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Ezekiel 1:1-5:17

[A number of dates in Ezekiel can be cross-checked with dates in surviving Babylonian records and related accurately to our modern calendar: hence the BC dates herein. See [Timeline](#).

Ezekiel was among those deported to Babylon when King Jehoiachin surrendered Jerusalem to the Babylonians in [February, 597 BC](#). 4½ years into Zedekiah's reign Ezekiel's first visions occurred on [July 31, 593 BC](#).]

[[Audio](#): Steve Gregg [Ez 1-3](#)]

Ezekiel 1 [593BC/07/31](#)

Visions of Living Beings, Throne

1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the thirtieth [30th] year, in the fourth [4th] month, on the fifth [5th] day of the month [Law:30/04/05],

[v2: 30 years before was 3382 AB = 623 BC, the year Josiah found the Law, read it to the people, and celebrated Passover, per [Jones](#)]

as I was among the captives by the River [Chebar](#) ["far-off"], that the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God. 2 On the fifth [5th] day of the month [apparently meaning also the fourth month], which was

in the fifth [5th] year of King Jehoiachin's captivity, 3

[J'chin-Cap:05/04/05, so 3412 AB = 593 BC, per [Jones](#); cf. [2Ki 24:12](#) || [2Ch 36:10](#)]

the word of Y^{HWH} came expressly to Ezekiel ["God strengthens"] the priest,

the son of Buzi ["my contempt"], in the land of the Chaldeans by the River [Chebar](#); and the hand of Y^{HWH} was upon him there.

4 ¶ Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5

[Four Living Beings]

Also from within it came the likeness of four [4] living creatures.

And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man; 6

each one had four faces, and

each one had four wings. 7

Their legs were straight, and

the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves' feet.

They sparkled like the color of

burnished bronze. 8

The hands of a man were under their wings on their four [4] sides; and each of the four [4] had faces and wings. 9

Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went,

but each one went straight forward. 10

[Faces]

As for the likeness of their faces, each [of the four (4)] had

the face of a man [forward?];

each of the four [4] had

the face of a lion on the right side,

each of the four [4] had

the face of an ox on the left side,

and

each of the four [4] had

the face of an eagle [back?]. 11

Thus were their faces.

[Wings]

Their wings stretched upward;

two [2] wings of each one

touched one another, and

two [2] covered their bodies. 12 And

each one went straight forward;

they went wherever the spirit [not yet

identified] wanted to go, and

they did not turn when they went. 13

[Likeness]

As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was

like burning coals of fire,

like the appearance of torches

going back and forth

among the living creatures.

The fire was bright, and out of the fire

went lightning. 14 And the living creatures

ran back and forth, in appearance

like a flash of lightning.

[Wheels]

15 ¶ Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the ground [earth] beside each living creature with

its four [4] faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their workings was

like the color of beryl,

and all four [4] had the same likeness.

The appearance of their workings was, as it were,

a wheel in the middle of a wheel. 17

When they moved, they went toward

any one of four [4] directions; they

did not turn aside when they went. 18

As for their rims, they were so high

they were awesome; and their rims

were full of eyes, all around the four

[4] of them. 19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures

were lifted up from the ground [earth], the wheels were lifted up.

20 Wherever the spirit [still not identified] wanted to go, they went, because there the spirit

went; and the wheels were lifted together with them, for

the spirit of the living creatures

was in the wheels. 21 When those

went, these went; when those stood,

these stood; and when those were lifted

up from the ground [earth], the wheels

were lifted up together with them, for

the spirit of the living creatures

was in the wheels. 22

[Expanse Above]

The likeness of the expanse [firmament] above the heads of the living creatures was

like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads. 23 And

under the expanse [firmament] their wings spread out straight, one toward

another. Each one had

two [2] that covered one side,

and each one had

two [2] that covered the other side,

of the body. 24 When they went,

I heard the noise of their wings,

like the noise of many waters,

like the voice of the Almighty,

a tumult

like the noise of an army;

and when they stood still, they let

down their wings. 25 A voice came

from above the expanse [firmament]

that was over their heads; whenever

they stood, they let down their wings.

[Man on Throne Above the Expanse]

26 ¶ And above the expanse [firmament] over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it. 27 Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. 28

Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of YHWH. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

Ezekiel 2

Ezekiel Sent to Israel's Captives

2:1 ¶ And He said to me, “Son of man¹, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.” 2 Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. 3 And He said to me:

“Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. 4 For they are impudent and stubborn

children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them,

‘Thus says the Lord YHWH...’ 5 As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse — for they are a rebellious house — yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

6 ¶ And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 7 You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse — for they are rebellious. 8 But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” 9

Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. 10 Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe.

Ezekiel 3

3:1 ¶ Moreover He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” 2 [Job 23:12b, Je 15:16, Re 10:8-11] So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. 3 And He said to me,

“Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you.”

So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness. [Cp. Re 10:10] 4 Then He said to me:

“Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them. 5 For you are not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, but to the house of Israel, 6 not to many people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, whose words you cannot understand.

Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you. 7 But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted. 8

Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads. 9 Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house.” 10

Moreover He said to me:

“Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears. 11 And go, get to the captives, to the children of your people, and speak to them and tell them, ‘Thus says the Lord YHWH...’, whether they hear, or whether they refuse.” 12

Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a great thunderous voice [or sound/noise]:

“Blessed is the glory of YHWH from His place!”

[NLT: Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard a loud rumbling sound behind me. (May the glory of YHWH be praised in his place!)]

{A likely reading for this verse is: Then the Spirit lifted me up, and as the glory of YHWH rose from its place, I heard behind me a loud rumbling sound.} 13

I also heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, and a great thunderous noise. 14 So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat [anger] of my spirit; but the hand of YHWH was strong upon me [MSG: had me in His grip]. 15 Then I came to the captives at Tel Abib [“mound of the flood”], who dwelt by the River Chebar; and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven [7] days.

Ezekiel 3:16 593BC/08/07 Ezekiel Made a Watchman for Israel

16 ¶ Now it came to pass at the end of seven [7] days [so J'chin-Cap:05/04/12 = August 7, 593 BC] that the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 17 [cf. 33:1]

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: 18 When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same

¹ First of 93 times that the Lord refers to Ezekiel as “son of man”, perhaps to keep him humble.

wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. 20 Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. 21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul.”

22 ¶ Then the hand of YHWH was upon me there, and He said to me, “Arise, go out into the plain, and there I shall talk with you.” 23 So I arose and went out into the plain, and behold, the glory of YHWH stood there, like the glory [man] that I saw by the River Chebar [1:26-28]; and I fell on my face. 24 Then the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and spoke with me and said to me: “Go, shut yourself inside your house. 25 And you, O son of man, surely they will put ropes on you and bind you with them, so that you cannot go out among them. 26 I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be mute and not be one to rebuke them, for they are a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak

with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord YHWH...’; he who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse — for they are a rebellious house.

[Audio: Steve Gregg Ez 4-5, etc.]

Ezekiel 4

Sign of the Coming Siege

4:1 ¶ You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you, and portray on it a city, Jerusalem. 2 Lay siege against it, build a siege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it; set camps against it also, and place battering rams against it all around. 3 Moreover take for yourself an iron plate, and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. Set your face against it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel. 4 Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. According to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. 5 For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety [390] days; [representing 390 years of Israel’s past iniquity: from the Rehoboam-Jereboam split of the kingdom in 3030 AB = 975BC, so JudahYears: 1-390 (1Ki 12 || 2Ch 10, June 10) until the end of the reign of Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, 3419 AB = 586 BC; see Period of the Kings. At this point, there are 8 years to go.] so you shall bear the iniquity of the

house of Israel. 6 And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty [40] days.

[representing 40 years of Judah’s iniquity, dating back to the 13th year of Josiah’s reign, when Jeremiah began to prophesy against them (Je 25:3, Aug 4), to the beginning of the final siege, in Zedekiah’s 9th year (Je 39:1, Aug 22).]

I have laid on you a day for each year. 7 Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem [to come at the end of Zedekiah’s reign: 2Ki 25:1-2||Je 52:4-5||Je 39:1||Eze 24:1a & Je 52:29]; your arm shall be uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it. 8 And surely I will restrain you so that you cannot turn from one side to another till you have ended the days of your [representative] siege.

9 ¶ Also take for yourself wheat, barley, beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; put them into one vessel, and make bread of them for yourself. During the number of days that you lie on your side, three hundred and ninety [390] days, you shall eat it. 10 And your food that you eat shall be by weight, twenty [20] shekels a day; from time to time you shall eat it. 11 You shall also drink water by measure, one-sixth [1/6th] of a hin; from time to time you shall drink. 12 And you shall eat it as barley cakes; and bake it using fuel of human waste in their sight.” 13

Then YHWH said, “So shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, where I will drive them.” 14

So I said, “Ah, Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]! Indeed I have never defiled myself from my youth till now; I have never eaten what died of itself or was torn by beasts, nor has abominable flesh ever come into my mouth.” 15

Then He said to me, “See, I am giving you cow dung instead of human waste, and you shall prepare your bread over it.” 16 Moreover He said to me, “Son of man, surely I will cut off the supply of bread in Jerusalem; they shall eat [ration] bread by weight and with anxiety, and shall drink [ration] water by measure and with dread, 17 that they may lack bread and water, and be dismayed with one another, and waste away — [all] because of their iniquity.

Ezekiel 5

Sign of the Coming Judgment

5:1 ¶ And you, son of man, take a sharp sword, take it as a barber’s razor, and pass it over your head and your beard; then take scales to weigh and divide the hair. 2 You shall burn with fire one-third [1/3rd] in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are finished; then you shall take one-third [1/3rd] and strike around it with the sword, and one-third [1/3rd] you shall scatter in the wind: I will draw out a sword after them. 3 You shall also take a

small number of them and bind them in the edge of your *garment*. 4 Then take some of them again and throw them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire. From there a fire will go out into all the house of Israel.

5 ¶ Thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:

‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations and the countries all around her. 6 She has rebelled against My judgments by doing wickedness more than the nations, and against My statutes more than the countries that are all around her; for they have refused My judgments, and they have not walked in My statutes.’ 7

Therefore thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:

‘Because you have multiplied *disobedience* more than the nations that are all around you, have not walked in My statutes nor kept My judgments, nor even done according to the judgments of the nations that are all around you’ — 8

therefore thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:

‘Indeed I, even I, am against you and will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations. 9 And I will do among you what I have never done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations. 10 Therefore fathers shall eat their sons in your midst, and sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments among you, and all of you who remain I will scatter to all the winds. 11 Therefore, as I live’,

says the Lord Y_{HWH},

‘surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will also diminish you; My eye will not spare, nor will I have any pity. 12

One-third [1/3rd] of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third [1/3rd] shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third [1/3rd] to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I, Y_{HWH}, have spoken it in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them. 14 Moreover I will make you a waste and a reproach among the nations that are all around you, in the sight of all who pass by. 15

So it shall be

a reproach,
a taunt,
a lesson, and
an astonishment

to the nations that are all around you, when I execute judgments among you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes.

— I, Y_{HWH}, have spoken. — 16

When I send against them the terrible arrows of famine that shall be for destruction, that I will send to destroy you,

I will increase the famine upon you and cut off your supply of bread. 17 So

I will send against you [cf. 14:21 &] famine and wild beasts, [Re 6:8b] and they will bereave you; pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword against you. — I, Y_{HWH}, have spoken.”

August 17

Ezekiel 6:1-9:11

[Ezekiel may have spoken this prophecy in September, 592 BC??]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Ez 6-7, etc.]

Ezekiel 6

Judgment Against Israel’s Mountains

6:1 ¶ Now the word of Y_{HWH} came to me, saying: 2

“Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, 3 and say,

‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Y_{HWH}!’

Thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}

to the mountains,
to the hills,
to the ravines, and
to the valleys:

‘Indeed I, even I, will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places. 4 Then your altars shall be desolate, your incense altars shall be broken, and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. 5 And I will lay the corpses of the children of Israel before their idols, and I will scatter your bones all around your altars. 6 In all your dwelling places

the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, your idols may be broken and made to cease, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. 7 The slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I am Y_{HWH}.

8 ¶ Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries. 9 Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, because I was crushed by their adulterous heart, which has departed from Me, and by their eyes, which play the harlot after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils that they committed in all their abominations. 10 And they shall know that I am Y_{HWH}; I have not said in vain that I would bring this calamity upon them.’

11 ¶ Thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:

Pound your fists and stamp your feet, and say, ‘Alas, for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. 12 He who is far off shall die by the pestilence, He who is near shall fall by the sword, and He who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine.’

Thus will I spend My fury upon them. 13
 Then you shall know that I am Y_{HWH},
 when their slain are among their idols
 all around their altars,
 on every high hill,
 on all the mountaintops,
 under every green tree, and
 under every thick oak,
 wherever they offered sweet incense
 to all their idols. 14 So I will stretch
 out My hand against them and make
 the land desolate, yes, more desolate
 than the wilderness toward Diblah
 [“place of the fig cake”], in all their
 dwelling places.

Then they shall know that I am Y_{HWH}.”

Ezekiel 7

The End

7:1 ¶ Moreover the word of Y_{HWH} came
 to me, saying, 2

“And you, son of man, thus says the
 Lord Y_{HWH} to the land of Israel:

‘An end! [^ i.e., the people]

The end has come upon
 the four corners of the land. 3

Now the end has come upon you, And
 I will send My anger against you;

I will judge you
 according to your ways, And

I will repay you
 for all your abominations. 4

My eye will not spare you,
 Nor will I have pity; But

I will repay your ways, And your
 abominations will be in your midst;

Then you shall know that I am Y_{HWH}!’ 5

Thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:

‘A disaster, a singular disaster;

Behold, it has come! 6

An end has come,

The end has come;

It has dawned for you;

Behold, it has come! 7

Doom has come to you, you
 who dwell in the land [of Israel: v.2];

The time has come,

A day of trouble is near, And

not of rejoicing in the mountains. 8

Now upon you I will soon

pour out My fury, And

spend My anger upon you;

I will judge you

according to your ways, And

I will repay you

for all your abominations. 9

My eye will not spare,

Nor will I have pity;

I will repay you

according to your ways, And your

abominations will be in your midst.

Then you shall know that I am Y_{HWH}

who strikes. 10

Behold, the day!

Behold, it has come!

Doom has gone out;

The rod has blossomed,

Pride has budded. 11

Violence has risen up

into a rod of wickedness;

None of them shall remain,

None of their multitude,

None of them;

Nor shall there be wailing for them. 12

The time has come,

The day draws near.

Let not the buyer rejoice,

Nor the seller mourn,

For wrath is on their whole multitude. 13

For the seller shall not return

to what has been sold,

Though he may still be alive;

For the vision concerns

the whole multitude,

And it shall not turn back;

No one will strengthen himself

Who lives in iniquity.

14

Israel’s Desolation

They have

blown the trumpet and

made everyone ready,

But no one goes to battle;

For My wrath is on all their multitude. 15

The sword is outside, And

The pestilence and famine within.

Whoever is in the field

Will die by the sword; And

Whoever is in the city,

Famine and pestilence

Will devour him.

16 ¶

Those who survive

Will escape and be on the mountains

Like doves of the valleys,

All of them mourning,

Each for his iniquity. 17

Every hand will be feeble, And

Every knee will be as weak as water

[literally, “go into waters”]. 18

They will also be girded with sackcloth;

Horror will cover them;

Shame will be on every face,

Baldness on all their heads. 19

They will throw

their silver into the streets, And

their gold will be like refuse;

Their silver and their gold

Will not be able to deliver them

In the day of the wrath of Y_{HWH};

They will not satisfy their souls,

Nor fill their stomachs,

Because it became

their stumbling block of iniquity. 20

As for the beauty of his ornaments,

He set it in majesty;

But they made from it

The images of their abominations

— Their detestable things;

Therefore I have made it

Like refuse to them. 21

I will give it

as plunder

Into the hands of strangers, And

To the wicked of the land [earth]

as spoil;

And they shall defile it. 22

I will turn My face from them, And

they will defile My secret place;

For robbers shall enter it and defile it.

23 ¶

Make a chain, For

the land is filled with

crimes of blood, And

the city is full of

violence. 24

Therefore

I will bring the worst of the Gentiles,

And they will possess their houses;

I will cause

the pomp of the strong to cease, and

their holy places shall be defiled. 25

Destruction comes;

They will seek peace,

but there shall be none. 26

Disaster will come upon disaster, and

rumor will be upon rumor.

Then they will seek

a vision

from a prophet; But

the law will perish

from the priest, And

counsel

from the elders. 27

The king will mourn,
The prince will be clothed
with desolation, And
The hands of the common people
will tremble.

I will do to them
according to their way, And
according to what they deserve

I will judge them;
Then they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}!”

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Ez 8-11](#)]

Ezekiel 8 592BC/09/17
Idolatry in the Temple

8:1 ¶ And it came to pass in the sixth [6th] year, in the sixth [6th] month, on the fifth [5th] day of the month, [J'chin-Cap:06/06/05 (1:2), so 3413 AB = 592 BC, per Jones; cf. 2Ki 24:12 || 2Ch 36:10] [September 17, 592 BC]

as I sat in my house [in Babylon] with the elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord Y^{HWH} fell upon me there. 2 Then I looked, and there was a likeness, like the appearance of fire — from the appearance of His waist and downward, fire; and from His waist and upward, like the appearance of brightness, like the color of amber [cf. 1:27]. 3 He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair; and the Spirit lifted me up between land [earth] and heaven, and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem [from Babylon], to the door of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the image of jealousy was, that provokes to jealousy. 4 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel [cf. 1:28b] was there,

like the vision that I saw in the plain [i.e., chap. 1]. 5 Then He said to me, “Son of man, lift your eyes now toward the north.”

[An Image that makes God Jealous]

So I lifted my eyes toward the north, and there, north of the altar gate, was this image of jealousy in the entrance. 6 Furthermore He said to me, “Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel commits here, to make Me go far away from My sanctuary? Now turn again, you will see greater abominations.”

7 ¶ So He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, there was a hole in the wall. 8 Then He said to me, “Son of man, dig into the wall”; and when I dug into the wall, there was a door. 9 And He said to me, “Go in, and see the wicked abominations that they are doing there.” 10

[Abominable Icons on the Walls]

So I went in and saw, and there — every sort of creeping thing, abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed all around on the walls. 11 And there stood before them seventy [70] men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in their midst stood Jaazaniah [“Y^{HWH} hears”] the son of Shaphan [“rock badger/coney/hyrax”]. Each man had a censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense went up. 12 Then He said to me,

“Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the room of his idols? For they say,

“Y^{HWH} does not see us,
Y^{HWH} has forsaken the land.”

13 ¶ And He said to me, “Turn again, and you will see greater abominations that they are doing.” 14

[Women Weeping for an Idol]

So He brought me to the door of the north gate of Y^{HWH}'s house; and to my dismay, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz [“sprout of life”; a Sumerian deity of food or vegetation]. 15 Then He said to me, “Have you seen this, O son of man? Turn again, you will see greater abominations than these.” 16

[Sun Worship]

So He brought me into the inner court of Y^{HWH}'s house; and there, at the door of the temple of Y^{HWH}, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five [25] men with their backs toward the temple of Y^{HWH} and their faces toward the east, and they were worshipping the sun toward the east. 17 And He said to me, “Have you seen this, O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to the house of Judah to commit the abominations that they commit here? For they have filled the land with violence; then they have returned to provoke Me to anger. Indeed they put the branch to their nose [NLT: thumb their nose at Me]. 18 Therefore I also will act in fury. My

eye will not spare nor will I have pity; and though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.”

Ezekiel 9
Idolaters Slaughtered

9:1 ¶ Then He called out in my hearing with a loud voice, saying, “Let those who have charge over the city draw near, each with a deadly weapon in his hand.” 2

And suddenly six [6] men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his battle-ax in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen and had a writer's inkhorn at his side. They went in and stood beside the bronze altar. 3 Now the glory of the God of Israel [cf. 8:4, 1:28b] had gone up from the cherub [cf. Ex 25:19, etc.], where it [He] had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his side; 4 and Y^{HWH} said to him, “Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads [re: thinking] of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.” [Cp. Re 13:16b, 14:9, 20:4b]

5 ¶ To the others He said in my hearing, “Go after him through the city and kill; do not let your eye spare, nor have any pity. 6 Utterly slay old and young men, maidens and little children and women; but do not come near anyone on whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary.”

So they began with the elders who were before the temple. 7 Then He said to them,

“Defile the temple, and fill the courts with the slain. Go out!”

And they went out and killed in the city.

8 So it was, that while they were killing them, I was left alone; and I fell on my face and cried out, and said,

“Ah, Lord Y^{HWH} [Adonai Y^{HWH}]! Will You destroy all the remnant of Israel in pouring out Your fury on Jerusalem?” 9

Then He said to me,

“The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of bloodshed, and the city full of perversity; for they say,

‘Y^{HWH} has forsaken the land, and Y^{HWH} does not see!’ 10

And as for Me also, My eye will neither spare, nor will I have pity, but I will recompense their deeds on their own head.” 11

Just then, the man clothed with linen, who had the inkhorn at his side, reported back and said,

“I have done as You commanded me.”

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Ezekiel 10:1-13:23

Ezekiel 10

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Y^{HWH}'s Glory Leaves the Temple

10:1 ¶ And I looked, and there in the expanse [firmament] that was above the head of the [four] cherubim [the 4 living creatures of 1:5ff: 10:15], there appeared something like a sapphire stone, having the appearance of the likeness of a throne [cf. 1:26]. 2 Then He spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said,

“Go in among the wheels, under the cherub, fill your hands with coals of fire from among the cherubim, and scatter them over the city.”

And he went in as I watched. 3 Now the cherubim were standing on the south side of the temple when the man went in, and the cloud [cf. 1:4] filled the inner court. 4 Then the glory of Y^{HWH} went up from the cherub, and paused over the threshold of the temple [sadly reluctant to have to go?]; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Y^{HWH}'s glory. 5 And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even in the outer court, like the voice of Almighty [Shaddai] God when He speaks. 6 Then it happened, when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying,

“Take fire from among the wheels, from among the cherubim”, that he went in and stood beside the wheels. 7 And the cherub stretched out his hand from among the cheru-

bim to the fire that was among the cherubim, and took some of it and put it into the hands of the man clothed with linen, who took it and went out.

8 ¶ The cherubim appeared to have the form of a man's hand under their wings [cf. 1:8]. 9 And when I looked, there were four [4] wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by one cherub and another wheel by each other cherub [thus, 4 wheel-cherub pairs?]; the wheels appeared to have the color of a beryl stone [cf. 1:16a]. 10 As for their appearance, all four looked alike — as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel [cf. 1:16b]. 11 When they went, they went toward any of their four [4] directions; they did not turn aside when they went, but followed in the direction the head was facing. They did not turn aside when they went. 12 And their whole body, with their back, their hands, their wings, and the wheels that the four [cherubim/living creatures] had, were full of eyes all around [cf. 1:18]. 13 As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing,

“Wheel.” 14

Each one had four faces:

the first face was the face of a cherub, the second face the face of a man, the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle

[contrast with the 4 faces of the living creatures (1:10): man, lion, ox, eagle; cf. Re 4:7]. 15

And the cherubim were lifted up. This was the living creature I saw by the River Chebar [i.e., the cherubim here are the living creatures in the

first visions of chap. 1]. 16 When the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted their wings to mount up from the ground [earth], the same wheels also did not turn from beside. 17 When the cherubim stood still, the wheels stood still, and when one was lifted up, the other lifted itself up, for the spirit of the living creature was in them [compare vv.16-17 with 1:20-21]. 18 Then the glory of Y^{HWH} departed from the threshold of the temple and stood over the cherubim. 19 And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the ground [earth] in my sight. When they went out, the wheels were beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of Y^{HWH}'s house, and the glory of the God of Israel [cf. 1:28b] was above them. 20 This is the living creature I saw under the God of Israel by the River Chebar, and I knew they were cherubim. 21 Each one had four [4] faces and each one four [4] wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings. 22 And the likeness of their faces was the same as the faces that I had seen by the River Chebar [cf. 1:10], their appearance and their persons [not previously mentioned]. They each went straight forward.

Ezekiel 11

Judgment on Israel's Leaders

11:1 ¶ Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the East Gate of Y^{HWH}'s house, which faces eastward; and there at the door of the gate were twenty-five [25] men, among whom I saw

Jaazaniah [**“YHWH hears”**] the son of Azzur [**“he that assists”**], and Pelatiah [**“YHWH delivers”**] the son of Benaiah [**“YHWH has built (up)”**], princes [leaders] of the people. 2 And **He** said to me:

“Son of man, these *are* the men who devise iniquity and give wicked counsel in this city, 3 who say, **‘The time is not near to build houses; this city is the caldron, and we are the meat.’** 4

Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man!” 5 **Then** the Spirit of **YHWH** fell upon me, and said to me,

“Speak!
Thus says YHWH:
“Thus you have said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. 6 You have multiplied your slain in this city, and you have filled its streets with the slain.’ 7

Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH:
“Your slain whom you have laid in its midst, they *are* the meat, and this city is the caldron; but I shall bring you out of the midst of it. 8 You have feared the sword; and I will bring a sword upon you,’

says the Lord YHWH. 9
“And I will bring you out of its midst, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and execute judgments on you. 10 You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you at the border of Israel. **Then you shall know that I am YHWH.** 11 This city shall not be your caldron, nor shall you be the meat in its midst. I will judge you at the border of Israel.

12 And you shall know that I am YHWH; for you have not walked in My statutes nor executed My judgments, but have done according to the customs of the Gentiles

which *are* all around you.” 13 **Now** it happened, while I was prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. **Then** I fell on my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, “Ah, Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]! Will You make a complete end of the remnant of Israel?”

Hope for Exiled Israel

14 ¶ **Again** the word of **YHWH** came to me, saying, 15

“Son of man, your brethren, your relatives, your countrymen, and all the house of Israel in its entirety, *are* those about whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said,

‘Get far away from YHWH; this land has been given to us as a possession.’ 16

Therefore say, **‘Thus says the Lord YHWH:**
“Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone.” 17

Therefore say, **‘Thus says the Lord YHWH:**
“I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries

where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.” 18 And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. 19 **Then** I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, 20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. 21 But *as for those* whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads,”

says the Lord YHWH.

YHWH’s Glory Leaves Jerusalem

22 ¶ So the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel [cf. 1:28b] was high above them. 23 And the glory of **YHWH** went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain that *is* on the east side of the city. 24 **Then** the Spirit took me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea [Babylonia], to those in captivity. And the vision that I had seen went up from me. 25 So I spoke to those in captivity of all the things **YHWH** had shown me.

[Audio: Steve Gregg Ez 4-5, 12etc]

Ezekiel 12 Signs of the Coming Exile

12:1 ¶ **Now** the word of **YHWH** came to me, saying: 2
“Son of man, you dwell in the midst

of a rebellious house, which has eyes to see but does not see, and ears to hear but does not hear; for they *are* a rebellious house. 3 Therefore, son of man, prepare your belongings for captivity, and go into captivity by day in their sight. You shall go from your place into captivity to another place in their sight. It may be that they will consider, though they *are* a rebellious house. 4 **By day** you shall bring out your belongings in their sight, as though going into captivity; and **at evening** you shall go in their sight, like those who go into captivity. 5 Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry your belongings out through it. 6 In their sight you shall bear them on your shoulders and carry them out at twilight; you shall cover your face, so that you cannot see the ground, for I have made you a sign to the house of Israel.” 7

So I did as I was commanded. I brought out my belongings by day, as though going into captivity, and at evening I dug through the wall with my hand. I brought them out at twilight, and I bore them on my shoulder in their sight. 8 And in the morning the word of **YHWH** came to me, saying, 9

“Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, ‘What are you doing?’? 10

Say to them, **‘Thus says the Lord YHWH:**
“This burden concerns the prince [leader] in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel who are among them.” 11

Say,

‘I am a sign to you. As I have done, so shall it be done to them; they shall be carried away into captivity.’¹²

And the prince who is among them shall bear his belongings on his shoulder at twilight and go out. They shall dig through the wall to carry them out through it. He shall cover his face, so that he cannot see the ground with his eyes.¹³ I will also spread My net over him, and he shall be caught in My snare. I will bring him to Babylon, to the land of the Chaldeans; yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there.¹⁴ I will scatter to every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his troops; and I will draw out the sword after them.¹⁵

Then they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}, when I scatter them among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries.¹⁶ But I will spare a few of their men from the sword, from famine, and from pestilence, that they may declare all their abominations among the Gentiles wherever they go. Then they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.”

¹⁷ ¶ Moreover the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying,¹⁸

“Son of man, eat your bread with quaking, and drink your water with trembling and anxiety.¹⁹ And say to the people of the land,

‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH} to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the land of Israel [the people]:

“They shall eat their bread with anxiety, and drink their water with dread, so that

her land may be emptied of all who are in it, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it.²⁰ Then the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall become desolate; and you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.””

A New Proverb for Israel

²¹ ¶ And the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying,²²

“Son of man, what is this proverb that you people have about the land of Israel, which says,

‘The days are prolonged, and every vision fails.’²³

Tell them therefore,

‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“I will lay this proverb to rest, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel.”

But say to them,

“The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision.²⁴ For no more shall there be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.²⁵ For I am Y^{HWH}. I speak, and the word that I speak will come to pass; it will no more be postponed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word and perform it,”

says the Lord Y^{HWH}.”²⁶

Again the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying,²⁷

“Son of man, look, the house of Israel is saying,

‘The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of times far off.’²⁸

Therefore say to them,

‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“None of My words will be postponed any more, but the word that I speak will be done.”, says the Lord Y^{HWH}.””

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 6-7, 13-14etc]

Ezekiel 13

Judgment Against False Prophets

^{13:1} ¶ And the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying,²

“Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart,

‘Hear the word of Y^{HWH}!’³

Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!⁴ O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts.⁵ You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of Y^{HWH}.⁶ They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying,

‘Thus says Y^{HWH}!’

But Y^{HWH} has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed.⁷ Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say,

‘Y^{HWH} says’,

but I have not spoken.”⁸

Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you.”,

says the Lord Y^{HWH}.⁹

“My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the

record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord Y^{HWH}.

¹⁰ ¶ Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, ‘Peace [with God]!’

when there is no peace — and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untempered mortar —¹¹ say to those who plaster it with untempered mortar, that it will fall. There will be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall tear it down.¹² Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it not be said to you,

‘Where is the mortar with which you plastered it?’”¹³

Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it.¹⁴ So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.¹⁵ Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered mortar; and I will say to you,

“The wall is no more, nor those who plastered it,¹⁶ that is, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when there is no peace [with Me],”

says the Lord Y^{HWH}.

Judgment Against

False Women Prophets

17 ¶ Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, 18 and say,

“Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Woe to the women who sew magic charms on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive? 19 And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?” 20

Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds. 21 I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand.

Then you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.

22 Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked [in their wickedness], so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life. 23 Therefore you shall no longer envision futility nor practice divination; for I will deliver My people out of your hand,

and you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.””

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Ezekiel 14:1-16:63

Ezekiel 14

The Idolatry of Israel's Leaders

14:1 ¶ Now some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. 2 And the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 3

“Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them? 4 Therefore speak to them, and say to them,

“Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I Y^{HWH} will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, 5 that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols.” 6

Therefore say to the house of Israel,

“Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations. 7 For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I Y^{HWH} will answer him by Myself. 8 I will set My face against [1st use, of 5 in Eze & Jer, after 5 in Lev] that man and make him a sign and a

proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people.

Then you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.

9 And if the prophet is induced to speak anything, I Y^{HWH} have induced that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel. 10 And they shall bear their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be the same as the punishment of the one who inquired, 11 that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people and I may be their God.” [bride and husband] says the Lord Y^{HWH}.””

Certainty of Y^{HWH}'s Judgment

12 ¶ The word of Y^{HWH} came again to me, saying: 13

“Son of man,

“When a land sins against Me

by persistent unfaithfulness, I will

stretch out My hand against it;

I will

cut off its supply of bread,

send famine on it, and

cut off man and beast from it. 14

Even if these three [3] men,

Noah, Daniel, and Job,

[Daniel was still alive at that time; the other two were long gone.]

were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness’,

says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 15

“If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they empty it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass

through because of the beasts, 16 even though these three [3] men were in it, as I live,’

says the Lord Y^{HWH},

“they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate.

17 Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say,

“Sword, go through the land”, and I cut off man and beast from it, 18 even though these three [3] men were in it, as I live,’

says the Lord Y^{HWH},

“they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered. 19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off

from it man and beast, 20 even though

Noah, Daniel, and Job

were in it, as I live,’

says the Lord Y^{HWH},

“they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.’ 21

For thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“How much more it shall be when I send My four [4] severe judgments on Jerusalem — [Re 6:8b, Je 15:2]

the sword and

famine and

wild beasts and

pestilence —

to cut off man and beast from it?

22 Yet behold, there shall be left in it a remnant who will be brought out, both sons and daughters; surely they will come out to you, and you will see their ways and their doings. Then you will

be comforted concerning the disaster that I have brought upon Jerusalem, all that I have brought upon it. 23 And they will comfort you, when you see their ways and their doings; and you shall know that I have done nothing without cause that I have done in it.’,

says the Lord Y^{HWH}.”

[Audio: Steve Gregg Ez 15-17etc]

Ezekiel 15

Jerusalem: a Useless Vine

15:1 ¶ Then the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying: 2

“Son of man, how is the wood of the vine better than any other wood, the vine branch that is among the trees of the forest? 3 Is wood taken from it to make any object? Or can men make a peg from it to hang any vessel on? 4 Instead, it is thrown into the fire for fuel; the fire devours both ends of it, and its middle is burned. Is it useful for any work? 5 Indeed, when it was whole, no object could be made from it. How much less will it be useful for any work when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned? 6

Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

‘Like the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give up the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 7 and I will set My face against them. They will go out from one fire, but another fire shall devour them.

Then you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}, when I set My face against them. 8 Thus I will make the land desolate, because they have persisted in unfaithfulness.’,

says the Lord Y^{HWH}.”

Ezekiel 16

Jerusalem: an Unfaithful Wife

16:1 ¶ Again the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 2

“Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, 3 and say,

‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}

to Jerusalem:

“Your birth and your nativity are from the land of Canaan; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. 4 As for your nativity, on the day you were born your navel cord was not cut, nor were you washed in water to cleanse you; you were not rubbed with salt nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. 5 No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were loathed on the day you were born.

6 ¶ And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you in your blood,

‘Live!’

Yes, I said to you in your blood,

‘Live!’ 7

I made you thrive like a plant in the field; and you grew, matured, and became very beautiful. Your breasts were formed, your hair grew, but you were naked and bare. 8 When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; so I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine.”,

says the Lord Y^{HWH}.

“Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. 10 I clothed you in embroidered cloth and gave you sandals of badger skin; I clothed you with fine linen and covered you with silk. 11 I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck. 12 And I put a jewel in your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate pastry of fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty [attained a kingdom?]. 14 Your fame went out among the nations because of your beauty, for it was perfect through My splendor that I had bestowed on you [presumably in Solomon’s time],”

says the Lord Y^{HWH}.

15 ¶

“But you trusted in your own beauty, played the harlot because of your fame, and poured out your harlotry on everyone passing by who would have it. 16 You took some of your garments and adorned multicolored high places for yourself, and played the harlot on them. Such things should not happen, nor be. 17 You have also taken your beautiful jewelry from My gold and My silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images and played the harlot with them. 18 You took your embroidered garments and covered them, and you set My oil and My incense before them. 19 Also My food

that I gave you — the pastry of fine flour, oil, and honey that I fed you — you set it before them as sweet incense; and so it was,”

says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 20

“Moreover you took your sons and your daughters, whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your acts of harlotry a small matter, 21 that you have slain My children and offered them up to them by causing them to pass through the fire? 22 And in all your abominations and acts of harlotry you did not remember the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, struggling in your blood. 23 Then it was so, after all your wickedness —

‘Woe, woe to you!’

says the Lord Y^{HWH} — 24

that you also built for yourself a shrine, and made a high place for yourself in every street. 25 You built your high places at the head of every road, and made your beauty to be abhorred. You offered yourself to everyone who passed by, and multiplied your acts of harlotry. 26 You also committed harlotry with the Egyptians, your very fleshly neighbors, and increased your acts of harlotry to provoke Me to anger. 27 Behold, therefore, I stretched out My hand against you, diminished your allotment, and gave you up to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who were ashamed of your lewd behavior. 28 You also played the harlot with the Assyrians, because you were insatiable; indeed you played the harlot with them and still were not

satisfied. 29 Moreover you multiplied your acts of harlotry as far as the land of the trader, Chaldea [Babylon]; and even then you were not satisfied. 30 How degenerate is your heart!”,

says the Lord YHWH,

“seeing you do all these things, the deeds of a brazen harlot. 31 You erected your shrine at the head of every road, and built your high place in every street. Yet you were not like a harlot, because you scorned payment. 32 You are an adulterous wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband. 33 Men make payment to all harlots, but you made your payments to all your lovers, and hired them to come to you from all around for your harlotry. 34 You are the opposite of other women in your harlotry, because no one solicited you to be a harlot. In that you gave payment but no payment was given you, therefore you are the opposite.

Judgment on Jerusalem's Prostitution

35 ¶ Now then, O harlot, hear the word of YHWH!” 36 Thus says the Lord YHWH:

“Because your filthiness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered in your harlotry with your lovers, and with all your abominable idols, and because of the blood of your children that you gave to them, 37 surely, therefore, I will gather all your lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved, and all those you hated; I will gather them from all around against you and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. 38 And I will judge

you as women who break wedlock or shed blood are judged; I will bring blood upon you in fury and jealousy.

39 I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your shrines and break down your high places. They shall also strip you of your clothes, take your beautiful jewelry, and leave you naked and bare. 40 They shall also bring up an assembly against you, and they shall stone you with stones and thrust you through with their swords. 41 They shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women; and I will make you cease playing the harlot, and you shall no longer hire lovers. 42 So I will lay to rest My fury toward you, and My jealousy shall depart from you. I will be quiet, and be angry no more. 43 Because you did not remember the days of your youth, but agitated Me with all these things, surely I will also recompense your deeds on your own head,”

says the Lord YHWH,

“and you shall not commit lewdness in addition to all your abominations.

44 ¶ Indeed everyone who quotes proverbs will use this proverb against you: ‘Like mother, like daughter!’ 45

You are your mother’s daughter, loathing husband and children; and you are the sister of your sisters, who loathed their husbands and children; your mother was a Hittite and your father an Amorite. 46 Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you; and your younger sister, who dwells to

the south of you, is Sodom and her daughters. 47 You did not walk in their ways nor act according to their abominations; but, as if that were too little, you became more corrupt than they in all your ways. 48 As I live,”

says the Lord YHWH,

“neither your sister Sodom nor her daughters have done as you and your daughters have done. 49 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. 50 And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit. 51 Samaria did not commit half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all the abominations that you have done. 52 You who judged your sisters, bear your own shame also, because the sins that you committed were more abominable than theirs; they are more righteous than you. Yes, be disgraced also, and bear your own shame, because you justified your sisters. 53 When I bring back their captives, the captives of Sodom and her daughters, and the captives of Samaria and her daughters, then I will also bring back the captives of your captivity among them, 54 that you may bear your own shame and be disgraced by all that you did when you comforted them. 55 When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, return to their former state, and Samaria and her daughters return

to their former state, then you and your daughters will return to your former state. 56 For your sister Sodom was not a byword in your mouth in the days of your pride, 57 before your wickedness was uncovered. It was like the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria and all those around her, and of the daughters of the Philistines, who despise you everywhere. 58 You have paid for your lewdness and your abominations.”,

says YHWH. 59

For thus says the Lord YHWH:

“I will deal with you as you have done, who despised the oath by breaking the covenant.

60 ¶ Nevertheless [in Christ, AD 27-30]

I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth,

and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you. 61 Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed, when you receive your older and your younger sisters; for I will give them to you for daughters, but not because of My covenant with you. 62

And I will establish My covenant with you. Then you shall know that I am YHWH, 63 that you may remember and be ashamed, and never open your mouth anymore because of your shame, when I provide you an atonement for all you have done.”,

says the Lord YHWH.

August 20

Ezekiel 17:1-19:14

Ezekiel 17

A Riddle/Parable of Two Eagles

17:1 ¶ And the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 2

“Son of man, pose a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel, 3 and say,

‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

‘A great eagle with large wings and long pinions, Full of feathers of various colors, Came to Lebanon And Took from the cedar the highest branch. 4 He cropped off its topmost young twig And carried it to a land of trade; He set it in a city of merchants. 5

Then he took some of the seed of the land And planted it in a fertile field; He placed it by abundant waters And Set it like a willow tree. 6

And it grew and became A spreading vine of low stature; Its branches turned toward him, But its roots were under it.

So it Became a vine, Brought forth branches, And Put forth shoots. 7

But there was another great eagle with large wings and many feathers;

And behold, This vine bent its roots toward him, And stretched its branches toward him, From the garden terrace where it had been planted, That he might water it. 8 It was planted In good soil by many waters, To bring forth branches, bear fruit, And become a majestic vine.’” 9 Say,

‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

‘Will it thrive? Will he not Pull up its roots, Cut off its fruit, And Leave it to wither? All of its spring leaves will wither, And no great power or many people Will be needed to pluck it up by its roots. 10 Behold, it is planted,

Will it thrive? Will it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It will wither in the garden terrace where it grew.’”

The Riddle Explained

11 Moreover the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 12

“Say now to the rebellious house:

‘Do you not know what these things mean?’ Tell them,

‘Indeed the king of Babylon [the first eagle] went to Jerusalem and took its king [Jehoiachin: 2Ki 24:12 // 2Ch 36:10] and princes, and

led them with him to Babylon. 13 And he took the king’s [Josiah’s] offspring [Zedekiah, aka Mattaniah], made a covenant with him, and put him under oath [2Ch 36:6-13]. He also took away the mighty of the land, 14 that the kingdom might be brought low and not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand. 15 But he [Zedekiah] rebelled against him [Nebuchadnezzar] by sending his ambassadors to Egypt [the second eagle], that they might give him horses and many people [forbidden: De 17:16]. Will he prosper?

Will he who does such things escape? Can he break a covenant and still be delivered? 16 As I live,’

says the Lord Y^{HWH}, ‘surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke — with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die [2Ki 25:6-7 // Je 52:9-11 // Je 39:5b-7].

