

“Where is Your Security?”
Ezekiel 29:1-21

*“Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man **who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.**’” (Jeremiah 17:5). “Ah, stubborn children,’ declares the LORD, ‘**who carry out a plan, but not Mine, and who make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for My direction, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!**’” (Isaiah 30:1-2)*

*“The righteous shall see and fear, and shall laugh at him saying, ‘See the man who would not make God his refuge, but **trusted in the abundance of his riches** and sought refuge in his own destruction!’” (Psalm 52:6-7)*

*“Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and **rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD!**” (Isaiah 31:1)*

- The Accusation (Ezekiel 29:1-9) *The date of this prophecy is January 7th, 587 BC and the date of Ezekiel 29:17-21 is 571 BC.*
 - After the time of Joseph, Egypt was a constant enemy of the nation of Israel (Exodus 1:8-14).
 - Pharaoh Hophra is making the claim that he is the source of the economic and agricultural success of Egypt. Even going as far to say that he made the Nile River.
 - There were times of cooperation and peace between Egypt and Israel. King Solomon had married an Egyptian princess (1 Kings 11:1-8); Egypt had temporarily driven Babylon away from their siege on Jerusalem (Jeremiah 43:8-13; 46:25-28); and Egypt would periodically try to recruit Israel in their battles with Assyria and Babylon; lastly during the reigns of Jehoiakim (Jeremiah 46), Hezekiah (Isaiah 30), and Zedekiah (Jeremiah 37:1-10).
 - (29:5) The Egyptians made much of their dead Pharaohs in mummification, pyramid construction, and large endowments for sacrifices.
 - (29:6-7) Egypt was known for not following through with the alliances that they made with other nations (Isaiah 36:6; 2 Kings 18:21).
- The Consequence (Ezekiel 29:10-20)
 - (29:11) The period of time between Nebuchadnezzar's conquest of Egypt and Cyrus' conquest of Babylon was about 40 years (Ezra 1:1-4).
 - (29:17-20) Tyre had sent away their wealth so that Babylon could not have it. The siege of Tyre had not been materially beneficial.
 - (29:15) ***Egypt would be humbled and never have the dominance that they had during this period of time.***
 - (29:19-20) We again see the sovereignty of God over the nations working according to God's purposes (Daniel 2:20-21).
- The Confirmation (Ezekiel 29:21)
 - *“Israel again would return to their land, and when they see these prophecies come to pass, Ezekiel's words would be taken more seriously. Prophecy was meant to glorify the knowledge and power of God, to warn and comfort the people, and to give confidence and boldness in speaking for God to the people and His Word does the same today.” (Charles Feinberg)*

Worship: God Is For Us — CityAlight

As the Deer — Various Artists

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9/Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of April we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry Missionary Society. The goal of their ministry is to glorify God and to bring the greatest possible good to humanity through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of biblical churches throughout the world by means of equipping and mobilizing indigenous churches and missionaries. For more information about HeartCry, please see the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. You can give your monetary donations on Venmo, please make sure to mark that it is for HeartCry. You can also put your monetary donations into the container on the back table. ***THIS Sunday is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have a couple opportunities for you all to serve:

- The Children's Ministry is looking to add volunteers to their ministry. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in this ministry, or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.
- The Greeting Ministry is also looking to add volunteers to their team, specifically male volunteers. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in this ministry, or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Shawn Bailey.

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our monthly Church Game Night is THIS Sunday, April 27th, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Bring your favorite board games and card games to play. Bring a snack or finger food to share with everyone! We would love for everyone to join us for this time of fun and fellowship!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is on Tuesday, May 6th, from 7-8pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour of prayer.

★**CELEBRATION OF THE LADIES OF LEGACY:** Ladies, mark your calendars and plan on attending our First Annual Ladies of Legacy Celebration! It will be on Saturday, May 17th, at 11am, here at the church. There is a sign-up list on the wall in the entryway, please sign-up if you plan on attending!

-**MEN:** We need your help as we celebrate the ladies of Legacy! We will need the men of Legacy to sign-up to help put the "Brunch in a Box" together for this celebration! You have your own sign-up list on the wall in the entryway. We need as many men as possible to sign-up to volunteer their time and energy to set-up for this event!

-For any questions, please see Kathleen Riley (740)497-7990.