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Ezekiel

Chapter 32

The Monster in the Net: Egypt's Funeral Song

MEMORY VERSE · EZEKIEL 32:14

"Then I will make their waters settle And will cause their rivers to run like oil, Declares the Lord GOD."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Ezekiel 32

This week God takes you to a funeral and a graveyard — not to scare you, but to wake you up. Every proud power in this chapter ends in the pit, and only God gets the last word. Let Him show you the man you really are, still the muddy water in you, and give you a comfort Pharaoh never had.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The O·I·A study, the slides and the film for this chapter are on the Ezekiel study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

Lion or Crocodile?

READ · EZEKIEL 32:1–2

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How did Pharaoh see himself, and what does God say he is really like and really doing (v2)?

REFLECT

Pharaoh pictured himself as "a young lion of the nations" (v2). What picture of yourself do you try to project to other men, and how close is it to the truth?

REFLECT

God says Pharaoh "muddied the waters with your feet" (v2). Where has your own strength or temper stirred up mud for the people around you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Ask God to show you one place where you have been muddying the water this week, and make one move to calm it — an apology, a quiet word, a walk away.

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DAY 2 OF 5

Caught in God's Net

READ · EZEKIEL 32:3–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Who spreads the net in v3, what happens to the monster once it is out of the water (vv4–6), and what happens to the sky (vv7–8)?

REFLECT

The crocodile could not escape God's net (v3). What have you tried to outrun or outsmart that you now see God was patiently closing in on?

REFLECT

The nations trembled "every man for his own life" when Egypt fell (v10). How has watching someone else's fall shaken you, and what did you do with that fear?

RESPOND — TODAY

Stop running from one thing God has been pressing on you. Name it out loud in prayer and surrender it to Him today.

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DAY 3 OF 5

When the Waters Settle

READ · EZEKIEL 32:11–16

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does God destroy in vv12–13, and what does He promise to do with the waters in v14?

REFLECT

God aims at "the pride of Egypt" (v12), not just its army. What part of your pride does God seem to be aiming at right now?

REFLECT

God promises the waters will "settle" and the rivers "run like oil" (v14). What would a settled life look like for you — in your mind, your home, your days?

RESPOND — TODAY

Spend ten quiet minutes today with no phone or noise, and pray this week's memory verse over the churned-up places in your life.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Down to the Pit

READ · EZEKIEL 32:17–21

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What is Ezekiel told to do for Egypt in v18, what question is asked in v19, and what do the mighty say from Sheol (v21)?

REFLECT

"Whom do you surpass in beauty?" (v19). What do you think makes you better than other men, and how much of it will matter at your funeral?

REFLECT

The mighty in Sheol say of Egypt, "they lie still" (v21). If your life ended this week, what would you want to be true about whose you are?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write two or three sentences you would want said at your funeral, then ask God what needs to change for them to be true.

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DAY 5 OF 5

The Graveyard of Empires

READ · EZEKIEL 32:22–32

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

List every nation Ezekiel names in the pit (vv22–30). What phrase about terror keeps repeating, and what do they all bear (v24)?

REFLECT

Each of these nations "spread terror in the land of the living" (v23). Where have you used fear or toughness to get your way, and what did it cost you?

REFLECT

Pharaoh's only comfort was that he had company in ruin (v31). Where have you taken comfort in 'everybody else is doing it,' and what comfort does Christ offer instead?

RESPOND — TODAY

Thank Jesus out loud that in Him you do not have to go down to the pit in shame, and share that hope with one man this week.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

God wrote Pharaoh's funeral song while he was still alive (v2). How does thinking honestly about death help a man live better now?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Ezekiel says even warriors buried with their swords could not escape their iniquity (v27). What do men in our circles trust to protect them that cannot follow them past the grave?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

Christians read the graveyard vision either as poetic imagery or as real teaching about the conscious dead (vv22–32). Either way, what does it teach us about the urgency of the gospel?

MY PRAYER

Lord GOD, You see me as I really am, so strip away the lion I pretend to be and…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · EZEKIEL 32:14

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