17 Nor will Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company do anything in the war, when they heap up a siege mound [against Jerusalem] and build a wall to cut off many persons [2Ki 25:1 // Je 52:4 // Je 39:1 // Eze 34:1a; Je 37:5-10]. 18 Since he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and in fact gave his hand and still did all these things, he shall not escape.’ 19

Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}: ‘As I live, surely My oath, which he despised, and My covenant, which he broke,

I will recompense on his own head. 20 I will spread My net over him, and he shall be taken in My snare. I will bring [take] him to Babylon and try him there for the treason that he committed against Me. 21 All his fugitives with all his troops shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered to every wind; and you shall know that I, Y^{HWH}, have spoken.’

22 ¶ Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

‘I will take also one of the highest branches [Judah: 1Ch 5:2] of the high cedar [Israel: Nu 24:6] and set it out.

I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one [Messiah: Is 4:2, 11:1; Je 23:5; Ze 3:8, 6:12; Ge 49:10; He 7:14; Re 5:5], and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain [De 28:1]. 23 On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar.

Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. 24

And all the trees of the field [nations] shall know that I, Y^{HWH}, have brought down the high tree [Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon] and exalted the low tree [Judah, David, Messiah], dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, Y^{HWH}, have spoken and have done it.’”

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 6...18etc]

Ezekiel 18

The Justice of a Righteous God

18:1 ¶ The word of Y^{HW}H came to me again, saying, 2

“What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying:

‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ 3

As I live,”

says the Lord Y^{HW}H,

“you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. 4

Behold, all souls are Mine;

The soul of the father

As well as the soul of the son is Mine;

The soul who sins shall die. 5

But if a man is just

And does what is lawful and right; 6

If he has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,

Nor defiled his neighbor’s wife, Nor approached a woman during her impurity; 7

If he

has not oppressed anyone, *But* has restored to the debtor his pledge; Has robbed no one by violence, *But* has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing; 8

If he

has not exacted usury Nor taken any increase, *But* has withdrawn his hand from iniquity And executed true judgment between man and man; 9

If he has

walked in My statutes And kept My judgments faithfully —

He is just;

He shall surely live!”

says the Lord Y^{HW}H. 10 ¶

“If he begets a son

who is

a robber Or

a shedder of blood,

Who does any of these things 11

And does none of those duties,

But has

eaten on the mountains Or

defiled his neighbor’s wife; 12

If he [the son] has

oppressed the poor and needy,

Robbed by violence,

Not restored the pledge,

Lifted his eyes to the idols, Or

Committed abomination; 13

If he [the son] has

exacted usury Or

taken increase —

Shall he then live?

He shall not live!

If he has done

any of these abominations,

He shall surely die;

His blood shall be upon him. 14

If, however, he [the son] begets a son

Who sees all the sins

that his father has done, And

considers but

does not do likewise; 15

Who has not eaten on the mountains,

Nor lifted his eyes to the idols

of the house of Israel,

Nor defiled his neighbor’s wife; 16

Has not oppressed anyone,

Nor withheld a pledge,

Nor robbed by violence, *But*

Has given his bread to the hungry

And covered the naked

with clothing; 17

Who has withdrawn his hand

from the poor

And not received usury or increase,

But has

executed My judgments And

walked in My statutes —

He shall not die

for the iniquity of his father;

He shall surely live! 18

As for his father, Because he

Cruelly oppressed,

Robbed his brother by violence,

And did what is not good

among his people,

Behold,

He shall die for his iniquity. 19

Yet you say,

‘Why should the son not bear the guilt of the father?’

Because the son has done

what is lawful and right, and has

kept all My statutes and observed

them, he shall surely live. 20

The soul who sins shall die.

The son shall not bear

the guilt of the father,

nor the father bear

the guilt of the son.

The righteousness of the righteous

shall be upon himself, and

the wickedness of the wicked

shall be upon himself.

21 ¶

But if a wicked man

turns from all his sins

that he has committed,

keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right,

he shall surely live;

he shall not die. 22

None of the transgressions

that he has committed

shall be remembered against him;

because of the righteousness

that he has done,

he shall live. 23

Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?”

says the Lord Y^{HW}H,

“and not that he should

turn from his ways and live? 24

But when a righteous man

turns away from his righteousness

and commits iniquity,

and does according to

all the abominations

that the wicked man does,

shall he live?

All the righteousness that he has done

shall not be remembered;

because of

the unfaithfulness

of which he is guilty and

the sin that he has committed,

because of them he shall die. 25

Yet you say, [cf. 33:17]

‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’

Hear now, O house of Israel,

is it not My way that is fair, and

your ways that are not fair? 26

When a righteous man

turns away from his righteousness,

commits iniquity, and

dies in it,

it is because of the iniquity
that he has done **that** he dies. 27
 Again, when a wicked *man*
 turns away from the wickedness
that he committed, and
 does what is lawful and right,
 he preserves himself alive. 28
 Because he
 considers and
 turns away from
 all the transgressions
that he committed,
 he shall surely live;
 he shall not die. 29
 Yet the house of Israel says,
 ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’
 O house of Israel,
 is it not **My ways that** are fair, and
 your ways **that** are not fair?
 30 ¶
 Therefore I will judge you,
 O house of Israel,
 every one according to his ways,”
says the Lord YHWH.
 “Repent, and [that is]
 turn from all your transgressions,
 so that iniquity will not be your ruin. 31
Cast away from you
 all the transgressions
that you have committed, and
 get yourselves
 a new heart and
 a new spirit.
 For why should you die,
 O house of Israel? 32
 For **I have no pleasure**
in the death of one who dies,”
says the Lord YHWH,
 “Therefore **turn and live!**”

[Audio: S. Gregg [Ez 15...19etc](#)]
Ezekiel 19
A Funeral Song for Israel’s Kings
 19:1 ¶ Moreover take up a lamentation
 for the princes of Israel, 2 and say:
 “What is your mother [Israel]?
 A lioness:
 She lay down
 Among the lions [kings];
 Among the young lions
 She nourished her cubs. 3
 She brought up **one of her cubs,**
 And he became a young lion;
 He learned to catch prey,
 And he devoured men. 4
 The nations also heard of him;
 He was trapped in **their pit,**
 And they brought him with chains
 to the land of Egypt. 5
When she saw that she waited,
 that her hope was lost,
 She took **another of her cubs**
 and made him a young lion. 6
 He roved among the lions [kings],
 And became a young lion;
 He learned to catch prey;
 He devoured men. 7
 He knew **their desolate places,**
 And laid waste
 their cities;
 The land with its fullness
 was desolated
 By the noise of his roaring. 8
Then the nations set against him
 from the provinces on every side,
 And spread their net over him;
 He was trapped in **their pit.** 9

They
 put him in a cage with chains, and
 brought him to the king of Babylon;
 [Jehoiachin: [2Ki 24:12](#) // [2Ch 36:10](#)]
 They brought him in nets,
 That his voice should no longer be
 heard on the mountains of Israel.
 10 ¶
 Your mother [Israel] was like
 A vine in your bloodline,
 Planted by the waters,
 Fruitful and full of branches
 Because of many waters. 11
 She had strong branches
 for scepters of rulers.
 She
 towered in stature
 above the thick branches, And
 was seen in her height
 amid the dense foliage. 12 But
 She was plucked up in fury,
 She was cast down to the ground,
 And the east wind dried her fruit.
 Her strong branches [kings] were
 broken and withered;
 The fire consumed them. 13
 And now
 She is planted
 In the wilderness,
 In a dry and thirsty land. 14
Fire has
 come out from
 a rod of her branches And
 devoured her fruit,
 So that she has no strong branch —
 a scepter for ruling.” [↑ king]
 This is
 a lamentation, and has become
 a lamentation.

August 21

Ezekiel 20:1-22:31

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Ez 6...20-22](#)]
Ezekiel 20 [591BC/08/14](#)
The Rebellion of Israel
 20:1 ¶ It came to pass
 in the seventh year, in the fifth month,
 on the tenth day of the month,
 [J’chin-Cap:07/05/10,
 so 3414 AB = 591 BC, per Jones;
 cf. [2Ki 24:12](#) // [2Ch 36:10](#)]
 [August 14, 591 BC]
 that certain of the elders of Israel came
 to inquire of YHWH, and sat before me. 2
Then the word of YHWH came to me,
 saying, 3
 “Son of man,
 speak to the elders of Israel, and
 say to them,
Thus says the Lord YHWH:
 “Have you come to inquire of Me?
 As I live,
says the Lord YHWH,
 I will not be inquired of by you.” 4
 Will you judge them, son of man,
 will you judge them?
Then make known to them
 the abominations of their fathers.
 5 ¶
 Say to them,
Thus says the Lord YHWH:
 “On the day when I chose Israel and
 raised My hand in an oath to the de-
 scendants of the house of Jacob, and
 made Myself known to them in the
 land of Egypt, I raised My hand in an
 oath to them, saying,
‘I am YHWH your God’, 6

On that day I raised My hand in an oath to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, 'flowing with milk and honey', the glory of all lands. 7

Then I said to them, 'Each of you, throw away the abominations that are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am YHWH your God.' 8

But they rebelled against Me and would not obey Me. They did not all cast away the abominations that were before their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

Then I said, 'I will pour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.' 9

But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles among whom they were, in whose sight

I had made Myself known to them, to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

10 ¶ Therefore I made them go out of the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness. 11

And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, 'which, if a man does, [Le 18:5] he shall live by them.' 12

Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am YHWH who sanctifies them. 13

Yet the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My statutes; they despised My judgments,

'which, if a man does, [Le 18:5] he shall live by them'; and they greatly defiled My Sabbaths.

Then I said I would pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14

But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the Gentiles, in whose sight

I had brought them out. 15 So I also raised My hand in an oath to them in the wilderness,

that I would not bring them into the land that I had given them, 'flowing with milk and honey', the glory of all lands, 16

because they despised My judgments and did not walk in My statutes, but profaned My Sabbaths;

for their heart went after their idols. 17 Nevertheless My eye spared them from destruction.

I did not make an end of them in the wilderness. 18 But

I said to their children in the wilderness,

'Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, Nor observe their judgments, Nor defile yourselves with their idols. 19

I am YHWH your God: Walk in My statutes, Keep My judgments, and Do them; 20

Hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am YHWH your God.' 21

Notwithstanding, the children rebelled against Me; they did not walk in My statutes, and were not careful

to observe My judgments, 'which, if a man does, [Le 18:5] he shall live by them';

but they profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said I would

pour out My fury on them and fulfill My anger against them in the wilderness. 22 Nevertheless I withdrew My hand and

acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the Gentiles, in whose sight

I had brought them out. 23 Also I raised My hand in an oath to those in the wilderness,

that I would scatter them among the Gentiles and disperse them throughout the countries, 24

because they had not executed My judgments, but had despised My statutes, profaned My Sabbaths,

and their eyes were fixed on their fathers' idols. 25

Therefore I also gave them up to statutes that were not good, and judgments

by which they could not live; 26

and I pronounced them unclean because of their ritual gifts, in that they caused all their firstborn to pass through the fire, that I might make them desolate and that they might know that I am YHWH.' 27

Judgment, then Restoration

27 ¶ Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord YHWH:

"In this too your fathers have blasphemed Me:

by being unfaithful to Me. 28

When I brought them into the land concerning which I had raised My hand in an oath to give them, and they saw all the high hills and all the thick trees,

there they offered their sacrifices and provoked Me with their offerings.

There they also sent up their sweet aroma and poured out their drink offerings. 29

Then I said to them, 'What is this high place to which you go?'

(So its name is called Bamah ["high place" (of idolatrous worship)] to this day.)" 30

Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord YHWH:

"Are you defiling yourselves in the manner of your fathers, and committing harlotry

according to their abominations? 31

For when you offer your gifts and make your sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even to this day. So shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live," says the Lord YHWH, "I will not be inquired of by you. 32 What you have in your mind shall never be, when you say, 'We will be like the Gentiles, like the families in other countries, serving wood and stone.' 33 As I live," says the Lord YHWH, "surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you. 34 I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. 35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. 36 Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you," says the Lord YHWH. 37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; 38

I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am YHWH. 39 As for you, O house of Israel," thus says the Lord YHWH: [LXX:] "Go, every one of you put away his idols and hereafter obey me; and profane My holy name no more with your gifts and your idols. 40 For on My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel," says the Lord YHWH, "there all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, shall serve Me; there I will accept them, and there I will require your offerings and the firstfruits of your sacrifices, together with all your holy things. 41 I will accept you as a sweet aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles. 42 Then you shall know that I am YHWH, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers. 43 And there you shall remember your ways and all your doings with which you were defiled;

and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight because of all the evils that you have committed. 44 Then you shall know that I am YHWH, when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel." says the Lord YHWH. "

Judgment Against the Negev

45 ¶ Furthermore the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 46 "Son of man, [the Negev] set your face toward the South, preach against the South, and prophesy against the forest land, the South, 47 and say to the forest of the South, 'Hear the word of YHWH! Thus says the Lord YHWH: "Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree and every dry tree in you. The blazing flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be scorched by it. 48 All flesh shall see that I, YHWH, have kindled it. It shall not be quenched.'"" 49 Then I said, "Ah, Lord YHWH! They say of me, 'Does he not speak parables?'"

Ezekiel 21

YHWH's Sword of Judgment

21:1 ¶ And the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and preach against the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel; 3 and say to the land of Israel, "Thus says YHWH: "Behold, I am against you, and I will draw My sword out of its sheath and cut off both righteous and wicked from you. 4 Because I will cut off both righteous and wicked from you, therefore My sword shall go out of its sheath against all flesh from south to north, 5 that all flesh may know that I, YHWH, have drawn My sword out of its sheath; it shall not return anymore." 6 Sigh therefore, son of man, with a breaking heart, and sigh with bitterness before their eyes. 7 And it shall be when they say to you, 'Why are you sighing?' that you shall answer, 'Because of the news; when it comes, every heart will melt, all hands will be feeble, every spirit will faint, and all knees will be weak [will go/walk] as water. Behold, it is coming and shall be brought to pass.' says the Lord YHWH."

Then say,
Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
 “The city sheds blood in her own midst,
 that her time may come; and
 she makes idols within herself
 to defile herself. 4
 You have become guilty by the blood
 that you have shed,
 and have defiled yourself with the idols
 that you have made.
 You have caused your days
 to draw near,
 and have come to the end of your years;
 therefore I have made you
 a reproach to the nations, and
 a mockery to all countries. 5
 Those near and those far from you
 will mock you
 as infamous and full of tumult. 6
 Look, the princes of Israel: each one
 has used his power to shed blood
 in you. 7
 In you they have made light of
 father and mother;
 in your midst they have oppressed
 the stranger;
 in you they have mistreated
 the fatherless and the widow. 8
 You have despised My holy things
 and profaned My Sabbaths. 9
 In you are men
 who slander to cause bloodshed;
 in you are those
 who eat on the mountains;
 in your midst
 they commit lewdness. 10
 In you men uncover
 their fathers’ nakedness;
 in you they violate women who are
 set apart during their impurity. 11
 One commits abomination with his

neighbor’s wife; another lewdly
 defiles his daughter-in-law; and
 another in you violates his sister,
 his father’s daughter. 12
 In you they take bribes to shed blood;
 you take usury and increase;
 you have made profit from
 your neighbors by extortion,
 and have forgotten Me,”
 says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 13
 “Behold, therefore, I beat My fists
 at the dishonest profit
 that you have made, and
 at the bloodshed
 that has been in your midst. 14
 Can your heart endure,
 or can your hands remain strong,
 in the days when I shall deal with you?
 I, Y^{HWH}, have spoken,
 and will do it. 15
 I will
 scatter you
 among the nations,
 disperse you
 throughout the countries, and
 remove your filthiness
 completely from you. 16
 You shall defile yourself
 in the sight of the nations;
 then you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.””

Y^{HWH}’s Refining Furnace

17 ¶ The word of Y^{HWH} came to me,
 saying, 18
 “Son of man, the house of Israel
 has become dross to Me;
 they are all bronze, tin, iron, and lead,
 in the midst of a furnace;
 they have become dross from silver. 19
 Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Because you have all become dross,
 therefore behold,
 I will gather you
 into the midst of Jerusalem. 20
 As men gather
 silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin
 into the midst of a furnace,
 to blow fire on it, to melt it; so
 I will gather you
 in My anger and
 in My fury, and
 I will leave you there and melt you. 21
 Yes,
 I will gather you and blow on you
 with the fire of My wrath,
 and you shall be melted
 in its midst. 22
 As silver is melted
 in the midst of a furnace,
 so shall you be melted
 in its midst;
 then you shall know that I, Y^{HWH},
 have poured out My fury on you.””

The Sins of Israel’s Leaders

23 ¶ And the word of Y^{HWH} came to me,
 saying, 24
 “Son of man, say to her:
 ‘You are a land that is not cleansed or
 rained on in the day of indignation.’ 25
 The conspiracy of her prophets
 in her midst
 is like a roaring lion tearing the prey;
 they have devoured people;
 they have taken treasure
 and precious things;
 they have made many widows
 in her midst. 26
 Her priests have
 violated My law and
 profaned My holy things;

they have not distinguished
 between the holy and unholy, nor
 have they made known the difference
 between the unclean and the clean;
 and
 they have hidden their eyes
 from My Sabbaths,
 so that I am profaned among them. 27
 Her princes
 in her midst are
 like wolves tearing the prey,
 to shed blood,
 to destroy people, and
 to get dishonest gain. 28
 Her prophets plastered them
 with untempered mortar,
 seeing false visions, and
 divining lies for them,
 saying,
 ‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH},’
 when Y^{HWH} had not spoken. 29
 The people of the land have
 used oppressions,
 committed robbery, and
 mistreated the poor and needy; and
 they wrongfully oppress
 the stranger. 30
 So I sought for a man among them
 who would make a wall,
 and stand in the gap before Me
 on behalf of the land,
 that I should not destroy it;
 but I found no one. 31 Therefore
 I have poured out My indignation
 on them;
 I have consumed them
 with the fire of My wrath; and
 I have recompensed their deeds
 on their own heads.
 says the Lord Y^{HWH}.”

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Ezekiel 23:1-49

2 Kings 25:1-2

|| Jeremiah 52:4-5

|| Jeremiah 39:1

|| Ezekiel 24:1a

Ezekiel 24:1b-14

Ezekiel 24:15-25:17

Ezekiel 26:1-14 to Aug 24

Ezekiel 26:15-28:26 to Aug 25

[Audio: S. Gregg [Ez 15...23-24](#)]

Ezekiel 23

The Adultery of Two Sisters

23:1 ¶ The word of YHWH came again to me, saying: 2

“Son of man, there were two women, The daughters of one mother. 3 They committed harlotry in Egypt, They committed harlotry in their youth; Their breasts were there embraced, Their virgin bosom was there pressed. 4 Their names:

Oholah the elder and

[↑ “her own tent (tabernacle)”]

Oholibah her sister;

[↑ “my tent (tabernacle) is in her”]

They were Mine,

And they bore sons and daughters.

As for their names,

Samaria is Oholah, and

Jerusalem is Oholibah. 5

Oholah played the harlot

even though she was Mine;

And she lusted for her lovers,

the neighboring Assyrians, 6

Who were clothed in purple,

Captains and rulers,

All of them desirable young men,

Horsemen riding on horses. 7

Thus she committed her harlotry with them, All of them choice men of Assyria; And with all for whom she lusted, With all their idols, she defiled herself. 8 She has never given up her harlotry [which she] brought from Egypt, For in her youth they had lain with her, Pressed her virgin bosom, And Poured out their immorality upon her. 9

Therefore I have delivered her Into the hand of her lovers, Into the hand of the Assyrians, For whom she lusted. 10

They Uncovered her nakedness, Took away her sons and daughters, And slew her with the sword; She became a byword among women, For they had executed judgment on her.

11 ¶ Now

Although her sister Oholibah saw this, She became more corrupt in her lust than she, and in her harlotry more corrupt than her sister's harlotry. 12

She lusted for

The neighboring Assyrians,

Captains and rulers,

Clothed most gorgeously,

Horsemen riding on horses,

All of them desirable young men. 13

Then I saw that she was defiled;

Both took the same way. 14

But she increased her harlotry;

She looked at

Men portrayed on the wall,

Images of Chaldeans [Babylonians]

portrayed in vermilion [red], 15

Girded with belts around their waists,

Flowing turbans on their heads,

All of them looking like captains,

In the manner of

the Babylonians of Chaldea,

The land of their nativity. 16

As soon as her eyes saw them,

She lusted for them

And sent messengers

to them in Chaldea. 17

Then the Babylonians came to her,

into the bed of love,

And they defiled her

with their immorality;

So she was defiled by them,

and alienated herself from them. 18

She revealed her harlotry

and uncovered her nakedness.

Then I alienated Myself from her, As

I had alienated Myself from her sister. 19

Yet she multiplied her harlotry

In calling to remembrance

the days of her youth,

When she had played the harlot

in the land of Egypt. 20

For she lusted for her paramours,

Whose flesh is like

the flesh of donkeys, And

Whose issue is like

the issue of horses. 21

Thus you called to remembrance

The lewdness of your youth, When

The Egyptians pressed your bosom

Because of your youthful breasts.

YHWH's Judgment of Jerusalem

22 ¶ Therefore, Oholibah, thus says the Lord YHWH:

‘Behold,

I will stir up your lovers against you, From whom you have alienated yourself, And

I will bring them against you from every side: 23

The Babylonians,

All the Chaldeans,

Pekod [“visitation”],

Shoa [“rich”],

Koa [“he-camel”],

All the Assyrians with them,

All of them desirable young men,

Governors and rulers,

Captains and men of renown,

All of them riding on horses. 24

And they shall come against you

With chariots, wagons,

and war-horses,

With a horde of people.

They shall array against you

Buckler, shield, and helmet

All around.

I will delegate judgment to them,

And they shall judge you

according to their judgments. 25

I will set My jealousy against you,

And they shall deal furiously

with you;

They shall remove

your nose and your ears,

And your remnant

shall fall by the sword;

They shall take

your sons and your daughters,

And your remnant

shall be devoured by fire. 26

They shall also
strip you of your clothes And
take away your beautiful jewelry. 27
Thus I will make you cease
your lewdness and your harlotry
Brought from the land of Egypt,
So that you will
Not lift your eyes to them,
Nor remember Egypt anymore.’ 28
For thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:
‘Surely I will deliver you
into the hand of those you hate,
into the hand of *those* from whom
you alienated yourself. 29
They will
deal hatefully with you,
take away all you have worked for,
and leave you naked and bare.
The nakedness of your harlotry
shall be uncovered, both
Your lewdness and
Your harlotry. 30
I will do these *things* to you
because you have gone
as a harlot after the Gentiles,
because you have become
defiled by their idols. 31
You have walked
in the way of your sister;
therefore
I will put her cup in your hand.’ 32
Thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:
‘You shall drink of your sister’s cup,
The deep and wide one;
You shall be
laughed to scorn And
held in derision;
It contains much. 33

You will be filled
With drunkenness and sorrow,
The cup of horror and desolation,
The cup of your sister Samaria. 34
You shall drink and drain it,
You shall
break its shards, And
tear at your own breasts;
For I have spoken’,
says the Lord Y_{HWH}. 35
Therefore thus
says the Lord Y_{HWH}:
‘Because you have
forgotten **Me** and
cast **Me** behind your back,
Therefore you shall bear the *penalty of*
Your lewdness and
Your harlotry.’”

Y_{HWH}'s Judgment on Both Sisters

36 ¶ **Y_{HWH}** also said to me:
“Son of man, will you judge
Oholah and
Oholibah?
Then declare to them
their abominations. 37 For
They have committed adultery,
and *blood is* on their hands.
They have
committed adultery
with their idols, and even
sacrificed their sons
whom they bore to **Me**,
passing them through *the fire*,
to devour *them*. 38

Moreover they have done this to **Me**:
They have
defiled **My sanctuary**
on the same day and
profaned **My Sabbaths.** 39
For after they had slain their children
for their idols,
on the same day
they came into **My sanctuary**
to profane it; and indeed thus
they have done
in the midst of **My house.** 40
Furthermore you [*Oholah & Oholibah*]
sent for men to come from afar,
to whom a messenger *was* sent;
and there they came.
And you
washed yourself for them,
painted your eyes, and
adorned yourself with ornaments. 41
You sat on a stately couch,
with a table prepared before it,
on which you had set
My incense and
My oil. 42
The sound of a carefree multitude
was with her, and
Sabaeans [*people from Sheba*] were
brought from the wilderness
with men of the common sort,
who put
bracelets on their wrists and
beautiful crowns on their heads. 43
Then I said concerning *her*
who had grown old in adulteries,
‘**Will they commit harlotry with**
her now, and she with them?’ 44

Yet they went in to her,
as men go in to a woman
who plays the harlot;
thus they went in to
Oholah and
Oholibah,
the lewd women. 45
But **righteous** men will judge them
after the manner of adulteresses,
and
after the manner of women
who shed *blood*,
because
they *are* adulteresses, and
blood is on their hands. 46
For thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:
‘Bring up an assembly against them,
Give them up to trouble and plunder. 47
The assembly shall
stone them with stones and
execute them with their swords;
They shall
slay their sons and their daughters,
and
burn their houses with **fire.** 48
Thus I will cause
lewdness to cease from *the land*,
that all women may be taught
not to practice
your lewdness. 49
They shall repay you
for your lewdness, and
you shall pay
for your idolatrous sins.
Then you shall know
that I am the Lord Y_{HWH}.”

[Four parallel columns:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Ki 25](#)]

2 Kings 25:1-2 ||
Siege of Jerusalem: Third Captivity

25:1 ¶ Now it came to pass

in the ninth year of

his reign,

in the tenth month,

on the tenth day of the month,

[Zed-09/10/10 = J'chin-Cap-

10/10/10; so January 15, 588 BC]

that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around.

2 So the city was besieged

until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah

[Zed-11 (= Neb-18: Je 52:29)].

[This parallel continues Aug 26]

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 50-52](#)]

Jeremiah 52:4-5 ||
Siege of Jerusalem: Third Captivity

4 Now it came to pass

in the ninth year of

his reign,

in the tenth month,

on the tenth day of the month,

[Zed-09/10/10 = J'chin-Cap-

10/10/10; so January 15, 588 BC]

that Nebuchadnezzar² king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem and encamped against it; and they built a siege wall against it all around.

5 So the city was besieged

until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah

[Zed-11 (= Neb-18: Je 52:29)].

[This parallel continues Aug 26]

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 37-44](#)]

Jeremiah 39:1 ||
Siege of Jerusalem: Third Captivity

39:1 ¶

In the ninth year of

Zedekiah king of Judah,

in the tenth month

[Zed-09/10/dd = J'chin-Cap-10/10/dd; hence, dd = 10 by //],

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army came against Jerusalem, and

besieged it.

[This parallel continues Aug 26]

Ezekiel 24:1a **588BC/01/15**
Siege of Jerusalem: Third Captivity

24:1 ¶ Again,

in the ninth year,

in the tenth month,

on the tenth day of the month,

[Zed-09/10/10 = J'chin-Cap-10/10/10; so January 15, 588 BC;

thus, at the start of the third siege; this also starts 70 years of YHWH's wrath or indignation: [Da 8:19](#)]

[Continued next:]

[Audio: S. Gregg [Eze 15...23-24](#)]

Ezekiel 24:1b-14 **588BC/01/15**

The Sign of the Cooking Pot

[NOT parallel columns:]

the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 2

“Son of man, write down the name of the day, this very day — the king of Babylon started his siege against Jerusalem this very day. 3 And utter a parable to the rebellious house, and say to them,

“Thus says the Lord YHWH:

“Put on a pot,

Set it on, and also

Pour water into it. 4

Gather pieces of meat in it,

Every good piece,

The thigh and the shoulder.

Fill it with choice cuts; 5

Take the choice of the flock. Also

Pile fuel bones under it,

Make it boil well, and

Let the cuts simmer in it.” 6

Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH:

“Woe

to the bloody city,

to the pot

whose scum is in it, and

whose scum is not gone from it!

Bring it out piece by piece,

on which no lot has fallen. 7

For her blood is in her midst;

She set it on top of a rock;

She did not pour it on the ground,

to cover it with dust. 8

That it may

raise up fury and

take vengeance,

I have set her blood on top of a rock,

That it may not be covered.” 9

² Hebrew *Nebuchadrezzar*, a variant name for Nebuchadnezzar; also in [Je 52:12, 28, 29, 30](#).

Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH:

“Woe

to the bloody city!

I too will make the pyre great. 10

Heap on the wood,

Kindle the fire;

Cook the meat well,

Mix in the spices, and

Let the cuts be burned up. 11 Then

Set the pot empty on the coals,

That it may become hot and

its bronze may burn,

That its filthiness may be melted in it,

That its scum may be consumed. 12

She has grown weary with lies, and

Her great scum has not gone from her.

Let her scum be in the fire! 13

In your filthiness is lewdness.

Because I have cleansed you, and you were not cleansed, you will not be cleansed of your filthiness anymore,

Till I have caused

My fury to rest upon you. 14

I, YHWH, have spoken it;

It shall come to pass, and

I will do it;

I will not hold back,

Nor will I spare,

Nor will I relent;

According to your ways and

According to your deeds,

They will judge you.”

says the Lord YHWH.”

Ezekiel 24:15-27

The Death of Ezekiel's Wife

15 ¶ Also the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 16

“Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down. 17

Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet; do not cover your lips, and do not eat man's bread of sorrow.” 18

So I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died; and the next morning

I did as I was commanded. 19 And the people said to me, “Will you not tell us what these things signify to us, that you behave so?” 20

Then I answered them, “The word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 21

“Speak to the house of Israel, “Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, your arrogant boast, the desire of your eyes, the delight of your soul;

and your sons and daughters whom you left behind shall fall by the sword. 22 And you shall do as I have done; you shall not cover your lips nor eat man's bread of sorrow. 23

Your turbans shall be on your heads and your sandals on your feet; you shall neither mourn nor weep, but

you shall pine away in your iniquities and mourn with one another. 24

Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you; according to all that he has done, you shall do; and when this comes, you shall know that I am the Lord Y^{HWH}.” 25

And you, son of man — will it not be in the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters: 26

that on that day one who escapes will come to you to let you hear it with your ears? 27

On that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped; you shall speak and no longer be mute. Thus you will be a sign to them, and they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.”

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 25-32, 35]

Ezekiel 25

A Message for Ammon

25:1 ¶ The word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 2

“Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them.

3 Say to the Ammonites, ‘Hear the word of the Lord Y^{HWH}!

Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Because you said, ‘Aha!’, against My sanctuary when it was profaned, and against the land of Israel when it was desolate, and against the house of Judah when they went into captivity, 4

indeed, therefore, I will deliver you as a possession to the men of the East, and they shall set their encampments

among you and make their dwellings among you; they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk. 5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels and Ammon a resting place for flocks. Then you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.” 6

For thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Because you clapped your hands, stamped your feet, and rejoiced in heart with all your disdain for the land of Israel, 7 indeed, therefore, I will stretch out My hand against you, and give you as plunder to the nations; I will cut you off from the peoples, and I will cause you to perish from the countries; I will destroy you, and you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.”

A Message for Moab

8 ¶ Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Because Moab and Seir say, ‘Look! The house of Judah is like all the nations’, 9 therefore, behold, I will clear the territory of Moab of cities, of the cities on its frontier, the glory of the country, Beth Jeshimoth

[“house of the desolation”],

Baal Meon

[“lord of the habitation”], and

Kirjathaim

[“two cities”]. 10

To the men of the East I will give it as a possession, together with the Ammonites, that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations. 11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab, and they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.”

A Message for Edom

12 Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Because of what Edom did against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended by avenging itself on them,” 13

therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“I will also stretch out My hand against Edom, cut off man and beast from it, and make it desolate from Teman; Dedan shall fall by the sword. 14

I will lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Israel, that they may do in Edom according to My anger and according to My fury; and they shall know My vengeance.” says the Lord Y^{HWH}.

A Message for Philistia

15 Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Because the Philistines dealt vengefully and took vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy because of the old hatred,” 16 therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines, and

I will cut off the Cherethites [“executioners”] and destroy the remnant of the seacoast. 17

I will execute great vengeance on them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}, when I lay My vengeance upon them.”

[Ezekiel 26:1-28:26 to Aug 25]

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Jeremiah 34:1-7

Jeremiah 37:1-10

Jeremiah 34:8-22

Jeremiah 21:1-14

Jeremiah 32:1-25

Jeremiah 37:11-21

Jeremiah 32:26-44

[Audio: Steve Gregg: [Je 33-36](#)]

Jeremiah 34:1-7 [\[p8\]](#)

A Warning for Zedekiah

34:1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all his army, all the kingdoms of the lands [earth] under his dominion, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem and all its cities, saying, 2

“Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel:

“Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah and tell him,

“Thus says YHWH:

“Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. 3 And you shall not escape from his hand, but shall surely be taken and delivered into his hand; your eyes shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, he shall speak with you face to face, and you shall go to Babylon.” 4

Yet hear the word of YHWH,

O Zedekiah king of Judah!

Thus says YHWH concerning you:

“You shall not die by the sword. 5

You shall die in peace;

as in the ceremonies of your fathers, the former kings who were before you, so they shall burn *incense* for you and lament for you, saying,

“Alas, lord!”

For I have pronounced the word,

says YHWH.” 6

Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, 7 when the king of Babylon’s army fought against

Jerusalem and

all the cities of Judah that were left: against

Lachish [“invincible”] and

Azekah [“dug over”];

for only these fortified cities remained of the cities of Judah.

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Je 37-44](#)]

Jeremiah 37:4-5 [\[p6\]](#)

Temporary Lift of the Siege

[Cf. [Je 34:8, 21-22](#); [32:1-2](#)]

Now Jeremiah was coming and going [freely] among the people, for they had not yet put him in prison (v15). 5

Then Pharaoh’s army came up from Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who were besieging Jerusalem [Third Siege] heard news of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 37:1-3, 6-10 [\[v11\]](#)

Zedekiah Calls for Jeremiah

37:1 ¶ Now King Zedekiah

the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah [aka Jeconiah, aka Jehoiachin] the son of Jehoiakim, [Zedekiah:] whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah [2Ki 24:12 || 2Ch 36:10]. 2

But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land gave heed to the words of YHWH that He spoke by the prophet Jeremiah. 3 And Zedekiah the king sent

Jehucal [“YHWH is able”; aka Jucal: 38:1] the son of Shelemiah

[“YHWH has repaid”], and

Zephaniah [“YHWH has treasured”]

the son of Maaseiah

[“YHWH’s work”], the priest,

to the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

“Pray now to YHWH our God

for us.” [4-5 moved above] 6

Then the word of YHWH came to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7

“Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel,

“Thus you shall say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me:

“Behold, Pharaoh’s army, which has come up to help you, will return to Egypt, to their own land. 8

And the Chaldeans shall

come back and

fight against this city, and

take it and

burn it with fire.” 9

“Thus says YHWH:

“Do not deceive yourselves, saying,

“The Chaldeans will surely

depart from us,”

for they will not depart. 10 For though you had defeated the whole army of the Chaldeans who fight against you, and there remained only wounded men among them, they would rise up, every man in his tent, and burn the city with fire.”

Jeremiah 34:8-22 [\[ch.35\]](#)

Freedom for Hebrew Slaves

8 ¶ This is the word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH, after King Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people

who were at Jerusalem to proclaim liberty to them: 9

that every man should set free his male and female slave

— a Hebrew man or woman —

that no one should keep

a Jewish brother in bondage. 10

Now when all the princes and all the people, who had entered into the covenant, heard that everyone should set free his male and female slaves, that no one should keep them in bondage anymore, they obeyed and let them go. 11

But afterward they changed their minds and made the male and female slaves return, whom they had set free, and brought them into subjection as male and female slaves. 12

Therefore the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying, 13

“Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel:

“I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them

out of the land of Egypt,

out of the house of bondage,

saying, 14

“At the end of seven [7] years let every man set free his Hebrew brother, who has been sold to him; and when he has served you six [6] years, you shall let him go free from you.” [Ex 21:2]

But your fathers did not obey Me nor incline their ear. 15 Then you recently turned and did what was right in My sight — every man proclaiming liberty to his neighbor; and you made a covenant before Me in the house that is called by My name. 16 Then you turned around and profaned My name,

and every one of you brought back his male and female slaves, whom you had set at liberty, at their pleasure, and brought them back into subjection, to be your male and female slaves.’ 17

Therefore **thus says YHWH**:
‘You have not obeyed Me in proclaiming liberty, everyone to his brother and everyone to his neighbor.

Behold, I proclaim liberty to you,’

says YHWH —
‘to the sword,
to pestilence, and
to famine!

And I will deliver you to trouble among all the kingdoms of the lands [earth]. 18 And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant that they made before Me, when they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it — 19

the princes of Judah,
the princes of Jerusalem,
the eunuchs,
the priests, and

all the people of the land

who passed between
the parts of the calf — 20

I will give them

into the hand of their enemies and
into the hand of those
who seek their life.

Their dead bodies shall be for meat for the birds of the heaven and the beasts of the land [earth]. 21

And I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes into the hand of their enemies, into the hand of those who seek their life, and

into the hand of
the king of Babylon’s army,
which has gone back from you. 22
Behold, I will command’,

says YHWH,
‘and cause them to return to this city.

They will
fight against it and
take it and
burn it with fire;

and I will make the cities of Judah
a desolation without inhabitant.’”

[Jeremiah 35 moved to Aug 11]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Je 21-23]

Jeremiah 21

No Deliverance from Babylon

21:1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH

when King Zedekiah sent to him

Pashhur [“freedom”] [38:1]

the son of Melchiah

[“YHWH is my king”], and

Zephaniah [“YHWH has treasured”]

the son of Maaseiah [29:29]

[“YHWH-made”],

the priest,

saying, 2

“Please inquire of YHWH for us, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes war against us. Perhaps YHWH will deal with us according to all His wonderful works, that the king may go away from us.” 3

Then Jeremiah said to them,

“Thus you shall say to Zedekiah, 4

‘Thus says YHWH God of Israel:

‘Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon and the Chaldeans who besiege you outside the walls; and I will assem-

ble them in the midst of this city. 5
I Myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger and fury and great wrath.

6 I will strike the inhabitants of this city,
both man and beast;

they shall die of a great pestilence. 7
And afterward,”

says YHWH,

“I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants and the people, and such as are left in this city from

the pestilence and
the sword and
the famine,

into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar

king of Babylon,

into the hand of their enemies, and

into the hand of those

who seek their life;

and he shall strike them with the edge of the sword. He shall not spare them, or have pity or mercy.”

8 ¶

Now you shall say to this people,

‘Thus says YHWH:

“Behold, I set before you

the way of life and

the way of death. 9

He who remains in this city shall die

by the sword,

by famine, and

by pestilence; but

he who goes out

and defects to the Chaldeans

who besiege you,

he shall live, and his life shall be

as a prize to him. 10

For I have set My face against this city

for adversity and not for good”,

says YHWH.

“It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.” 11

Judgment on Judah’s Kings

And concerning

the house of the king of Judah, say,

‘Hear the word of YHWH, 12

O house of David!

Thus says YHWH:

“Execute judgment in the morning; and Deliver him who is plundered

Out of the hand of the oppressor,

Lest My fury go forth like fire

And burn so that no one can quench it,

Because of the evil of your doings. 13

Behold, I am against you,

O inhabitant of the valley,

And rock of the plain,”

says YHWH,

“Who say,

‘Who shall come down against us? Or

Who shall enter our dwellings?’ 14

But I will punish you

according to the fruit of your doings.”

says YHWH;

“I will kindle a fire in its forest, and

It shall devour all things around it.””

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 31:23-ch.32]

Jeremiah 32:1-25

Jeremiah Buys Land

32:1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH in the tenth [10th] year of

Zedekiah king of Judah

[Zed-10 = J’chin-Cap-11 = Neb-18],

which was the eighteenth [18th] year

of Nebuchadnezzar. 2

[Zed-Reign: 10 = JudahYear:389,

so 3418 AB = 587 BC, per Jones]

For then the king of Babylon’s army besieged Jerusalem [again after re-

turning from dealing with Pharaoh], and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house. 3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying,

“Why do you prophesy and say,

“Thus says YHWH:

“Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4 and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape from the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face, and see him eye to eye [34:3]; 5

then he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall be until I visit him.” says YHWH;

“Though you fight with the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed”?” 6 And Jeremiah said,

“The word of YHWH came to me, saying, 7

“Behold,

Hanamel [“God is gracious”]

the son of Shallum

[“retribution”] your uncle

[so, your cousin Hanamel]

will come to you, saying,

“Buy my field that is in Anathoth [“answers to prayer”; Jeremiah's birthplace: ref?], for the right of redemption is yours to buy it.” 8

Then Hanamel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of YHWH, and said to me,

“Please buy my field that is in Anathoth, which is in the country of Benjamin, for the right of inheritance is yours, and the redemption yours; buy it for yourself.”

Then I knew that this was the word of YHWH. 9

So I bought the field from Hanamel, the son of my uncle who was in Anathoth, and weighed out to him the money — seventeen [17] shekels of silver. 10

And I signed the deed and sealed it, took witnesses, and weighed the money on the scales. 11

So I took the purchase deed, both that which was sealed according to the law and custom, and that which was open; 12

and I gave the purchase deed to Baruch [“blessed”] the son of Neriah [“YHWH's lamp”], son of Mahseiah

[“YHWH is a shelter”],

in the presence of Hanamel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who signed the purchase deed, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the prison. 13

Then I charged Baruch before them, saying, 14

“Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel:

“Take these deeds, both this purchase deed that is sealed and this deed that is open, and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last many days.” 15

For thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel:

“Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.””

Jeremiah's Prayer

16 ¶ Now when I had delivered the purchase deed to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to YHWH, saying: 17

“Ah, Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]!

Behold, You have made

the heavens and

the land [earth]

by Your great power and outstretched arm.

There is nothing too hard for You. 18 You show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them — the Great, the Mighty God,

whose name is YHWH of hosts, 19 great in counsel and mighty in work,

for Your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. 20

You have set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, to this day, and in Israel and among other men; and

You have made Yourself a name [reputation], as it is this day. 21

You have brought Your people Israel out of the land of Egypt

with signs and wonders,

with a strong hand and

an outstretched arm, and

with great terror; 22

You have given them this land, of which You swore to their fathers to give them — a land flowing with milk and honey. 23 And they came in and took possession of it, but they

have not obeyed Your voice or walked in Your law.

