Perspective

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Is EXTREME Weather Just About the Science?

If you ask the average person on the street, "Why all of this extreme weather?" They will say it is global warming. Global warming is primarily caused by man-produced greenhouse gases—especially carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial activities—which trap heat in the atmosphere and raise Earth's temperature. This is how science has presented it and the media has reported it widely. Devastating hurricanes, vicious tornadoes, record-breaking heat waves, destructive floods, ongoing droughts, blizzards, and destructive winds and wildfires remind us just how powerful Earth's elements can suddenly become. Is extreme weather just about the science as many scientists and educators often proclaim? Perhaps, it is time to think again on this subject.

What brought down the Egyptian Empire?

In ancient Egyptian belief, the often-arrogant pharaohs were regarded as divine rulers, often seen as living embodiments of gods like Horus and Ra (Britannica). The Nile River was their sacred trust, symbolizing life, fertility, and the favor of gods like Hapi, the god of the annual flood. Because the Pharaoh was the chief mediator, he was seen as responsible for maintaining the Nile's cycles for Egypt. God commands Ezekiel: *"Speak, and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, 'My River is my own; I have made it for myself'"'"* (Ezekiel 29:3).

Almighty God gave a prophesy against the land of Egypt. Notice what He inspired His prophet Ezekiel to write: *"And the land of Egypt shall become desolate and waste; then they will know that I am the Lord, because he said, 'The River is mine, and I have made it.' Indeed, therefore, I am against you and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from Migdol to Syene* (Aswan in southern Egypt)*, as far as the border of Ethiopia. "* (Ezekiel 29:9-10).

In antiquity, Syene was a strategic military and trade outpost, known for its granite quarries and as a gateway to Nubia; it was the southernmost fortification outpost. The "tower of Syene" likely refers to a fortification or watchtower marking this frontier, symbolizing Egypt's great defensive strength. God's prophet Ezekiel recorded this warning against Egypt in 586 B.C. What has happened to Egypt since? Here is what history and archaeology reveals!

When Ezekiel prophesied waste and desolation for Egypt, the Pharaohs controlled rich grasslands as far as 2,000 miles west of the Nile! Wikipedia states, "Ancient Egypt was exceptionally fertile agriculturally, a condition made possible by the Nile River's predictable annual flooding and the resulting nutrient-rich silt that transformed surrounding desert into highly productive farmland."

In a good year, Egyptian fields could produce enough food to sustain the entire population for a year, with surplus stored in granaries for trade or lean years. This surplus supported non-farming populations, such as priests, scribes, soldiers, and artisans. The fertility was so high that even in poor years, the land could still yield crops, though yields were reduced (*World History Encyclopedia*).

In Ezekiel's time God's prophecy would have sounded like the ranting of an imbecile to Pharoah. As late as the Roman period, 500 years later — Egyptians could have ridiculed the Jews and their "crazy" prophets.

An article at garden-landscape.com titled, "Did the Decline of Agriculture Contribute to Ancient Egypt's Demise?" states, "Ancient Egypt, despite its significant achievements, experienced a rapid and dramatic collapse attributed to various interrelated factors. A key issue was the decline in agricultural production due to prolonged droughts that disrupted the annual flooding of the Nile River. This disruption led to water scarcity and a marked decrease in crop yields, essential for sustaining the economy and society. While the Egyptians innovated agricultural methods, such as the ox-drawn plow and enhanced irrigation, these adaptations were insufficient to counter the severe conditions. The period after Ramses III was characterized by food shortages, political infighting, and a decline in Egypt's international influence, highlighting the pivotal role of agriculture in Egyptian society."

There were times when the Egyptians prospered, such as, when the patriarch Joseph was appointed as Pharaoh's vizier, effectively the second in command in Egypt, with title of "Lord of Pharaoh's House."

The article above continues, "The civilization's reliance on the Nile's reliable flooding and fertile soil was crucial, but the inability to adapt effectively to changing conditions ultimately led to its decline."

Today, Egypt is overwhelmingly dominated by arid and hyper-arid landscapes. Estimates consistently show about 95–96% of the country is covered by desert terrain.

What brought this empire down was God's judgement upon them for their pride and sin. In the Bible, Egypt often symbolizes bondage, idolatry, and the old life of slavery to sin. In I Corinthians 10:1-13 Paul compares Israel's crossing of the Red Sea and leaving Egypt to a Christians' deliverance from sin, using the Exodus as a spiritual type. In both testaments of the Bible, Egypt's bondage of Israel is a picture of humanity's bondage to sin and Satan.

What destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah? According to the Bible, Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of their extreme wickedness—marked by violence, sexual immorality, pride, arrogance, and neglect of the poor—as described in Genesis 18–19 and later clarified in Ezekiel 16 and Jude 1:7. Ezekiel 16:49-50 says, *"Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore, I took them away as I saw fit."*

Just bad weather does not bring empires down

What brought the Babylonian Empire down was God's pronouncement against them. Ezekiel 21:24–27 and other chapters pronounce God's judgment on Babylon's power and arrogance. Jeremiah 50:9–10 and 51:24–26 declare that Babylon will be captured, plundered, and left desolate forever. Daniel 5:25–28 records the "writing on the wall" during Belshazzar's reign, foretelling Babylon's fall.

God prophesied through Jeremiah: "*'A sword is against the Chaldeans,' says the Lord, 'Against the inhabitants of Babylon, and against her princes and her wise men. A sword is against the soothsayers, and they will be fools. A sword is against her mighty men, and they will be dismayed...' A drought is against her waters, and they will be dried up. For it is the land of carved images, and they are insane with their idols."* (Jeremiah 50:35-36, 38-39).

The drought in Israel was a direct response to the nation's persistent idolatry and apostasy under King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, particularly Baal worship (1 Kings 16:31–33). It is the judgement of God upon Israel which caused Elijah to pronounce the drought upon Israel. By withholding rain for three and a half years, God provided a clear sign of His displeasure, making the consequences of sin visible and urgent. In the covenant God had with Israel, obedience to God brought blessings, while disobedience, resulted in curses, such as drought (Deuteronomy 28:23–24). The drought also served to demonstrate God's supreme power over His creation, forcefully rejecting the false Canaanite belief that Baal controlled rain and fertility. Elijah's declaration, *"As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives… there shall be neither dew nor rain except at my word"* (1 Kings 17:1), emphasizing that the weather, rain and all life itself were under God's authority, and not the pagan deity, Baal.

What will cause the downfall of the United States?

God will not stop what is happening to the extreme weather patterns on this earth! To any nation that rebels against His laws God proclaims, *"and thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed."* (Deuteronomy 28:23-24)

Almighty God sits at the controls of the entire vast universe, and He certainly can control the weather! He is about to do in this generation what has never occurred before, even over many centuries to the mighty nations of the ancient world—but far worse! It will be a time unlike any other time in history (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21). It is God Who can still the roaring seas (Psalm 65:7). In Luke 21:25-26 Jesus prophesied: "*And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."*

News headlines from around the world shout out the warnings gave thousands of years ago through His righteous prophets. When you have drought and then sudden catastrophic floods which occur--- this is fulfilling His prophecies all around us, yet most people don't recognize it.

These extreme weather disturbances are the result of sin which is breaking God's laws! This world is about to reap one final series of calamities which will devastate civilization---even the U.S. The only way of deliverance is through a genuine repentance as a nation.

God Himself offers protection from troubles ahead to those few who will turn to Him and begin to obey Him, even if the nation perishes. God gives a divine call to His people, *"And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.'"* (Revelation 18:4).