

## **All Will Fall**

Ezekiel 25 – 32

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Ezekiel prophesied against the nations immediately surrounding Israel. Ammon and Moab had resulted from the drunken, incestuous activities of Abraham's nephew Lot with his own daughters. Edom comprised the descendants of Jacob's brother Esau. And the Philistines had been a thorn in Israel's side for centuries. All of them, according to Ezekiel, would meet their end through the power of the Babylonian empire.

Then the prophet turned his attention to Tyre and Egypt. Tyre was a fortified island city with a long history of defending itself from attack. Tyre was elated at the destruction of Jerusalem, "Ha! She's gone! Now I will take over her role as a great center of trade. Because she is desolate, I will become wealthy."

But the Lord said, "Many nations will come against you, like the waves of the sea crashing against your shoreline. You will be destroyed, left as a barren rock in the sea, a place for fishermen to spread their nets."

For many years Egypt had been an unreliable ally for Israel in general and Judah in particular. Israel had adopted the idols of Egypt. And Pharaoh boasted of his own godhood, "The Nile is mine. I made her myself."

But the Lord said, "The waters of the Nile are abundant and life-giving. But you are not her creator. Rather you are a monster thrashing about, muddying her. My net will fall on you. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon will overthrow you. Your people will be scattered for a generation before they return. But never again will Egypt exercise authority over her neighbors."