They have done nothing of all that You commanded them to do; therefore You have caused all this calamity to come upon them. 24

Look, the siege mounds!

They have come to the city to take it; and the city has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans [Babylonians] who fight against it, because of the sword and famine and pestilence. What You have spoken has happened; there You see it! 25 And You have said to me, O Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH],

“Buy the field for money, and take witnesses! — yet the city has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans.” [32:26-44 follow:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Je 37-44]

Jeremiah 37:11-21 [ch.38]

Jeremiah is Imprisoned

11 ¶ And it happened, when the army of the Chaldeans left the siege of Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, 12 that Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin to claim his property there among the people. 13 And when he was in the Gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard was there whose name was

Irijah [“YHWH sees me”

the son of Shelemiah [same as v.3?], the son of Hananiah

[“YHWH has favored”];

and he seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

“You are defecting to the Chaldeans!” 14

Then Jeremiah said,

“False!

I am not defecting to the Chaldeans.”

But he did not listen to him. So Irijah seized Jeremiah and brought him to the princes. 15 Therefore the princes were angry with Jeremiah, and they struck him and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe. For they had made that the prison. 16 When Jeremiah entered the dungeon and the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days, 17 then Zedekiah the king sent and took him out. The king asked him secretly in his house, and said, "Is there any word from YHWH?" And Jeremiah said, "There is." Then he said, "You shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon!" 18 Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, "What offense have I committed against you, against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison? 19 Where now are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, 'The king of Babylon will not come against you or against this land'? 20 Therefore please hear now, O my lord the king. Please, let my petition be accepted before you, and do not make me return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there." 21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah to the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread from the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was gone. Thus

Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison. [Jeremiah38 follows Jeremiah 33] [Audio: S. Gregg Je 31:23-ch.32] Jeremiah 32:26-44 [ch.33] Jeremiah Predicts Jerusalem's Fall 26 ¶ Then the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, saying, 27 "Behold, I am YHWH, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me? 28 Therefore thus says YHWH: 'Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it. 29 And the Chaldeans who fight against this city shall come and set fire to this city and burn it, with the houses on whose roofs they have offered incense to Baal and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke Me to anger; 30 because the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done only evil before Me from their youth. For the children of Israel have provoked Me only to anger with the work of their hands.' says YHWH. 31 "For this city has been to Me a provocation of My anger and My fury from the day that they built it, even to this day; so I will remove it from before My face 32 because of all the evil of the children of Israel and the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger — they, their kings, their princes, their priests,

their prophets, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 33 And they have turned to Me the back, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. 34 But they set their abominations in the house that is called by My name, to defile it. 35 And they built the high places of Baal that are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom [called Gehenna in Greek, hence, the New Testament], to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. 36 An Everlasting Covenant Promised Now therefore, thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence': 37 "Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. 38 They shall be My people, and I will be their God; 39 then

I will give them one heart and one way ["I am the way..."], that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. 40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me. 41 Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.' 42 For thus says YHWH: 'Just as I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have promised them. 43 And fields will be bought in this land of which you say, "It is desolate, without man or beast; it has been given into the hand of the Chaldeans." 44 Men will buy fields for money, sign deeds and seal them, and take witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, in the places around Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah, in the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South; for I will cause their captives to return,' says YHWH."

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Jeremiah 33:1-26; 38:1-28

Jeremiah 39:15-18 from Aug 26

Ezekiel 29:1-16

Ezekiel 29:17-30:19 to Sep 6

Ezekiel 30:20-31:18

Ezekiel 32:1-16 to Aug 31

Ezekiel 32:17-33:20 to Sep 1

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 33-36]

Jeremiah 33 [ch. 34, 35, 36, 37]

Peace, Prosperity, Messiah Promised

33:1 ¶ Moreover the word of YHWH

came to Jeremiah a second time

[32:1-2 and/or 26?], while he was

still shut up in the court of the prison,

saying, 2 [re Jerusalem.]

“Thus says YHWH who made it,

YHWH who formed it to establish it

(YHWH is His name): 3

‘Call to Me, and I will answer you,
and show you great and mighty
things, which you do not know.’ 4

For thus says YHWH,

the God of Israel,

concerning [Jerusalem]

the houses of this city and

the houses of the kings of Judah,

[hence, palaces]

which have been pulled down

to fortify against the siege mounds

and the sword: 5

‘They come to fight with the Chalde-

ans, but only to fill their places with

the dead bodies of men whom I will

slay in My anger and My fury [NLT:

the Babylonians will still enter. The

men of this city are already as good as

dead], all for whose wickedness I have

hidden My face from this city. 6

Behold,

I will bring it health and healing;

I will heal them and reveal to them the

abundance of peace and truth. 7 And

I will cause

the captives of Judah and

the captives of Israel

to return, and

will rebuild those places

as at the first. 8

I will cleanse them

from all their iniquity

by which they have sinned

against Me, and

I will pardon all their iniquities

by which they have sinned and

by which they have transgressed

against Me. 9

Then it [Jerusalem] shall be to Me

a name of joy,

a praise, and

an honor

before all nations of the lands [earth],

who shall hear all the good

that I do to them;

they shall fear and tremble for

all the goodness and

all the prosperity

that I provide for it [Jerusalem].’

10 ¶ Thus says YHWH:

‘Again there shall be heard in this place

— of which you say,

‘It is desolate,

without man and without beast’

— in the cities of Judah,

in the streets of Jerusalem

that are desolate,

without man and

without inhabitant and

without beast, 11

the voice of joy and

the voice of gladness,

the voice of the bridegroom and

the voice of the bride,

the voice of those who will say:

“Praise YHWH of hosts,

For YHWH is good,

For His mercy endures forever”

— and of those who will bring the

sacrifice of praise into the house of

YHWH. For I will cause the captives of

the land to return as at the first.’

says YHWH. 12

Thus says YHWH of hosts:

‘In this place,

which is desolate,

without man and

without beast, and

in all its cities,

there shall again be

a dwelling place of shepherds

causing their flocks to lie down. 13

In the cities of the mountains,

in the cities of the lowland,

in the cities of the South [i.e. Negev],

in the land of Benjamin,

in the places around Jerusalem, and

in the cities of Judah,

the flocks shall again pass under

the hands of him who counts them.’

says YHWH. 14

‘Behold,

the days are coming’,

says YHWH,

‘that I will perform that good thing

that I have promised

to the house of Israel and

to the house of Judah: 15

In those days and

at that time

I will cause to grow up to David

a Branch of righteousness;

He [Messiah] shall execute

judgment and

righteousness

in the lands [earth]. 16

In those days [23:5-6 – He vs she]

Judah will be saved, And

Jerusalem will dwell safely.

And this is the name

by which she [Jeru.] will be called:

YHWH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS’.

17 ¶ For thus says YHWH:

‘David shall never

lack a man [i.e., the Messiah]

to sit on the throne

of the house of Israel; 18

nor shall the priests, the Levites,

lack a man [Isa 2:30 cond'l; Is 66:19e]

to offer burnt offerings before Me,

to kindle grain offerings, and

to sacrifice continually.” 19

And the word of YHWH came to Jere-

miah, saying, 20

“Thus says YHWH:

‘If you can break

My covenant with the day and

My covenant with the night,

so that there will not be

day and night

in their time [season], 21

then My covenant may also be broken

with David My servant,

so that he shall not have a son

to reign on his throne, and

with the Levites,

the priests,

My ministers. 22

As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant [Messiah] and the Levites who minister to Me.”²³

[[^]Christians: [Is 66:18](#)]

[Audio: [S. Gregg Je 33:23-ch.37](#)]

Moreover the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, saying,²⁴

“Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying,

‘The two families

that YHWH has chosen,

He has also cast them off?’

Thus they have despised My people, as if they should no more be a nation before them.²⁵

Thus says YHWH:

‘If My covenant is not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and land [earth] [i.e., the laws of nature/physics],²⁶ then I will cast away the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, so that I will not take any of his descendants to be rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

For I will cause their captives to return, and will have mercy on them.”

[Audio: [S. Gregg Je 37-44](#)]

Jeremiah 38

[[ch.39](#)]

Jeremiah in a Cistern

38:1 ¶ Now

Shephatiah [“YHWH has judged”]

the son of Mattan [“a gift”],

Gedaliah [“YHWH is great”]

the son of Pashhur [“freedom”],

Jucal [“YHWH is able”; aka Jehucal:

[37:3](#)] the son of Shelemiah

[“YHWH has repaid”], and

Pashhur [“freedom”]

the son of Malchiah

[“YHWH is my king”; cf. [v.6](#)]

heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying,²

“Thus says YHWH:

‘He who remains in this city shall die

by the sword,

by famine, and

by pestilence;

but he who goes over to the Chaldeans shall live; his life shall be as a prize to him, and he shall live.’ [Je 21:9]³

Thus says YHWH:

‘This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon’s army, which shall take it.’⁴

Therefore the princes said to the king,

“Please, let this man be put to death,

for thus he weakens the hands of [discourages] the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man does not seek the welfare of this people, but their harm.”⁵

Then Zedekiah the king said,

“Look, he is in your hand. For the king can do nothing against you.”⁶

So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the king’s son [cf. [v1](#)], which was in the court of the prison, and they let Jeremiah down with ropes. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire. So Jeremiah sank in the mire.⁷ Now Ebed-Melech [“the king’s servant”] the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs, who was in the king’s house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon. When the king was sitting at the Gate of Benjamin,⁸

Ebed-Melech went out of the king’s house and spoke to the king, saying:⁹

“My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon, and he is likely to die from hunger in the place where he is. For there is no more bread in the city.”¹⁰

Then the king commanded Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, saying,

“Take from here thirty [30] men with you, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon before he dies.”¹¹

So Ebed-Melech took the men with him and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took from there old clothes and old rags, and let them down by ropes into the dungeon to Jeremiah.¹² Then Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah,

“Please put these old clothes and rags under your armpits, under the ropes.”

And Jeremiah did so.¹³ So they pulled Jeremiah up with ropes and lifted him out of the dungeon. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

Zedekiah Questions Jeremiah

14 ¶ Then Zedekiah the king sent and had Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at the third entrance of the house of YHWH. And the king said to Jeremiah, “I will ask you something.

Hide nothing from me.”¹⁵

Jeremiah said to Zedekiah,

“If I declare it to you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you advice, you will not listen to me.”¹⁶

So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying,

“As YHWH lives, who made our very souls, I will not put you to death, nor will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life.”¹⁷

Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah,

“Thus says YHWH,

the God of hosts,

the God of Israel:

‘If you surely surrender

to the king of Babylon’s princes, then your soul shall live,

this city shall not be burned with fire, and you and your house shall live.¹⁸

But if you do not surrender

to the king of Babylon’s princes, then this city shall be given into the hand

of the Chaldeans,

they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand.”¹⁹

And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah,

“I am afraid of the Jews

who have defected to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they abuse me.”²⁰

But Jeremiah said,

“They shall not deliver you.

Please, obey the voice of YHWH that I speak to you. So it shall be well with you, and your soul shall live.²¹ But

if you refuse to surrender, this is the word that YHWH has shown me:²²

‘Now behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah’s house shall be surrendered to the king of Babylon’s princes, and those women shall say:

“Your close friends have set upon you And prevailed against you;

Your feet have sunk in the mire, And They have turned away again.”²³

So they shall surrender all your wives and children to the Chaldeans. You shall not escape from their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon. And you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.”²⁴

Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, “Let no one know of these words, and you shall not die.²⁵ But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say to you,

‘Declare to us now what you have said to the king, and also what the king said to you; do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death.’²⁶ then you shall say to them, ‘I presented my request before the king, that he would not make me return to Jonathan’s house to die there.’”²⁷

Then all the princes came to Jeremiah and asked him. And he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they stopped speaking with him, for the conversation had not been heard.²⁸ Now Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

And he was there when Jerusalem was taken. [Jeremiah 39:1 follows Ezekiel 23] [Jeremiah 39:2-14 begins August 23]

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 37-44]
Jeremiah 39:15-18
A Message for Ebed-Melech
¹⁵ Meanwhile the word of Y^{HWH} had come to Jeremiah while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying,¹⁶

“Go and speak to Ebed-Melech [“servant of the king”] the Ethiopian, saying,

‘Thus says Y^{HWH} of hosts, the God of Israel:

“Behold, I will bring My words upon this city for adversity and not for good, and they shall be performed in that day before you.¹⁷ But I will deliver you in that day.”

says Y^{HWH}, “and you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid.¹⁸ For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword; but your life shall be as a prize to you, because you have put your trust in Me.”

says Y^{HWH}.”
[Jeremiah 40 follows Jeremiah 39:14a]

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 25-32, 35]
Ezekiel 29:1-16 587BC/01/07
A Prophecy Against Egypt

^{29:1} ¶ In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, [Zed-10/10/12 = J’chin-Cap-11/10/12; so January 7, 587 BC]

the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying,² “Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt.³ Speak, and say,

‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Behold, I am against you, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great dragon [monster] [dinosaur] Who lies in the midst of his rivers, Who has said,

‘My River is my own; I have made it for myself.’⁴

But

I will

put hooks in your jaws, And cause the fish of ‘your’ rivers to stick to your scales;

I will bring you up

out of the midst of ‘your’ rivers, And all the fish in ‘your’ rivers will stick to your scales.⁵

I will leave you in the wilderness,

You and all the fish of ‘your’ rivers; You shall fall on the open field; You shall not be picked up or gathered.

I have given you as food

To the beasts of the field And To the birds of the heavens.⁶

Then all the inhabitants of Egypt Shall know that I am Y^{HWH},

Because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.⁷

When they took hold of you with the hand,

You broke and tore all their shoulders;

When they leaned on you, You broke

and made all their backs quiver.”

⁸ ¶

Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Surely I will bring a sword upon you and cut off from you man and beast.⁹ And the land of Egypt shall become desolate and waste.

Then they will know that I am Y^{HWH}, because he said,

‘The River is mine, and I have made it.’¹⁰

Indeed, therefore, I am against you and against ‘your’ rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate, from

Migdol [“tower”] to Syene [“her veiling”(?)],

as far as the border of Ethiopia.¹¹

Neither foot of man shall pass through it nor foot of beast pass through it, and it shall be uninhabited forty [40] years.

¹² I will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and among the cities that are laid waste, her cities shall be desolate forty [40] years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries.”¹³

Yet, thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“At the end of forty [40] years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples among whom they were scattered.

¹⁴ I will bring back the captives of Egypt and cause them to return to the land of Pathros [“region of the south”], to the land of their origin, and there they shall be a lowly kingdom.¹⁵

It shall be the lowliest of kingdoms; it shall never again exalt itself above the nations, for I will diminish them

so that they will not rule over the nations anymore.¹⁶ No longer shall it be the confidence of the house of Israel,

but will remind them of their iniquity when they turned to follow them.

Then they shall know that I am the Lord Y^{HWH}.”

[Ezekiel 29:17-30:19 to Sep 6]

Ezekiel 30:20-26 587BC/04/29

Pharaoh's Arms to be Broken

20 ¶ And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh day of the month, [Zed-11/01/07 = J'chin-Cap-12/01/07; so April 29, 587 BC] that the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 21

“Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and see, it has not been bandaged for healing, nor a splint put on to bind it, to make it strong enough to hold a sword. 22

Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Surely I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, both the strong one and the one that was broken; and I will make the sword fall out of his hand. 23 I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them throughout the countries. 24 I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon and put My sword in his hand; but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he will groan before him with the groanings of a mortally wounded man. 25 Thus I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down.

They shall know that I am Y^{HWH}, when I put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon and he stretches it out against the land of Egypt. 26

I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them throughout the countries.

Then they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.”

Ezekiel 31 587BC/05/28

Egypt Compared to Fallen Assyria

31:1 ¶ Now it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, [Zed-11/03/01 = J'chin-Cap-11/03/01; so May 28, 587 BC] that the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 2

“Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude:

‘Whom are you like in your greatness?’ 3

Indeed

Assyria was

A cedar in Lebanon, With fine branches that shaded the forest, And Of high stature; And Its top was among the thick boughs. 4 The waters made it grow; Underground waters gave it height, With their rivers running around the place where it was planted, And sent out rivulets to all the trees of the field. 5

Therefore

Its height was exalted above all the trees of the field; Its boughs were multiplied, And Its branches became long

Because of the abundance of water, As it sent them out. 6

All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs; Under its branches

All the beasts of the field brought forth their young;

And in its shadow

All great nations made their home. 7

Thus it was beautiful in greatness and in the length of its branches,

Because its roots reached to abundant waters. 8

The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it;

The fir trees were not like its boughs, And The chestnut trees were not like its branches;

No tree in the garden of God was like it in beauty. 9

I made it beautiful with a multitude of branches, So that all the trees of Eden envied it, That were in the garden of God.’

10 ¶

Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Because you [Pharaoh] have increased in height, and it [Egypt] set its top among the thick boughs, and its heart was lifted up in its height, 11 therefore I will deliver it into the hand of the mighty one of the nations [Babylon], and he [Nebuchadnezzar] shall surely deal with it; I have driven it out for its wickedness. 12 And aliens, the most terrible of the nations, have cut it down and left it; its branches have fallen on the mountains and in all the valleys; its boughs lie broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the peoples of the lands [earth] have gone from under its shadow and left it. 13 On its ruin will remain all the birds of the heavens, And all the beasts of the field will come to its branches — 14 So that no trees by the waters may ever again exalt themselves for their height, nor set their tops among the thick boughs,

that no tree that drinks water may ever be high enough to reach up to them.

For they have all been delivered

To death,

To the depths of the land [earth],

Among the children of men who go down to the Pit.’ 15

Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

‘In the day when it went down to Sheol,³ I caused mourning.

I covered the deep because of it.

I restrained its rivers, and the great waters were held back.

I caused Lebanon to mourn for it, and all the trees of the field

wilted because of it. 16

I made the nations shake at the sound of its fall,

when I cast it down to Sheol³, together with those who descend into the Pit; and all the trees of Eden,

the choice and best of Lebanon,

all that drink water, were comforted in the depths of the land [earth]. 17

They also went down to Sheol³, with it, with those slain by the sword; and those who were its strong arm dwelt in its shadows among the nations. 18

To which of the trees in Eden will you then be likened in glory and greatness?

Yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden

to the depths of the land [earth];

you shall lie

in the midst of the uncircumcised, with those slain by the sword.

This is Pharaoh and all his multitude.’ says the Lord Y^{HWH}.”

³ NKJ: hell; Hebrew: the place of the dead, the grave, the pit, death. [Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes](#)

[Ezekiel 32:1-44 moved to Aug 23]

[Ezekiel 33:1-20 moved to Sep 1]

August 25

Ezekiel 26:1-28:26 from Aug 22

Ezekiel 29:1-16 to Aug 24

Ezekiel 29:17-30:19 to Sep 6

Ezekiel 30:20-31:18 to Aug 24

Ezekiel 32:1-32 to Aug 31

Ezekiel 26 **Perhaps 587BC/06/27?**

A Prophecy Against Tyre

26:1 ¶ And it came to pass
in the eleventh [11th] year,
[in which month (mm)?]
on the first [1st] day of the month⁴,
[Zed-11/mm/01 =
J'chin-Cap-12/mm/01]

that the word of Y^{HWH} came to me,
saying, ²

“Son of man, because Tyre [“a rock”]
has said against Jerusalem,

‘Aha! She is broken who was the
gateway of the peoples; now she is
turned over to me; I shall be filled;
she is laid waste.’ ³

Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

‘Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and
[I] will cause many nations
to come up against you,
as the sea causes its waves

⁴ Since an element is missing in the date formula here, some scholars have reconstructed this probable reading: “In the eleventh [month of the twelfth] year, on the first day of the month”, which would put this message on February 3, 585 BC. [However, the standard form is “in the YY year, in the MM month, on the DD day of the month”, so my own best guess is Zed-11/04/01, which would be more like June 27, 587 BC, but it could be the first month.]

to come up. ⁴ And they shall
destroy the walls of Tyre and
break down her towers;

I will also
scrape her dust from her, and
make her like the top of a rock. ⁵
It shall be a place for spreading nets
in the midst of the sea,
for I have spoken;’

says the Lord Y^{HWH};
‘it shall become plunder
for the nations. ⁶
Also her daughter villages,
which are in the fields,
shall be slain by the sword.

Then they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.’ ⁷
For thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

‘Behold, I will bring against Tyre
from the north
Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon,
king of kings,
with horses,
with chariots, and
with horsemen, and an army
with many people. ⁸

He will
slay with the sword
your daughter villages in the fields.

He will
heap up a siege mound against you,
build a wall against you, and
raise a defense against you. ⁹

He will
direct his battering rams
against your walls, and
with his axes he will
break down your towers. ¹⁰

Because of the abundance of his horses,
their dust will cover you;
your walls will shake at the noise of

the horsemen,
the wagons, and
the chariots,
when he enters your gates,
as men enter a city
that has been breached. ¹¹
With the hooves of his horses
he will trample all your streets;
he will slay your people by the sword,
and your strong pillars
will fall to the ground. ¹²

They will
plunder your riches and
pillage your merchandise;
they will
break down your walls and
destroy your pleasant houses;

they will lay
your stones,
your timber, and
your soil
in the midst of the water. ¹³

I will put an end to
the sound of your songs, and
the sound of your harps
shall be heard no more. ¹⁴

I will make you like the top of a rock;
you shall be a place for spreading nets,
and you shall never be rebuilt,
for I Y^{HWH} have spoken.’
says the Lord Y^{HWH}.

¹⁵ ¶

The Effect of Tyre’s Destruction

Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH} to Tyre:

‘Will the coastlands not shake
at the sound of your fall,
when the wounded cry,
when slaughter is made
in the midst of you? ¹⁶

Then all the princes of the sea will
come down from their thrones,

lay aside their robes, and
take off their embroidered garments;
they will
clothe themselves with trembling;
they will
sit on the ground,
tremble every moment, and
be astonished at you. ¹⁷ And
they will
take up a lamentation for you, and
say to you:

“How you have perished,
O one inhabited by seafaring men,
O renowned city,
Who was strong at sea,
She and her inhabitants,
Who caused their terror to be
on all her inhabitants! ¹⁸

Now
the coastlands tremble
on the day of your fall; Yes,
the coastlands by the sea
are troubled at your departure.” ¹⁹

For thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

‘When I make you a desolate city,
like cities that are not inhabited,
when I bring the deep upon you, and
great waters cover you, ²⁰ then
I will bring you down
with those who descend into the Pit,
to the people of old, and

I will make you dwell in the lowest
part of the land [earth], in places
desolate from antiquity, with those
who go down to the Pit,
so that you may never be inhabited; and
I shall establish glory
in the land of the living. ²¹

I will make you a terror, and
you shall be no more;
though you are sought for,

you will never be found again.’
says the Lord Y^{HWH}.”

Ezekiel 27

A Lamentation for Tyre

27:1 ¶ The word of Y^{HWH} came again to me, saying, 2

“Now, son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyre, 3 and say to Tyre,

‘You who are situated at the entrance of the sea, merchant of the peoples on many coastlands,

thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“O Tyre, you have said, ‘I am perfect in beauty.’ 4

Your borders are in the midst of the seas.

Your builders have perfected your beauty. 5

They made all your planks of fir trees from Senir [“snow mountain”; the Amorite name for Mt. Hermon];

They took a cedar from Lebanon to make you a mast. 6

Of oaks from Bashan

They made your oars; The company of Ashurites

have inlaid your planks With ivory from the coasts of Cyprus. 7

Fine embroidered linen from Egypt was what you spread for your sail;

Blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah⁵

[“God of the coming (one)”] was what covered you. 8

⁵ The oldest of the four sons of Javan [*Genesis 10:4*] whose descendants peopled Greece. It has been supposed that Elishah’s descendants peopled the Peloponnesus, which was known by the name of Elis.

Inhabitants of Sidon [“hunting”] and Arvad [“I shall break loose”]

were your oarsmen;

Your wise men, O Tyre, were in you;

They became your pilots. 9

Elders of Gebal [“mountain”; a maritime town of Phoenicia near Tyre (modern Jebeil) known to the Greeks as Byblus] and its wise men

Were in you to caulk your seams;

All the ships of the sea And their oarsmen were in you

To market your merchandise. 10

Those from Persia, Lydia, and Libya Were in your army as men of war;

They hung shield and helmet in you; They gave splendor to you. 11

Men of Arvad with your army were on your walls all around,

And the Men of Gammad [brave warriors of valor]

were in your towers;

They hung their shields on your walls all around;

They made your beauty perfect. 12

Tarshish⁶ [“yellow-jasper”] was your merchant because of your many luxury goods.

⁶ Perhaps named after a son of Javan:

- 1) a city of the Phoenicians in a distant part of the Mediterranean Sea to which the prophet Jonah was trying to flee; site unknown but perhaps in Cyprus or Spain;
- 2) a city somewhere near and accessible to the Red Sea to which ships constructed at Ezion-geber on the Elanitic Gulf on the Red Sea were to sail.

They gave you silver, iron, tin, and lead for your goods. 13

Javan [“Ionia”/“Greece”], Tubal [“you shall be brought”], and Meshech [“drawing out”] [peoples⁷ named each after a son of Japheth and grandson of Noah] were your traders.

They bartered human lives and vessels of bronze for your merchandise. 14

Those from the house of Togarmah⁸ [“you will break her”]

traded for your wares with horses, steeds, and mules. 15

The men of Dedan⁹ [“low country”] were your traders;

Many isles were the market of your hand.

They brought you ivory tusks and ebony as payment. 16

Syria was your merchant because of the abundance of goods you made.

They gave you for your wares emeralds, purple, embroidery, fine linen, corals, and rubies. 17

Judah and the land of Israel were your traders.

⁷ Javan: the Greeks; Tubal: ~ Cappadocia (east Asia Minor); Meshech: his descendants are often mentioned in connection with Tubal, Magog, and other northern nations, including the Moschi, a people on the borders of Colchis and Armenia. (None of these are as far north as modern Russia.)

⁸ A territory settled by the descendants of Togarmah, son of Gomer, grandson of Japheth, and great grandson of Noah; probably the area known as Armenia.

⁹ The son of Raamah and grandson of Cush. A son of Jokshan and grandson of Keturah. A place in south Arabia.

They traded for your merchandise wheat of Minnith [“distribution”], millet, honey, oil, and balm. 18

Damascus was your merchant because of the abundance of goods you made, because of your many luxury items, with the wine of Helbon [“fertile”; still known for its fine grapes today] and with white wool. 19

Dan and Javan paid for your wares, traversing back and forth:

Wrought iron, cassia, and cane were among your merchandise. 20

Dedan was your merchant in saddlecloths for riding. 21

Arabia and all the princes of Kedar [“dark”; descendants of Kedar, a son of Ishmael]

were your regular merchants.

They traded with you in lambs, rams, and goats. 22

The merchants of Sheba¹⁰ [“seven”/“an oath”] and Raamah [“horse’s mane”; a place named after the son of Cush and father of Sheba and Dedan] were your merchants.

They traded for your wares the choicest spices, all kinds of precious stones, and gold. 23

¹⁰ 1) son of Joktan and a descendant of Seth
2) son of Raamah, grandson of Cush, and a descendant of Ham

3) son of Jokshan, the son of Abraham by Keturah
4) a nation in southern Arabia

[Haran](#) [“mountaineer”],
[Canneh](#) [“to give a flattering title”;
apparently in Mesopotamia],
[Eden](#) [“pleasure”; *a place conquered
 by Assyria, probably in NW Mesopotamia*],
 the merchants of
[Sheba](#),
[Assyria](#), and
[Chilmad](#)
 [“enclosure”; *a city of Assyria*]
 were your merchants. 24
 These were your merchants
 in choice items —
 in purple clothes,
 in embroidered garments,
 in chests of multicolored apparel,
 in sturdy woven cords,
 which were in your marketplace. 25
 The ships of Tarshish were carriers of
 your merchandise.
 You were
 filled and
 very glorious
 in the midst of the seas.
 26 ¶
 Your oarsmen brought you into many
 waters, But the east wind broke
 you in the midst of the seas. 27
 Your riches, wares, and merchandise,
 Your mariners and pilots,
 Your caulkers and merchandisers,
 All your men of war who are in you,
 And the entire company
 that is in your midst,
 Will fall into the midst of the seas
 on the day of your ruin. 28
 The common-land will shake at the
 sound of the cry of your pilots. 29

All who handle the oar,
 The mariners,
 All the pilots of the sea
 Will come down from their ships
 and stand on the shore. 30
 They will make their voice heard
 because of you;
 They will cry bitterly
 and cast dust on their heads;
 They will roll about in ashes; 31
 They will shave themselves
 completely bald because of you,
 Gird themselves with sackcloth,
 And weep for you
 With bitterness of heart
 and bitter wailing. 32
 In their wailing for you
 They will take up a lamentation,
 And lament for you:
 ‘What city is like Tyre,
 Destroyed in the midst of the sea? 33
 When your wares went out by sea,
 You satisfied many people; ↓ [earth]
 You enriched the kings of the lands
 With your many luxury goods
 and your merchandise. 34 But
 You are broken by the seas in the
 depths of the waters;
 Your merchandise
 and the entire company
 will fall in your midst. 35
 All the inhabitants of the isles
 will be astonished at you;
 Their kings
 will be greatly afraid,
 And their countenance
 will be troubled. 36
 The merchants among the peoples
 will hiss at you;
 You will become a horror,
 and be no more forever.’”

Ezekiel 28
A Prophecy Against Tyre’s King
 28:1 ¶ The word of Y^{HW}H came to me
 again, saying, 2
 ‘Son of man, say to the prince
 [leader, hence king: v12] of Tyre,
 ‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HW}H:
 ‘Because your heart is lifted up,
 And you say,
 ‘I am a god, I sit
 In the seat of gods,
 In the midst of the seas’,
 Yet you are a man, and not a god,
 Though you set your heart
 as the heart of a god 3
 Behold, you are wiser than Daniel!
 There is no secret
 that can be hidden from you! 4
 With your wisdom
 and your understanding
 You have gained riches for yourself,
 And gathered gold and silver
 into your treasures; 5
 By your great wisdom in trade
 You have increased your riches,
 And your heart is lifted up
 Because of your riches,” 6
 ‘Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HW}H:
 ‘Because you have set your heart
 as the heart of a god, 7
 Behold, therefore,
 I will bring strangers against you,
 The most terrible of the nations; and
 They shall
 draw their swords against
 the beauty of your wisdom, And
 defile your splendor. 8
 They shall throw you
 down into the Pit, And you shall
 die the death of the slain
 In the midst of the seas. 9

Will you still say before him
 who slays you,
 ‘I am a god’?
 But
 You shall be [remain: v2b] a man,
 and not a god,
 In the hand of him who slays you. 10
 You shall die
 the death of the uncircumcised
 By the hand of aliens;
 For I have spoken,”
 says the Lord Y^{HW}H.”

A Lamentation for Tyre’s King
 11 ¶ Moreover the word of Y^{HW}H came
 to me, saying, 12
 ‘Son of man, take up a lamentation for
 the king of Tyre,
 and say to him,
 ‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HW}H:
 ‘You were the seal of perfection,
 Full of wisdom [↓ as the city]
 and perfect in beauty. 13 [27:3]
 You were in Eden, the garden of God
 [cf. Eze 31:8-9, 15-18, the chrono-
 logically previous prophecy, where
 this garden of trees is a metaphor
 for the nations, which have been
 planted or established by God];
 Every precious stone
 was your covering: The
 Sardius, topaz, and diamond,
 Beryl, onyx, and jasper,
 Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald
 with gold [settings and sockets].
 The workmanship of your settings¹¹
 and sockets¹² [timbrels and pipes]

¹¹ Strong’s number 08596 Pt toph tofe
 from 08608 contracted; TWOT-2536a; n
 m; AV-timbrel 9, tabret 8; 17
 1) timbrel, tambourine. [Continued:]
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[for the jewels just listed]
 Was prepared for you
 on the day you were created. 14
 You were the anointed cherub
 who covers *[hyperbole, or in this
 king's own mind: cf. 28:2b, 6b];*
 I established you;
 You were
 on the holy mountain of God¹³;
 You walked back and forth
 in the midst of fiery stones. 15
[figurative of what? Ref?]
 You were perfect in your ways
 from the day you were created,
 Till iniquity was found in you. 16
 By the abundance of your trading
*[the subject of Eze 26-27: Tyre's
 trading, led by the king (a man)]*
 you became filled with violence
 within, And you sinned;
 Therefore
 I cast you as a profane thing
 Out of the mountain of God; And
 I destroyed you,
 O covering cherub *[cf. 28:14],*
 From the midst of the fiery stones. 17

*[Modern translators: "settings" (NASB,
 NIV, (N)RSV), "all beautifully crafted
 for you and set in the finest gold" (NLT)]*

¹² Strong's number 05345 *bq̄n neqeb
 neh'keb*: a bezel (for a gem); TWOT-
 1409a; n m; AV-pipes 1; 1
 1) groove, socket, hole, cavity, settings;
 technical term relating to jeweler's work.

¹³ In the five occurrences apart from Eze
 28:14, 16, with the definite article, "the
 mountain of God" refers to Mt. Horeb (Si-
 nai): Ex 3:1, 4:27, 18:2, 24:13; 1Ki 19:8.
 (In Ps 68:15 it is "A mountain of God", in
 Bashan.) When, or in what sense, was the
 king of Tyre there?

Your heart was lifted up
[this ties back to 28:2, 5 (riches)]
 because of your beauty;
 You corrupted your wisdom for the
 sake of your splendor;
 I cast you to the ground
[cf. 31:16, La 2:1],
 I laid you before *[other human] kings,*
 That they might gaze at you. 18
 You defiled your sanctuaries
 By the multitude of your iniquities,
 By the iniquity of your trading
*[the subject of Eze 26-27:
 trading by the king of Tyre
 with other nations];*
 Therefore
 I brought fire from your midst;
 It devoured you, And
 I turned you to ashes upon the land [earth]
 In the sight of
 all who saw you. 19
 All who knew you
 among the peoples
 are astonished at you;
 You have become a horror,
 And shall be no more forever
*[from that past time of judgment
 when (in context) Tyre was de-
 stroyed¹⁴]."*

¹⁴ Some claim that, because of the hyperbolic
 language, vv11-19 are about Satan, not the
 human king of Tyre who reigned in Eze-
 kiel's time. If so, then v19 says Satan no
 longer exists! There are simply too many
 ties from this passage back to 28:1-10 and
 chapters 26-27, for this lament to be for
 Satan rather than for the man who was then
 king of Tyre; thus 26:1-28:19 must *all* be
 about the city and its human king. Also,
 the references to Eze 31 in v13 make it clear
 that "Eden the garden of God" here is just a
 way of referring to the nations that God has

A Prophecy Against Sidon

20 ¶ Then the word of Y^{HWH} came to
 me, saying, 21
 "Son of man,
 set your face toward Sidon, and
 prophesy against her, 22 and
 say,
 "Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
 "Behold,
 I am against you, O Sidon;
 I will be glorified in your midst;
 And they shall know
 that I am Y^{HWH},
 When I execute judgments in her
 and am hallowed in her. 23 For
 I will send
 pestilence upon her, And
 blood in her streets;
 The wounded shall be
 judged in her midst
 By the sword against her
 on every side;
 Then they shall know
 that I am Y^{HWH}. 24
 And there shall no longer be
 a pricking brier or
 a painful thorn
 for the house of Israel
 from among
 all who are around them,
 who despise them.
 Then they shall know
 that I am the Lord Y^{HWH}.""

planted or established. Finally, note the
 structure of the context: chapter
 26-prophecy against Tyre,
 27-lament for Tyre,
 28:1-10-prophecy against Tyre's king,
 28:11-19-lament for that same king.

Scattered Israel Gathered

25 Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
 "When I have gathered
 the house of Israel
 from the peoples
 among whom they are scattered,
 and am hallowed
 in them
 in the sight of the Gentiles,
 then
 they will dwell in their own land,
 which I gave to My servant Jacob. 26
 And they will
 dwell safely there,
 build houses, and
 plant vineyards;
 yes, they will
 dwell securely.
 when I execute judgments on
 all those around them
 who despise them.
 Then they shall know
 that I am Y^{HWH} their God."

*[Ezekiel 29:1-16 to Aug 24]
 [Ezekiel 29:17-30:19 to Sep 6]
 [Ezekiel 30:20-31:18 to Aug 24]
 [Ezekiel 32:1-44 to Aug 31]*

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2 Kings 25:3-7
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 2 Kings 25:8-21
 || Jeremiah 52:12-27
 2 Chronicles 36:15-21

[This column parallels the next two:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Ki 25](#)]

2 Kings 25:3-7 ||

The Fall of Jerusalem

[In Zedekiah's eleventh year: Je 39:2]

3 By the ninth day of the fourth month

[Zed-11/04/09 = J'chin-Cap-12/04/09]

the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. 4 Then the city wall was broken through,

and all the men of war

fled

at night by way of

the gate between two walls, which was by the king's garden, even though the Chaldeans were still encamped all around against the city.

And the king went by way of the plain.

5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they overtook him in the plains of Jericho. All his army was scattered from him.

6 So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they pronounced judgment on him.

7 Then they killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes,

put out the eyes of Zedekiah,

bound him with bronze fetters, and took him to Babylon.

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 50-52](#)]

Jeremiah 52:6-11 ||

The Fall of Jerusalem

[In Zedekiah's eleventh year: Je 39:2]

6 By the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month,

[Zed-11/04/09 = J'chin-Cap-12/04/09]

the famine had become so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. 7 Then the city wall was broken through,

and all the men of war

fled and went out of the city

at night by way of

the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden, even though the Chaldeans were near the city all around.

And they went by way of the plain.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. All his army was scattered from him.

9 So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he pronounced judgment on him.

10 Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes.

And he killed all the princes of Judah in Riblah.

11 He also put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon

bound him in bronze fetters, took him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 37-44](#)]

Jeremiah 39:2-7

586BC/07/18

The Fall of Jerusalem

2 In the eleventh year of Zedekiah,

in the fourth month,

on the ninth day of the month,

[Zed-11/04/09 = J'chin-Cap-12/04/09]

[so July 18, 586 BC]

the city was penetrated. 3 Then all the princes of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the Middle Gate:

<LIST> with the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon. 4 So it was,

when Zedekiah the king of Judah

and all the men of war saw them, that

they fled and went out of the city

by night, by way of the king's garden,

by the gate between the two walls.

And he went out by way of the plain.

5 But the Chaldean army pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. And when they had captured him,

they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he pronounced judgment on him.

6 Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes

in Riblah; the king of Babylon also killed all the nobles of Judah.

7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and

bound him with bronze fetters to carry him off to Babylon.

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vv8-10 ↗

[Reminder:]

Jeremiah 38:28 [repeated]

Now Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken. And he was there when Jerusalem was taken.

<LIST¹⁵ (see footnote 15 next page)>:

Nergal-Sharezar [“prince of fire”], Samgar-Nebo [“Nebo’s sword”], Sarsechim

[“prince of the eunuchs”],

[the] Rabsaris [title: chief eunuch],

Nergal-Sarezar [why duplicated?],

[the] Rabmag

[title: chief soothsayer],

Jeremiah 39:8-10

Destruction and Captivity

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. 9 Then

Nebuzaradan [“Nebo has given seed”] the captain of the guard carried away captive to Babylon the remnant of

the people who remained in the city and those who defected to him, with the rest of the people who remained.

10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left in the land of Judah the poor people, who had nothing, and gave them vineyards and fields

at the same time.

[Not parallel:]

Jeremiah 39:11-14a

Jeremiah Remains in Judah

11 ¶ **Now** Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying, 12

“Take him and look after him, and do him no harm; but do to him just as he says to you.” 13

So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent

Nebushasban [“*Nebo delivers me*”],

[*the*] Rabsaris,

Nergal-Sharezer,

[*the*] Rabmag¹⁵, and

all the king of Babylon’s chief officers;

14a **then** they sent *someone* to take Jeremiah from the court of the prison,

[v14b]

Jeremiah 40:1-5

40:1 ¶ **The word** that came to Jeremiah from YHWH [apparently through the captain of the guard: v2]

after Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah,

when he had taken him bound in chains among all who were carried away captive from Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away captive to Babylon: 2

And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah and said to him:

“YHWH your God has pronounced this doom on this place. 3 **Now** YHWH has brought it, and has done just as He said. Because you people have sinned against YHWH, and not obeyed His voice, therefore this thing has come upon you. 4 And now look, I free you this day from the chains that were on your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me to Babylon, come, and I will look after you. But if it seems wrong for you to come with me to Babylon, remain here. See, all the land is before you; wherever it seems good and convenient for you to go, go there.” 5

Now while Jeremiah had not yet gone back, Nebuzaradan said,

“Go back to Gedaliah

the son of Ahikam,

the son of Shaphan,

whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people. Or go wherever it seems convenient for you to go.”

So the captain of the guard gave him rations and a gift and let him go.

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 37-44]

[v6, v7]

[This column parallels the next:]

Jeremiah 39:14b || Jeremiah 40:6

14b and committed him to Gedaliah

the son of Ahikam,

the son of Shaphan,

that he should take him home.

So he dwelt _____ among the people.

[Jeremiah 39:15-18 to Aug 23]

[Jeremiah 40:7-41:18 to Aug 28]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 25]

2 Kings 25:8-21 ||

The Temple Destroyed

8 ¶ **And** in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month

[Zed-11/05/07;

so August 14, 586 BC: 25:1]

(which was the nineteenth [19th]

year of King Nebuchadnezzar

king of Babylon [Neb-19]),

Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. 9 He burned the house of YHWH and the king’s house;

all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great, he burned with fire. 10 And all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down _____ the walls of Jerusalem all around. 11 **Then**

Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive

_____ the rest of the people who remained in the city and the defectors who had deserted to the king of Babylon, with the rest of the multitude. 12 But _____ the captain of the guard left some of the poor of the land as vinedressers and farmers.

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 37-44]

6 **Then** Jeremiah went to Gedaliah

the son of Ahikam,

to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people who were left in the land.

