

## ***“Egypt’s End”*** ***Isaiah 19-20***

### **Egypt’s Fall V. 19:1-15**

The Egyptian God’s V.1-4 – Egypt was polytheistic, very similar to Hinduism. They also worshipped sorcery and the dead. Baal was a Canaanite storm god who brought wrath riding on the clouds. Here Isaiah uses the same imagery referring to Yahweh the maker of the clouds. The Egyptians are not to fear Baal, but God. Egypt’s government and worship were connected so that when one fell they both fell leaving spiritual and societal chaos and depression. Internal fighting with external oppression will lead them to their doom.

### ***Judges 7:19-23***

The Fertile Land V.5-10 – The fertile land and the Nile will dry up and become desolate. The Nile Delta has changed from seven tributaries to just two in modern times.

Historically it was subjected to flooding and years of drought. Much of the soil today is depleted of nutrients making farming difficult at best. Climate change in that region and an advancing Sahara Desert severely limit agricultural resources. ***Ezekiel 29:1-12***

The Wisdom of Egypt V.11-15 – Egypt was known for their wisdom and knowledge but even all that cannot save them from judgment. ***Genesis 41:1-8***

### **Egypt’s Worship V. 19:16-25**

“In that Day” Egypt will fear, tremble, and worship the God of Judah. They will speak Hebrew and have monuments and alters of worship throughout the land. Egypt will join with Judah and Assyria in worshipping God. Why then should Judah turn their back on God and trust in allies when those very allies will turn to God. ***Micah 4:1-5***

### **Egypt’s Judgment V. 20:1-6**

Isaiah now shifts to soon coming judgment against Egypt and is called by God to act out this prophecy. ***Ezekiel 4***

Isaiah disrobes and walks around for three years in a loincloth, barefoot. This symbolically represents Egypt being taken into captivity and led away naked and defeated. ***2 Chronicles 28:12-15***

The question then is why would Judah trust in this nation who will be judged, taken into captivity in humiliation, and eventually trust in God rather than trusting in God alone.

### ***Psalms 20***

### **Application**

### **Discussion Questions**

What worldly things do we trust in?

What is the end result of trusting in the world?

How can you nurture your own trust in God daily?

### **Homework**

**Read *Isaiah Ch. 21***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

**Identify one thing that you need to trust God in and actively work on letting that go and trusting God in it.**