. Egypt will be defeated, 5-6

## II. GOD MOCKS EGYPT'S ATTEMPT AT BATTLE (46:7-12)

- A. Who is this that comes up like a flood? Is this the great Egypt, 7
- B. Egypt's arrogance, 8
- C. God tells them to "Come up," 9
- D. This is the day of God's vengeance, 10
- E. Egypt is instructed to take the balm (medicine) of Gilead, but they will not be cured, 11
- F. The nations have heard of their defeat, 12

## III. THE CERTAINTY OF EGYPT'S DESTRUCTION (46:13-18)

- A. Jeremiah is to pronounce the destruction of Egypt, 13-14
- B. Egypt's valiant men are "swept away" as in a flood, 15
- C. The Egyptian soldiers were falling upon one another because of fear, 16
- D. Pharaoh's bragging is just noise, 17
- E. Pharaoh's time as a proud king is passed, because God has his own time for kings to rule, 18

## IV. THE DAUGHTER (DWELLERS) OF EGYPT ARE TO GO CAPTIVE (46:19-24)

- A. The people are to prepare themselves for captivity—change their clothes for traveling, their diet for eating a different diet, and a surrender to the change that is coming, 19
- B. Egypt is like a fair heifer (a cow that has not been under the restraint of a yoke), but

destruction (yoke-bondage) is coming, 20

- C. Egypt's soldiers are like "fatted bullocks," lazy and living luxuriously, not prepared for battle but weak and tender, 21
- D. Egypt's voice will be "like a serpent" (quiet and fearful) as the armies of the north come against them to destroy, 22
- E. Egypt is like a thick forest, so thick it cannot be searched easily. The people are more in number than grasshoppers, yet the Chaldeans will nevertheless come and cut the forest down and destroy and "grasshoppers," 23
- F. The daughter (people) of Egypt will be brought to confusion and delivered into the hands of Babylon, 24

**V. GOD WILL SAVE A REMNANT (46:25-28)**

- A. God will punish Egypt because of their false gods. We must remember that now Israel is also worshiping these gods, 25
- B. God will not make Egypt desolate forever, because after about 40 years, people began to inhabit these parts of Egypt again -- *Eze 29:13 Yet thus saith the Lord GOD; At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the people whither they were scattered.*, 26
- C. John Gill says, "the Jews in Babylon, and other provinces, are chiefly designed; and the words are intended to comfort them in their captivity, with a promise of their return, lest they should be discouraged, in hearing that the Egyptians should inhabit their own land again, and they not theirs:" 27
- D. God will not forget Israel. They are still a distinct people in the world, while Babylon is forgotten except for what history we can read. See Jeremiah 30:11.