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 50-52]

[Fulfillment of Is 39:6, Je 27:22:]

Jeremiah 52:12-27 586BC/08/17

The Temple Destroyed

12 ¶ **Now** in the fifth month, on the _____ tenth day of the month

[Zed-11/05/10;

so August 17, 586 BC; cf. 52:4a]

(which was the nineteenth [19th]

year of King Nebuchadnezzar

king of Babylon [Neb-19]),

Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, who served the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. 13 He burned the house of YHWH and the king’s house;

all the houses of Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the great, he burned with fire. 14 And all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around. 15 **Then**

Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive some of the poor people, the rest of the people

who remained in the city, _____ the defectors who had deserted to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the craftsmen. 16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poor of the land as vinedressers and farmers.

¹⁵ MSG:

“Nebushasban the Rabsaris,

Nergal-Sharezer the Rabmag”; also in v3:

“Nergal-sharezer of Simmagar,

Nebushazban the Rabsaris,

Nergal-sharezer the Rabmag”

[This column parallels the next:]

2 Kings 25

13 The bronze pillars that were in the house of YHWH, and the carts and the bronze Sea that were in the house of YHWH, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried __ their bronze to Babylon. 14 They also took away the pots, the shovels, the trimmers, _____ the spoons, and all the bronze utensils with which the priests ministered. 15 The firepans and the basins,

the things of solid gold and solid silver,

the captain of the guard took away. 16 The two pillars, one Sea,

and the carts, that _____ Solomon had made for the house of YHWH, the bronze of all these articles was beyond measure. 17

The height of one pillar was eighteen [18] cubits,

and the capital on it was of bronze. The height of the capital was three [3] cubits, and the network and pomegranates all around the capital were all of bronze. The second pillar was the same, with a network.

Jeremiah 52

17 The bronze pillars that were in the house of YHWH, and the carts and the bronze Sea that were in the house of YHWH, the Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried all their bronze to Babylon. 18 They also took away the pots, the shovels, the trimmers, the bowls, the spoons, and all the bronze utensils with which the priests ministered. 19

The basins, the firepans, the bowls, the pots, the lampstands, the spoons, and the cups, whatever was solid gold and whatever was solid silver,

the captain of the guard took away. 20 The two pillars, one Sea, the twelve bronze bulls that were under it,

and the carts, that King Solomon had made for the house of YHWH — the bronze of all these articles was beyond measure. 21

Now concerning the pillars: the height of one pillar was eighteen [18] cubits, a measuring line of twelve [12] cubits could measure its circumference, and its thickness was four [4] fingers; it was hollow. 22

A capital of bronze was on it; and the height of one capital was five [5] cubits, with a network and pomegranates all around the capital, all of bronze. The second pillar, with pomegranates, was the same. 23 There were ninety-six [96] pomegranates on the sides; all the pomegranates, all around on the network, were one hundred [100].

[This column parallels the next:]

2 Kings 25

18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah [“YHWH is ruler”] the chief priest,

Zephaniah [“YHWH has treasured”] the second priest, and the three [3] doorkeepers. 19

He also took out of the city an officer who had charge of the men of war,

five [5] men of the king’s close associates who were found in the city, the chief recruiting officer of the army, who mustered the people of the land, and

sixty [60] men of the people of the land who were found in _____ the city. 20

So Nebuzaradan, __ captain of the guard, took these and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. 21 Then the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath.

Thus Judah was carried away captive from its own land.

[2Ki 25:22-24 follows Lamentations]

Jeremiah 52

24 ¶ _____ The captain of the guard took Seraiah [“YHWH is ruler”] the chief priest, [1Ch 6:4-15 ~ Ezra 7:1-5: Seraiah was the father of Jehozadak and Ezra.]

Zephaniah [“YHWH has treasured”] the second priest, and the three [3] doorkeepers. 25

He also took out of the city an officer who had charge of the men of war,

seven [7] men of the king’s close associates who were found in the city, the principal scribe _____ of the army who mustered the people of the land, and

sixty [60] men of the people of the land who were found in the midst of the city. 26

And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took these and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. 27 Then the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath.

Thus Judah was carried away captive from its own land.

[Jeremiah 52:28-30 on Sep 1]

2 Chronicles 36:15-21

Summary of the Reasons for the Fall

15 And **YHWH** God of their fathers sent warnings to them by **His** messengers, rising up early and sending them, because **He** had compassion on **His** people and on **His** dwelling place. 16

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised **His** words, and scoffed at **His** prophets, until the wrath of **YHWH** arose against **His** people, till there was no remedy. 17 Therefore **He** brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; **He** gave them all into his hand. 18 And all the articles from the house of God, great and small, the treasures of the house of **YHWH**, and the treasures of the king and of his leaders, all these he took to Babylon. 19 Then they burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed

all its precious possessions. 20 And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia [539 BC], 21 to fulfill the word of **YHWH** by the mouth of Jeremiah [Je 25:11], until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy [70] years.

[2Ch 36:22-23 parallels Ezra 1:1-3]

August 27

Lamentations 1:1-3:66

Lamentations

1:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg [Lam 1](#)]

Lamentations 1

Sorrow in Jerusalem

How lonely sits the city That was full of people! How like a widow is she, Who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces Has become a slave! 2 She weeps bitterly in the night, Her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers She has none to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies. 3 Judah has gone into captivity, Under affliction and hard servitude; She dwells among the nations, She finds no rest; All her persecutors overtake her in dire straits. 4 The roads to Zion mourn Because no one comes to the set feasts. All her gates are desolate; Her priests sigh, Her virgins are afflicted, And She is in bitterness. 5 Her adversaries have become the master, Her enemies prosper; For **YHWH** has afflicted her Because of the multitude of her transgressions.

← 7x70=490, +586 ~ 1076 BC, the 20th year of Saul's reign, ~15yrs before Samuel's death (1Sa 25:1 ~1061 BC): no Sab. yrs observed for ~490 years.

Her children have gone into captivity before the enemy. 6 And from the daughter of Zion All her splendor has departed. Her princes have become like deer That find no pasture, That flee without strength Before the pursuer. 7 In the days of her affliction and roaming, Jerusalem remembers all her pleasant things That she had in the days of old.

When her people fell into the hand of the enemy, With no one to help her, The adversaries saw her And mocked at her downfall. 8 Jerusalem has sinned gravely, Therefore she has become vile. All who honored her despise her Because they have seen her nakedness; Yes, she sighs and turns away. 9 Her uncleanness is in her skirts; She did not consider her destiny; Therefore her collapse was awesome; She had no comforter. O **YHWH**, behold my affliction, For the enemy is exalted! 10 The adversary has spread his hand Over all her pleasant things; For she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary, Those whom You commanded Not to enter Your assembly. 11 All her people sigh, They seek bread;

They have given their valuables for food to restore life. See, O **YHWH**, and consider, For I am scorned.

12 ¶

Jerusalem Itself Weeps

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see [Jerusalem's] If there is any sorrow like my sorrow, Which has been brought on me, Which **YHWH** has inflicted In the day of His fierce anger. 13 From above He has sent fire into my bones, And it overpowered them; He has spread a net for my feet And turned me back; He has made me desolate And faint all the day. 14 The yoke of my transgressions was bound; They were woven together by His hands, And thrust upon my neck. He made my strength fail; The Lord delivered me into the hands of those whom I am not able to withstand. 15 The Lord has trampled underfoot all my mighty men in my midst; He has called an assembly against me To crush my young men; The Lord trampled as in a winepress The virgin daughter of Judah. 16 For these things I weep; My eye, my eye overflows with water; Because the Comforter, who should restore my life, Is far from me. My children are desolate Because the enemy prevailed. 17

Zion spreads out her hands,
But no one comforts her;
YHWH has commanded
concerning Jacob
That those around him
become his adversaries;
Jerusalem has become
an unclean thing among them. 18
YHWH is righteous,
For I rebelled
against **His** commandment.
Hear **now**, all peoples,
And behold my sorrow;
My virgins and my young men
Have gone into captivity. 19
I called for my lovers,
But they deceived me;
My priests and my elders
Breathed their last in the city,
While they sought food
To restore their life. 20
See, O **YHWH**, that I *am* in distress;
My soul is troubled;
My heart is overturned within me,
For I have been very rebellious.
Outside the sword bereaves,
At home *it is* like death. 21
They have heard that I sigh,
But no one comforts me.
All my enemies
have heard of my trouble;
They are glad that **You** have done *it*.
Bring on **the day** **You** have announced,
That they may become like me. 22
Let all their wickedness
come before **You**, And
Do to them as **You** have done to me
For all my transgressions;
For my sighs *are* many,
And my heart *is* faint.

2:1 ¶ [Audio: Steve Gregg [Lam 2-5](#)]
Lamentations 2
God's Anger at Sin
How **the Lord**
has covered the daughter of Zion
With a cloud in **His** anger!
He cast down from heaven to the land
The beauty of Israel, [earth ↑]
And did not remember **His** footstool
In **the day** of **His** anger. 2
The Lord
has swallowed up and
has not pitied
All the dwelling places of Jacob.
He has thrown down in **His** wrath The
strongholds of the daughter of Judah;
He has brought *them*
down to the ground;
He has profaned
the kingdom and its princes. 3
He has cut off in **fierce** anger
Every horn of Israel;
He has drawn back **His** right hand
From before the enemy.
He has blazed against Jacob
like a flaming fire
Devouring all around. 4
Standing like an enemy,
He has bent **His** bow;
With **His** right hand,
like an adversary,
He has slain all *who were [previously]*
pleasing to **His** eye;
On the tent of the daughter of Zion,
He has poured out **His** fury
like fire. 5
The Lord was
like an enemy.
He has swallowed up Israel,
He has swallowed up all her palaces;

He has destroyed her strongholds, and
has increased
mourning and lamentation
In the daughter of Judah. 6
He has done violence to
His tabernacle,
As if it were a garden;
He has destroyed
His place of assembly;
YHWH has caused
The appointed feasts and **Sabbaths**
to be forgotten in Zion.
In **His** burning indignation
He has spurned
the king and the priest. 7
The Lord has spurned
His altar,
He has abandoned
His sanctuary;
He has given up
the walls of her palaces
Into the hand of the enemy.
They have made a noise in
the house of **YHWH**
As on **the day** of a set feast. 8
YHWH has purposed to destroy
The wall of the daughter of Zion.
He has stretched out a line;
He has not withdrawn
His hand from destroying;
Therefore
He has caused
the rampart and wall to lament;
They languished together. 9
Her gates have sunk into the ground;
He has destroyed and broken her bars.
Her king and her princes *are*
among the nations;
The Law *is* no more,
And her prophets find no vision
from **YHWH**.
10 ¶

The elders of the daughter of Zion
Sit on the ground *and* keep silence;
They throw dust on their heads
And gird themselves with sackcloth.
The virgins of Jerusalem
Bow their heads to the ground. 11
My eyes fail with tears,
My heart is troubled;
My bile is poured on the ground
Because of the destruction of
the daughter of my people,
Because
the children and the infants
Faint in the streets of the city. 12
They say to their mothers,
"Where is grain and wine?"
As they swoon like the wounded
In the streets of the city,
As their life is poured out
In their mothers' bosom. 13
How shall I console you?
To what shall I liken you,
O daughter of Jerusalem?
What shall I compare with you,
that I may comfort you,
O virgin daughter of Zion?
For your ruin *is*
spread wide as the sea;
Who can heal you? 14
Your prophets have seen for you
False and deceptive visions;
They have not uncovered your iniquity,
To bring back your captives,
But have envisioned for you
false prophecies and delusions. 15
All who pass by clap *their* hands at you;
They hiss and shake their heads
At the daughter of Jerusalem:
"Is this the city that is called
'The perfection of beauty,
The joy of the whole land
[earth]?" 16

All your enemies have
 opened their mouth against you;
 They hiss and gnash *their* teeth.
 They say,
 “We have swallowed *her* up!
 Surely this *is* the day
 we have waited for;
 We have found *it*,
 We have seen *it!*”¹⁷
 Y^{HWH} has done what He purposed;
 He has fulfilled His word
 That He commanded in days of old.
 He has thrown down and
 has not pitied, And
 He has caused an enemy
 to rejoice over you;
 He has exalted
 the horn of your adversaries.¹⁸
 Their heart cried out to the Lord,
 “O wall of the daughter of Zion,
 Let tears run down
 like a river day and night;
 Give yourself no relief;
 Give your eyes no rest.¹⁹
 Arise, cry out in the night,
 At the beginning of the watches;
 Pour out your heart like water
 before the face of the Lord.
 Lift your hands toward Him
 For the life of your young children,
 Who faint from hunger
 at the head of every street.²⁰
 See, O Y^{HWH}, and consider!
 To whom have You done this?
 Should the women eat their offspring,
 The children they have cuddled?
 Should the priest and prophet be slain
 In the sanctuary of the Lord?²¹
 Young and old lie
 On the ground in the streets;

My virgins and my young men
 Have fallen by the sword;
 You have slain *them*
 in the day of Your anger.
 You have slaughtered *and* not pitied.²²
 You have invited as to a feast day
 The terrors that surround me.
 In the day of Y^{HWH}'s anger
 There was no refugee or survivor.
 Those whom I have borne and brought up
 My enemies have destroyed.”

3:1 ¶

Lamentations 3

Y^{HWH} Has Boxed Me In

I am the man who has seen affliction
 by the rod of His wrath.²
 He has led me and made me walk
 In darkness and not in light.³
 Surely He has turned His hand
 against me
 Time and time again
 throughout the day.⁴
 He has aged my flesh and my skin,
 And broken my bones.⁵
 He has besieged me
 And surrounded me
 with bitterness and woe.⁶
 He has set me in dark places
 Like the dead of long ago.⁷
 He has hedged me in
 so that I cannot get out;
 He has made my chain heavy.⁸
 Even when I cry and shout,
 He shuts out my prayer.⁹
 He has blocked my ways
 with hewn stone;
 He has made my paths crooked.¹⁰
 He has been to me like
 a bear lying in wait,
 a lion in ambush.¹¹

He has turned aside my ways and
 torn me in pieces;
 He has made me desolate.¹²
 He has bent His bow And set me up
 as a target for the arrow.¹³
 He has caused the arrows of
 His quiver To pierce my loins.
 [Literally, kidneys]¹⁴
 I have become
 The ridicule of all my people —
 Their taunting song all the day.¹⁵
 He has filled me with bitterness,
 He has made me drink wormwood.¹⁶
 He has also broken my teeth with gravel,
 And covered me with ashes.¹⁷
 You have moved my soul
 far from peace;
 I have forgotten prosperity.¹⁸
 And I said,
 “My strength and my hope
 Have perished from Y^{HWH}.”¹⁹
 Remember my affliction and roaming,
 The wormwood and the gall.²⁰
 [metaph.: bitterness and poison]
 My soul still remembers
 And sinks within me.
²¹ ¶
Hope in Y^{HWH}'s Faithfulness
 This I recall to my mind,
 Therefore I have hope:²²
 Through Y^{HWH}'s mercies
 We are not consumed,
 Because His compassions fail not;²³
 They are new every morning.
 Great is Your faithfulness!²⁴
 “Y^{HWH} is my portion”,
 says my soul,
 “Therefore I hope in Him!”²⁵

Y^{HWH} is good
 To those who wait for Him,
 To the soul who seeks Him.²⁶
 It is good that one should
 hope and wait quietly
 For the salvation of Y^{HWH}.²⁷
 It is good for a man to bear
 The yoke in his youth.²⁸
 Let him sit alone and keep silent,
 Because God has laid it on him;²⁹
 Let him put his mouth in the dust —
 There may yet be hope.³⁰
 Let him
 give his cheek
 to the one who strikes him, And
 be full of reproach.³¹
 For the Lord will not cast off forever.³²
 Though He causes grief,
 Yet He will show compassion
 According to the multitude of
 His mercies.³³
 For He does not afflict willingly,
 Nor grieve the children of men.³⁴
 To crush under one's feet [earth]
 All the prisoners of the land,³⁵
 To turn aside the justice due a man
 Before the face of the Most High,³⁶
 Or subvert a man in his cause —
 The Lord does not approve.
³⁷ ¶
 Who is he who speaks
 and it comes to pass,
 When the Lord has not commanded it?³⁸
 Is it not from
 the mouth of the Most High
 That woe and well-being proceed?³⁹
 Why should
 a living man complain,
 a man
 for the punishment of his sins?
⁴⁰ ¶

August 28

Lamentations 4:1-5:22

2 Kings 25:22-24

|| Jeremiah 40:7-9

Jeremiah 40:10-16

2 Kings 25:25-26

|| Jeremiah 41:1-3

Jeremiah 41:4- 42:22

4:1 ¶

Lamentations 4

God's Anger Satisfied

How **the gold** has become dim!

How changed **the fine gold!**

The stones of the sanctuary
are scattered

At the head of every street. 2

The precious sons of Zion,

Valuable as **fine gold**,

How they are regarded as clay pots,

The work of

the hands of the potter! 3

Even the dragons [jackals] [*dinosaurs*]
present their breasts¹⁷

To nurse their young;

But the daughter of my people *is* cruel,

Like ostriches in **the wilderness**. 4

The tongue of the infant clings

To the roof of its mouth for thirst;

The young children ask for bread,

But no one breaks *it* for them. 5

Those who ate delicacies

Are desolate in the streets;

Those who were brought up in **scarlet**

Embrace ash heaps. 6

Let **us** search out and examine **our** ways,

And **turn back** to **YHWH**; 41

Let **us** lift **our** hearts and hands

To **God in heaven**. 42

We have transgressed and rebelled;

You have not pardoned [*us*]. 43

You have covered **Yourself [or us]¹⁶**

with **anger** And pursued **us**;

You have slain [*us*], not pitied [*us*]. 44

You have covered **Yourself [or us]¹⁶**

with a cloud, That [*our*] prayer

should not pass through. 45

You have made **us**

an offscouring and refuse

In the midst of the peoples. 46

All **our** enemies

Have opened their mouths

against **us**. 47

Fear and a snare have come upon **us**,

Desolation and destruction.

48 ¶

My eyes overflow with rivers of water

For the **destruction** of

the daughter of my people. 49

My eyes flow and do not cease,

Without interruption, 50

Till **YHWH** from **heaven**

Looks down and sees. 51

My eyes bring suffering to my **soul**

Because of

all the daughters of **my city**. 52

My enemies without cause

Hunted me down like a bird. 53

They silenced [*LXX: put to death*]

my life in the **pit**

And threw stones at me. 54

The **waters** flowed over my head;

I said, "I am **cut off!**" 55 ¶

I called on **Your name**, O **YHWH**,

From the lowest pit. 56

You have heard my voice:

"Do not hide **Your ear**

From my sighing,

From my cry for **help**." 57

You drew near

On **the day** I called on **You**,

And said,

"Do not fear!" 58

O **Lord**,

You have pleaded the case for my **soul**;

You have **redeemed** my life. 59

O **YHWH**,

You have seen *how* I am wronged;

Judge my case. 60

You have seen all their vengeance,

All their schemes against me. 61

You have heard their reproach,

O **YHWH**,

All their schemes against me, 62

The lips of my enemies And

Their whispering against me

all the day. 63

Look at their sitting down and

their rising up;

I am their taunting song. 64

Repay them, O **YHWH**,

According to

the work of their hands. 65

Give them a veiled heart;

Your curse *be* upon them! 66

In **Your anger**,

Pursue and **destroy** them

From under

the heavens of YHWH.

¹⁶ Targum reads "us", which makes more sense. Note the number of times "us" and "our" appears in the paragraph of vv40-47.

¹⁷ Reptiles do not have breasts or nurse their young, but this may be poetic wording to indicate that they care for their young.

The punishment of the **iniquity** of

the daughter of my people

Is greater than

The punishment of

the **sin** of **Sodom**,

Which was overthrown in a moment,

With no hand to help her! 7

Her Nazirites [*or nobles*] were

brighter than snow And

whiter than milk;

They were

More ruddy in body than **rubies**,

Like sapphire in their appearance. 8

Now their appearance is

Blacker than soot;

They go unrecognized in the streets;

Their skin clings to their bones,

It has become as dry as wood. 9

Those slain by the sword are better off

Than *those* who die of hunger;

For these pine away,

Stricken *for lack* of

the fruits of the field. 10

The hands of the compassionate women

Have cooked their own children;

They became food for them

In the **destruction** of

the daughter of my people. 11

YHWH has fulfilled **His fury**,

He has poured out **His fierce anger**.

He kindled **a fire** in **Zion**, And

it has **devoured its foundations**. 12

The kings of the lands [earth], And
 All inhabitants of the world,
 Would not have believed
 That the adversary and the enemy
 Could enter the gates of Jerusalem
 — 13
 Because of
 the sins of her prophets And
 the iniquities of her priests,
 Who shed in her midst
 The blood of the just. 14
 They wandered blind in the streets;
 They have defiled themselves
 with blood,
 So that no one
 would touch their garments. 15
 They cried out to them,
 “Go away, unclean!
 Go away, go away,
 Do not touch us!”
 When they fled and wandered,
 Those among the nations said,
 “They shall no longer dwell here.” 16
 The face of YHWH scattered them;
 [^ Targum reads ‘anger’]
 He no longer regards them.
 The people do not respect the priests
 Nor show favor to the elders. 17
 Still our eyes failed us,
 Watching vainly for our help;
 In our watching we watched
 For a nation that could not save us. 18

They tracked our steps So that we
 could not walk in our streets.
 Our end was near;
 Our days were over, for
 Our end had come. 19
 Our pursuers were swifter
 Than the eagles of the heavens.
 They
 pursued us on the mountains And
 lay in wait for us in the wilderness. 20
 The breath of our nostrils,
 the anointed of YHWH,
 Was caught in their pits [traps],
 Of whom we said, [or ↑ graves]
 “Under his shadow
 We shall live
 among the nations.”
 21 ¶
 Rejoice and be glad,
 O daughter of Edom,
 You who dwell in the land of Uz!
 [said facetiously, for:]
 The cup shall also pass over to you
 And you shall
 become drunk and
 make yourself naked. 22
 (The punishment of your iniquity
 is accomplished,
 O daughter of Zion;
 He will no longer send you
 into captivity.)
 He will punish your iniquity,
 O daughter of Edom;
 He will uncover your sins!

5:1 ¶

Lamentations 5

Prayer for Restoration

Remember, O YHWH,
 what has come upon us;
 Look, and behold our reproach! 2
 Our inheritance has been turned over
 to aliens, And
 Our houses
 to foreigners. 3
 We have become orphans and waifs,
 Our mothers are like widows. 4
 We pay for the water we drink, and
 Our wood comes at a price. 5
 They pursue at our heels [literally, necks];
 We labor and have no rest. 6
 We have given our hand to
 the Egyptians And
 the Assyrians,
 to be satisfied with bread. 7
 Our fathers sinned and are no more,
 But we bear their iniquities. 8
 Servants rule over us;
 [Pr 19:10, 30:21-22]
 There is none to deliver us
 from their hand. 9
 We get our bread
 at the risk of our lives,
 Because of the sword
 in the wilderness. 10
 Our skin is hot as an oven,
 Because of the fever of famine. 11
 They ravished
 The women in Zion,
 The maidens in the cities of Judah. 12

Princes were hung up by their hands,
 And elders were not respected. 13
 Young men ground at the millstones;
 Boys staggered under loads of wood. 14
 The elders
 have ceased
 gathering at the gate, And
 The young men
 from their music. 15
 The joy of our heart has ceased;
 Our dance has turned into mourning. 16
 The crown has fallen from our head.
 Woe to us, for we have sinned!
 17 ¶
 Because of this
 our heart is faint;
 Because of these things
 our eyes grow dim; 18
 Because of Mount Zion,
 which is desolate,
 With foxes walking about on it.
 19 ¶
 You, O YHWH, remain
 forever;
 Your throne
 from generation to generation. 20
 Why do You
 forget us forever, And
 forsake us for so long a time? 21
 Turn us back to You, O YHWH,
 and we will be restored;
 Renew our days as of old, 22
 Unless You
 have utterly rejected us, And
 are very angry with us!

[This column parallels the next:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Ki 25](#)]

2 Kings 25:22-24 ||

Gedaliah Governs in Judah

22 ¶ **Then** he [*Nebuzaradan: v20*] made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor over the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left. 23 **Now when** all the captains of the armies _____, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor,

they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah — **Ishmael** [*“God will hear”*] the son of Nethaniah [*“YHWH-given”*], **Johanan** [*“graced by YHWH”*]

the son of Careah [*“bald”*], Seraiah [*“YHWH is ruler”*] the son of Tanhumeth [*“consolation”*]

the Netophathite [*“dropping”*], and

Jaazaniah [*“YHWH hears”*] the son of a Maachathite [*“she has pressed”*] — they and their men. 24 And Gedaliah

took an oath before them and their men, and said to them, “Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.”

Jeremiah 40:7-41:18

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 37-44](#)]

Jeremiah 40:7-9

Gedaliah Governs in Judah

[^ **“YHWH is great”**]
[← *“my brother has (a)rised”*]
[← *“rock badger/coney/hyrax”*]

7 ¶ **And when** all the captains of the armies who were in the fields, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed to him men, women, children, and the poorest of the land who had not been carried away captive to Babylon, 8 **then**

they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah — **Ishmael** [*“God will hear”*] the son of Nethaniah [*“YHWH-given”*], **Johanan** [*“graced by YHWH”*] and **Jonathan** [*“given by YHWH”*]

the sons of Kareah [*“bald”*], Seraiah [*“YHWH is ruler”*] the son of Tanhumeth [*“consolation”*], the sons of Ephai [*“gloomy”*], the Netophathite [*“dropping”*], and

Jaazaniah [*“YHWH hears”*] the son of a Maachathite [*“she has pressed”*] — they and their men. 9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam,

the son of Shaphan, took an oath before them and their men, saying,

“Do not be afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. ...”

[Not parallel:]

Jeremiah 40:10-16

10 As for me, I will indeed dwell at Mizpah and serve the Chaldeans who come to us. But you, gather wine and summer fruit and oil, put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that you have taken.” 11

Likewise, when all the Jews who were in Moab, among the Ammonites, in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard

that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, 12

then all the Jews returned out of all places where they had been driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah at Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruit in abundance.

[as it was late summer: [2Ki 25:8](#) // [Je 52:12](#)]

A Plot Against Gedaliah

13 Moreover **Johanan** the son of Kareah and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields came to Gedaliah at Mizpah, 14 and said to him, “Do you certainly know that Baalis [*“lord of the banner: in causing the joy”*] the king of the Ammonites has sent **Ishmael** the son of Nethaniah to murder you?”

But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam did not believe them. 15 **Then Johanan** the son of Kareah spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah, saying,

“Let me go, please, and I will kill **Ishmael** the son of Nethaniah, and no one will know it. Why should he murder you, so that all the Jews who are gathered to you would be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?” 16

But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said to **Johanan** the son of Kareah, “You shall not do this thing, for you speak falsely concerning **Ishmael.**”

[This column parallels the next:

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 25]

2 Kings 25:25-26 ||

The Murder of Gedaliah

25 But it happened

in the seventh month

[so Zed-11/07/dd?, 2Ki 25:8]

that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah,
the son of Elishama,
of the royal family,

came with ten [10] men

and struck

and killed

Gedaliah,

the Jews,

as well as the
Chaldeans who were with him at
Mizpah. 26 And all the people,
small and great, and the captains of
the armies, arose and went to Egypt;
for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

[2Ki 25:27-30 follows Eze 30]

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 37-44]

Jeremiah 41:1-3

The Murder of Gedaliah ~Oct 586BC

41:1 ¶ Now it came to pass

in the seventh month

[so Zed-11/07/xx?, Je 52:12]

that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah,
the son of Elishama,
of the royal family and
of the officers of the king,

came with ten [10] men to Gedaliah
the son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. And
there they ate bread together in
Mizpah. 2 Then Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah, and the ten [10] men who
were with him, arose and struck
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam,
the son of Shaphan,
with the sword, and killed
him whom the king of Babylon had
made governor over the land. 3
Ishmael also struck down all the Jews
who were with him, that is, with
Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the
Chaldeans who were found there,
the men of war.

[Not parallel:]

Jeremiah 41:4-18

4 And it happened,

on the second [2nd] day

after he had killed Gedaliah,

when as yet no one knew it, 5

that certain men came

from Shechem,

from Shiloh, and

from Samaria,

eighty [80] men with their beards

shaved and their clothes torn, having
cut themselves, with offerings and
incense in their hand, to bring them to
the house of YHWH [not knowing that
the temple is destroyed?]. 6

Now Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went
out from Mizpah to meet them, weep-
ing as he went along; and it happened
as he met them that he said to them,
“Come to Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam!” 7

So it was, when they came into the
midst of the city, that Ishmael the son
of Nethaniah killed them and cast
them into the midst of a pit, he and the
men who were with him. 8 But ten [10]
men were found among them who said
to Ishmael,
“Do not kill us, for we have treasures
of wheat, barley, oil, and honey in
the field.”

So he desisted and did not kill them
among [along with] their brethren. 9
Now the pit into which Ishmael had
cast all the dead bodies of the men
whom he had slain, because of Geda-
liah, was the same one Asa the king
had made for fear of Baasha king of
Israel. Ishmael the son of Nethaniah
filled it with the slain. 10

Then Ishmael carried away captive all
the rest of the people who were in
Mizpah, the king's daughters and all
the people who remained in Mizpah,
whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard had committed to Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam. And Ishmael the son
of Nethaniah carried them away
captive and departed to go over to the
Ammonites.

11 ¶ But when Johanan the son of Ka-
reah and all the captains of the forces
that were with him heard of all the evil
that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had
done, 12 they took all the men and
went to fight with Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah; and they found him by the
great pool that is in Gibeon. 13 So it
was, when all the people who were
with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of
Kareah, and all the captains of the
forces who were with him, that they
were glad. 14 Then all the people whom
Ishmael had carried away captive from
Mizpah turned around and came back,
and went to Johanan the son of Kareah.
15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah
escaped from Johanan with eight [8]
men and went to the Ammonites. 16
Then Johanan the son of Kareah, and
all the captains of the forces that were
with him, took from Mizpah all the rest
of the people whom he had recovered
from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah
after he had murdered Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam:

the mighty men of war and
the women and
the children and
the eunuchs,

whom he had brought back from Gib-
eon. 17 And they departed and dwelt
in the habitation of Chimham [“their
longing”], which is near Bethlehem,
as they went on their way to Egypt, 18
because of the Chaldeans; for they
were afraid of them, because Ishmael
the son of Nethaniah had murdered
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the
king of Babylon had made governor in
the land.

Jeremiah 42

Warning to Stay in Judah

42:1 ¶ **Now**

all the captains of the forces,
Johanah the son of Kareah,
Jezaniah [“**YHWH** has listened”]
[aka Jaazaniah of 40:8f ?]
the son of Hoshaiah
[“**YHWH** has saved”], and
all the people,
from the least to the greatest,
came near 2 and
said to Jeremiah the prophet,
“Please, let our petition be acceptable
to you, and pray
for us to **YHWH** your God,
for all this remnant
(since we are left *but*
a few of many, as you can see), 3
that **YHWH** your God may show us
the way in which we should walk and
the thing we should do.” 4
Then Jeremiah the prophet said to
them,
“I have heard. Indeed,
I will pray to **YHWH** your God accord-
ing to your words, and it shall be,
that whatever **YHWH** answers you,
I will declare *it* to you.
I will keep nothing back from you.” 5
So they said to Jeremiah,
“Let **YHWH** be a true and faithful
witness between us, if we do not do
according to everything that **YHWH**
your God sends us by you. 6
Whether *it is* pleasing or displeasing,
we will obey the voice of **YHWH** our
God to whom we send you, that it
may be well with us when we obey
the voice of **YHWH** our God.”

7 ¶ And it happened after ten [10] days
that the word of **YHWH** came to Jere-
miah. 8 **Then** he called
Johanah the son of Kareah,
all the captains of the forces
that were with him, and
all the people
from the least even to the greatest, 9
and said to them,
“**Thus says YHWH,**
the God of Israel,
to whom you sent me to present your
petition before Him: 10
‘If you will still remain in this land,
then
I will build you
and not pull you down, and
I will plant you
and not pluck you up.
For I relent concerning the disaster
that I have brought upon you. 11 Do
not be afraid of the king of Babylon,
of whom you are afraid; do not be
afraid of him,’
says **YHWH,**
‘for I am with you, to save you and
deliver you from his hand. 12 And
I will show you mercy, that he may
have mercy on you and cause you to
return to your own land.’ 13
But if you say,
‘We will not dwell in this land’,
disobeying the voice of **YHWH** your
God, 14 saying,
‘No, but we will go to the land of
Egypt where we shall see no war,
nor hear the sound of the trumpet,
nor be hungry for bread, and there
we will dwell.’ — 15
Then hear now the word of **YHWH,**
O remnant of Judah!

Thus says YHWH of hosts,
the God of Israel:

‘If you wholly set your faces to enter
Egypt, and go to dwell there, 16 then
it shall be *that*
the sword that you feared
shall overtake you there
in the land of Egypt;
the famine of which you were afraid
shall follow close after you there
in Egypt; and
there you shall die. 17
So shall it be with all the men who set
their faces to go to Egypt to dwell there.
They shall die
by the sword,
by famine, and
by pestilence.

And none of them shall remain or
escape from the disaster that I will
bring upon them.’ 18

For thus says YHWH of hosts,
the God of Israel:

‘As My anger and My fury have been
poured out on the inhabitants of Jeru-
salem, so will My fury be poured out
on you when you enter Egypt. And
you shall be
an oath,
an astonishment,
a curse, and
a reproach; and
you shall see this place no more.’ 19
YHWH has said concerning you,
O remnant of Judah,
‘Do not go to Egypt!’
Know certainly that I have admon-
ished you this day. 20 For you were
hypocrites in your hearts when you
sent me to **YHWH** your God, saying,

‘Pray for us to **YHWH** our God, and
according to all that **YHWH** your
God says, so declare to us and we
will do *it*.’ 21

And I have this day declared *it* to you,
but you have not obeyed the voice of
YHWH your God, or anything that He
has sent you by me. 22 **Now** therefore,
know certainly that you shall die
by the sword,
by famine, and
by pestilence
in the place where you desire to go to
dwell.”

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Jeremiah 43:1-44:30
Ezekiel 33:21- 34:31

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 37-44](#)]

Jeremiah 43

Jeremiah Taken to Egypt

43:1 ¶ **Now** it happened, when Jeremiah
had stopped speaking to all the people
all the words of **YHWH** their God, for
which **YHWH** their God had sent him to
them, all these words, 2 that
Azariah [“**YHWH** has helped”]
[aka Jezaniah of 42:1b ?]
the son of Hoshaiah
[“**YHWH** has saved”],
Johanah [“**YHWH** has graced”]
the son of Kareah [“bald”], and
all the proud men
spoke, saying to Jeremiah,

“You speak falsely!
YHWH our God has not sent you to say,
‘Do not go to Egypt to dwell there.’” 3

But Baruch [“blessed”]
the son of Neriah [“lamp of YHWH”]
has set you against us, to deliver us
into the hand of the Chaldeans, that
they may put us to death or carry us
away captive to Babylon.” 4

So Johanan the son of Kareah,
all the captains of the forces, and
all the people

would not obey the voice of YHWH, to
remain in the land of Judah. 5 But

Johanan the son of Kareah and
all the captains of the forces
took all the remnant of Judah who had
returned to dwell in the land of Judah,
from all nations where they had been
driven — 6

men,
women,
children,
the king’s daughters, and
every person

whom Nebuzaradan the captain
of the guard had left with
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam,
the son of Shaphan,
and [including]

Jeremiah the prophet and
Baruch the son of Neriah. 7

So they went to the land of Egypt, for
they did not obey the voice of YHWH.
And they went as far as Tahpanhes
[“you will fill hands with pity”].

8 ¶ Then the word of YHWH came to
Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, 9

“Take large stones in your hand, and
hide them in the sight of the men of

Judah, in the clay in the brick court-
yard that is at the entrance to Phar-
aoh’s house in Tahpanhes; 10 and say
to them,

“Thus says YHWH of hosts,
the God of Israel:

“Behold, I will send and bring
Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon,
My servant,

and will set his throne above these
stones that I have hidden. And he will
spread his royal pavilion over them. 11

When he comes, he shall strike the
land of Egypt and deliver

to death those appointed
for death, and
to captivity those appointed
for captivity, and
to the sword those appointed
for the sword. 12

I will kindle a fire [Nebuchadnezzar]
in the houses of the gods of Egypt,
and he shall
burn them and
carry them away captive.

And he shall
array himself with the land of Egypt,
as a shepherd puts on his garment,
and he shall
go out from there in peace. 13

He shall also
break the sacred pillars of
Beth Shemesh
[“house of the sun” (sun-temple)]
that are in the land of Egypt [LXX;
Heliopolis — see part 4 of this];
and the houses of the gods
of the Egyptians

he shall
burn with fire.””

Jeremiah 44 Judgment for Idolatry

44:1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah
concerning all the Jews who dwell in
the land of Egypt, who dwell

at Migdol,
at Tahpanhes,
at Noph, and
in the country of Pathros,

saying, 2

“Thus says YHWH of hosts,
the God of Israel:

“You have seen all the calamity that I
have brought on Jerusalem and on all
the cities of Judah; and behold, this day
they are a desolation, and no one dwells
in them, 3 because of their wickedness
that they have committed to provoke
Me to anger, in that they went to burn
incense and to serve other gods whom
they did not know, they nor you nor
your fathers. 4 However I have sent
to you all My servants the prophets,
rising early and sending them, saying,

“Oh, do not do this
abominable thing that I hate!” 5

But they did not listen or incline their
ear to turn from their wickedness, to
burn no incense to other gods. 6 So

My fury and
My anger

were poured out and kindled
in the cities of Judah and
in the streets of Jerusalem; and
they are wasted and desolate,
as it is this day. 7

Now therefore,
thus says YHWH,
the God of hosts,
the God of Israel:

“Why do you commit this great evil
against yourselves, to cut off from you
man and woman, child and infant, out
of Judah, leaving none to remain, 8 in
that you provoke Me to wrath with the
works of your hands, burning incense
to other gods in the land of Egypt
where you have gone to dwell,
that you may cut yourselves off and be
a curse and a reproach among all the
nations of the lands [earth]? 9

Have you forgotten
the wickedness of your fathers,
the wickedness of the kings of Judah,
the wickedness of their wives,
your own wickedness, and
the wickedness of your wives,
which they committed in the land of
Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
10 They have not been humbled,
to this day, nor have they feared;

they have not walked
in My law or
in My statutes
that I set before you and your fathers.’ 11

Therefore
thus says YHWH of hosts,
the God of Israel:

“Behold,
I will set My face against you
for catastrophe and
for cutting off all Judah. 12 And
I will take the remnant of Judah
who have set their faces to go into
the land of Egypt to dwell there, and
They shall all be consumed
and fall in the land of Egypt.
They shall be consumed
by the sword and
by famine.

They shall die,
 from the least to the greatest,
 by the sword and
 by famine;
 and they shall be
 an oath,
 an astonishment,
 a curse and
 a reproach! ¹³
 For I will punish those who dwell in
 the land of Egypt, as I have punished
 Jerusalem,
 by the sword,
 by famine, and
 by pestilence, ¹⁴
 so that none of the remnant of Judah
 who have gone into the land of Egypt
 to dwell there shall escape or survive,
 lest they return to the land of Judah, to
 which they desire to return and dwell.
 For none shall return except those
 who escape.”

¹⁵ ¶ **Then**
 all the men who knew that their wives
 had burned incense to other gods, with
 all the women who stood by,
 a great multitude, and
 all the people who dwelt
 in the land of Egypt,
 in Pathros,
 answered Jeremiah, saying: ¹⁶
 “As for the word that you have spoken
 to us in the name of YHWH, we will not
 listen to you! ¹⁷ But we will certainly
 do whatever has gone out of our own
 mouth, to burn incense to the queen of
 heaven and pour out drink offerings to
 her, as we have done,

we and our fathers,
 our kings and our princes,
 in the cities of Judah and
 in the streets of Jerusalem.
 For **then** we
 had plenty of food,
 were well-off, and
 saw no trouble. ¹⁸
 But **since** we stopped burning incense
 to the queen of heaven and pouring out
 drink offerings to her, we
 have lacked everything and
 have been consumed
 by the sword and
 by famine.” ¹⁹
The women also said,
 “And **when** we burned incense to the
 queen of heaven and poured out drink
 offerings to her, did we make cakes for
 her, to worship her, and pour out drink
 offerings to her without our husbands’
 consent?”

²⁰ ¶ **Then** Jeremiah spoke to
 all the people —
 the men,
 the women, and
 all the people
 who had given him *that* answer
 — saying: ²¹
 “The incense that you burned
 in the cities of Judah and
 in the streets of Jerusalem,
 you and your fathers,
 your kings and your princes, and
 the people of the land,
 did not YHWH remember them, and
 did it *not* come into His mind? ²²

So YHWH could no longer bear *it*,
 because of the evil of your doings and
 because of the abominations
 that you committed.
 Therefore your land is
 a desolation,
 an astonishment,
 a curse, and
 without an inhabitant,
 as it is **this day**. ²³
 Because you have burned incense and
 because you have sinned against YHWH,
 and have not obeyed the voice of YHWH
 or walked
 in His law,
 in His statutes or
 in His testimonies,
 therefore
 this calamity has happened to you,
 as it is **this day**.” ²⁴
 Moreover Jeremiah said
 to all the people and
 to all the women,
 “Hear the word of YHWH, all Judah
 who are in the land of Egypt! ²⁵
Thus says YHWH of hosts,
the God of Israel, saying:
 “You and your wives have
 spoken with your mouths and
 fulfilled with your hands,
 saying,
 “We will surely keep our vows that
 we have made, to burn incense to
 the queen of heaven and pour out
 drink offerings to her.”
 You will surely keep your vows and
 perform your vows!’ ²⁶
 Therefore hear the word of YHWH,
 all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt:

‘Behold,
 I have sworn by My great name’,
 says YHWH,
 “that My name shall no more be named
 in the mouth of any man of Judah
 in all the land of Egypt,
 saying, [*Adonai*]
 “The Lord YHWH lives.” ²⁷
 Behold, I will watch over them for
 adversity and not for good. And
 all the men of Judah who are
 in the land of Egypt
 shall be consumed
 by the sword and
 by famine,
 until there is an end to them. ²⁸ Yet
 a small number who escape the sword
 shall return from the land of Egypt to
 the land of Judah; and all the remnant
 of Judah, who have gone to the land of
 Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose
 words will stand, Mine or theirs. ²⁹
 And this shall be a sign to you’,
 says YHWH,
 “that I will punish you in this place,
 that you may know
 that My words will surely
 stand against you for adversity.’ ³⁰
Thus says YHWH:
 “Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra
 [*“the great house” “covering evil”*]
 king of Egypt
 into the hand of his enemies and
 into the hand of those who seek his life,
 as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah
 into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar
 king of Babylon,
 his enemy who sought his life.”

