

A Lament for the Kraken of the Seas

Ezekiel 32:1–16

Veritas Adult Community

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The Word of YHWH

¹In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, the following message of YHWH came to me: ²Human, raise a lament/dirge over Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and say to him:

You compare yourself to the lion of the nations;

But you are like the monster in the seas;

You have snorted about in your rivers;

You have stirred up the waters with your feet;

You have muddied their rivers.

³Thus has the Lord YHWH declared:

But I will spread my net over you
in the company of many nations.

And they will haul you up in my dragnet.

⁴I will hurl you to the ground;

Out onto the open field I will fling you.

I will cause all of the birds of the heavens to sit on you;

And have the creatures of the whole world will gorge on you.

⁵I will strew your carcass upon the mountains;

I will fill the valleys with your corpse.

⁶I will drench the land with your gore—
with your blood up to the mountains—

And the ravines will be filled from you.

⁷When I snuff you out,

I will cover the sky,

And darken their stars.

I will cover the sun with a cloud,

And the moon will not give its light.

⁸All the lights that shine in the sky

I will darken over you.

I will impose darkness upon your land.

⁹I will trouble the minds of many peoples,

When I bring your shattered remains among the nations,
to countries unknown to you.

¹⁰I will strike many peoples appalled over you,

And kings will bristle with terror because of you,

When I brandish my sword in front of them.

They will tremble continually,

Each person for his own life,

On the day of your collapse.

¹¹For thus has the Lord YHWH spoken:



The declaration of the Lord YHWH.

The king of Babylon's sword will come against you!

¹²With the swords of heroes,
from the most barbarous of nations, all of them,
I will bring down your pomp.

They will ravage the pride of Egypt,
and all its pomp will be destroyed.

¹³I will destroy all its cattle
from beside abundant waters.

No human feet will ever muddy them again,
nor will the hoofs of cattle muddy them.

¹⁴Then I will let the waters settle,
And make their rivers flow like oil.

The declaration of the Lord YHWH.

¹⁵ When I lay the land of Egypt waste,
and the land is stripped of its contents—
When I strike down all its inhabitants,
Then they will know that I am YHWH.

¹⁶This is a dirge to be chanted. The women of the nations will chant it. Over Egypt and all its pomp they will chant it.

The declaration of the Lord YHWH.

Exposition

Introduction

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Another prophetic satire

A. The Delusion of the Kraken (vv. 1–2)

B. The Capture and Slaughter of the Kraken (vv. 3–10)

1. YHWH will capture the dragon in his net.
2. YHWH will hurl the monster to the ground onto the open field.
3. YHWH will scatter the remains of the dragon's body all over the land.
4. YHWH will turn out the lights on the dragon.
5. YHWH will impose great fear on all who witness the dragon's fall.

C. The Lesson of the Monster (vv. 11–16)

1. YHWH's Agents of Judgment (vv. 11–12a)
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3. YHWH's Goal in the Judgment (v. 16)

E. Lessons from Ezekiel's Lament for the Kraken of Egypt

1. YHWH is the Lord not only of individuals but also of history.
2. The Lord and his Spirit are the only hope for a world filled with monsters.
 - ²² Maranatha! ("Our Lord has come!")
 - ²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.
 - ²⁴ My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor. 16:22–24)