[Jeremiah 45 on Aug 6]

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 33-34, 36-37]
Ezekiel 33:21-33 585BC/01/08
Ezekiel Hears of Jerusalem's Fall
 21 ¶ And it came to pass
 in the twelfth year of our captivity,
 in the tenth month, [cf. 40:1]
 on the fifth day of the month,
 [J'chin-Cap-12/10/05;
 so January 8, 585 BC,
 6 mo. 4 da. after its fall: Jer 39:2]
 that one who had escaped from Jerusa-
 lem came to me [in Babylon] and said,
 "The city has been captured!" 22
 Now the hand of YHWH had been upon
 me the evening before the man came
 who had escaped. And He had opened
 my mouth; so when he came to me
 in the morning, my mouth was opened,
 and I was no longer mute. 23 Then the
 word of YHWH came to me, saying: 24
 "Son of man, they who inhabit those
 ruins in the land of Israel are saying,
 'Abraham was only one, and he in-
 herited the land. But we are many;
 the land has been given to us as a
 possession.' 25
 Therefore say to them,
 "Thus says the Lord YHWH:
 "You eat meat with blood,
 you lift up your eyes
 toward your idols and shed blood.
 Should you then possess the land? 26
 You rely on your sword,
 you commit abominations, and
 you defile one another's wives.
 Should you then possess the land?" 27
 Say thus to them,
 "Thus says the Lord YHWH:
 "As I live, surely those who are in the
 ruins shall fall by the sword, and the
 one who is in the open field I will give

to the beasts to be devoured, and those
 who are in the strongholds and caves
 shall die of the pestilence. 28
 For I will make the land most desolate,
 her arrogant strength shall cease, and
 the mountains of Israel shall be
 so desolate that
 no one will pass through. 29
 Then they shall know that I am YHWH,
 when I have made the land
 most desolate
 because of all their abominations
 that they have committed." 30
 ¶ As for you, son of man,
 the children of your people are talking
 about you
 beside the walls and
 in the doors of the houses;
 and they speak to one another,
 everyone saying to his brother,
 'Please come and hear what the word
 is that comes from YHWH.' 31
 So they come to you as people do,
 they sit before you as My people, and
 they hear your words, but
 they do not do them;
 for with their mouth
 they show much love,
 but their hearts pursue
 their own gain. 32
 Indeed you are to them
 as a very lovely song of one who
 has a pleasant voice and
 can play well on an instrument;
 for they hear your words, but
 they do not do them. 33
 And when this comes to pass
 — surely it will come —
 then they will know that
 a prophet has been among them."

Ezekiel 34

The Shepherds of Israel

34:1 ¶ And the word of YHWH came to
 me, saying, 2
 "Son of man, prophesy
 against the shepherds of Israel,
 prophesy and say to them,
 "Thus says the Lord YHWH
 to the shepherds:
 "Woe to the shepherds of Israel
 who feed themselves! Should not
 the shepherds feed the flocks? 3
 You eat the fat and
 clothe yourselves with the wool;
 you slaughter the fatlings, but
 you do not feed the flock. 4
 The weak you have not strengthened,
 nor have you healed those
 who were sick,
 nor bound up the broken,
 nor brought back what was driven away,
 nor sought what was lost;
 but with force and cruelty
 you have ruled them. 5 So
 they were scattered
 because there was no shepherd; and
 they became food for all the beasts of
 the field when they were scattered. 6
 My sheep wandered
 through all the mountains,
 and on every high hill; yes,
 My flock was scattered over the whole
 face of the land [earth], and
 no one was seeking or searching
 for them." 7
 ¶ Therefore, you shepherds,
 hear the word of YHWH: 8

"As I live,"
 says the Lord YHWH,
 "surely
 because My flock became a prey,
 and My flock became food
 for every beast of the field,
 because there was no shepherd,
 nor did My shepherds search
 for My flock,
 but the shepherds fed themselves
 and did not feed My flock" — 9
 therefore, O shepherds,
 hear the word of YHWH! 10
 Thus says the Lord YHWH:
 "Behold, I am against the shepherds, and
 I will require My flock at their hand;
 I will cause them to cease feeding the
 sheep, and the shepherds shall feed
 themselves no more; for
 I will deliver My flock
 from their mouths, that
 they may no longer be food for them."

The Good Shepherd

11 For thus says the Lord YHWH:
 "Indeed, I Myself [as Messiah] will
 search for My sheep and
 seek them out. 12
 As a shepherd
 seeks out his flock on the day
 he is among his scattered sheep,
 so will I
 seek out My sheep and
 deliver them from all the places
 where they were scattered
 on a cloudy and dark day. 13 And
 I will
 bring them out from the peoples and
 gather them from the countries, and
 will bring them to their own land;

I will feed them
on the mountains of Israel,
in the valleys and
in all the inhabited places
of the country. 14

I will feed them
in good pasture, and
their fold shall be
on the high mountains of Israel.
There they shall lie down
in a good fold and feed
in rich pasture
on the mountains of Israel. 15

I will feed My flock, and [Ps 23]
I will make them lie down.”

says the Lord YHWH. 16
“I will [Mt 18:11, Lu 19:10]
seek what was lost and
bring back what was driven away,
bind up the broken and
strengthen what was sick; but
I will destroy the fat and the strong,
and feed them in judgment.”

Israel, The Flock

17 ¶ And as for you, O My flock,
thus says the Lord YHWH:
“Behold,
I shall judge [cf. Mt 25:31-46]
between sheep and sheep,
between rams and goats. 18
Is it too little for you
to have eaten up the good pasture,
that you must tread down
with your feet
the residue of your pasture — and
to have drunk of the clear waters,
that you must foul the residue
with your feet?

19 And as for My flock,
they eat what you have trampled
with your feet, and
they drink what you have fouled
with your feet.” 20

Therefore
thus says the Lord YHWH to them:
“Behold,
I Myself will judge
between the fat and the lean sheep. 21
Because you have
pushed with side and shoulder,
butted all the weak ones
with your horns, and
scattered them abroad, 22

therefore
I will save My flock, and
they shall no longer be a prey; and
I will judge
between sheep and sheep. 23
I will establish One Shepherd
over them, and
He shall feed them
— My servant David [Messiah].
He shall feed them

and be their shepherd. 24 And
I, YHWH, will be their God, and
My servant David [Messiah]
a prince among them;
I, YHWH, have spoken. 25

YHWH's Covenant of Peace

I will [cf. the New Covenant]
make a covenant of peace with them,
and cause wild beasts to cease from
the land; and they will
dwell safely in the wilderness
and sleep in the woods. 26

I will make
them and
the places all around My hill
a blessing; and

I will cause showers to come down
in their season;
there shall be showers of blessing. 27
Then the trees of the field
shall yield their fruit,
and the land [earth]
shall yield her increase.
They shall be safe in their land; and
they shall know that I am YHWH,

when I have
broken the bands of their yoke and
delivered them from the hand of those
who enslaved them. 28 And
they shall no longer be a prey for the
nations, nor shall beasts of the land
devour them; but
they shall dwell safely,
and no one shall make them afraid. 29
I will raise up for them
a garden of renown, and they shall
no longer be consumed
with hunger in the land,
nor bear the shame of the Gentiles
anymore. 30

Thus they shall know that I,
YHWH their God,
am with them [Immanuel],
and they, the house of Israel,
are My people.”
says the Lord YHWH. 31
“You are My flock,
the flock of My pasture;
you are men, and I am your God.”
says the Lord YHWH.”

[Ezekiel 35 follows Obadiah]

August 30

Obadiah 1:1-21
Ezekiel 35:1-37:28

Obadiah

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Obadiah](#)]

Obadiah 1 [and only chapter]
A Message Concerning Edom (Esau)

1:1 ¶ The vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord YHWH
[Adonai YHWH] concerning Edom
(We have heard a report from
YHWH, And a messenger has been
sent among the nations, saying,
“Arise, and let us rise up
against her [Edom] for battle”): 2

“Behold,
I will make you small
among the nations;
You shall be greatly despised. 3
The pride of your heart
has deceived you, You
Who dwell in the clefts of the rock,
Whose habitation is high; You
Who say in your heart,
“Who will bring me down
to the ground?” 4

Though you ascend
as high as the eagle, And
Though you set your nest
among the stars,
From there I will bring you down.”
says YHWH. 5

“If thieves had come to you,
If robbers by night
— Oh, how you will be cut off! —
Would they not have stolen
till they had enough?

If grape-gatherers had come to you,
 Would they not
 have left *some* gleanings? 6
 Oh, how Esau shall be searched out!
How his hidden treasures
 shall be sought after! 7
 All the men in your confederacy
 Shall force you to the border;
 The men at 'peace' with you
 Shall deceive you
 and prevail against you.
Those who eat your bread
 Shall lay a trap for you.
 No one is aware of it. 8
 Will I not *in that day*,"
 says YHWH,
 Even destroy
 the wise men
 from Edom, and
 understanding
 from the mountains of Esau? 9
 Then your mighty men, O Teman,
 Shall be dismayed,
 To the end that
 Everyone from the mountains of Esau
 May be cut off by slaughter.
 10 ¶
Reasons for Edom's Punishment
 For violence against your brother Jacob,
 Shame shall cover you, And
 You shall be cut off forever. 11
 In the day that you stood on the other
 side —
 In the day that strangers carried cap-
 tive his forces,
 When foreigners entered his gates
 And cast lots for Jerusalem —
 Even you *were* as one of them. 12
 But you should not have gazed
 on the day of your brother

In the day of his captivity;
 Nor should you have rejoiced
 over the children of Judah
 In the day of their destruction;
 Nor should you have
 spoken proudly
 In the day of distress. 13
 You should not have entered
 the gate of My people
 In the day of their calamity.
 Indeed,
 You should not have gazed
 on their affliction
 In the day of their calamity,
 Nor laid hands on their substance
 In the day of their calamity. 14
 You should not have stood
 at the crossroads
 To cut off those among them
 who escaped;
 Nor should you have delivered up
 those among them who remained
 In the day of distress.
 15
 For the day of YHWH
 upon all the nations is near;
 As you have done,
 it shall be done to you;
 Your reprisal shall return
 upon your own head. 16
 For as you drank
 on My holy mountain,
 So shall all the nations
 drink continually;
 Yes, they shall drink, and swallow,
 And they shall be
 as though they had never been.

17 ¶

Israel Restored
 But on Mount Zion
 there shall be deliverance,
 And there shall be holiness;
 The house of Jacob
 shall possess their possessions. 18
 The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and
 The house of Joseph a flame; But
 The house of Esau shall be stubble;
 They shall kindle them
 and devour them, And
 No survivor shall remain
 of the house of Esau." 19
 For YHWH has spoken. 19
 The South [Negev] shall possess [annex]
 the mountains of Esau, And
 The Lowland shall possess Philistia.
 They shall possess
 the fields of Ephraim And
 the fields of Samaria.
 Benjamin shall possess Gilead. 20
 And the captives of this host of the
 children of Israel shall possess the
 land of the Canaanites
 As far [north] as Zarephath.
 [a city on the coast about half
 way between Sidon and Tyre]
 The captives of Jerusalem
 who are in Sepharad
 [also in northern Israel]
 Shall possess
 the cities of the South. 21
 Then saviors shall come to Mount Zion
 To judge the mountains of Esau,
 And the kingdom shall be YHWH's.

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 25-32, 35 ^]

Ezekiel 35
A Message Against Edom (Mt. Seir)
 35:1 ¶ Moreover the word of YHWH
 came to me, saying, 2
 "Son of man,
 set your face against Mount Seir and
 prophesy against it, 3 and
 say to it,
 "Thus says the Lord YHWH:
 "Behold, O Mount Seir,
 I am against you;
 I will stretch out My hand against you,
 And make you most desolate; 4
 I shall lay your cities waste,
 And you shall be desolate.
 Then you shall know
 that I am YHWH. 5
 Because you have had an ancient
 hatred, and have shed the blood of the
 children of Israel by the power of the
 sword at the time of their calamity,
 when their iniquity came to an end, 6
 therefore, as I live,"
 says the Lord YHWH,
 "I will prepare you for blood,
 and blood shall pursue you;
 since you have not hated blood,
 therefore blood shall pursue you. 7
 Thus
 I will make Mount Seir most desolate,
 and cut off from it
 the one who leaves and
 the one who returns. 8 And
 I will fill its mountains with the slain;
 on your hills and
 in your valleys and
 in all your ravines
 those who are slain by the sword
 shall fall. 9
 I will make you perpetually desolate,
 and your cities shall be uninhabited;

then you shall know
that I am Y^{HWH}.

10 ¶
Because you have said,
‘These two nations and
These two countries
shall be mine,
and we will possess them’,
although Y^{HWH} was there, 11
therefore, as I live,”

says the Lord Y^{HWH},
“I will do
according to your anger and
according to the envy
that you showed
in your hatred against them; and
I will make Myself known
among them when I judge you. 12
Then you shall know
that I am Y^{HWH}.

I have heard all your blasphemies
that you have spoken
against the mountains of Israel,
saying,
‘They are desolate;
they are given to us to consume.’ 13
Thus with your mouth you have
boasted against Me and
multiplied your words against Me;

I have heard them.” 14
Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
“The whole land [earth] will rejoice
when I make you desolate. 15
As you rejoiced
because the inheritance of the
house of Israel was desolate,
So I will do to you.
You shall be desolate, O Mount Seir,
as well as all of Edom — all of it!

Then they shall know
that I am Y^{HWH}.”

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 33-34, 36-37]

Ezekiel 36

Restoration for Israel

36:1 ¶ And you, son of man,
prophecy to the mountains of Israel,
and say,

‘O mountains of Israel,
hear the word of Y^{HWH}! 2
Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
“Because the enemy has said of you,
‘Aha! The ancient heights
have become our possession,’” 3

therefore prophecy, and say,
‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
“Because they
made you desolate and
swallowed you up on every side,
so that you became the possession of
the rest of the nations,
and you are
taken up by the lips of talkers and
slandered by the people” — 4
therefore, O mountains of Israel,
hear the word of the Lord Y^{HWH}!

Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH} to
the mountains,
the hills,
the rivers,
the valleys,
the desolate wastes, and
the cities that have been forsaken,
that became plunder and mockery to
the rest of the nations all around — 5
therefore

thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
“Surely I have spoken
in My burning jealousy
against the rest of the nations and
against all Edom,
who gave My land to themselves
as a possession,

with whole-hearted joy
and spiteful minds,
in order to plunder
its open country.” 6

Therefore prophecy concerning
the land of Israel, and say to
the mountains,
the hills,
the rivers, and
the valleys,

‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
“Behold,
I have spoken in
My jealousy and My fury,
because you have borne
the shame of the nations.” 7

‘Therefore thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
“I have raised My hand in an oath
that surely the nations
that are around you [people: v12]
shall bear their own shame. 8
But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall
shoot forth your branches and
yield your fruit to My people Israel,
for they are about to come. 9

For indeed I am for you, and
I will turn to you,
and you shall be tilled and sown. 10
I will multiply men upon you,
all the house of Israel, all of it;
and the cities shall be inhabited
and the ruins rebuilt. 11
I will multiply upon you man and beast;
and they shall increase
and bear young;

I will make you inhabited
as in former times,
and do better for you
than at your beginnings.

Then you shall know
that I am Y^{HWH}. 12

Yes,
I will cause men to walk on you,
My people Israel;
they shall take possession of you,
and you shall be their inheritance;
no more shall you bereave them
of children.” 13
Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
“Because they say to you,
‘You devour men and bereave your
nation of children’, 14
therefore
you shall devour men no more,
nor bereave your nation anymore.”
says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 15
“Nor will I let you hear
the taunts of the nations anymore,
nor bear
the reproach of the peoples anymore,
nor shall you cause
your nation to stumble anymore.”
says the Lord Y^{HWH}.”

16 ¶ Moreover the word of Y^{HWH} came
to me, saying: 17
“Son of man, when the house of Israel
dwelt in their own land, they defiled it
by their own ways and deeds; to Me
their way was like the uncleanness of
a woman in her customary impurity. 18
Therefore I poured out My fury on them
for the blood they had shed on the land,
and for their idols with which they had
defiled it. 19 So I scattered them among
the nations, and they were dispersed
throughout the countries; I judged them
according to their ways and their deeds.
20 When they came to the nations,
wherever they went,
they profaned My holy name —
when they said of them,

‘These are the people of Y^{HWH}, and yet they have gone out of His land.’ 21 But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went. 22 Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}: “I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. 23 And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am Y^{HWH},” says the Lord Y^{HWH}, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. 24 For I will Take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. 25 ¶ Then [at a much later time, AD 30] God will Establish the New Covenant I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and [Ps 51] put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments

and do them. 28 Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. 29 I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. [Back to the restoration:] I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. 30 And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations. 31 Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. 32 Not for your sake do I do *this*,” says the Lord Y^{HWH}, “let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!” 33 ¶ Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. 34 The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. 35 So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’ 36 Then the nations that are left all around

you shall know that I, Y^{HWH}, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, Y^{HWH}, have spoken it, and I will do it.” 37 ¶ Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}: “I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock — 38 like a flock [set apart] offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.””

Ezekiel 37

Valley of Dry Bones

37:1 ¶ The hand of Y^{HWH} came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of Y^{HWH}, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. 3 And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” So I answered, “O Lord Y^{HWH} [Adonai Y^{HWH}], You know.” 4 ¶ Again He said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of Y^{HWH}!’ 5 ¶ Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH} to these bones:

“Surely I will [or spirit: Hebrew ruwach] cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. 6 I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.”” 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. 9 Also He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath [or Spirit], Prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath [or Spirit], ‘Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}: [or Spirit] “Come from the four winds, O breath, [also ↑ ruwach] and breathe [blow] on these slain, that they may live.”” 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath [spirit] came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 ¶ Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, Our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’ 12 Therefore prophecy and say to them,

‘Thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:
 ‘Behold, O My people,
 I will [resurrect you:]
 open your graves and
 cause you to come up from
 your graves, and
 bring you into the land of Israel. 13
 Then you shall know
 that I am Y_{HWH},
 when I have
 opened your graves,
 O My people, and
 brought you up from your graves. 14
 I will put My Spirit in you,
 and you shall live, and
 I will place you in your own land.
 Then you shall know
 that I, Y_{HWH}, have
 spoken it and
 performed it.”
 says Y_{HWH}.”

Reunion of Israel and Judah

15 ¶ Again the word of Y_{HWH} came to
 me, saying, 16
 ‘As for you, son of man,
 take a stick for yourself and write on it:
 ‘For Judah and
 For the children of Israel,
 his companions.’
 Then take another stick and write on it,
 ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim,
 and for all the house of Israel,
 his companions.’ 17
 Then join them one to another for
 yourself into one stick, and
 they will become one in your hand. 18
 And when the children of your people
 speak to you, saying,
 ‘Will you not show us
 what you mean by these?’ — 19
 say to them,

‘Thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:
 ‘Surely
 I will take the stick of Joseph,
 which is in the hand of Ephraim,
 and the tribes of Israel,
 his companions; and
 I will join them with it,
 with the stick of Judah,
 and make them one stick,
 and they will be one in My hand.” 20
 And the sticks on which you write will
 be in your hand before their eyes. 21
 Then say to them,
 ‘Thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:
 ‘Surely
 I will take the children of Israel
 from among the nations,
 wherever they have gone,
 and will gather them from every side and
 bring them into their own land; 22
 and I will make them one nation
 in the land,
 on the mountains of Israel; and
 One King shall be king over them all.
 They shall no longer be two nations,
 nor shall they ever be divided
 into two kingdoms again. 23
 They shall not defile themselves
 anymore with their idols,
 nor with their detestable things,
 nor with any of their transgressions;
 but I will deliver them from
 all their dwelling places
 in which they have sinned, and
 will cleanse them.
 Then they shall be My people, and
 I will be their God. 24

David My servant [Messiah] shall be
 King [cf. v22b] over them, and
 They shall all have One Shepherd;
 They shall also
 walk in My judgments and
 observe My statutes, and
 do them. 25 Then
 They shall dwell in the land that
 I have given to Jacob My servant,
 where your fathers dwelt; and
 They shall dwell there,
 they,
 their children, and
 their children’s children,
 forever; and
 My servant David [Messiah] shall be
 their prince forever. 26
 Moreover I will make
 a covenant of peace with them,
 and it shall be
 an everlasting covenant with them;
 I will [^ or Eternal]
 establish them and
 multiply them, and
 I will set My sanctuary
 in their midst forevermore. 27
 [~Quoted by Paul in 2Co 6:16]
 My tabernacle also shall be with them;
 indeed
 I will be their God,
 and they shall be My people. 28
 The nations also will know
 that I, Y_{HWH}, sanctify Israel,
 when My sanctuary is
 in their midst forevermore.””

August 31

Ezekiel 38:1-39:29

Ezekiel 32:1-32 from Aug 24

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 38-39]

Ezekiel 38

A Message for Gog,

a Prince over the Land of Magog

38:1 ¶ Now the word of Y_{HWH} came to
 me, saying, 2

‘Son of man, set your face against
 Gog [“mountain”],
 of the land of Magog¹⁸
 [“land of Gog”],
 the prince of
 Rosh¹⁹ [“prince”],
 Meshech²⁰ [“drawing out”],
 and
 Tubal²¹ [“you shall be brought”],
 and prophesy against him, 3 and say,
 ‘Thus says the Lord Y_{HWH}:

¹⁸ Most of modern Turkey: the mountainous region between Cappadocia and Media and habitation of the descendants of Magog, son of Japheth (Ge 10:2) and grandson of Noah.

¹⁹ Not modern Russia, as some have claimed: see adjacent footnotes.

²⁰ Son of Japheth (Ge 10:2), grandson of Noah, and progenitor of peoples to the north of Israel; descendants of Meshech are often mentioned in connection with Tubal, Magog, and other northern nations including the Moschi, a people on the borders of Colchis and Armenia. (Not modern Moscow, as some have claimed, but more like northern Iraq.)

²¹ Son of Japheth (Ge 10:2) and grandson of Noah; a region in east Asia Minor, perhaps nearly equal to Cappadocia. (Not modern Toblisk, as some have claimed.)

“Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer²² [“complete”] and all its troops; the house of Togarmah [“you will break her”]; son of Gomer] from the far north and all its troops — many people *are* with you. 7 Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them. 8 After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. 9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and

²² The eldest son of Japheth (Ge 10:2) and grandson of Noah; the progenitor of the early Cimmerians and other branches of the Celtic family.

all your troops and many peoples with you.” 10 Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}: “On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: 11 You will say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates’ — 12 to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. 13 Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, ‘Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?’”

14 ¶ Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}: “On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? 15 Then you will come from your place

out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. 16 You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes.” 17 Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}: “Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them? 18 And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel”, says the Lord Y^{HWH}, “that My fury will show in My face. 19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, 20 so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the land [earth], and all men who are on the face of the land [earth] shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ 21

I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains.” says the Lord Y^{HWH}. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. 22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}.”

Ezekiel 39 The Slaughter of Gog’s Armies

39:1 ¶ And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}: “Behold, I *am* against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; 2 and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel. 3 Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand. 4 You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to

the beasts of the field to be devoured. 5
You shall fall on the open field;
for I have spoken,”

says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 6

“And I will send fire
on Magog and
on those who live in security
in the coastlands.

Then they shall know
that I am Y^{HWH}. 7

So I will make My holy name known
in the midst of My people Israel,
and I will not let them profane
My holy name anymore.

Then the nations shall know
that I am Y^{HWH},

the Holy One in Israel. 8 ¶

Surely it is coming, and it shall be done.”
says the Lord Y^{HWH}.

“This is the day of which I have spoken. 9
Then those who dwell in the cities of
Israel will

go out and set on fire and burn
the weapons,
both the shields and bucklers,
the bows and arrows,
the javelins and spears; and
they will make fires with them
for seven [7] years. 10

They will
not take wood from the field
nor cut down any from the forests,
because they will make fires with
the weapons; and

they will
plunder those who plundered them,
and
pillage those who pillaged them.”
says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 11

“It will come to pass in that day that
I will give Gog

a burial place there in Israel,
the valley of those

who pass by east of the sea; and
it will obstruct travelers,
because there they will bury
Gog and all his multitude.

Therefore they will call it
the Valley of Hamon Gog
[“the multitude of Gog”]. 12

For seven [7] months

the house of Israel will be burying them,
in order to cleanse the land. 13 Indeed
all the people of the land will be burying,
and they will gain renown for it
on the day that I am glorified,”

says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 14

“They will set apart
men regularly employed,
with the help of a search party,
to pass through the land and
bury those bodies remaining
on the ground,
in order to cleanse it.

At the end of seven [7] months

they will make a search. 15
The search party will
pass through the land; and
when anyone sees a man’s bone,
he shall set up a marker by it,
till the buriers have buried it
in the Valley of Hamon Gog. 16

The name of the city will also be
Hamonah [“the multitudes”].
Thus they shall cleanse the land.” 17

And as for you, son of man,
thus says the Lord Y^{HWH},

“Speak to every sort of bird and
to every beast of the field:

“Assemble yourselves and come;
Gather together from all sides to
My sacrificial meal [cf. Re 19:17]

Which I am sacrificing for you,
A great sacrificial meal
on the mountains of Israel,

That you may
Eat flesh and
Drink blood. 18

You shall
Eat the flesh
Of the mighty,
Drink the blood
Of the princes of the land [earth],
Of rams and lambs,
Of goats and bulls,
All of them fatlings of Bashan. 19

You shall
Eat fat till you are full, And
Drink blood till you are drunk,
At My sacrificial meal
Which I am sacrificing for you. 20

You shall be filled at My table
With horses and riders,
With mighty men And
With all the men of war.”
says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 21

“I will set
My glory
among the nations;
all the nations shall see
My judgment
which I have executed, and
My hand
which I have laid on them. 22
So the house of Israel shall know that
I am Y^{HWH} their God
from that day forward.

Restoration for God’s People

23 ¶ The Gentiles shall know that the
house of Israel went into captivity for
their iniquity;
because they were unfaithful to Me,

therefore
I hid My face from them.
I gave them into the hand of their enemies,
and they all fell by the sword. 24
According to their uncleanness and
According to their transgressions
I have dealt with them, and
hidden My face from them.” 25

Therefore
thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Now I will bring back
the captives of Jacob,
and have mercy on
the whole house of Israel;
and I will be jealous
for My holy name — 26

after they have borne their shame, and
all their unfaithfulness in which
they were unfaithful to Me,
when they dwelt safely in their own
land and no one made them afraid. 27

When I have
brought them back
from the peoples and
gathered them
out of their enemies’ lands,
and I am hallowed in them
in the sight of many nations, 28

then they shall know that
I am Y^{HWH} their God, who
sent them into captivity
among the nations, but also
brought them back to their land, and
left none of them captive any longer. 29
And I will not

hide My face from them anymore;
for I shall have poured out My Spirit
on the house of Israel.’
says the Lord Y^{HWH}.”

[Ezekiel 40 on Sep. 3]

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 25-32, 35]

Ezekiel 32

585BC/03/03

A Lamentation for Pharaoh

32:1 ¶ And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, [J'chin-Cap-12/12/01; so March 3, 585 BC] that the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, 2
“Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him:
‘You are like a young lion among the nations, And You are like a dragon of dragons [monster] [great dinosaur] in the seas, Bursting forth in your rivers, Troubling the waters with your feet, And Fouling their rivers.’ 3
Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
‘I will therefore spread My net over you [↓ Egyptians] with a company of many people, And they will draw you [all] up in My net. 4 **Then**
I will leave you [all] on the land; I will cast you out on the open fields, And cause to settle on you all the birds of the heavens. And with you I will fill the beasts of the whole land [earth]. 5
I will lay your flesh on the mountains, And fill the valleys with your carcass. 6
I will also water the land [↑ plural] with the flow of your blood, Even to the mountains; And The riverbeds will be full of you. 7
When I put out your light,

I will cover the heavens, [Is 13:10] and make its stars dark;
I will cover the sun with a cloud, And the moon shall not give her light. 8
All the bright lights of the heavens I will make dark over you, And bring darkness upon your land.’
says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 9
‘I will also trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the countries that you have not known. 10 Yes, I will make many peoples astonished at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid of you when I brandish My sword before them; and they shall tremble every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.’ 11
For thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
‘The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you. 12
By the swords of the mighty warriors, all of them, the most terrible of the nations, I will cause your multitude to fall. They shall plunder the pomp of Egypt, And all its multitude shall be destroyed. 13 Also I will destroy all its animals From beside its great waters; The foot of man shall muddy them no more, Nor shall the hooves of animals muddy them. 14 **Then**
I will make their waters clear, And make their rivers run like oil.’
says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 15
‘**When I make the land of Egypt desolate, And the country is destitute of all that once filled it,**

When I strike all who dwell in it, Then they shall know that I am Y^{HWH}. 16
This is the lamentation With which they shall lament her; The daughters of the nations shall lament her; They shall lament for her, for Egypt, And for all her multitude.’
says the Lord Y^{HWH}.”

Ezekiel 32:17-32 585BC/03/17?

Egypt Will Be Slain, Buried

17 ¶ It came to pass also in the twelfth year, [in the twelfth (following 32:1) month²³] on the fifteenth day of the month, [J'chin-Cap-12/mm:12?/15; so March 17, 585 BC] that the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying: 18
“Son of man, Wail over the multitude of Egypt, and Cast them down to the depths of the land [earth], Her and The daughters of the famous nations, With those who go down to the Pit: 19
‘Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go down, be placed with the uncircumcised.’ 20
They shall fall in the midst of those slain by the sword; She is delivered

to the sword, Drawing her and all her multitudes. 21
The strong among the mighty Shall speak to him [↓ Sheol] out of the midst of the grave [hell] With those who help him: ‘They have gone down, They lie with the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.’ 22
Assyria is there, and all her company, With their graves all around her, All of them slain, fallen by the sword. 23
Her graves are set in the recesses of the Pit, And Her company is all around her grave, All of them slain, fallen by the sword, Who caused terror in the land of the living. 24
There is Elam [Persia] and all her multitude, All around her grave, All of them slain, fallen by the sword, Who have gone down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the land [earth] [i.e., graves], Who caused their terror in the land of the living; **Now** they bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit. 25
They have set her bed in the midst of the slain, With all her multitude, With her graves all around it, All of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword;

²³ LXX: “on the fifteenth day of the first month”, so April 27, 586 BC, at the beginning of Jehoiachin’s twelfth year.

Though their terror was caused
 In the land of the living,
 Yet they bear their shame
 With those who go down to the Pit;
 It [her bed] was put
 in the midst of the slain. ²⁶
 There are Meshech and Tubal
 and all their multitudes,
 With all their graves around it,
 All of them uncircumcised,
 slain by the sword,
 Though they caused their terror
 In the land of the living. ²⁷
 They do not lie with the mighty
 Who are fallen of the uncircumcised,
 Who have gone down
 to the grave [hell] [Sheol]
 with their weapons of war;
 They have laid their swords
 under their heads, But
 Their iniquities will be
 on their bones,
 Because of the terror of the mighty
 In the land of the living. ²⁸
 Yes, you shall be broken
 in the midst of the uncircumcised,
 And lie with those
 slain by the sword. ²⁹
 There is Edom,
 Her kings and all her princes,
 Who despite their might
 Are laid beside those
 slain by the sword;
 They shall lie
 with the uncircumcised, And
 with those who go down to the Pit. ³⁰
 There are the princes of the north,
 All of them, and
 all the Sidonians,
 Who have gone down
 with the slain

In shame at the terror
 that they caused by their might;
 They lie uncircumcised with those
 slain by the sword,
 And bear their shame
 with those who go down to the Pit. ³¹
 Pharaoh will see them
 And be comforted over
 all his multitude,
 Pharaoh and all his army,
 slain by the sword.”
 says the Lord Y^{HWH}. ³²
 “For I have caused My terror
 in the land of the living; And
 He [Pharaoh] shall be placed
 In the midst of the uncircumcised
 With those
 slain by the sword,
 Pharaoh and all his multitude,”
 says the Lord Y^{HWH}.

September 1

Ezekiel 33:1-20 from Aug 24

Jeremiah 52:28-30

Psalms 137

1 Chronicles 4:24-5:17

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 33-34, 36-37]

Ezekiel 33

Ezekiel as Israel's Watchman

^{33:1} ¶ Again the word of Y^{HWH} came to me, saying, ² [cf. 3:16ff]
 “Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them:
 ‘When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, ³ when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴ then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet

and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. ⁵ He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. ⁶ But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.’ ⁷
 So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. ⁸
 When I say to the wicked,
 ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’
 and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.
The Watchman's Message
¹⁰ ¶ Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel:
 ‘Thus you say,
 “If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?”’ ¹¹
 Say to them:
 ‘As I live’,
 says the Lord Y^{HWH},
 ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.

Turn, turn from your evil ways!
 For why should you die,
 O house of Israel?’ ¹²
 Therefore you, O son of man,
 say to the children of your people:
 ‘The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.’ ¹³
 When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. ¹⁴
 Again, when I say to the wicked,
 ‘You shall surely die’,
 if he turns from his sin
 and does what is lawful and right, ¹⁵
 if the wicked
 restores the pledge,
 gives back what he has stolen, and
 walks in the statutes of life
 without committing iniquity,
 he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶
 None of his sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live. [cf. 18:25:] ¹⁷
 Yet the children of your people say,
 ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’
 But it is their way that is not fair! ¹⁸
 When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. ¹⁹ But when

the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. 20 Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.'

O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways."

[Ezekiel 33:21ff on Aug. 19]

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 50-52]

Jeremiah 52:28-30 [v31-34]

Summary: The Captives

28 These are the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive:

[First Captivity: Da 1:1; 606 BC]

Second Captivity [2Ki 24:10-17]:

in the [his] seventh year [Neb-07], three thousand and twenty-three [3,023] Jews;

[including Jehoiachin at Jkm-11]

[Neb-07 = J'chin-Cap-01; 596 BC]

[Neb-01 = Jkm-04; Je 25:1] 29

[Original in 2Ki 24:12: 8th year & 10,000 + 8,000 vs 3,023 ???]

Third Captivity [Je 52:4-27]:

in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar

[Zed-Reign:10 = JudahYear:389, so 3418 AB = 587 BC, per Jones, = Neb-18: Je 32:1]

[Neb-18= J'chin-Cap-12= Zed-11]

he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred and thirty-two [832] persons; 30

Fourth Captivity [first mention]:

in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadnezzar,

[Neb-23= J'chin-Cap-17,

so 3423 AB = 582 BC, per Jones]

Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred and forty-five [745] persons.

All the persons were four thousand six hundred [4,600 = 3,023+832+745].

Psalm 137

By the Rivers of Babylon

[Either written near this time or prophetically at an earlier date.]

137:1 ¶

By the rivers of Babylon,

There we sat down, yea, we wept

when we remembered Zion. 2

We hung our harps

upon the willows in the midst of it. 3

For there

those who carried us away captive

asked of us a song, and

those who plundered us

requested mirth,

saying,

"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" 4

How shall we sing YHWH's song

in a foreign land? 5

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,

let my right hand forget its skill! 6

If I do not remember you,

let my tongue cling

to the roof of my mouth —

If I do not exalt Jerusalem

above my chief joy.

7 ¶

Remember, O YHWH,

against the sons of Edom

who, in the day of Jerusalem, said,²⁴

"Raze it, raze it,

to its very foundation!" 8

O daughter of Babylon,

who are to be destroyed,

Happy the one who repays you

as you have served us! 9

Happy the one who takes and dashes

your little ones against the rock!

²⁴ NKJ: "in the day of Jerusalem, who said,"

1 Chronicles 4:24-43

From Simeon to (?) the Captivity

[Looking back: genealogies from the time of Jacob to the time of the Captivity.]

24 ¶ The sons of Simeon were

Nemuel ["God's day"],

Jamin ["right hand"],

____ [Ohad must have died later?]

Jarib ["he contends"], [↑ Ge 46:10]

Zerah ["rising"], and

Shaul ["desired"], 25

Shallum ["retribution"] his son,

Mibsam ["sweet odor"] his son,

and

Mishma ["a hearing"] his son.

Genesis 46:10 [↓ at age ~45]

The sons of Simeon were

Jemuel ["God's day"],

Jamin ["right hand"],

Ohad ["united"],

Jachin ["He will establish"],

Zohar ["tawny"], and

Shaul ["desired"],

the son of a Canaanite woman.

[Simeon + 6 sons]

26 And the sons of Mishma were

Hamuel ["God's heat"] his son,

Zacchur ["mindful"] his son, and

Shimei ["renowned"] his son.

27 Shimei had sixteen [16] sons and

six [6] daughters; but his brothers did

not have many children, nor did any

of their families multiply as much as

the children of Judah.

28 They dwelt at

Beersheba ["well of the 7-fold oath"],

Moladah ["birth" or "race"],

Hazar Shual ["village of jackal"], 29

Bilhah ["troubled"],

Ezem ["bone"],

Tolad ["generation"], 30

Bethuel ["God destroys" or

"God's man" or "dweller in God"],

Hormah ["devotion"],

Ziklag ["winding"], 31

Beth Marcaboth ["house of the chariots"],

Hazar Susim ["village of horses"],

Beth Biri ["house of a creative one"],

and at

Shaaraim ["double gate"].

These were their cities until the reign

of David. 32 And their villages were

Etam ["lair of wild beasts"],

Ain ["spring"],

Rimmon ["pomegranate"],

Tochen ["measurement"], and

Ashan ["smoke"]

— five [5] cities — 33 and

all the villages that were

around these cities as far as

Baal ["lord"].

These were their dwelling places, and

they maintained their genealogy: 34

Meshobab ["restored"/"backsliding"],

Jamlech ["He will reign"], and

Joshah ["YHWH makes equal"]

the son of Amaziah

["YHWH is mighty"]; 35

Joel ["YHWH is God"], and

Jehu ["YHWH is He"]

the son of Joshibiah

["YHWH causes to dwell"],

the son of Seraiah

["YHWH is ruler"],

the son of Asiel ["God-made"]; 36

Elioenai ["my eyes are to God"],

Jaakobah ["toward Jacob"],

Jeshohaiah ["YHWH humbles"],

Asaiah ["YHWH-made"],

Adiel [*“God’s ornament”*],
Jesimiel [*“God will place”*], and
Benaiah [*“YHWH has built (up)”*]; 37
Ziza [*“shining”*]

the son of Shiphi [*“abundant”*],
the son of Allon [*“great tree”*],
the son of Jedaiah
[*“YHWH-praised”*],
the son of Shimri [*“vigilant”*],
the son of Shemaiah
[*“YHWH-heard”*]

— 38 these mentioned by name were
leaders in their families, and their
father’s house increased greatly. 39
So they went to the entrance of Gedor
[*“wall”*], as far as the east side of the
valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.
40 And they found rich, good pasture,
and the land was broad, quiet, and
peaceful; for some Hamites formerly
lived there. 41 These recorded by name
came in the days of Hezekiah king of
Judah; and they attacked their tents and
the Meunites who were found there,
and utterly destroyed them, as it is to
this day. So they dwelt in their place,
because there was pasture for their
flocks there. 42 Now some of them,
five hundred [500] men of the sons of
Simeon, went to Mount Seir, having
as their captains

Pelatiah [*“YHWH delivers”*],
Neariah [*“YHWH’s servant”*],
Rephaiah [*“YHWH-healed”*], and
Uzziel [*“God is my strength”*],
the sons of Ishi [*“He saves me”*].

43 And they defeated the rest of the
Amalekites who had escaped. They
have dwelt there to this day [i.e., the
Captivity, or even Ezra’s time?].

1 Chronicles 5 From Reuben to Saul

5:1 ¶ Now the sons of Reuben the
firstborn of Israel — he was indeed the
firstborn, but because he defiled his
father’s bed, his birthright was given
to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel,
so that the genealogy is not listed ac-
cording to the birthright; 2 yet Judah
prevailed over his brothers, and from
him came a ruler [David?], although the
birthright was Joseph’s — 3 the sons
of Reuben the firstborn of Israel were
Hanoch [*“dedicated”*],
Pallu [*“distinguished”*],
Hezron [*“surrounded by a wall”*], and
Carmi [*“my vineyard”*].

Genesis 46:9 [↓ at age ~46]
The sons of Reuben were
Hanoch [*“dedicated”*],
Pallu [*“distinguished”*],
Hezron [*“surrounded by a wall”*], and
Carmi [*“my vineyard”*].
[Reuben + 4 sons]

4 The sons [descendants] of Joel
[of whom?] were
Shemaiah [*“YHWH-heard”*] his son,
Gog [*“mountain”*] his son,
Shimei [*“renowned”*] his son, 5
Micah [*“who is like God”*] his son,
Reaiah
[*“YHWH has seen”*] his son,
Baal [*“lord”*] his son, 6 and
Beerah [*“well”*] his son,
whom Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria
carried into captivity. He was leader
of the Reubenites. 7 And his brethren
by their families, when the genealogy
of their records [generations] was reg-
istered:

the chief, Jeiel [*“God sweeps away”*],
and
Zechariah [*“YHWH remembers”*], 8 and
Bela [*“destruction”*]
the son of Azaz [*“strong”*],
the son of Shema [*“hear”*],
the son of Joel
[*“YHWH is God”*],

who dwelt in
Aroer [*“ruins”*], as far as
Nebo [*“prophet”*] and
Baal Meon [*“lord of the habitation”*]. 9
Eastward they settled as far as the en-
trance of the wilderness this side of the
River Euphrates, because their cattle had
multiplied in the land of Gilead. 10 Now
in the days of Saul they made war with
the Hagarites, who fell by their hand; and
they dwelt in their tents throughout the
entire area east of Gilead. [Reuben’s
story continues in v18 below.]

From Gad to the Captivity

11 And the children of Gad dwelt next
to them in the land of Bashan as far as
Salcah [*“migration”*]: 12

Genesis 46:16 [↓ at age ~42]
The sons of Gad were
Ziphion [*“lookout”*],
Haggi [*“festive”*],
Shuni [*“fortunate”*],
Ezbon [*“hasting to discern: I will
be enlargement”*],
Eri [*“watchful”*],
Arodi [*“I shall subdue: I shall
roam”*], and
Areli [*“lion of God”*].
[G + 7 sons] [8 in all]

[Perhaps the next list is of men alive
when this was written, and is not
meant as a genealogy from Gad:]

Joel [*“YHWH is God”*] was the chief,
Shapham [*“bald”*] the next, then
Jaanaï [*“whom YHWH answers”*] and
Shaphat [*“he has judged”*]
in Bashan [*“fruitful”*], 13 and
their brethren of their father’s house:
Michael [*“who is like God”*],
Meshullam [*“friend”*],
Sheba [*“seven”*],
Jorai [*“YHWH has taught me”*],
Jachan [*“troublesome”*],
Zia [*“tumult”*], and
Eber [*“the region beyond”*]
— seven [7] in all.

14 These were the children of
Abihail [*“might is my father”*]
the son of Huri [*“linen-weaver”*],
the son of Jaroah [*“new moon”*],
the son of Gilead [*“rocky region”*],
the son of Michael
[*“who is like God”*],
the son of Jeshishai [*“my old one”*],
the son of Jahdo [*“His unity”*],
the son of Buz [*“contempt”*]; 15
Ahi [*“my brother”*]
the son of Abdiel [*“servant of God”*],
the son of Guni [*“my defender(?)”*],
was chief of their father’s house. 16
And the Gadites dwelt
in Gilead,
in Bashan and in its villages, and
in all the common-lands of Sharon
[*“a plain”*] within their borders. 17
All these were registered by genealogies
in the days of Jotham king of Judah,
and
in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.
[Gad’s story continues in v18 next.]

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1 Chronicles 5:18-26

1 Chronicles 6:1-3, 49, 4-15

1 Chronicles 7:1-8:28

1 Chronicles 5:18-26

Reuben-Gad-½Manasseh Tribes to the Assyrian Captivity

18 ¶ The sons of **Reuben**, the **Gadites**, and half the tribe of **Manasseh** had forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty [44,760] valiant men, men able to bear shield and sword, to shoot with the bow, and skillful in war, who went to war. 19 They made war with the **Hagrites**:

Jetur [“enclosed”],

Naphish [“refreshment”], and

Nodab [“nobility”]. 20

And they were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them, for they cried out to **God** in the battle. **He** heeded their prayer, because they put their trust in **Him**. 21

Then they took away their livestock — fifty thousand

[50,000] of their camels,

two hundred and fifty thousand

[250,000] of their sheep, and

two thousand

[2,000] of their donkeys —

also one hundred thousand

[100,000] of their men; 22

for many fell dead, because the war was **God's**. And they dwelt in their place until the captivity [apparently by Assyria: v.26].

23 So the children of the half-tribe of **Manasseh** dwelt in the land. Their numbers increased from **Bashan** to **Baal Hermon**, that is, to **Senir**, or **Mount Hermon**. 24 These were the heads of their fathers' houses:

Epher [“a call”],

Ishi [“He saves me”],

Eliel [“(my) **God** is **God**”],

Azriel [“my help is **God**”],

Jeremiah

[“whom **YHWH** has appointed”],

Hodaviah [“**YHWH** be praised”],

and

Jahdiel [“**God** is my unity”].

They were

mighty men of valor,

famous men, and

heads of their fathers' houses. 25

And they were unfaithful to the **God** of their fathers, and played the harlot after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom **God** had destroyed before them. 26 So the **God** of Israel stirred up the spirit of **Pul** king of Assyria, that is, **Tiglath-Pileser** king of Assyria.

He carried

the Reubenites,

the Gadites, and

the half-tribe of **Manasseh**

into captivity. He took them to:

Halah [“painful”],

Habor [“joining”],

Hara [“mountain land”], and

the river of **Gozan** [“a cutting off”] to this day. [Probably **Ezra's** day.]

[1 Chronicles 6:1-3a also appears after Ex 6:20 (February 2 reading).]

1 Chronicles 6:1-3, 49, 4-15

From Levi to the Captivity

6:1 ¶ The sons of **Levi** were

Gershon [“exile”],

Kohath [“assembly”], and

Merari [“bitter”].

Genesis 46:11 [↓ at age ~44]

The sons of **Levi** were

Gershon [“exile”],

Kohath [“assembly”], and

Merari [“bitter”].

[Levi + 3 sons]

2 The sons of **Kohath** were

Amram [“exalted people”],

Izhar [“shining oil”],

Hebron [“association”], and

Uzziel [“**God** is my strength”].

Exodus 6:18a

And the sons of **Kohath** were

Amram [“exalted people”],

Izhar [“shinning oil”],

Hebron [“association”], and

Uzziel [“**God** is my strength”].

3 The children of **Amram** were

Aaron [“light bringer”],

Moses [“drawn”], and

Miriam [“rebellion”].

Exodus 6:20a

Now **Amram** took for himself

Jochebed [“**YHWH** is glory”],

his father's sister,

as wife; and she bore him

Aaron [“light bringer”] and

Moses [“drawn”].

And the sons of **Aaron** were

Nadab [“generous”],

Abihu [“he is (my) father”],

Eleazar [“helped by **God**”], and

Ithamar [“coast of palms”].

Exodus 6:23

Aaron took to himself

Elisheba [“my **God** has sworn”
or “**God** is an oath”],

daughter of **Amminadab**

[“my kinsman is noble”],

sister of **Nahshon** [“enchanter”;
only reference in **Exodus**],

as wife; and she bore him

Nadab [“generous”],

Abihu [“he is (my) father”],

Eleazar [“**God** has helped”], and

Ithamar [“coast of palms”].

[Moved ahead 46 verses:]

49 But **Aaron** and his sons offered sacrifices on the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the **Most Holy Place**, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that **Moses** the servant of **God** had commanded.

Eleazar's Progeny

4 **Eleazar** begot

Phinehas [“mouth of brass”], and

Exodus 6:25

Eleazar, **Aaron's** son, took for himself

one of the daughters of

Putiel [“afflicted of **God**”];

only reference in the Bible]

as wife; and she bore him

Phinehas [“mouth of brass”].

Phinehas begot

Abishua [“rescue/safety/opulence
is my father”]; 5

Abishua begot

Bukki [“wasting”], and

Bukki begot

Uzzi [“strong”]; 6

Uzzi begot

Zerahiah [“**YHWH** has risen”], and

[Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes](#)

Zerachiah begot Meraioth [“**rebellious**”]; 7 Meraioth begot Amariah [“**YHWH speaks/has promised**], and Amariah begot Ahitub [“**good(ness) is my father**”]; 8 Ahitub begot Zadok [“**righteous**”], and Zadok begot Ahimaaz [“**anger/wrath is my brother**”]; 9 Ahimaaz begot Azariah [“**YHWH has helped**”], and Azariah begot Johanan [“**YHWH has graced**”]; 10 Johanan begot Azariah [“**YHWH has helped**”] (it was he who ministered as priest in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem); 11 Azariah begot Amariah [“**YHWH speaks/has promised**], and Amariah begot Ahitub [“**good(ness) is my brother**”]; 12 Ahitub begot Zadok [“**righteous**”], and Zadok begot Shallum [“**retribution**”]; 13 Shallum begot Hilkiah [“**YHWH is my portion**”], and Hilkiah begot Azariah [“**YHWH has helped**”]; 14 Azariah begot Seraiah [“**YHWH is ruler**”], and Seraiah begot Jehozadak [“**YHWH is righteous**”]. 15 Jehozadak went into captivity when **YHWH** carried Judah and Jerusalem into captivity by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

[1Ch 6:16-53 follows 2Sa 8:18 Apr 25] [1Ch 6:54-81 || Joshua 21, Mar 30]

[These seem to be relevant to David's time (v.2), not the captivity, so why are they listed here instead of in, or in addition to, 2 Samuel????]

1 Chronicles 7 From Issachar to David's Time

7:1 ¶ The sons of **Issachar** were **Tola** [“**worm**”], **Puah** [“**splendid**”], **Jashub** [“**he will return**”], and **Shimron** [“**watch-height**”] — four in all.

Genesis 46:13 [↓ at age ~41]

The sons of **Issachar** were **Tola** [“**worm**”], **Puvah** [“**splendid**”], **Job** [“**persecuted**”], and **Shimron** [“**watch-height**”]. [Issachar + 4 sons]

2 The sons of **Tola** were **Uzzi** [“**strong**”], **Rephaiah** [“**YHWH-healed**”], **Jeriel** [“**God-taught**”], **Jahmai** [“**whom YHWH guards**”], **Jibsam** [“**pleasant**”], and **Shemuel** [Samuel: “**God is His name**”], heads of their father's house — of **Tola**: mighty men of valor; **according to their records**²⁵ their number in the days of **David** was twenty-two thousand six hundred [22,600].

3 The son of **Uzzi** was **Izrahiah** [“**YHWH will shine**”], and the sons of **Izrahiah** were **Michael** [“**who is like God**”], **Obadiah** [“**YHWH's servant**”], **Joel** [“**YHWH is God**”], and **Ishiah** [“**YHWH will lend**”].

All five of them were chief men. 4 And with them,

according to their records²⁶, according to their fathers' houses, were thirty-six thousand [36,000] troops ready for war; for they had many wives and sons. 5 **Now** their brethren among all the families of **Issachar** were mighty men of valor, **listed by their genealogies**, eighty-seven thousand [87,000] in all.

From Benjamin to David's Time

6 The sons of **Benjamin** were **Bela** [“**destruction**”], **Becher** [“**young camel**”], and **Jediael** [“**God makes known**”] — three [3] in all.

Genesis 46:21 [↓ at age ~23]

The sons of **Benjamin** were **Belah** [“**destruction**”], **Becher** [“**young camel**”], **Ashbel** [“**a man in God**”], **Gera** [“**a grain**”], **Naaman** [“**pleasantness**”], **Ehi** [“**my brother**”], **Rosh** [“**head**”], **Muppm** [“**serpents**”], **Huppm** [“**protected**”], and **Ard** [“**I shall subdue**”]. [Benjamin + 10 sons]

7 The sons of **Bela** were **Ezbon** [“**hastening to discern: I will be enlargement**”], **Uzzi** [“**strong**”], **Uzziel** [“**God is (my) strength**”], **Jerimoth** [“**He is Most High**”], and **Iri** [“**belonging to a city**”; cf. v12] — five in all. They were heads of their fathers' houses, and they were, **listed by their genealogies**, twenty-two thousand and thirty-four mighty [22,034] men of valor.

8 The sons of **Becher** were **Zemirah** [“**song**”], **Joash** [“**YHWH hastens**”], **Eliezer** [“**God is help**”], **Elioenai** [“**unto YHWH are my eyes**”], **Omri** [“**pupil of YHWH**”], **Jerimoth** [“**He is Most High**”], **Abijah** [“**YHWH is (my) father**”], **Anathoth** [“**answers to prayer**”], and **Alemeth** [“**covering**”].

All these are the sons of **Becher**. 9 **And they were recorded by genealogy, according to their records**²⁷, heads of their fathers' houses, twenty thousand two hundred [20,200] mighty men of valor.

10 The son of **Jediael** was **Bilhan** [“**their decrepitude**”], and the sons of **Bilhan** were **Jeush** [“**assembler**”], **Benjamin** [“**son of the right hand**”], **Ehud** [“**I will give thanks: I will be praised**”], **Chenaanah** [“**trader**”], **Zethan** [“**olive**”], **Tharshish** [“**yellow jasper**”], and

²⁵ NKJ: “**in their generations**”

²⁶ NKJ: “**by their generations**”

²⁷ NKJ: “**according to their generations**”

Ahishahar [*“dawn is my brother”*]. 11 All these sons of Jediael were heads of their fathers’ houses; there were seventeen thousand two hundred [17,200] mighty men of valor fit to go out for war and battle. 12

[Perhaps named after Benjamin’s 8th and 9th sons above?]

Shuppim [*“serpents”*] and Huppim [*“protected”*] were the sons of Ir [*“belonging to a city”*]— apparently aka Iri (v7), and

Hushim [*“who makes haste”*] was the son of Aher [*“following”*]— apparently his mother, Dan’s wife; otherwise, who is Aher?].

Genesis 46:23 [↓ at age ~43]

23 The son of Dan was Hushim [*“who makes haste”*]. [Dan + 1 son]

13 The sons of Naphtali were Jahziel [*“God divides”*], Guni [*“my defender(?)”*], Jezer [*“forming”*], and Shallum [*“retribution”*],

Genesis 46:24 [↓ at age ~42]

The sons of Naphtali were Jahzeel [*“God divides”*], Guni [*“my defender(?)”*], Jezer [*“forming”*], and Shilleem [*“repaid”*]. [Naphtali + 4 sons]

the sons of Bilhah [*“troubled”*].

25 These [referring to Dan and Naphtali] were the sons of Bilhah, ...

[The descendants of Joseph:]

14 The descendants of Manasseh:

Genesis 50:23b

The children [including Gilead: Nu 26:29-33, 27:1, 36:1-2] of Machir [*“sold”*], the son of Manasseh, were also brought up on Joseph’s knees.

his Syrian concubine bore him

Machir [*“sold”*] the father of Gilead [*“rocky region”*] the father of Asriel [*“I will be prince of God”*].

15b The name of Gilead’s grandson was Zelophehad [*“first-born”*], but Zelophehad begot only daughters. 15a

[In addition to his Syrian concubine,] Machir took as his wife [cf. v12]

the sister of Huppim and Shuppim, [cf. v12; sons of Iri] whose name was Maachah [*“oppression”*]. 16

Maachah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh [*“dung”*].

The name of his brother was Sheresh [*“root”*], and his sons were

Ulam [*“their leader: vestibule”*] and Rakem [*“variegation”*]. 17

The son of Ulam was Bedan [*“in judging”*].

These were the descendants of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. [Huh? They seem to be descendants of Machir not through Gilead?] 18

His sister Hammoleketh [*“the queen”*] bore

Ishhod [*“man of majesty”*], Abiezer [*“help is my father”*], and Mahlah [*“disease”*]. 19

[Shemida? Son of Mann.? Jos 17:2:]

And the sons of Shemida [*“wise”*] were Ahian [*“brotherly/fraternal”*], Shechem [*“back/shoulder”*], Likhi [*“learning”*], and Aniam [*“I am the people”* or *“lament of people”*].

20¶ The sons of Ephraim were

Shuthelah [*“noise of breaking”*],

Bered [*“hail”*] his son,

Tahath [*“station”*] his son,

Eladah [*“adorned by God”*] his son,

Tahath [*“station”*] his son, 21

Zabad [*“he endows”*] his son,

Shuthelah [*“noise of breaking”*]

his son, and

Ezer [*“treasure”*] and

Elead [*“God has testified”*].

Genesis 50:23a

Joseph saw Ephraim’s children to the third generation [Tahath].

The men of Gath who were born in that land killed them because they came down to take away their cattle. 22

Then Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And

when he went in to his wife,

she conceived and bore a son; and he called his name

Beriah [*“with a friend”*],

because tragedy had come upon his house. 24

Now his daughter was

Sheerah [*“kinswoman”*], who built

Lower and Upper Beth Horon [*“house of hollowness”*] and

Uzzeh Sheerah

[*“portion of kinswoman”*]; 25 and Rephah [*“healing of the breath”*]

was his son, as well as

Resheph [*“flame”*], and

Telah [*“vigor”*] his son,

Tahan [*“camp”*] his son, 26

Laadan [*“put in order”*] his son,

Ammihud [*“majesty is*

my kinsman”] his son,

Elishama [*“heard by my God”*] his son, 27

Nun [*“fish/posterity”*]

his son, and

Joshua [*“YHWH is salvation”*]

his son.

28 Now their possessions and dwelling places were [cf. Jos 17:9-13]

Bethel [*“house of God”*]

and its towns; to the east

Naaran [*“juvenile”*], to the west

Gezer [*“portion”*]

and its towns, and

Shechem [*“back/shoulder”*]

and its towns, as far as

Ayyah [*“the strong”*]

and its towns; 29

and by the borders of

the children of Manasseh were

Beth Shean [*“house of ease”*]

and its towns,

Taanach [*“sandy”*]

and its towns,

Megiddo [*“place of crowds”*]

and its towns,

Dor [*“generation”*]

and its towns.

In these dwelt the children of Joseph, the son of Israel.

30 The sons of **Asher** were Imnah [“right hand”], Ishvah [“he resembles me”], Ishvi [“he will resemble”], **Beriah** [“with a friend”], and their **sister** Serah [“the prince breathed”].

Genesis 46:17 [↓ at age ~41]

The sons of **Asher** were Jimnah [“right hand”], Ishuah [“he will resemble”], Isui [“he resembles me”], **Beriah** [“with a friend”], and Serah [“the prince breathed”], their **sister**.

And the sons of **Beriah** were Heber [“comrade”] and Malchiel [“**God** is my king”]. [Asher + 4 sons, 1 daughter, 2 grandsons]

31 The sons of **Beriah** were **Heber** [“comrade”] and Malchiel [“**God** is my king”], who was the father of Birzaith [“in leanness: choice olive”, who must have been born after Jacob and family moved to Egypt: [Ge 46:17](#)].

32 And **Heber** begot **Japhlet** [“he will deliver”], Shomer [“keeper”; aka **Shemer**?], Hotham [“seal”; aka **Helem**?], and their sister Shua [“wealth”].

33 The sons of **Japhlet** were Pasach [“cut off”], Bimhal [“in circumcision”], and Ashvath [“sleek”]. These were the children of Japhlet.

[**Shemer** = **Shomer** above?]

34 The sons of **Shemer** were Ahi [“my brother”], Rohgah [“clamor”], Jehubbah [“hidden”], and Aram [“exalted”].

[**Helem** = **Hotham** above?]

35 And the sons of his brother **Helem** were **Zophah** [“a curse”], Imna [“**He** will restrain”], Shelesh [“might”], and Amal [“labor”].

36 The sons of **Zophah** were Suah [“sweeping”], Harnepher [“panting”], Shual [“jackal”], Beri [“a well”], Imrah [“bitterness”], 37 Bezer [“gold ore” or “remote fortress”], Hod [“splendor”], Shamma [“desert”], Shilshah [“strong”], Jithran [“advantage”], and Beera [“a well”].

[**Jether**?]

38 The sons of **Jether** [“abundance”] were **Jephunneh** [“**He** will be facing”], Pispah [“disappearance”], and Ara [“traveler”]. 39

[**Ulla**?]

The sons of **Ulla** [“yoke”] were Arah [“traveler”], Haniel [“**God**-favored”], and Rizia [“delight”].

40 All these were the children of **Asher**, heads of their fathers’ houses, choice men, mighty men of valor, chief leaders. **And they were recorded by genealogies** among the army fit for battle; their number was twenty-six thousand [26,000].

1 Chronicles 8

8:1 ¶ **Now Benjamin** begot **Bela** [“destruction”] his firstborn, Ashbel [“a man in **God**”] the second, Aharah [“a following brother”] the third, 2 Nohah [“rest”] the fourth, and Rapha [“tall”] the fifth.

Genesis 46:21 [↓ at age ~23]

The sons of **Benjamin** were Belah [“destruction”], Becher [“young camel”], Ashbel [“a man in **God**”], Gera [“a grain”], **Naaman** [“pleasantness”], Ehi [“my brother”], Rosh [“head”], Muppim [“serpents”], Huppim [“protected”], and Ard [“I shall subdue”]. [Benjamin + 10 sons]

3 The sons of **Bela** were Addar [“exceeding glorious”], Gera [“a grain”], Abihud [“majesty is my father”], 4 Abishua [“rescue/safety/opulence is my father”],

Naaman [“pleasantness”], Ahoah [“brother of rest”], 5 Gera [“a grain”], Shephuphan [“serpent”], and Hiram [“noble born”].

[**Ehud**?]

6 These are the sons of **Ehud** [“united”], who were the heads of the fathers’ houses of the inhabitants of Geba [“hill”], and who forced them to move to Manahath [“rest”]: 7 **Naaman** [“pleasantness”], Ahijah [“**YHWH** is my brother”], and Gera [“a grain”] who forced them to move. He begot Uzza [“strength”] and Ahihud [“mystery is my brother”].

[**Shaharaim**?]

8 And **Shaharaim** [“double dawn”] had children in the country of Moab, after he had sent away

Hushim [“who makes haste”] and Baara [“brutish”] his wives. 9

By Hodesh [“new moon”] his wife he begot

Jobab [“a desert”], Zibia [“roe”],

Mesha [“freedom”], Malcam [“great king”], 10

Jeuz [“counselor”], Sachiah [“announcement”], and Mirmah [“fraud”].

These were his sons, heads of their fathers’ houses.

11 And by **Hushim** he begot Abitub [“good(ness) is my father”] and **Elpaal** [“**God** is **Maker**”].

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1 Chronicles 8:29-33
|| 1 Chronicles 9:35-39
1 Chronicles 8:34-9:1a
Daniel 4:1-37
Ezekiel 40:1-37

12 The sons of **Elpaal** were Eber [“the region beyond”], Misham [“purification”], and Shemed [“preserved”], who built **Ono** [“vigorous”] and **Lod** [“travail”] with its towns; 13 and **Beriah** [“with a friend”] and Shema [“hear”], who were heads of their fathers’ houses of the inhabitants of **Aijalon**, who drove out the inhabitants of **Gath**.

14 **Ahio** [“brotherly/fraternal”], **Shashak** [“longing”], Jeremoth [“He is **Most High**”], 15 **Zebadiah** [“**YHWH** has endowed”], **Arad** [“a wild ass”], **Eder** [“flock”], 16 **Michael** [“who is like **God**”], **Ispah** [“He is bare”], and **Joha** [“**YHWH** gives life”] were the sons of **Beriah** [v13a].

17 **Zebadiah** [“**YHWH** has endowed”], **Meshullam** [“friend”], **Hizki** [“strong”], **Heber** [“comrade”], 18 **Ishmerai** [“**He** keeps me”], **Jizliah** [“who **YHWH** will preserve”], and **Jobab** [“a desert”] were the sons of **Elpaal** [Same as v.12? By a different wife?].

19 **Jakim** [“**He** will raise”], **Zichri** [“memorable”], **Zabdi** [“endowment”], 20 **Elienai** [“my eyes are unto **God**”], **Zillethai** [“dark”], **Eliel** [“**God** is my **God**”], 21 **Adaiah** [“**YHWH** has adorned **Himself**”], **Beraiah** [“**YHWH** has created”], and **Shimrath** [“guard”] were the sons of **Shimei**. [Shimei?]

22 **Ishpan** [“he hides”], **Eber** [“the region beyond”], **Eliel** [“**God** is my **God**”], 23 **Abdon** [“servile”], **Zichri** [“memorable”], **Hanan** [“he is merciful”], 24 **Hananiah** [“**YHWH** has favored”], **Elam** [“eternity”], **Antothijah** [“**YHWH**’s answer”], 25 **Iphdeiah** [“**YHWH** will redeem”], and **Penuel** [“**God**-facing”] were the sons of **Shashak** [v14b].

26 **Shamsheraï** [“sun-like”], **Shehariah** [“**YHWH**’s dawning”], **Athaliah** [“**YHWH**-afflicted”], 27 **Jaareshiah** [“whom **YHWH** nourishes”], **Elijah** [“**YHWH** is **God**”], and **Zichri** [“memorable”] were the sons of **Jeroham** [“showing pity”]. [Jeroham?]

28 These were heads of the fathers’ houses according to their records²⁸, chief men. These dwelt in **Jerusalem**.

[This column parallels the next:]

1 Chronicles 8:29-33 ||
 29 **Now** the **leader** of **Gibeon**, whose wife’s name was **Maacah**, dwelt at **Gibeon**. 30 **And** his **firstborn** son was **Abdon**, then **Zur**, **Kish**, **Baal**, [Ner omitted; error by scribe?] **Nadab**, 31 **Gedor**, **Ahio**, **Zecher** [“remembrance”], 32 and **Mikloth**, who **begot** **Shimeah** [“report”]. They also dwelt alongside their relatives in **Jerusalem**, with their brethren. [Ner also begot **Abner**: **1Sa 14:51**] 33 ¶ **Ner** begot **Kish**, **Kish** begot **Saul**, and **Saul** begot **Jonathan**, **Malchishua**, **Abinadab**, and **Esh-Baal** [aka **Ishbosheth**].

[This parallel is also near 1 Sa 9:1.]

1 Chronicles 9:35-39
 35 ¶ **Jeiel** [“**God** sweeps away”] the **leader** of **Gibeon** [that is, the town], whose wife’s name was **Maacah** [“oppression”], dwelt at **Gibeon**. 36 His **firstborn** son was **Abdon** [“servile”], then **Zur** [“rock”], **Kish** [“bent”], **Baal** [“lord”], **Ner** [“lamp”], **Nadab** [“generous”], 37 **Gedor** [“wall”], **Ahio** [“brotherly” or “fraternal”], **Zechariah** [“**YHWH** remembers”], and **Mikloth** [“staves”]. 38 **And** **Mikloth** begot **Shimeam** [“their fame”]. They also dwelt alongside their relatives in **Jerusalem**, with their brethren. [so **Abner** is **Saul**’s uncle: **1Sa 14:51**] 39 **Ner** begot **Kish**, **Kish** begot **Saul** [“desired”], and **Saul** begot **Jonathan** [“**YHWH** has given”], **Malchishua** [“my king is wealth”], **Abinadab** [“my father is noble/willing”], and **Esh-Baal** [“a man of **Baal**”].

²⁸ NKJ: “by their generations”

1 Chronicles 8:34-9:1a

34 The son of **Jonathan** [*“YHWH has given”*] was Merib-Baal [*“Baal is my advocate”*], and Merib-Baal begot **Micah** [*“who is like (God)”*]. 35 The sons of **Micah** were Pithon [*“harmless”*], Melech [*“king”*], Tarea [*“chamber of a neighbor”*], and Ahaz [*“he has grasped”*]. 36 And Ahaz begot Jehoadah [*“adorned by YHWH”*]; Jehoadah begot Alemeth [*“covering”*], Azmaveth [*“strong unto death”*], and Zimri [*“my music”*]; and Zimri begot Moza [*“fountain”*]. 37 Moza begot Binea [*“fountain”*], Raphah [*“tall”*] his son, Eleasah [*“made by God”*] his son, and **Azel** [*“reserved”*] his son. 38 **Azel** had six [6] sons whose names were these: Azrikam [*“help against the enemy”*], Bocheru [*“firstborn”*], Ishmael [*“God will hear”*], Sheariah [*“YHWH-valued”*], Obadiah [*“YHWH’s servant”*], and Hanan [*“he is merciful”*]. All these were the sons of **Azel**. 39 And the sons of Eshek [*“oppressor”*] his brother [*Azel had no brother listed by that name, nor is there any other Eshek listed*] were **Ulam** [*“their leader: vestibule”*] his firstborn,

Jeush [*“He hurries to aid”*] the second, and Eliphelet [*“God is deliverance”*] the third. 40 The sons of **Ulam** were mighty men of valor — archers. They had many sons and grandsons, one hundred and fifty [150] in all. These were all sons of **Benjamin**.

1 Chronicles 9:1a

9:1a ¶ So all Israel was recorded by genealogies, and indeed, they were inscribed in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

[v.9b... follows Ne 12:26, Sep 21]

[*Babylonian records include no activities of Nebuchadnezzar from 582 to 575 BC, his 22th-28th years (Neb-22-28), which may have been due to his seven-year madness recorded in Da 4, which the Babylonians would not have wanted known. If so, Nebuchadnezzar would have written this account ~575 BC. The exact date is not critical to Biblical chronology, so Daniel did not record it.*]

[*Daniel 1-3 are found in Jeremiah*]

[*Audio: S. Gregg Da 3-4*]

Daniel 4 [in Aramaic] ~575BC The King’s Record of His Dream

4:1 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar the king, To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the lands [earth]: Peace be multiplied to you. 2 I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me. 3

How great are His signs, and How mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation.

4 ¶ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. 5 I saw a dream that made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. 6 Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. 7 Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers

came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation. 8 But at last Daniel came before me (his name is Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god; in him is the Spirit of the Holy God), and I told the dream before him, saying: 9 “Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Holy God is in you, and no secret troubles you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation. 10 These were the visions of my head while on my bed: I was looking, and behold, A tree in the midst of the land [earth], and its height was great. 11 The tree grew and became strong; Its height reached to the heavens, and It could be seen to the ends of all the lands [earth]. 12

Its leaves were lovely, Its fruit abundant, and In it was food for all: The beasts of the field found shade under it, The birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, and All flesh was fed from it. 13 I saw in the visions of my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven. 14 He cried aloud and said thus: ‘Chop down the tree and Cut off its branches, Strip off its leaves and Scatter its fruit. Let the beasts get out from under it, and the birds from its branches. 15 Nevertheless Leave the stump and roots in the ground [earth], Bound with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. Let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and Let him graze with the beasts on the grass of the land [earth]. 16 Let his heart be changed from that of a man, Let him be given the heart of a beast, and Let seven [7] times pass over him. 17 This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and The sentence by the word of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High Rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, and Sets over it the lowest of men.’ 18

This **dream** I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. **Now** you, Belteshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you *are* able, for **the Spirit of the Holy God** is in you.”

19 ¶ **Then** Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for **a time**, and his thoughts troubled him. *So* the king spoke, and said,

“Belteshazzar, do not let the **dream** or its interpretation trouble you.”

Belteshazzar answered and said,

“My lord, *may* the **dream** concern those who hate you, and its interpretation concern your enemies! 20

The tree that you saw —

which grew and became strong, whose height reached to the heavens and which *could be* seen by all the lands [earth], 21 whose leaves were lovely and its fruit abundant, in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home — 22

it is you, O king —

who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the lands [earth]. 23

And inasmuch as the king saw

a watcher,
a holy one,

coming down from heaven
and saying [short paraphrase:],

[Differences indicated by under-
scores, last nine lines omitted:]

‘Chop down the tree and
Destroy it, but
Leave its stump and roots
in the ground [earth],
Bound with a band of iron and bronze
in the tender grass of the field.

Let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and
Let him graze with the beasts
of the field,

Till seven [7] times pass over him’.

24 This is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High,

which has come upon my lord the king:
25 [✓ the watchers, the holy ones?]

They shall drive you from men,
your dwelling shall be
with the beasts of the field, and
they shall make you eat grass
like oxen;

they shall wet you
with the dew of heaven, and
seven [7] times shall pass over you,
till you know

‘That the Most High [cf. v17b]
Rules in the kingdom of men, and
Gives it to whomever He chooses.’²⁶

And inasmuch as
they gave the command to leave
the stump and roots of the tree,

your kingdom shall be assured to you,
after you come to know that
Heaven [i.e., the Most High] rules.

27 Therefore, O king,
let my advice be acceptable to you:
break off

your sins
by being righteous, and
your iniquities
by showing mercy to the poor.

Perhaps there may be
a lengthening of your prosperity.”

28 ¶ All *this* came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of the twelve [12] months [during the first month of which came the dream? So, ~582 BC.] he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. 30 The king spoke, saying,

“Is not this great Babylon,
that I have built for a royal dwelling
by my mighty power and
for the honor of my majesty?” 31

While the word was still in the king’s mouth, a voice fell from heaven:

“King Nebuchadnezzar,
to you it is spoken:
the kingdom has departed from you! 32

And
they shall drive you from men, and
your dwelling shall be

with the beasts of the field;
they shall make you eat grass
like oxen; and

seven [7] times shall pass over you,
until you know

‘That the Most High [cf. v17b]
Rules in the kingdom of men, and
Gives it to whomever He chooses.’”³³

That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar;

he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.

34 ¶ And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever:
For [cf. 4:3b]

His dominion is
an everlasting dominion, and
His kingdom is
from generation to generation. 35
All the inhabitants of the lands [earth] are reputed as nothing;
He does according to His will
in the army of heaven and
among the inhabitants of the lands [earth].

No one can
restrain His hand or
say to Him,
“What have You done?” 36

At the same time
my reason returned to me, and
for the glory of my kingdom,
my honor and splendor returned to me.
My counselors and nobles
resorted to me [sought me out],
I was restored to my kingdom, and
excellent majesty was added to me. 37

Now
I, Nebuchadnezzar,
praise and extol and honor
the King of heaven,
all of whose works are truth, and
His ways justice. And
those who walk in pride
He is able to put down.

[Daniel 5-6 start on Sep 7]

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 40-48]

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Ezekiel 40 **573BC/04/28**
Ezekiel Shown a New Temple

40:1 ¶ In the twenty-fifth [25th] year of our captivity, at the beginning of the year, on the tenth [10th] day of the month, in the fourteenth [14th] year after the city was captured, [J'chin-Cap-25 = Jeru-Cap-14] [J'chin-Cap-25/01/10; Apr 28, 573BC] [so Jerusalem was captured and the temple destroyed 13 years earlier, at the end of Zedekiah's reign, and "our captivity" was counted from 11 yrs earlier, at the beginning of his reign, when Jehoiachin was captured] on the very same day the hand of YHWH was upon me; and He took me there [to Jerusalem]. 2 In the visions of God He took me into the land of Israel and set me on a very high mountain; on it toward the south was something like the structure of a city. 3 He took me there, and behold, there was a man whose appearance was like the appearance of bronze; he had in his hand a line of flax and a measuring rod, and he stood in the gateway. 4 And the man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes and hear with your ears, and fix your mind on everything I show you; for you were brought here so that I might show them to you. Declare to the house of Israel everything you see."

5 ¶ Now there was a wall all around the outside of the temple [diagram]. In the man's hand was a measuring rod six [6] cubits long, each ["long cubit"] being a cubit [18 inches] and a handbreadth [3 in.] [total: 21 inches; so the rod was 126 inches, or 10½ feet, long]; and he measured the width of the wall structure, one rod; and the height, one rod. 6 Then he went to the gateway that faced east; and he went up its stairs and measured the threshold of the gateway, one rod wide, and the other threshold was one rod wide. 7 Each gate chamber was one rod long and one rod wide; between the gate chambers was a space of five [5] cubits; and the threshold of the gateway by the vestibule of the inside gate was one rod. 8 He also measured the vestibule of the inside gate, one rod. 9 Then he measured the vestibule of the gateway, eight [8] cubits; and the gateposts, two [2] cubits. The vestibule of the gate was on the inside. 10 In the eastern gateway were three [3] gate chambers on one side and three [3] on the other;

the three [3] were all the same size; also the gateposts were of the same size on this side and that side. 11 He measured the width of the entrance to the gateway, ten [10] cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen [13] cubits. 12 There was a space in front of the gate chambers, one [1] cubit on this side and one [1] cubit on that side; the gate chambers were six [6] cubits on this side and six [6] cubits on that side. 13 Then he measured the gateway from the roof of one gate chamber to the roof of the other; the width was twenty-five [25] cubits, as door faces door. 14 He measured the gateposts, sixty [60] cubits high, and the court all around the gateway extended to the gatepost. 15 From the front of the entrance gate to the front of the vestibule of the inner gate was fifty [50] cubits. 16 There were beveled window frames in the gate chambers and in their intervening archways on the inside of the gateway all around, and likewise in the vestibules. There were windows all around on the inside. And on each gatepost were palm trees. 17 Then he brought me into the outer court; and

there were chambers and a pavement made all around the court; thirty [30] chambers faced the pavement. 18 The pavement was by the side of the gateways, corresponding to the length of the gateways; this was the lower pavement. 19 Then he measured the width from the front of the lower gateway to the front of the inner court exterior, one hundred [100] cubits toward the east and the north. 20 On the outer court was also a gateway facing north, and he measured its length and its width. 21 Its gate chambers, three [3] on this side and three [3] on that side, its gateposts and its archways, had the same measurements as the first gate; its length was fifty [50] cubits and its width twenty-five [25] cubits. 22 Its windows and those of its archways, and also its palm trees, had the same measurements as the gateway facing east; it was ascended by seven [7] steps, and its archway was in front of it. 23 A gate of the inner court was opposite the northern gateway, just as the eastern gateway; and he measured from gateway to gateway, one [100] hundred cubits. 24 After that he brought me toward the south, and there a gateway was facing south;

and he measured its gateposts and archways according to these same measurements. 25 *There were* windows in it and in its archways all around like those windows; its length was **fifty [50] cubits** and its width **twenty-five [25] cubits**. 26 Seven [7] steps led up to it, and its archway was in front of them; and it had **palm trees** on its gateposts, one on this side and one on that side.

27 ¶

South

There was also a gateway on the inner court, facing **south**; and he measured from gateway to gateway toward the **south**, **one hundred [100] cubits**. 28

Then he brought me to the inner court through the **southern** gateway; he measured the **southern** gateway according to

these same measurements. 29

Also its gate chambers, its gateposts, and its archways were according to these same measurements;

there were windows in it and in its archways all around; *it was* **fifty [50] cubits** long and **twenty-five [25] cubits** wide. 30

There were archways all around, **twenty-five [25] cubits** long and **five [5] cubits** wide. 31

Its archways faced the outer court, **palm trees** were on its gateposts, and going up to it were eight [8] steps.

32

East

And he brought me into the inner court facing **east**; he measured the gateway according to

these same measurements. 33

Also its gate chambers, its gateposts, and its archways were according to

these same measurements; and

there were windows in it and in its archways all around; *it was* **fifty [50] cubits** long and **twenty-five [25] cubits** wide. 34

Its archways faced the outer court, and **palm trees** were on its gateposts on this side and on that side; and going up to it were eight [8] steps.

35

North

Then he brought me to the **north** gateway and measured *it* according to

these same measurements — 36

also its gate chambers, its gateposts, and its archways.

It had windows all around; its length was

fifty [50] cubits and its width **twenty-five [25] cubits**. 37

Its gateposts faced the outer court, **palm trees** were on its gateposts on this side and on that side, and going up to it were eight [8] steps.

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Ezekiel 40:38

There was a chamber and its entrance by the gateposts of the gateway, **where** they washed the burnt offering.

39 ¶

In the vestibule of the gateway were two [2] tables on this side and two [2] tables on that side, on which to slay

the burnt offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering. 40

At the outer side of the vestibule, as one goes up to the entrance of the **northern** gateway, were two [2] tables; and

on the other side of the vestibule of the gateway were

two [2] tables. 41

Four [4] tables were

on this side and four [4] tables

on that side,

by the side of the gateway, eight [8] tables

on which they slaughtered *the sacrifices*. 42

There were also

four [4] tables of hewn stone

for the burnt offering, one cubit and a half long, one cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high [1½l x 1½w x 1 h];

on these they laid the instruments with which they slaughtered the burnt offering and the sacrifice. 43

Inside were hooks, a handbreadth [3 inches] wide, fastened all around; and the flesh of the sacrifices was on the tables. 44

Outside the inner gate were the chambers for the singers in the inner court, one facing **south** at the side of the **northern** gateway, and the other facing **north** at the side of the **southern** gateway. 45

Then he said to me,

“**This chamber that faces south is for the priests who have charge of the temple.** 46

The chamber that faces north is for the priests

who have charge of the altar; these are the sons of Zadok [“righteous”],

from the sons of Levi,

who come near Y^{HW}H to minister to Him.” 47

And he measured the court, one hundred [100] cubits long and one hundred [100] cubits wide, foursquare [a perfect square].

The altar was in front of the temple. 48

Then he brought me to the vestibule of the temple and measured

the doorposts of the vestibule, five [5] cubits on this side and five [5] cubits on that side;

and the width of the gateway was three [3] cubits on this side and three [3] cubits on that side. 49

The length of the vestibule was twenty [20] cubits, and the width eleven [11] cubits;

and by the steps which led up to it
there were pillars by the doorposts,
one on this side and
another on that side.

41:1 ¶

Ezekiel 41

Then he brought me into the sanctuary
and measured the doorposts,
six [6] cubits wide on one side and
six [6] cubits wide on the other side
— the width of the tabernacle. 2

The width of the **entryway** *was*
ten [10] cubits,
and the side walls of the entrance *were*
five [5] cubits on this side and
five [5] cubits on the other side;
and he measured its length,
forty [40] cubits, and its width,
twenty [20] cubits. 3

Also he went inside
and measured the **doorposts**,
two [2] cubits; and the entrance,
six [6] cubits *high*;
and the width of the entrance,
seven [7] cubits. 4

He measured the length,
twenty [20] cubits; and the width,
twenty [20] cubits,
beyond the sanctuary;

and he said to me,
“**This is the Most Holy Place.**” 5

Next, he measured
the **wall** of the temple,
six [6] cubits.

The width of each side chamber
all around the temple *was*
four [4] cubits on every side. 6

The **side chambers** *were* in
three [3] stories,
one above the other,
thirty [30] chambers in each story;

they rested on ledges **that** *were* for the
side chambers all around, that they
might be supported, but not fastened
to the wall of the temple. 7 As one
went up from story to story, the side
chambers became wider all around,
because their supporting ledges in the
wall of the temple ascended like steps;
therefore the width of the structure
increased as one went up

from the lowest *story*
to the highest
by way of the middle one. 8

I also saw an elevation
all around the temple; it was the
foundation of the side chambers,
a full rod, that is, six [6] cubits *high*. 9

The thickness of the outer wall
of the side chambers *was*
five [5] cubits,
and so also the remaining terrace
by the place of the side chambers
of the temple. 10

And between *it and* the wall chambers
was a width of
twenty [20] cubits
all around the temple on every side. 11

The doors of the side chambers
opened on the terrace,
one door toward the **north** and
another toward the **south**;
and the width of the terrace *was*
five [5] cubits all around.

12 ¶

The building that faced the separating
courtyard at its **western** end *was*
seventy [70] cubits wide;
the wall of the building *was*
five [5] cubits thick all around,
and its length
ninety [90] cubits. 13

So he measured the temple,
one hundred [100] cubits long;
and the separating courtyard with
the building and its walls *was*
one hundred [100] cubits long; 14
also the width of the **eastern** face of
the temple, including
the separating courtyard, *was*
one hundred [100] cubits. 15

He measured
the length of the building behind it,
facing the separating courtyard,
with its galleries
on the one side and
on the other side,
one hundred [100] cubits,
as well as
the inner temple and
the porches of the court, 16
their doorposts and
the beveled window frames.

And the galleries
all around their three [3] stories
opposite the threshold
were paneled with **wood**
from the ground to the windows
— the windows were covered — 17
from the space above the door,
even to the inner room,
as well as outside, and
on every wall all around,
inside and outside,
by measure. 18

And *it was* made with
cherubim and **palm trees**,
a palm tree
between **cherub and cherub**.
Each cherub had two faces, 19
so that the face of a **man** *was*
toward a palm tree on one side,

and the face of a young **lion**
toward a palm tree on the other side;
thus *it was* made
throughout the temple all around. 20
From the floor
to the space above the door, and
on the wall of the sanctuary,
cherubim and **palm trees** *were* carved. 21

The doorposts of the temple *were*
square, *as was*
the front of the sanctuary;
their appearance *was* similar. 22
The altar *was* of **wood**,
three [3] cubits high, and its length
two [2] cubits.

Its corners, its length, and its sides
were of **wood**; and he said to me,
“**This is the table that is before YHWH.**” 23

The temple and the sanctuary had
two [2] doors. 24 The doors had
two [2] panels *apiece*,
two [2] folding panels:
two [2] panels for one door and
two [2] panels for the other door. 25

Cherubim and **palm trees** *were*
carved on the doors of the temple
just as they *were*
carved on the walls.

A **wooden canopy** *was* on the front
of the vestibule outside. 26

There were
beveled window frames and
palm trees
on one side and
on the other,
on the sides of the vestibule —
also on the side chambers
of the temple and
on the canopies.

42:1 ¶

Ezekiel 42

Then he brought me out into the outer court, by the way toward the **north**; and he brought me into the chamber **that** was opposite the separating courtyard, and **that** was opposite the building toward the **north**.² Facing the length, *which* was one hundred [100] cubits (the width was fifty [50] cubits), was the **north** door.³ Opposite the inner court of twenty [20] cubits, and opposite the pavement of the outer court, was gallery against gallery in three [3] stories.⁴ In front of the chambers, toward the inside, was a walk ten [10] cubits wide, at a distance of one [1] cubit; and their doors faced **north**.⁵ **Now** the upper chambers were shorter, because the galleries took away space from them more than from the lower and middle stories of the building.⁶ For they were in three [3] stories and did not have pillars like the pillars of the courts; therefore *the upper level* was shortened more than the lower and middle levels from the ground up.⁷ And a wall **that** was outside ran parallel to the chambers, at the front of the chambers, toward the outer court; its length was fifty [50] cubits.⁸

The length of the chambers toward the outer court was fifty [50] cubits, whereas that facing the temple was one hundred [100] cubits.⁹ At the lower chambers was the entrance on the **east** side, as one goes into them from the outer court.¹⁰ Also *there were* chambers in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the **east**, opposite the separating courtyard and opposite the building.¹¹ *There was* a walk in front of them also, and their appearance was like the chambers **that** were toward the **north**; they were as long and as wide as the others, and all their exits and entrances were **according to plan**.¹² And corresponding to the doors of the chambers that were facing **south**, as one enters them, *there was* a door in front of the walk, the way directly in front of the wall toward the **east**.¹³ **Then** he said to me, “**The north chambers and the south chambers, which are opposite the separating courtyard, are the holy chambers where the priests who approach Y^{HWH} shall eat the most holy offerings. There they shall lay the most holy offerings — the grain offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering — for the place is holy.**”¹⁴

When the priests enter them, they shall not go out of the **holy chamber** into the outer court; but there they shall leave their garments in which they minister, for they are **holy**; they shall put on other garments; **then** they may approach *that which is for the people.*”

¹⁵ ¶ **Now** **when** he had finished measuring the inner temple, he brought me out through the gateway that faces toward the **east**, and measured it all around.¹⁶ He measured the **east** side with the measuring rod, five hundred [500] rods by the measuring rod **all around**.¹⁷ He measured the **north** side, five hundred [500] rods by the measuring rod **all around**.¹⁸ He measured the **south** side, five hundred [500] rods by the measuring rod _____.¹⁹ He **came around** to the **west** side *and* measured five hundred [500] rods by the measuring rod _____.²⁰ [So it was ~one mile square: cf. 40:5.] He measured it on the **four [4] sides**; it had a wall all around, five hundred [500] cubits long and [see 45:2 ↑ rods, not cu.] five hundred [500] wide, to separate the **holy areas** from the common.

43:1 ¶

Ezekiel 43

Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the **east**.² And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the **east**. **His voice** was like the sound of many waters; and the ground [earth] shone with **His glory**.³ *It was* like the appearance of the vision **that** I saw — like the **vision** **that** I saw **when** I came to destroy the city. The **visions** were like the **vision** **that** I saw by the River **Chebar** [“far-off”; Eze 1]; and I fell on my face.⁴ And the glory of Y^{HWH} came into the temple by way of the gate **that** faces toward the **east**.⁵ **The Spirit** lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of Y^{HWH} filled the temple.⁶ **Then** I heard **Him** speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me.

7 ¶ And He said to me,
 “Son of man, *this is*
 the place of My throne and
 the place of the soles of My feet,
 where I will dwell in the midst of
 the children of Israel forever.
 No more shall the house of Israel
 defile My holy name,
 they nor their kings,
 by their harlotry or
 with the carcasses of their kings
 on their high places. 8
 When they set
 their threshold by My threshold, and
 their doorpost by My doorpost,
 with a wall between them and Me,
 they defiled My holy name
 by the abominations
 that they committed; therefore
 I have consumed them in My anger. 9
 Now let them put
 their harlotry and
 the carcasses of their kings
 far away from Me, and
 I will dwell in their midst forever. 10
 Son of man, describe the temple
 to the house of Israel, that they
 may be ashamed of their iniquities;
 and let them measure the pattern. 11
 And if they are ashamed
 of all that they have done,
 [BIG “if” never fulfilled]
 make known to them
 the design of the temple and
 its arrangement,
 its exits and
 its entrances,
 its entire design and
 all its ordinances,
 all its forms and
 all its laws.

Write it down in their sight, so that
 they may keep
 its whole design and
 all its ordinances,
 and perform them. 12
 This is the law of the temple:
 The whole area surrounding the
 mountaintop is most holy. Behold,
 This is the law of the temple.
 13 ¶
 These are the measurements of the altar
 in [long] cubits (the [long] cubit is
 one cubit [18 inches] and
 a handbreadth [3 inches]
 [total: 21 inches]):
 the base
 one [1] cubit high and
 one [1] cubit wide,
 with a rim all around its edge of
 one [1] span.
 This is the height of the altar: 14
 from the base on the ground
 to the lower ledge,
 two [2] cubits;
 the width of the ledge,
 one [1] cubit;
 from the smaller ledge
 to the larger ledge,
 four [4] cubits;
 and the width of the ledge,
 one [1] cubit. 15
 The altar hearth is
 four [4] cubits high,
 with four horns extending upward
 from the hearth. 16
 The altar hearth is
 twelve [12] cubits long,
 twelve [12] wide,
 square at its four corners; 17

the ledge,
 fourteen [14] cubits long and
 fourteen [14] wide on its four [4] sides,
 with a rim of
 half [½] a cubit around it;
 its base,
 one [1] cubit all around; and
 its steps face toward the east.” 18

And He said to me,
 “Son of man,
 thus says the Lord YHWH:
 ‘These are the ordinances
 for the altar on the day
 when it is made,
 for sacrificing burnt offerings on it,
 and
 for sprinkling blood on it. 19
 You shall give a young bull for a sin
 offering to the priests, the Levites,
 who are of the seed of Zadok,
 who approach Me to minister to Me’,
 says the Lord YHWH. 20
 ‘You shall
 take some of its blood and put it
 on the four [4] horns of the altar,
 on the four [4] corners of the ledge, and
 on the rim around it; thus
 you shall
 cleanse it and
 make atonement for it. 21 Then
 you shall also
 take the bull of the sin offering, and
 burn it in the appointed place
 of the temple,
 outside the sanctuary. 22

On the second [2nd] day
 you shall offer
 a kid of the goats
 without blemish
 for a sin offering; and
 they shall cleanse the altar,
 as they cleansed it with the bull. 23
 When you have finished cleansing it,
 you shall offer
 a young bull
 without blemish, and
 a ram from the flock
 without blemish. 24
 When you offer them before YHWH,
 the priests shall throw salt on them,
 and they will offer them up as
 a burnt offering to YHWH. 25
 Every day for seven [7] days
 you shall prepare
 a goat for a sin offering;
 they shall also prepare
 a young bull and
 a ram from the flock,
 both without blemish. 26
 Seven [7] days
 they shall
 make atonement for the altar
 and purify it,
 and so consecrate it. 27
 When these days are over, it shall be,
 on the eighth [8th] day
 and thereafter,
 that the priests shall offer
 your burnt offerings and
 your peace offerings on the altar;
 and I will accept you’,
 says the Lord YHWH.”

September 5

Ezekiel 44:1-46:24

Ezekiel 44

44:1 ¶ **Then He** brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary **that** faces toward the **east**, but it *was* shut. 2 And **YHWH** said to me,

“This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter by it, because **YHWH God of Israel** has entered by it; therefore it shall be shut. 3 *As for* the prince, *because he is* the prince, he may sit in it to eat bread **before YHWH**; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way.”

4 ¶ Also **He** brought me by way of the **north** gate to the front of the temple; so I looked, and behold, **the glory of YHWH** filled **the house of YHWH**; and I fell on my face. 5

And **YHWH** said to me,

“Son of man, mark well, see with your eyes and hear with your ears, all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of **the house of YHWH** and all its laws. Mark well who may enter the house and all who go out from the sanctuary. 6

Now say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel,

“**Thus says the Lord YHWH**:

“O house of Israel, let us have no more of all your abominations. 7

When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in **My sanctuary** to defile it — **My house** — and **when** you offered

My food, the fat and the **blood**, **then** they broke **My covenant** because of all your abominations. 8 And you have not kept charge of **My holy things**, but you have set *others* to keep charge of **My sanctuary** for you.” 9

“**Thus says the Lord YHWH**:

“No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter **My sanctuary**, including any foreigner who *is* among the children of Israel.

10 ¶ And the Levites who went far from **Me**, **when** Israel went astray, who strayed away from **Me** after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. 11 Yet they shall be ministers in **My sanctuary**, as gatekeepers of the house and ministers of the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. 12 Because they ministered to them before their idols and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have raised **My hand** in an oath against them,”

says the Lord YHWH,

“that they shall bear their iniquity. 13 And they shall not come near **Me** to minister to **Me** as priest, nor come near any of **My holy things**, nor into **the Most Holy Place**; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations **that** they have committed. 14 Nevertheless I will make them keep charge of the temple, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it. 15

But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of **My sanctuary**

when the children of Israel went astray from **Me**, they shall come near **Me** to minister to **Me**; and they shall stand **before Me** to offer to **Me** the fat and the **blood**.”

says the Lord YHWH. 16

“They shall enter **My sanctuary**, and they shall come near **My table** to minister to **Me**, and they shall keep **My charge**.

17 ¶ And it shall be, **whenever** they enter the gates of the inner court, they shall put on linen garments; no wool shall come upon them **while** they minister within the gates of the inner court or within the house. 18 They shall have linen turbans on their heads and linen trousers on their bodies; they shall not clothe themselves with *anything that causes sweat*. 19

When they go out to the outer court, to the outer court to the people, they shall take off their garments in which they have ministered, leave them in **the holy chambers**, and put on other garments; and in **their holy garments** they shall not sanctify the people. 20

They shall neither shave their heads nor let their hair grow long; but they shall keep their hair well trimmed. 21 No priest shall drink **wine** **when** he enters the inner court. 22

They shall not take as wife a widow or a divorced woman, but take virgins of the descendants of the house of Israel, or widows of priests. 23 And they shall teach **My people** *the difference* between **the holy** and **the unholy**,

and cause them to discern between **the unclean** and **the clean**. 24

In controversy they shall stand as judges, *and* judge it according to **My judgments**. They shall keep **My laws** and **My statutes** in all **My appointed meetings**, and they shall hallow **My Sabbaths**. 25 They shall not defile *themselves* by coming near a dead person. Only

for father or mother, for son or daughter, for brother or unmarried sister

may they defile themselves. 26 **After** he is **cleansed**, they shall count **seven [7] days** for him. 27 **And on the day** that he goes to the sanctuary to minister in the sanctuary, he must offer his **sin** offering in the inner court.”

says the Lord YHWH. 28

“It shall be, in regard to **their inheritance**, *that* **I am their inheritance**.

You shall give them no **possession in Israel**, for **I am their possession**. 29

They shall eat the **grain** offering, the **sin** offering, and the **trespass** offering; every dedicated thing in **Israel** shall be theirs. 30

The best of **all firstfruits** of any kind, and every sacrifice of any kind from all your sacrifices, shall be the priest’s; also you shall give to the priest **the first of your ground meal**, to cause a **blessing** to rest on your house. 31

The priests shall not eat anything, bird or beast, that died naturally or was *torn by wild beasts*.

Ezekiel 45

45:1 ¶ Moreover, **when** you divide the land by lot into inheritance, you shall set apart a district for **Y^{HWH}**, a holy section of the land; its length shall be twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits [~75 mi.], and the width ten thousand [10,000 ~30 miles]. It shall be **holy** throughout its territory all around. 2 Of this there shall be a square plot for the sanctuary, five hundred [500 ~ 1 mile] by five hundred [500] rods, [↙~57 ft.] with fifty [50] cubits around it for an open space. 3 So this is the district you shall measure: twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits long and ten thousand [10,000] wide; in it shall be the sanctuary, the Most Holy Place. 4 It shall be a holy section of the land, belonging to the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to **Y^{HWH}**. It shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary. 5 An area twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits long and ten thousand [10,000] wide shall belong to the Levites, the ministers of the temple; they shall have twenty [20] chambers as a possession. 6

You shall appoint as the property of the city an area five thousand [5,000] cubits wide and twenty-five thousand [25,000] long, adjacent to the district of the holy section; it shall belong to the whole house of Israel. 7 The prince shall have a section on one side and the other of the holy district and the city's property; and bordering on the holy district and the city's property, extending westward on the west side and eastward on the east side, the length shall be side by side with one of the tribal portions, from the west border to the east border. 8 The land shall be his possession in Israel; and My princes shall no more oppress My people, but they shall give the rest of the land to the house of Israel, according to their tribes." 9 ¶ **Thus says the Lord **Y^{HWH}****: "Enough, O princes of Israel! Remove violence and plundering, execute justice and righteousness, and stop dispossessing My people." says the Lord **Y^{HWH}**. 10 "You shall have honest scales, an honest ephah, and an honest bath. 11

The ephah and the bath shall be of the same measure, so that the bath contains one-tenth [1/10th] of a homer [a unit of dry measure: ~300 liters], and the ephah one-tenth [1/10th] of a homer; their measure shall be according to the homer. 12 The shekel²⁹ shall be twenty [20] gerahs; twenty [20] shekels, twenty-five shekels [25], and fifteen [15] shekels shall be your mina.

13 ¶ This is the offering that you shall offer: you shall give one-sixth [1/6th] of an ephah from a homer of wheat, and one-sixth [1/6th] of an ephah from a homer of barley. 14 The ordinance concerning oil, the bath of oil, is one-tenth [1/10th] of a bath from a kor³⁰.

²⁹ The chief unit of weight or measure:

- 1) gold-1/10000 of a talent and equal to 220 grains ;
- 2) silver-1/3000 of a talent and equal to 132 grains;
- 3) copper-1/1500 of a talent and equal to 528 grains.

Ancient Israel adopted the Babylonian talent, but later revised the mass.^[4] The heavy common talent, used in New Testament times, was 58.9 kg.^[4]

³⁰ a dry or liquid measure equal to 10 ephahs or baths:

- 1) a dry measure containing 6.25 bushels (220 liters)
- 2) a liquid measure of 58 gallons (263 l).

A kor is a homer or ten baths [10], for ten [10] baths are a homer. 15 And one [1] lamb shall be given from a flock of two hundred [200], from the rich pastures of Israel. These shall be for grain offerings, burnt offerings, and peace offerings, to make atonement for them." says the Lord **Y^{HWH}**. 16 "All the people of the land shall give this offering for the prince in Israel. 17 Then it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings, at the feasts, the New Moons, the Sabbaths, and at all the appointed seasons of the house of Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, the grain offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Israel." 18 **Thus says the Lord **Y^{HWH}****: "In the first [1st] month, on the first [1st] day of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary. 19 The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the doorposts of the temple, on the four [4] corners of the ledge of the altar, and

on the gateposts of the gate of the inner court. 20
 And so you shall do on the seventh [7th] day of the month for everyone who has sinned unintentionally or in ignorance. Thus [in this way] you shall make atonement for the temple. 21

In the first [1st] month, on the fourteenth [14th] day of the month, you shall observe the Passover, a feast of seven [7] days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. 22

And on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering. 23

On the seven [7] days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to Y^{HWH}, seven [7] bulls and seven [7] rams without blemish, daily for seven [7] days, and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering. 24

And he shall prepare a grain offering of one ephah for each bull and one ephah for each ram, together with a hin [~5 quarts (6 l)] of oil for each ephah. 25

In the seventh [7th] month, on the fifteenth [15th] day of the month, at the feast, he shall do likewise for seven [7] days, according to the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the oil.”

Ezekiel 46

46:1 ¶ Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:
 “The gateway of the inner court that faces toward the east shall be shut the six [6] working days; but on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and on the day of the New Moon it shall be opened. 2

The prince shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway from the outside, and stand by the gatepost. The priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings. He shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until evening. 3

Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the entrance to this gateway before Y^{HWH} on the Sabbaths and the New Moons. 4

The burnt offering that the prince offers to Y^{HWH} on the Sabbath day shall be six [6] lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish; 5 and the grain offering shall be one ephah for a ram, and the grain offering for the lambs, as much as he wants to give, as well as a hin of oil with every ephah. 6

On the day of the New Moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, six [6] lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish. 7

He shall prepare a grain offering of an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as much as he wants to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil with every ephah. 8

When the prince enters, he shall go in by way of the vestibule of the gateway, and go out the same way. 9

But When the people of the land come before Y^{HWH} on the appointed feast days, whoever enters by way of the north gate to worship shall go out by way of the south gate; and whoever enters by way of the south gate shall go out by way of the north gate; he shall not return by way of the gate through which he came, but shall go out through the opposite gate. 10

The prince shall then be in their midst. When they go in, he shall go in; and When they go out, he shall go out. 11

At the festivals and the appointed feast days

the grain offering shall be an ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as much as he wants to give for the lambs, and a hin of oil with every ephah. 12

Now when the prince makes a voluntary burnt offering or voluntary peace offering to Y^{HWH}, the gate that faces toward the east shall then be opened for him; and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings as he did on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go out, and after he goes out the gate shall be shut. 13

You shall daily make a burnt offering to Y^{HWH} of a lamb of the first [1st] year without blemish; you shall prepare it every morning. 14

And you shall prepare a grain offering with it every morning, a sixth [6th] of an ephah, and a third [1/3rd] of a hin of oil to moisten the fine flour; this grain offering is a perpetual ordinance, to be made regularly to Y^{HWH}. 15

Thus [in this way] they shall prepare the lamb, the grain offering, and the oil, as a regular burnt offering every morning.”

16 ¶ **Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:**
 “If the prince gives a gift
 of some of his inheritance
 to any of his sons,
 it shall belong to his sons;
 it is their possession by inheritance.
 17 But
 if he gives a gift
 of some of his inheritance
 to one of his servants,
 it shall be his
 until the year of liberty,
 after which
 it shall return to the prince.
 But his inheritance
 shall belong to his sons;
 it shall become theirs. 18
 Moreover the prince shall not
 take any of the people’s inheritance
 by evicting them from their property;
 [no “*eminent domain*”]
 he shall provide
 an inheritance for his sons
 from his own property, so that
 none of My people may be scattered
 from their [his] [own] property.””

19 ¶ **Now** he brought me
 through the entrance,
 which was at the side of the gate,
 into the holy chambers of the priests
 which face toward the north; and
 there a place was situated
 at their extreme western end. 20
 And he said to me,
 “This is the place
 where the priests shall boil
 the trespass offering and
 the sin offering, and
 where they shall bake
 the grain offering,
 so that they do not bring them out
 into the outer court to sanctify the
 people.” 21
Then he brought me out into the outer
 court and caused me to pass by the
 four [4] corners of the court; and
 in fact, in every corner of the court
 there was another court. 22
 In the four [4] corners of the court
 were enclosed courts,
 forty [40] cubits long and
 thirty [30] wide;
 all four [4] corners were
 the same size. 23
 There was a row of building stones
 all around in them,
 all around the four [4] of them;
 and cooking hearths were made
 under the rows of stones
 all around. 24
 And he said to me,
 “These are the kitchens where
 the ministers of the temple shall
 boil the sacrifices of the people.”

September 6

Ezekiel 47:1-48:35

Ezekiel 29:17-30:19 from Aug 24

2 Kings 25:27-30

|| Jeremiah 52:31-34

47:1 ¶

Ezekiel 47

A Healing River Flows from the Temple

Then he brought me back
 to the door of the temple;
 and there was water, [the gospel]
 flowing from under the threshold
 of the temple toward the east,
 for the front of the temple faced east;
 the water was
 flowing from under the right side
 of the temple,
 south of the altar. 2
 He brought me out
 by way of the north gate,
 and led me around on the outside
 to the outer gateway that faces east;
 and there was water,
 running out on the right side. 3
 And when the man went out to the east
 with the line in his hand,
 he measured
 one thousand [1,000] cubits,
 and he brought me through the waters;
 the water came up to my ankles. 4
Again he measured
 one thousand [1,000]
 and brought me through the waters;
 the water came up to my knees.
Again he measured
 one thousand [1,000]
 and brought me through;
 the water came up to my waist. 5
Again he measured
 one thousand [1,000],
 and it was a river that I could not cross;

for the water was too deep,
 water in which one must swim,
 a river that could not be crossed. 6

He said to me,

“Son of man, have you seen this?”

Then he brought me and returned me
 to the bank of the river. 7

When I returned,
 there, along the bank of the river,
 were very many trees on
 one side and the other. 8

Then he said to me:

“This water [the gospel]
 flows toward the eastern region,
 goes down into the valley, and
 enters the sea. [i.e., the Gentiles]
When it reaches the sea,
 its [the sea’s] waters are healed. 9

And it shall be that
 every living thing that moves,
 wherever the rivers go,
 will live.

There will be [souls of men ↓]
 a very great multitude of fish,
 because these waters go there; for
 they will be healed, and everything
 will live wherever the river goes. 10
 It shall be that fishermen will stand by it
 from En Gedi [“fount of the kid”]
 to En Eglaim [“fountain of the
 two calves”] [both near what
 was then/is now the Dead Sea];
 they will be places for spreading their
 nets. Their fish will be of the same
 kinds as the fish of the Great Sea [the
 Mediterranean], exceedingly many. 11
 But its swamps and marshes will not be
 healed; they will be given over to salt.
 12 Along the bank of the river, on this
 side and that, will grow all kinds of
 trees used for food; their leaves will

not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.”

Borders of the Land

13 ¶ **Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:**

“These are the borders by which you shall divide the land as an inheritance among the twelve [12] tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have two portions. 14 You shall inherit it equally with one another; for I raised My hand in an oath to give it to your fathers, and this land shall fall to you as your inheritance.

15 (N) This shall be the border of the land on the north: from the Great Sea, by

the road to Hethlon [“hiding place”], as one goes to Zeda [aka Zedad], 16 Hamath, Berothah [“cypress grove”], Sibraim [“twofold hope”]

(which is between

the border of Damascus [“silent is the sackcloth weaver”; an ancient trading city, capital of Syria, located in the plain east of Hermon, 130 miles (205 km) northeast of Jerusalem] and

the border of Hamath), to

Hazar Hatticon [“middle court”]

(which is on the border of Hauran [“caverns”]). 17

Thus the boundary shall be from the [Great, Mediterranean] Sea to Hazar Enan [“village of springs”],

the border of Damascus; and as for the north, northward, it is

the border of Hamath.

This is the north side.

18 (E) On the east side you shall mark out the border from between Hauran and Damascus, and between Gilead and the land of Israel, along the Jordan, and [Dead Sea] along the eastern side of the sea.

This is the east side.

19 (S) The south side, toward the South [Hebrew: Negev], shall be from Tamar [“palm tree”] to the waters of Meribah [“bitter”] by Kadesh [“holy”], along the brook [of Egypt] to the Great Sea.

This is the south side, toward the South.

20 (W) The west side shall be the Great Sea,

from the southern boundary until one comes to a point opposite Hamath.

This is the west side.

Division of the Land, First Part

21 Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel. 22 It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. 23 And it shall be that in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give him his inheritance”,

says the Lord Y^{HWH}.

Ezekiel 48

48:1 ¶ “Now these are the names of the tribes:

from the northern border along the road to Hethlon at the entrance of Hamath, to Hazar Enan, the border of Damascus northward, in the direction of Hamath, there shall be one section for Dan from its east to its west side; 2

by the border of Dan, from the east side to the west, one section for Asher; 3

by the border of Asher, from the east side to the west, one section for Naphtali; 4

by the border of Naphtali, from the east side to the west, one section for Manasseh; 5

by the border of Manasseh, from the east side to the west, one section for Ephraim; 6

by the border of Ephraim, from the east side to the west, one section for Reuben; 7

by the border of Reuben, from the east side to the west, one section for Judah; 8

The Holy District

by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west, shall be the district which you shall set apart, twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits in width, and in length the same as one of the other portions,

from the east side to the west, with the sanctuary in the center. 9

The district that you shall set apart for Y^{HWH} shall be twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits in length and

ten thousand [10,000] in width. 10

To these — to the priests — the holy district shall belong:

on the north twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits in length,

on the west ten thousand [10,000] in width,

on the east ten thousand [10,000] in width, and

on the south twenty-five thousand [25,000] in length.

The sanctuary of Y^{HWH} shall be in the center. 11 It shall be for the priests of the sons of Zadok, who are sanctified, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. 12 And this district of land that is

set apart shall be to them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites. 13

Opposite the border of the priests, the Levites shall have an area twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits in length and

ten thousand [10,000] in width; its entire length shall be twenty-five thousand [25,000] and its width

ten thousand [10,000]. 14 And they shall not sell or exchange any of it; they may not alienate

this best part of the land, for it is holy to Y^{HWH}. 15

The five thousand [5,000] cubits in width that remain, along the edge of the twenty-five thousand [25,000], shall be for **general use by the city, for dwellings and common-land;** and the city shall be in the center. 16 These shall be its [cubits] measurements: the north side four thousand five hundred [4,500], the south side four thousand five hundred [4,500], the east side four thousand five hundred [4,500], and the west side four thousand five hundred [4,500]. 17 The common-land of the city shall be: to the north two hundred and fifty [250] cubits, to the south two hundred and fifty [250], to the east two hundred and fifty [250], and to the west two hundred and fifty [250]. 18 The rest of the length, alongside the district of the holy section, shall be ten thousand [10,000] cubits to the east and ten thousand [10,000] to the west. It shall be adjacent to the district of the holy section, and its produce shall be food for the workers of the city. 19 The workers of the city, from all the tribes of Israel, shall cultivate it. 20 The entire district shall be twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits by twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits, foursquare [a perfect square].

You shall set apart the holy district with the property of the city. 21 The rest shall belong to the prince, on one side and on the other of the holy district and of the city's property, next to the twenty-five thousand [25,000] cubits of the holy district as far as the eastern border, and westward next to the twenty-five thousand [25,000] as far as the western border, adjacent to the tribal portions; it shall belong to the prince. It shall be the holy district, and the sanctuary of the temple shall be in the center. 22 Moreover, apart from the possession of the Levites and the possession of the city which are in the midst of what belongs to the prince, the area between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin shall belong to the prince. 23 **Division of the Land, The Rest** As for the rest of the tribes: from the east side to the west, Benjamin shall have one section; 24 by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west, Simeon shall have one section; 25 by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west, Issachar shall have one section; 26 by the border of Issachar, from the east side to the west, Zebulun shall have one section; 27 by the border of Zebulun, from the east side to the west, Gad shall have one section; 28

by the border of Gad, on the south side, toward the South, the border shall be from Tamar to the waters of Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea. 29 This is the land that you shall divide by lot as an inheritance among the tribes of Israel, and these are their portions.” says the Lord YHWH. 30

The Exits of the City

“These are the exits of the city: on the north side, measuring four thousand five hundred [4,500] 31 (the gates of the city shall be named after the tribes of Israel), the three gates northward: one gate for Reuben, one gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi; 32 on the east side, four thousand five hundred [4,500] cubits, three gates: one gate for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin, and one gate for Dan; 33 on the south side, measuring four thousand five hundred [4,500] cubits, three gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun; 34 on the west side, four thousand five hundred [4,500] cubits with their three gates: one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher, and one gate for Naphtali. 35

All the way around shall be eighteen thousand [18,000] cubits; and the name of the city from that day shall be: YHWH IS THERE”. (Last verse of Eze 1:1-48:35 NKJV)

[Audio: S. Gregg Ez 25-32, 35] Ezekiel 29:17-21 571BC/04/26 Nebuchadnezzar to Take Egypt

17 ¶ And it came to pass in the twenty-seventh [27th] year, in the first [1st] month, on the first [1st] day of the month [J'chin-Cap-27/01/01; so April 26, 571 BC] that the word of YHWH came to me, saying, 18 “Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to labor strenuously against Tyre; every head was made bald, and every shoulder rubbed raw; yet neither he nor his army received wages from Tyre, for the labor that they expended on it. 19 Therefore thus says the Lord YHWH: ‘Surely I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; he shall take away her wealth, carry off her spoil, and remove her pillage; and that will be the wages for his army. 20 I have given him the land of Egypt for his labor, because they worked for Me.’ says the Lord YHWH. 21

‘In that day I will cause the horn [NIV: strength; NLT: glory] of the house of Israel to spring forth, and I will open your mouth to speak in their midst. Then they shall know that I am YHWH.’”

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Ezekiel 30

Judgments on Egypt

30:1 ¶ The word of Y^{HWH} came to me again, saying, 2

“Son of man, prophesy and say,

“Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“Wail, [cf. [Mt 26:64](#) // [Mk 14:62](#)]

“Woe to the day!” 3

For the day is near,

Even the day of Y^{HWH} is near;

It will be a day of clouds,

the time of the Gentiles. 4

The sword shall come upon Egypt, and

Great anguish shall be in Ethiopia,

When the slain fall in Egypt, and

they take away her wealth, and

her foundations are broken down. 5

[Ethiopia](#)

[“black”; aka (Hebrew) [Cush](#)³¹],

[Libya](#) [“a bow”; aka (Heb.) [Put](#)³²],

[Lydia](#) [“strife”; aka (Heb.) [Lud](#)³³],

all the mingled people,

Chub³⁴ [“a horde”], and

the men of the lands who are allied

[context: apparently with Egypt],

shall fall with them by the sword.” 6

Thus says Y^{HWH}:

“Those who uphold Egypt shall fall, and the pride of her power shall come down.

From [Migdol](#) [“tower”]

to [Syene](#) [“her veiling(?)”]

Those within her shall fall by the sword,”

says the Lord Y^{HWH}. 7

“They shall be desolate

in the midst of the

desolate countries, and

Her cities shall be

in the midst of the

cities that are laid waste. 8

Then they shall know

that I am Y^{HWH},

When I have set a fire in Egypt

and all her helpers are destroyed. 9

On that day

messengers shall go forth

from Me in ships

to make the careless Ethiopians

afraid, and

great anguish shall come

upon them,

As on the day of Egypt;

For indeed it is coming!” 10

Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“I will also make a multitude of Egypt

to cease

By the hand of Nebuchadnezzar

king of [Babylon](#). 11

He and his people with him,

the most terrible of the nations,

shall be brought to destroy

the land;

They shall

draw their swords against Egypt, and

fill the land with the slain. 12

I will

make the rivers dry, And

sell the land

into the hand of the wicked;

I will make the land waste,

and all that is in it,

By the hand of aliens.

I, Y^{HWH}, have spoken.” 13

Thus says the Lord Y^{HWH}:

“I will also

destroy

the idols, And cause

the images

to cease

from [Noph](#)³⁵ [“presentability”];

There shall no longer be princes from

the land of Egypt;

I will

put fear in

the land of Egypt. 14

I will

make desolate

[Pathros](#)³⁶ [“region of the south”],

Set fire to

[Zoan](#)³⁷ [“place of departure”],

And

execute judgments in

[No](#)³⁸ [“disrupting”]. 15

³⁵ Then capital city of Egypt, aka Memphis.

³⁶ A part of Egypt and the home country of the Pathrusim people; probably located in upper [up river] Egypt.

³⁷ An ancient city of lower Egypt, called Tanis by the Greeks; located on the eastern bank of the Tanitic branch of the Nile; the capital of the Shepherd dynasty, built seven [7] years after Hebron and existing before Abraham, and the dwelling place of the Pharaoh at the time of the exodus; modern ‘San’.

³⁸ The ancient capital of Egypt; aka Thebes.

I will

pour My fury on

[Sin](#)³⁹ [“thorn” or “clay”],

the strength of Egypt;

I will

cut off

the multitude of [No](#), 16 And

set a fire in

Egypt;

[Sin](#) shall have great pain,

[No](#) shall be split open, and

[Noph](#) shall be in distress daily. 17

The young men of

[Aven](#)⁴⁰ [“vanity”] and

[Pi Beseth](#)⁴¹ [“mouth of loathing”]

shall fall by the sword, And

these cities

shall go into captivity. 18

At [Tehaphnehes](#)⁴²

[“you will fill hands with pity”]

the day shall also be darkened,

When I break the yokes of Egypt there.

And her arrogant strength

shall cease in her; As for her,

a cloud shall cover her, And her

daughters shall go into captivity. 19

Thus I will

execute judgments on Egypt,

Then they shall know

that I am Y^{HWH}.”

³¹ The son of Ham and grandson of Noah and the progenitor of the southernmost peoples located in Africa.

³² The country of the Ludim in Northern Africa, a large tract lying along the Mediterranean to the west of Egypt, Cyrene was one of its five cities [[Ac 2:10](#)]. Ludim was a son of Mizraim, the progenitor of Egypt [[Ge 10:13](#)].

³³ Lud was the fourth listed son of Shem and supposed progenitor of the Lydians.

³⁴ Chub is the name of a people probably located in northern Africa.

[This column parallels the next:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 25]

2 Kings 25:27-30 || 561BC/04/02

Jehoiachin's Life after Prison

27 ¶ Now it came to pass in the thirty-seventh [37th] year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth [12th] month, on the twenty-seventh [27th] day of the month

[J'chin-Cap-37/12/27; so April 2, 561BC]

that Evil-Merodach [or Awil-Marduk: "man of Merodach"]

king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, released

Jehoiachin king of Judah from _____ prison. 28

He spoke kindly to him, and gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who were with him in Babylon. 29 So Jehoiachin changed from his prison garments, and he ate bread regularly before the king

all the [remaining] days of his life. 30

And as for his provisions, there was a regular ration given him by the king, a portion for each day,

all the [remaining] days of his life.

[End of 2 Kings]

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 50-52]

Jeremiah 52:31-34 561BC/03/31

Jehoiachin's Life after Prison

31 ¶ Now it came to pass in the thirty-seventh [37th] year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth [12th] month, on the twenty-fifth [25th] day⁴³ of the month

[J'chin-Cap-37/12/25; so March 31, 561BC]

that Evil-Merodach [or Awil-Marduk: "man of Merodach"]

king of Babylon, in the first [or accession] year of his reign, lifted up the head of

Jehoiachin king of Judah and brought him out of prison. 32 And

he spoke kindly to him and gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who were with him in Babylon. 33 So Jehoiachin changed from his prison garments, and he ate bread regularly before the king

all the [remaining] days of his life. 34

And as for his provisions, there was a regular ration given him by the king of Babylon, a portion for each day

until the day of his death, all the [remaining] days of his life.

[End of Jeremiah]

⁴³ Perhaps the discrepancy is explained by the process of "lift[ing] up the head of" Jehoachin starting two days earlier than his actual release from prison?

The Servitude (Je 25:11) →

609BC, when Nebuchadnezzar defeated Assyria, so "these nations" began to serve Babylon 539BC, when Cyrus defeated Belshazzar of Babylon (Da 5:30)

SUMMARY

The Captivity of Israel (2Ki 18:10)

721BC, completed by Sargon king of Assyria in his first full year. Never ended, but some from the ten tribes escaped by having already moved to Judah long before. Hoshea was Israel's last king; Hezekiah was then in his 6th year as king of Judah.

The 70-Year Ordeals of Judah

All by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, directly or indirectly

→

The Captivity (Je 29:10; Da 1:1)

606BC, just before Nebuchadnezzar became king of Babylon, when he took Daniel et al captive 536BC, end: Cyrus' decree [Ezr 1:1]

2nd Captivity (2Ki 24:10-17)

598BC, when Neb. took 3,023 Jews 597BC, when Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin & Ezekiel to Babylon 528-527BC, without a ref. event

Indignation (Eze 24:1-14)

589BC, epoch of the boiling pot began when Zedekiah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar 519BC, ended in Darius I's 2nd year (Hag 2:10,15,18-20; Zec 1:7,12)

The Desolations (No Temple)

(Jer 25:9,11; Da 9:1-2,17-18)

The Fast (Zec 7:1,5; 8:19)

586BC, Judah's 390th year as a separate kingdom from Israel; Zedekiah's 11th and last year, Judah's last king [Jer 52:1] 516BC, ended in Darius I's 6th year (Ezra 6:15)

September 7

Daniel 7:1-8:27

Daniel 5:1-31

[Somewhat after the Table of Contents (ToC) Daniel 7 is presented in a highly formatted way that compares the dream-visions with the interpretation, including many observations and questions. Next it is presented in the normal flowing form for readability.]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Da 7]

Daniel 7 [in Aramaic] ~533BC

Daniel's Four-Beast Dream/Visions

7:1 ¶ In the first year of Belshazzar

king of Babylon [Bel-01],

Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts. 2 Daniel spoke, saying,

'I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four [4] winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. 3 And four [4] great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the land [earth] and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it. 5

And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three [3] ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it:

'Arise, devour much flesh!' 6

After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four [4] wings of a bird. The beast also had four [4] heads, and dominion was given to it. 7

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth [4th] beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was

devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet.

It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten [10] horns.

8 [Audio: S. Gregg Da 7:8-28] I was considering the horns, and there was another [11th] horn, a little one [the lawless one: 2Th 2:10], coming up among them, before whom three [3] of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

9 ¶ I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool.

His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire; 10

A fiery stream issued And came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands [1,000,000] ministered to Him;

Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. [100,000,000]

The court was seated, And the books were opened. 11

I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words that the horn was speaking;

I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. 12

As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. 13

[Audio: S. Gregg Da 7:13-28]

[cf. Mt 26:64 || Mk 14:62; Re 12:5]

I was watching in the night visions, And behold,

One like the Son of Man,

Coming with the clouds of heaven!

He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14

Then to Him was given

dominion and

glory and

a kingdom,

That all [Christian universalism?]

peoples,

nations, and

languages

should serve Him:

His dominion is an everlasting dominion,

That shall not pass away, and

His kingdom the one

That shall not be destroyed.

The Dream's Interpretation

15 ¶ I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. 16 I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things: 17

'Those great beasts, which are four [4], are four [4] kings

that arise out of the lands [earth]. 18

(But the saints of the Most High shall

receive the kingdom, and

possess the kingdom forever,

even forever and ever.)' 19

Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth [4th] beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which

devoured,

broke in pieces, and

trampled the residue with its feet; 20 and the ten [10] horns that were on its head, and the other horn that came up, before which three [3] fell, namely, that horn that had eyes and a mouth that spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.

21 I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, 22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints

to possess the kingdom. 23

Further Interpretation of the Dream

Thus he said [now in poetry again]:

'The fourth [4th] beast shall be

A fourth kingdom on land [earth],

That shall be different

from all other kingdoms,

And shall

devour the whole land [earth],

trample it and

break it in pieces. 24

The ten [10] horns are ten [10] kings Who shall arise from this kingdom.

[The first 10 "kings" of Rome? By Jewish reckoning: Julius, Augustus, Tiberius, Gaius, Claudius, Nero (the 6th), and then the three usurpers after Nero's suicide: Galba, Otho, & Vitellius, then Vespasian (the 10th)]

And another shall rise after them;
 [This may mean much later.]
 He shall be different from the first ones,
 And shall subdue three [3] [of the first
 (v8)] kings. 25
 [The three usurpers were deposed
 quickly but not by Titus. They were
 replaced by Vespasian, the father
 of Titus.]
 He shall speak pompous words
 against the Most High,
 Shall persecute
 the saints of the Most High, And
 Shall intend to change times and law.
 Then the saints shall be
 given into his hand [when?]
 For a time and times and half a time.
 [only other uses: 12:7, Re 12:14b] 26
 But the court shall be seated,
 And they shall take away his dominion,
 [giving it instead to Messiah,
 thus to the people "in Christ"]
 To consume and destroy it forever. 27
 [Then the body of Christ will reign
 with Christ, the Messiah:]
 Then the kingdom and dominion,
 And the greatness of the kingdoms
 under the whole heaven,
 Shall be given to
 the people,
 the saints of the Most High.
 His kingdom is
 an everlasting kingdom, And
 all dominions
 shall serve and obey Him." 28
 This is the end of the account.
 As for me, Daniel,
 my thoughts greatly troubled me, and
 my countenance changed; but
 I kept the matter in my heart.

[Audio: S. Gregg Da 8:1-9:23]
 Daniel 8 [in Hebrew] 551BC
 Daniel's Ram-Goat-Horns Vision

8:1 ¶ In the third year of the reign of
 King Belshazzar [Bel-03] a vision
 appeared to me — to me, Daniel —
 after the one that appeared to me the
 first time. 2 I saw in the vision, and it
 so happened while I was looking, that
 I was in Shushan⁴⁴ ["lily"; aka Susa],
 the citadel, which is in the province of
 Elam⁴⁵ ["eternity"]; and I saw in the
 vision that I was by the River Ulai
 ["my leaders (mighties)"]. 3

Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and
 there, standing beside the river, was
 a ram that had two horns [Media-
 Persia, to come in 539BC: v.20], and
 the two horns were high; but one
 [Cyrus of Persia] was higher than the
 other [Darius the Mede], and the
 higher one came up last [536BC]. 4
 I saw the ram pushing
 westward,
 northward, and
 southward,
 so that no animal [nation] could with-
 stand him; nor was there any that could
 deliver from his hand, but he did ac-
 cording to his will and became great. 5

And as I was considering, suddenly
 a male goat [Greece: v.21a] came from
 the west, across the surface of the
 whole land [earth], without touching
 the ground; and the goat had a notable

⁴⁴ The winter residence of the Persian kings; located on the river Ulai or Choaspes.

⁴⁵ A province east of Babylon and north-east of the lower Tigris (in modern Iran).

horn between his eyes [Alexander the
 Great: v.21b]. 6 Then he came to the
 ram that had two horns, which I had
 seen standing beside the river, and
 ran at him with furious power. 7 And
 I saw him confronting the ram; he was
 moved with rage against him, attacked
 the ram, and broke his two horns [331
 BC]. There was no power in the ram to
 withstand him, but he cast him down
 to the ground and trampled him; and
 there was no one that could deliver the
 ram from his hand. 8 Therefore the
 male goat grew very great; but when
 he became strong, the large horn was
 broken [Alexander died in 323BC], and
 in place of it four [4] notable ones
 [his four generals] came up toward
 the four winds of heaven [i.e., they
 divided the kingdom into four parts
 (NSEW), one part to each⁴⁶]. 9

And out of one of them [i.e., one of
 the four generals] came a little horn
 [Antiochus (IV) Epiphanes, the
 great⁴³ grandson of Seleucus]
 that grew exceedingly great
 toward the south [Egypt],
 toward the east [Parthia], and
 toward the Glorious Land. 10
 And it grew up to the host of heaven
 [i.e., he became a star, a celebrity, in
 the political world]; and it cast down
 some of the host and some of the stars
 to the ground, and trampled them
 [overcame rival contemporaries]. 11
 He even exalted himself as high as the

⁴⁶ North: Seleucus over Babylon, Syria, & Media; South: Ptolemus over Egypt; East: Lysimachus over Asia Minor & Thrace; West: Cassander over Macedonia & Greece.

Prince of the host [apparently YHWH];
 and by him the daily sacrifices were
 taken away, and the place of His sanc-
 tuary was cast down. 12 Because of
 transgression, an army was given over
 to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices;
 and he cast truth down to the ground.
 He did all this and prospered. 13 Then
 I heard a holy one speaking; and another
 holy one said to that certain one who
 was speaking,

"How long will
 the vision be, concerning
 the daily sacrifices and
 the transgression of desolation,
 the giving of both
 the sanctuary and
 the host
 to be trampled under foot?" 14

And he said to me,
 "For two thousand three hundred
 [2,300] days; then the sanctuary
 shall be cleansed." [~6.3 years,
 or 6 x 360 days + 140 days]

15 ¶ Then it happened, when I, Daniel,
 had seen the vision and was seeking
 the meaning, that suddenly there stood
 before me one having the appearance
 of a man. 16 And I heard a man's
 voice between the banks of the Ulai,
 who called, and said,
 "Gabriel [cf. 9:21], make this man
 understand the vision." 17
 So he came near where I stood, and
 when he came I was afraid and fell on
 my face; but he said to me,
 "Understand, son of man, that the vision
 refers to the time of the end [of the
 indignation: v.19, Eze 24:1-14]." 18

Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright. 19 And he said, “Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be [to end in 520BC when Haggai and Zechariah would be prophesying: start – 2Ki 25:1 || Je 52:4 || Je 39:1; end – Ha 2:10,15 & Zec 1:7,12]. 20

The ram that you saw, having the two horns — they are the kings of Media and Persia. 21

And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king [so Alexander the Great]. 22 As for the broken horn [Alexander’s death] and the four [4] that stood up in its place, four [4] kingdoms shall arise out of that nation [under Alexander’s four generals], but not with its power. 23

[And now in poetry:]

And in the latter time of their kingdom [hence, the fall of Greece with the rise of Rome in 63 BC, or only the deaths of those four generals?],

When the transgressors have reached their fullness,

A king shall arise, [175-163 BC] [Antiochus (IV) Epiphanes]

Having fierce features,
Who understands sinister schemes. 24
His power shall be mighty,
but not by his own power;
He shall destroy fearfully,
And shall prosper and thrive;

He shall destroy the mighty,
and also the holy people. 25

Through his cunning
He shall cause deceit to prosper
under his rule; and
He shall exalt himself in his heart.
He shall destroy many
in their prosperity.
He shall even rise
against the Prince of princes; But
He shall be broken
without human means.

[i.e., death, as with Alexander:
v.8, by natural cause.] 26

And the vision of
the evenings and mornings

Which was told is true;
Therefore seal up the vision,
For it refers to many days
in the future.” 27

And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for days; afterward I arose and went about the king’s business. I was astonished by the vision, but no one understood it. [So he shared it with others before sealing it up?]

[Daniel 9 is on September 8]

[Audio: S. Gregg Da 5-6]

Daniel 5 [in Aramaic] 539BC
Hand-Writing on the Wall

5:1 ¶ Belshazzar the king made a great feast for a thousand [1,000] of his lords, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand [1,000]. 2 While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar gave the command to bring the gold and silver vessels that his [grand] father [Nabonidus was his father] Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple that had been in Jerusalem, that

the king and
his lords,
his wives, and
his concubines
might drink from them. 3 Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God that had been in Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone. 5

In the same hour the fingers of a man’s hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king’s countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other. 7 The king cried aloud to bring in

the astrologers,
the Chaldeans, and
the soothsayers.
The king spoke, saying to
the wise men of Babylon,
“Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.” [This implies Belshazzar was only second in command: co-rex under his father, Nabonidus] 8

Now all the king’s wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation. 9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished.

10 ¶ The queen [likely his mother, wife of Nabonidus], because of the words of the king and his lords, came to the banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, “O king, live forever! Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your countenance change. 11 There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your [grand-] father, light and understanding and wisdom,

like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and King Nebuchadnezzar your father — your father the king — made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers. 12

Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar, now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.” 13

September 8

Daniel 6:1-28
Daniel 9:1-27

Daniel 6 [in Aramaic] 538BC

Daniel in the Lion's Den

6:1 ¶ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty [120] satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; 2 and over these, three [3] governors, of whom Daniel [aged ~84 years] was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss [cf. 2Ki 22:7]. 3

Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. 4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then these men said,

“We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.”

6 ¶ So these governors and satraps [2 + 120] thronged before the king, and said thus to him:

“King Darius, live forever! 7 All the [3] governors of the kingdom, [well, except Daniel!] the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man

Then the fingers of the hand were sent from Him, and this writing was written. 25 And this is the inscription that was written:

‘MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN’. 26

This is the interpretation of each word:

MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; 27

TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 28

PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.” 29

Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they

clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. [A worthless position, to wit:]

30 ¶ That very night [539BC/10/06 (Gregorian calendar)] Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. 31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two [62] years old [as co-rex under Cyrus until 536BC; Darius was over Babylon, thus Judah, for about two years while Cyrus continued conquering to secure the kingdom].

Daniel 11:1 [copied here from here]

11:1 ¶ (Also in the first year of Darius the Mede [DtM-01: 538BC], I, even I, stood up to confirm and strengthen him.) [Stated by “one like a son of man” to Daniel in 534BC.]

trembled and feared before him: whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down. 20

But when [with pride]

his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him. 21

Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses. 22

But you his [grand-] son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this. 23 And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and

you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified. 24

Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke, and said to Daniel [now aged ~83: Da 1],

“Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my [grand] father the king brought from Judah? 14 I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom

are found in you. 15 Now the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they could not give the interpretation of the thing. 16 And I have heard of you, that you can give interpretations and explain enigmas.

Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.” 17 [3rd aft. his father, him] Then Daniel [disgustedly] answered, and said before the king,

“Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another; yet I will read the writing to the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your [grand-] father a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor. 19

And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages

for thirty [30] days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.” 9

Therefore King Darius signed the written decree. 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three [3] times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days [Darius the Mede began to reign in 539 BC, and Daniel was captured in 606 BC, so Daniel is ~84 years old at this point].

[Cf. 1Ki 8:46-50 // 2Ch 6:36-39 in Solomon's prayer]

11 ¶ Then these [122?] men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. 12 And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree:

“Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty [30] days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?”

The king answered and said,

“The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.” 13

So they answered and said before the king, [↓ some 67 years ago!]

“That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due

regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three [3] times a day.” 14

And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him. 15 Then these men approached the king, and said to the king,

“Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute that the king establishes may be changed.” 16

So the king [reluctantly] gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel,

“Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.” 17

[Wow, King Darius had faith that God would deliver Daniel, a faith about to be sorely tested!]

Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

18 ¶ Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him. 19

Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. 20 And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting [penitent?] voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel,

“Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” 21

Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! 22 My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths [cf. He 11:33], so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.” 23

Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God. 24

And the king gave the command, and they brought those [122?] men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions —

them,
their children, and
their wives;

and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den. [Lots of lions, if there were, say, ~500 people (man, wife, two kids, per family), so perhaps only the ring leaders.]

25 ¶ Then King Darius wrote:

“To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the lands [earth]:

Peace be multiplied to you. 26 I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel.

[Now in poetry:]

For He is the living God,
And steadfast forever;

His kingdom is the one that shall not be destroyed, And His dominion

shall endure to the end. 27

He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders

In heaven and on land [earth], Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.” 28

So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius [the Mede] and [then and subsequently] in the reign of Cyrus the Persian [Darius co-reigned under Cyrus from late 539 to 536 BC, then Cyrus was sole rex from 536 to 528 BC].

[Daniel 7-8 are on Sep 7]

[Audio: S. Gregg Da 8:1-9:23]

Daniel 9 [in Hebrew] 539BC

70 “Sevens” to the Consummation

9:1 ¶ In the first [1st] year of Darius

the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, [Darius the Mede: uncle of Cyrus; Dar-01, so AC: 539BC or 1st: 538BC?] who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans —

2 in the first [1st] year of his reign, I, Daniel [aged ~84 years], understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of YHWH through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy [70] years

in the desolations of Jerusalem [Je 25, esp. 25:12; to end in 516BC, so it started in 586BC when Jerusalem was destroyed; here 23 years to go]. 3

Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request

by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

4 ¶ And I prayed to YHWH my God, and made confession, and said,
 “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, 5 we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. 6 Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and [the Israel] all the people of the land. 7 O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, but to us shame of face, as it is this day — to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness that they have committed against You. 8 O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. 9

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. 10 [Audio: S. Gregg Da 9:10-27] We have not obeyed the voice of YHWH our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. 11 Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. 12 And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke [De 28:15-68] against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before YHWH our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. 14 Therefore YHWH has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for YHWH our God is righteous in all the works that He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day —

we have sinned, we have done wickedly! 16 O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, [that is/aka,] Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. 17 Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord’s sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. 18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations [70 years: v2], and the city that is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. 19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name.”

20 ¶ Now while I was speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before YHWH my God for the holy mountain of my God [i.e., Jerusalem: v16], 21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, [cf. 8:16b] whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning [12 yrs prior], being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, “O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand. 23 At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell you, for you are greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the [Je 25] vision: 24 [Jeremiah’s vision (for Daniel did not report having one here), which involved 70 years (not 70 “weeks” (AV, NKJ, etc.; literally “sevens”). Thus, this seems to add to the vision’s meaning.) [NKJ: weeks] [Audio: S. Gregg Da 9:24-27] Seventy [70] sevens are determined For your people and for your holy city, [i.e., by the end of the 70 sevens, all this will have been accomplished, re the Israelites and Jerusalem, this first by Christ on the cross (fulfillment texts in boxes):]

[a]
To finish the transgression,

Matthew 23:29-32

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, 30 and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' 31

Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt [for such transgressions].

1 Thessalonians 2:14b-16a

the Judeans, 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, 16 [how:] forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins...

[b]
To make an end of sins, [Ro 5:21, 6:14]

Hebrews 9:25-26 [He 10:17-18]

not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another — 26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

[c]
To make reconciliation for iniquity,

2 Corinthians 5:19

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

[d]
To bring in Eternal [everlasting] righteousness [imputed],

Romans 3:21-22a,24-26

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, [God's right. = Eternal right. ↓]
22a even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe
24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation [appeasement, atonement] by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

[e]
To seal up vision and prophecy, and

Luke 21:22

For these are the days of vengeance, that all things that are written may be fulfilled. [God's wrath on Israel [cp. Re 16] for rejecting His Son: all OT prophecies fulfilled.]

[f] [↓ Ac 3:14]
To anoint the Most Holy [One/Place]. 25

Acts 10:38 [One: Jesus]

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Hebrews 9:11-12 [cf. vv21-22]

[Place: Holy of Holies in heaven]
But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with [through, by way of, via] the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained Eternal redemption.

Know therefore and understand, that From the going forth of the command to restore and [re-]build Jerusalem [note: not the Temple; so, this means the command to Nehemiah by Artaxerxes, to come in 454BC: Neh 2:7-8] Until Messiah the Prince, there shall be [70 more sevens of punishment beyond the 70 years of Je 25]

Seven [7] sevens [weeks] [so 49] [49 years?: Lev 25:1-23; seven times: Lev 26:18,21,24,28; i.e., 7x the prior 70yr punishment?] [49 years after 454 BC was 405 BC (3600 AB): the 350th year since the founding of Rome, and the year of transition from Darius II to Artaxerxes II in Persia] and

Sixty-two [62] sevens [weeks] [so 434]; [for a total of 483; 434 years after 405 BC would be AD 30] [S/B AD 26 to fit history? The 454 date is by Jones; others say 457, which takes us to Jesus' ministry debut, but Jones has impressive secular data to support his date, and the Bible does not tell us the date. See the note below v26.]

[Rebuild Jerusalem (in 454 BC):] The street shall be built again, and The wall [note: not the Temple], Even in troublesome times. [Nehemiah's times: Neh 1-6, the distress of Neh 2:17 especially]

[v26 is seen as parallel to v27, i.e., v26 says it and v27 says it again:] [Difficult to translate, difficult to interpret:]

September 9

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[This column parallels the next:]

26 [Jesus Debuts (in AD 26):] [weeks]

And after the sixty-two [62] sevens

[note: 'after', not 'at the end of', which would begin the 70th wk:]

Messiah

[Crucifixion (in AD 30):]

shall be cut off [killed, crucified],
but not for Himself;
[for us, for our sins]

and

[Roman Army (in AD 70):]

The people of
the prince who is to come

[people: army; prince: Titus]

Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

[Again: 1st Nebuchadnezzar, 2nd Titus]

The end of it shall be with a flood

[a flood of Roman soldiers
into the city in AD 70], and till

The end of the [Roman-Jewish?] war
desolations are determined.

[Alternative: Jones well documents the 454 BC date, even suggesting 14 Nisan (Neh 2:1), and calculates that 483 yrs later to the day is Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem. That started the 70th seven (week), which if it was a literal week, has the cross in the middle and the resurrection at the end. Perfect!]

[Also see the parallel version [here.](#)]

[Audio: S. Gregg [Da 9:26-27](#)]

27 [New Covenant (in AD 26):]

Then [after the (7 then) 62 sevens: v26]

he [Messiah the Prince: v26a]

shall confirm a [the new] covenant

with many for one [1] seven

[week] [i.e., the 70th seven];

[Resurrection (in AD 30):] [week]

But in the middle of the [70th] seven

he [Messiah the Prince: v26a]

shall bring an end

to sacrifice and offering.

[The crucifixion made them, indeed

the old covenant, obsolete, as indicated by the earthquake and torn curtain in the Temple: [Heb 8:13.](#)]

[Titus (in AD 70):]

And on the wing of abominations
shall be one [one abomination]

who makes desolate,

Even until

the consummation,

which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate."

[Jerusalem was desolate in Daniel's later years, and would remain spiritually so until that "consummation" just described was accomplished: desolate from then until Christ began to build His Church, His Kingdom, the New Jerusalem, a spiritual city on a hill to which Abraham looked forward: [Heb 11:8-10.](#)]

[Daniel 10-12 start on Sep 12]

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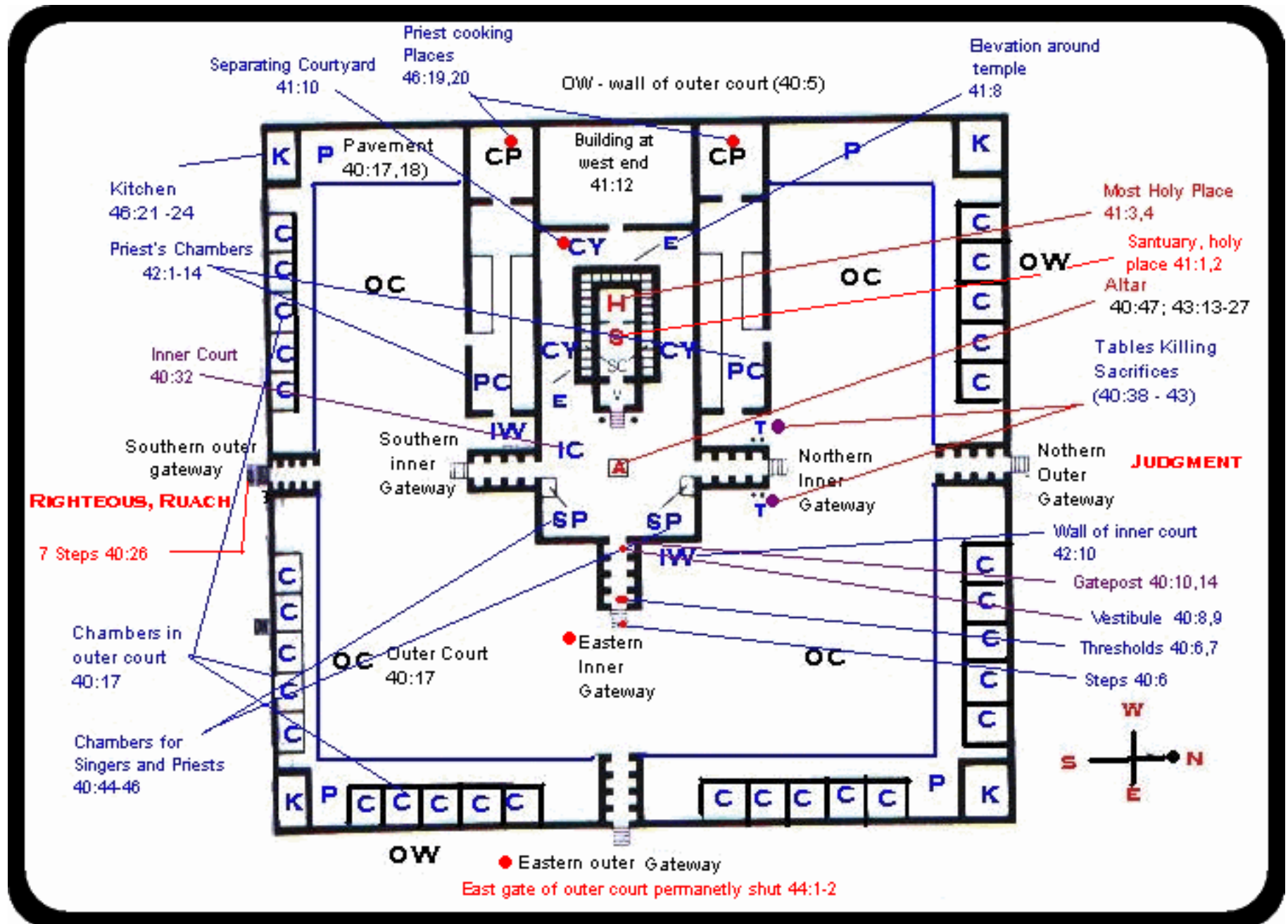
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Timeline of Ezekiel and Beyond (Continued in Ezra-Nehemiah)

Date					
B.C.	↓	Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron kingdoms of Da 1, then Jesus' Kingdom (Royal Blue)			
	↓	King of/over Israel		Captivities: ↓↓↓↓↓	
628		Josiah's 13th year as king of Israel: prophet Jeremiah begins to speak to Israel: Je 25:1-3.			
610		Josiah's 31st and last year as king of Israel.			
609		General Nebuchadnezzar defeats Assyria at Carchemish, under his dad, King of Babylon.	S		
		Servitude of Israel & surroundings: "these nations shall serve...Babylon for 70 years": Je 25:11	e		
		2Ki 23: 29-34 2Ch 35:20-36:4 - Josiah king of Israel died in this battle; his son Shallum aka ...	r		
		... Jehoahaz became king in his place, but only for 3 mos., deposed by Necho king of Egypt.	v		
		Then his bro. Eliakim aka Jehoiakim became king of Israel for 11 years, appointed by Necho.	i		
606		Gen'l Nebuchadnezzar takes Daniel, Shadrack, Meshack, Abednego, & others from Jerusalem.	t D		
605		King of Babylon dies so Nebuchadnezzar becomes king. (Accession year: AC)	u a		
		(The Jews refer to this as his first year, as they came under his kingship this year.)	d n		
		Je 25:1 - Jehoiakim king of Israel's 4th year; Nebuchadnezzar's 1st year (by Jewish reckoning).	e i		
604		Nebuchadnezzar's first full year as king; his first year by Babylonian reckoning.	e		
598		Jehoiakim's last full year (his 11th) as king of Israel: 2Ki 25:8 Je 52:12.	o l		
		Jehoichin becomes king for 3 mos. 10 days (Eze 40:1), into early 597, then:	f		
597		Nebuchadnezzar takes Jehoichin captive to Babylon, appoints Zedekiah king of Israel.	+		
		Also taken captive: Mordecai (Es 2:6) & Ezekiel (ref?).	J E		
595		Zedekiah's first full year as king of Israel, for 11 years, appointed by Nebuchadnezzar.	" e z		
			t T h e		
593		Ezekiel begins to speak to Israel, in Babylon; Jehoichin's 5th year captive: Eze 1:1.	h h o k		
		(30th year since Josiah found and read the Law to the people, in 623 BC.)	e r i i		
588		Nebuchadnezzar puts Jerusalem under siege: 2Ki 25:1-2 Je 52:4-5 Je 39:1 Eze 24:1a.	s e a e		
587		Zedekiah's last full year as king of Israel.	e e c l		
586		Nebuchadnezzar takes Jerusalem , imprisons Zedekiah: 2Ki 25:3-7 Je 52:6-11 Je 39:2-10	h N		
		" destroys the Temple -- no more Judaism for 70 years: 2Ki 25:8-21 Je 52:12-27	n i o		
~582		Nebuchadnezzar out grazing for 7 years (Da 4); who was in charge? Unknown; no records.	a T n		
~575		Nebuchadnezzar writes Da 4, acknowledging יהוה as the Most High, living forever.	t h ? T		
573		Ezekiel is shown a new temple in a vision: Eze 40-48 (last chapter of Eze).	i e ? e		
571		Ezekiel's last prophecy : Nebuchadnezzar to take Egypt (Eze 29:17-21).	o 3 ? m		
561		Jehoichin is freed by Evil-Merodach king of Babylon: 2Ki 25:27-30 Je 52:31-34. End: 2Ki, Je.	n C 7 p		
555		Nabonidus reigns over Babylon as sole-king for two years, then co-king with his son.	s a l		
553		Belshazzar's first full year as king of Babylon, as co-king under his father Nabonidus.	" p e		
		Daniel's vision of 4 beasts -- Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome..., Judgment: Da 7.	t		
551		Belshazzar's 3rd year; Daniel has a vision of a ram & a goat , Medo-Persia & Greece: Da 8.	7 i N		
540		Belshazzar's last full year as king of Babylon, as co-king under his father Nabonidus.	0 v o		
539		Cyrus of Persia takes Babylon in battle, including Belshazzar, grandson of Nebuchadnezzar.	i		
		(Night of the handwriting on the wall interpreted by Daniel: Da 5.)	t J		
		Darius the Mede rules Babylon & Israel 2+ years while Cyrus completes his conquests.	y u		
		(Daniel in the lion's den : Da 8.)	d		
538		Darius the Mede's first full year as king of Babylon.	7 a		
		(Daniel makes his " 70 Sevens " prophecy: Da 9.)	0 i		
536		Cyrus of Persia takes over from Darius. (Ezr 1:1-4 2Ch 36:22-23 & Ezr 6)	s		
		Cyrus decrees that the Jews can go back to their homeland and rebuild their temple.	m		

Temple Area of Ezekiel 40

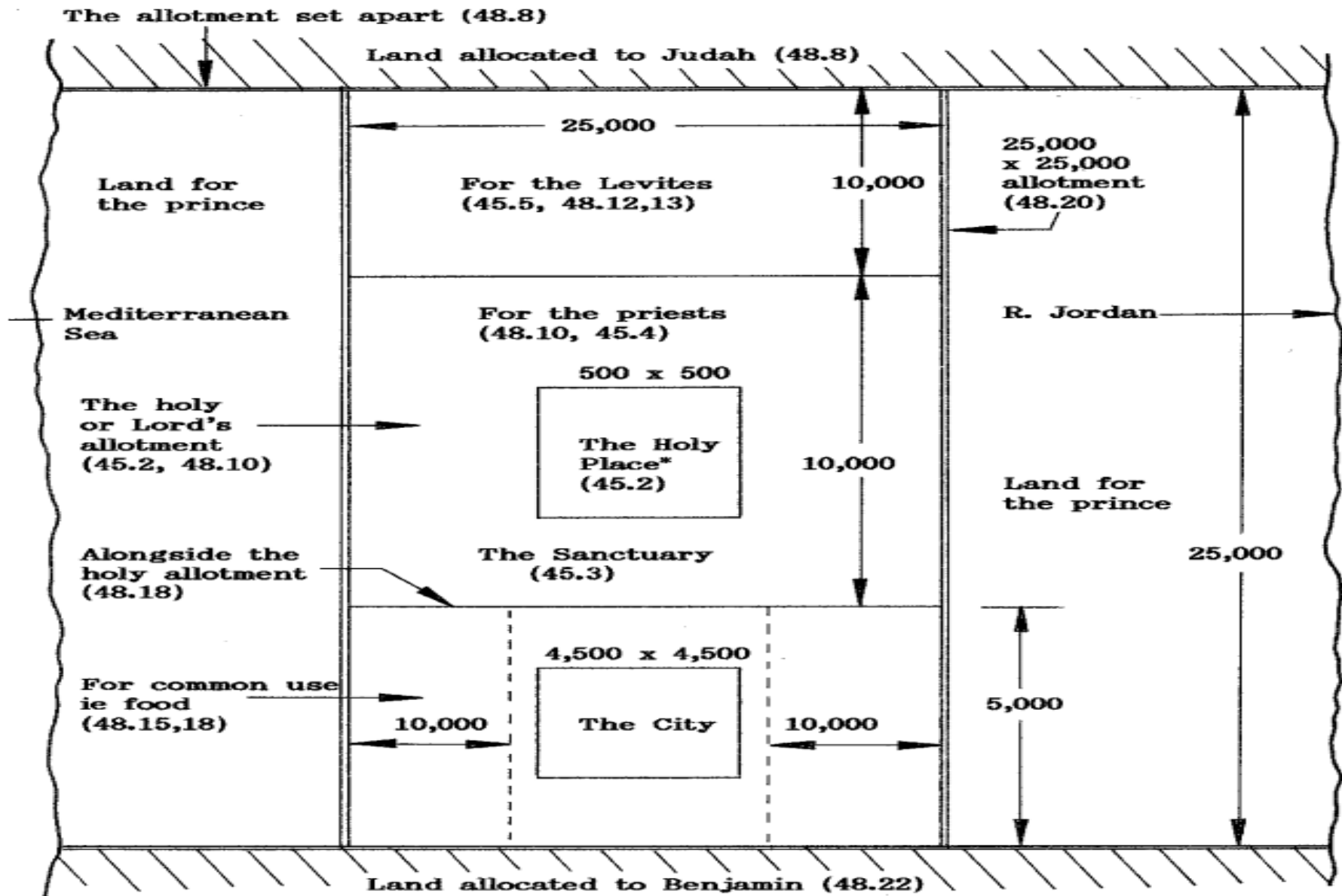


Rough Land Area of Ezekiel 47:13-20



Details of the Holy District, Ezekiel 48:8-22

(Unfortunately, not to scale nor parts even proportional, just a rough idea.)



Daniel 7 [in parallel]

[Belshazzar started as co-regent with his father Nabonidus in 553 BC.]

[To just read the account, ignoring comments and parallels, read column 2 for 3 pages, then column 3, then column 4 (text only), or read the flowing version [above](#).]

[Re 7:1](#), [13:1-2](#) composite beast →

Land: v.3 || v.17 →

Conquer many peoples? →

Dominion over many peoples? →

Now the beast is an earthly kingdom →

Moved “different” statement in v.7 →
from last to match vv.19 & 23.

Even more different from the others?
See v.3

Daniel’s Four-Beast Dream

1 ¶ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon [Bel-01], Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed.

Then he wrote down the dream, telling the main facts.

2 Daniel spoke, saying,

“I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea.

3 And four great beasts

came up from the [Great] Sea, each different from the other.

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the land [earth] and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.

5 And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three [3] ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it:

‘Arise, devour much flesh!’

6 After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast –

it was different from all the beasts that were before it – dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth;

it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet.

The Dream’s Interpretation

15 ¶ I, Daniel, was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.
16 I came near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me and made known to me the interpretation of these things:

17 ‘Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings that arise out of the lands [earth].

18 (But the saints of the Most High shall receive the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom forever, even forever and ever.)’

[Fourth beast: Roman Empire]

19 Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast,

which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; and

Further Interpretation of the Dream

All Hebrew ruwach:

← [Zec 6:5](#) “four spirits of heaven”, but “winds” in [Da 7:2](#), [8:8](#), [11:4](#), [Zec 2:6](#)

← The beasts represent certain kings/kingdoms

← Sea ~ land [earth] ([Genesis 1:10](#))

But app’ntly meaning all Earth dwellers

← Parenthetical note previewing vv. 22 & 27. Perhaps to comfort Daniel?

← Note the emphasis on the Kingdom – given to the saints in v. 27

← No further interpretation of the first three beasts; they are just kings, hence kingdoms (as the parenthesis hints)

← Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Clues?

Persia dominant over Media

← x, y, & z of Medo-Persia. Clues?
3 ribs: Assyria, Babylon, Egypt?

4 wings: rapid flight?

← Alex. the Great of Greece. Clues?

4 heads: His four generals under him?

[↓ Moved from below: || to vv.7ff & 19ff]

23 Thus he said:

‘The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on land [earth], that shall be different from all other kingdoms,

And shall devour the whole land [earth], trample it [that whole] and break it in pieces [kingdoms?].

[Note ↑ reverse order; no residue or feet]

Now the horns are kings →
Intent: "ten" may be symbolic, not exact.

An eleventh horn (king) →
The pope/papacy? Clues?

Three of the ten →
Who were these three? ↑
[[Online: [Treasure of Scripture Knowl.](#)]]

New information not in visions →

Three thrones? →
AoD is used only in Da 7:9,13,22 →
[Re 1:14](#) head & hair "white as snow" →
[Re 1:14](#) head & hair "white like wool" →
[Re 1:14](#) "eyes like a flame of fire" →

Judged to be righteous in Christ? →

Saints or angels, or both? →
When in the scheme? References? →
Saints or angels, or both? →

Still coming, right up to judgment →
Hence, the institutional church?
With all its denominations?

and it had ten horns.

8 I was considering the horns,
and there was another horn, a little one,
coming up among them,
Moved this clause from last to match v.24:
[It actually is the last clause of v20.]
before whom three of the first horns
were plucked out by the roots.
And there, in this horn, were
eyes like the eyes of a man, and
a mouth speaking
pompous words.

9 ¶ I watched

till thrones were put in place,
and the Ancient of Days was seated;
His garment was white as snow, and
the hair of His head was
like pure wool.
His throne was a fiery flame,
its wheels a burning fire;
10 A fiery stream issued
and came forth from before Him.
A thousand thousands
ministered to Him.
Ten thousand times ten thousand
stood before Him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

11 I watched then because of
the sound of the pompous words
that the horn was speaking;

20 and the ten horns
that were on its head,

and the other horn
that came up,
whose appearance was
greater than his fellows,
before which three horns
fell,
namely, that horn that had
eyes and
a mouth that spoke
pompous words.

21 I was watching; and
the same horn was
making war against the saints, and
prevailing against them,

22 until
the Ancient of Days came,

and a judgment was made in favor of
the saints of the Most High,
and the time came for the saints
to possess the Kingdom.

23 [Proceed to the next column of the
prior page ↑]

24 The ten horns are ten kings
[↑ Ten countries out of Rome?]
who shall arise from this [4th] kingdom;
and another king shall
rise after them;
he shall be different from the first kings,
[↑ How so? Clues?]
and shall subdue three kings.
[↑ Which 3? How done? Clues?]

25 He shall speak
pompous words
against the Most High,
[↑ = against the saints?]

shall persecute the saints of
the Most High, and
shall intend to change times and law.
Then the saints shall be given into his hand
for a time and times and half a time.
[Means 3½? If so, 3½ years (Da 4:32)?
Years? Decades? Centuries? Millennia?
Cf. [1Da 12:7](#), [Re 12:17](#).
Or simply "an indefinite period"?)]

Wheels: portable, to Babylon, from Jeru.
[2Th 1:8](#): flaming fire; 2:3-12: lawless one
[2Th 2:8](#) destroyed with the brightness ...
[2Th 2:6](#) you know what restrains it/him:
Church fathers: the Roman Empire, hence
the Papacy, the Holy Roman Empire,
after Rome fell. (Reformers so believed.)
26 But the court shall be seated, and
[Re 20:12](#) "the books were opened"

Kingdom (power) destroyed →
Consumed by fire, presumably →
Represents judgment; irrevocably? →

I watched till the beast was slain, and
its body destroyed and
given to the burning flame.

they shall take away his dominion,
to consume and destroy it forever.

Three: v11 re little horn, then 4th beast →
As parts of the 4th? →
Indefinite period? →

12 As for the rest of the beasts,
they had their dominion taken away,
yet their lives were prolonged
for a season and a time.

[Now going back to the start, when the
first three beasts had their dominions.]

Out of chronological order →

13 I was watching in the night visions,
and behold,

Re 1:1e “One like the Son of Man” →
Me (Aramaic: with). Used in Mk 13:26
(en: in); Mt 24:30b, 26:64c (epi: on);
Lu 21:27 (en: in a); Mk 14:62 (meta:
with).

One like the Son of Man,
coming with the clouds of heaven!
[Context: to Daniel, in heaven.]
[up]

[Messiah, Christ, Jesus]
[Resurrection, Ascension]
[In contrast to beasts from land/Sea.]

[Only Stephen, other than Jesus, used
this term for Him. OT: no other place
than here so refers to the Messiah. The
term is used in/of Ezekiel as “humble”,
a mere human.]

AoD is used only in Da 7:9,13,22 →

He came to the Ancient of Days, and
they brought Him near before Him.

See “given” in v. 27 →

14 Then to Him was given
dominion and
glory and
a kingdom,
that all [Christian universalism?]
peoples,
nations, and
languages
should serve Him.

← glory ~= greatness →

27 Then the kingdom and
dominion, and
the greatness of the
kingdoms under the whole heaven,
shall be given to
the people, [cf. Re 2:26]
the saints of the Most High,
and all dominions
shall serve and obey Him.

All ~ “under the whole heaven” →
All are saints by then? →
Argument for universalism? →

His dominion is [✓ or Eternal]
an everlasting dominion,
that shall not pass away, and
His kingdom is [✓ or Eternal]
an everlasting Kingdom,
that shall not be destroyed.

← Rev 11:15 →

His kingdom is [✓ or Eternal]
an everlasting kingdom.”

The saints serve Him →
Moved this up one line for the || →
All dominions then consist of saints? →

15 [Proceed to the top of the next column,
two pages above ↑]

28 This is the end of the account.
As for me, Daniel,
my thoughts greatly troubled me,
and
my countenance changed; but
I kept the matter in my heart.

Daniel 9:26||27 [in parallel]

[This column parallels the next:]

26 [Crucifixion (in AD 30):]
And after the sixty-two [62] weeks
[note: 'after', not 'at the end of',
which would begin the 70th wk:]

Messiah
shall be cut off [crucified],
but not for Himself;
[for us, for our sins]

and [early AD 30 →]

[Roman Army (in AD 70):]
The people of
the prince who is to come
[people: army; prince: Titus]
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
[Again: 1st Nebuchadnezzar, 2nd Titus]
The end of it shall be with a flood
[a flood of Roman soldiers
into the city in AD 70], and till
The end of the [Roman-Jewish] war
desolations are determined.

[Alternative: Jones well documents the
454 BC date, even suggesting 14 Nisan
(Neh 2:1), and calculates that 483 yrs
later exactly is Jesus' triumphal entry
to Jerusalem. That started the 70th
week (seven), which if it was a literal
week, has the cross in the middle and
the resurrection at the end. Perfect!]

27 [New Covenant (in AD 26):]
Then [after the (7 then) 62 weeks: v26]

he [Messiah the Prince: v26a]
shall confirm a [the new] covenant
with many for one [1] week
[i.e., a 70th week];

[Resurrection (in AD 30):]
But in the middle of the [70th] week
he [Messiah the Prince: v26a]
shall bring an end
to sacrifice and offering.
[The crucifixion made them, indeed
the old covenant, obsolete, as indi-
cated by the earthquake and torn
curtain in the Temple: Heb 8:13.]

[Titus (in AD 70):]
And on the wing of abominations
shall be one who
makes desolate,
Even until
the consummation,
which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate.”
[Jerusalem was desolate in Daniel's
later years, and would remain spirit-
ually so until that "consummation"
just described was accomplished:
desolate from then until Christ began
to build His Church, His Kingdom,
the New Jerusalem, a spiritual city
on a hill to which Abraham looked
forward: Heb 11:8-10.]

ESV:

26 [Crucifixion (in AD 30):]
And after the sixty-two [62] weeks,

an anointed one
shall be cut off and
shall have nothing.

And

the people of
the prince who is to come
shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
Its end shall come with a flood,
and to
the end there shall be war.
Desolations are decreed.

27 [New Covenant (in AD 26):]
And

he
shall make a strong covenant
with many for one [1] week,

and for half [1/2] of the [70th] week
he
shall put an end
to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations
shall come one who
makes desolate,
until
the decreed end
is poured out on the desolator.

The 70 “weeks” of [Daniel 9:24-27](#)

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V.24—Things to be accomplished within the space of 70 “weeks” (490 years):

1. To finish the transgression ([Matt.23:29-32](#))
2. To make an end of sins ([Heb.9:25-26](#))
3. To make reconciliation for iniquity ([2 Cor.5:19](#))
4. To bring in Eternal [everlasting] righteousness ([Rom.3:21, 25-26](#))
5. To seal up [fulfill?] vision and prophecy ([Luke 21:22](#))
6. To anoint the Most Holy (One/Place?)
([Acts 10:38](#) – One: Jesus / [Heb.9:12](#) – Place: Holy of Holies in heaven)

V.25—Theories concerning the period of the first 69 “weeks” (483 years):

- A. Begins with Cyrus ([536 BC](#)), reaches to Jesus’ baptism (Young, Woodrow, Anstey, Mauro, later Scofield) [[Jones](#): That decree was re the temple, not the city.]
The math: [536 BC](#) – 483 years = [53 BC](#) (about 80 years too early!)
—see [Revisiting the “Cyrus starting point”](#) (next column)
- B. Begins with Artaxerxes’ first decree ([457 BC](#)), ends with Jesus’ baptism (Isaac Newton; Halley, *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*) [[Jones](#) says [454](#), not [457 BC](#).]
The math: [457 BC](#) – 483 years = [AD 26](#). [[Jones](#) gets [AD 30](#), so it works like C.]
- C. Begins with Artaxerxes’ second decree (444/445 BC), ends with Jesus’ death (Julius Africanus [[AD 200-245](#)]; Ussher, Sir Robert Anderson; early Scofield, [Floyd Nolan Jones](#) [No, see B.], Baxter, most dispensationalists)
The math: [445 BC](#) – 483 years = [38 AD](#) (adjusted for lunar years and leap years = [AD 32](#)) [Hence, this is also off. Jones shows that the cross was in [AD 30](#).]
Anderson’s calculations: [March 14, 445 BC](#) – 173,880 days = [April 6, AD 32](#) (Palm Sunday)
Another view places Palm Sunday on [March 30th, AD 33](#); another in the year [AD 30](#).

Vv.26-27—The seventieth “week”

On theories A and B, the crucifixion of Christ comes at the middle of the seventieth “week”, fulfilling the predictions of the ending of the sacrificial system. The second half of the seventieth “week” is fulfilled in the early years of the church (or, alternatively, in the Jewish War [[AD 66-70](#)]: [Luke 21:22](#))

On theory C, Christ is crucified at the end of the 69th “week” and the seventieth “week” is postponed until after the rapture of the church.

Eusebius wrote: “Now the whole period of our Savior’s teaching and working of miracles is said to have been [three and a half years](#), which is [half a week](#). John the evangelist, in his Gospel makes this clear to the attentive.” (Eusebius, *Proof of the Gospel*, Book 8, chap.2)

Verses 26 and 27 are parallel. Both speak of Messiah's death (and its significance) followed by the destruction of Jerusalem, as follows:

Messiah...

- will be cut off sometime after the 69 weeks have run their course (v.26a)
- will confirm the covenant at the beginning of His ministry (the beginning of the 70th week), but, by dying, will bring an end to the sacrificial system in the midst of the week (v.27a)

Jerusalem...

- will be destroyed by the people of the prince who is to come (Rome) resulting in determined desolations (v.26b)
- will be reduced to determined desolation as the result of a certain abomination (v.27b)

Revisiting the “Cyrus” starting point:

[536 BC](#) — Cyrus’ Decree to rebuild the “House of God” ([Ezra 1:3](#))

Dispensationalist J. Sidlow Baxter writes: “Three decrees affecting Jerusalem are mentioned in Ezra—that of Cyrus in [536 BC](#), that of Darius Hystaspis about 519 BC, and that of Artaxerxes Longimanus about [458 BC](#)....None of these can be the decree foretold to Daniel, for all three relate only to the temple and worship. The one edict in history for the rebuilding of the city itself is that which was issued by Artaxerxes at the appeal of Nehemiah... [[Neh 1](#), which Jones claims was in [454 BC](#)]

Dispensationalist Gabelein wrote: “It is wrong to reckon these 70 year weeks from ...the time Cyrus gave permission for the people to return and to build the temple... for they are to begin with the word to restore and build the city itself.”

Scripture assigns to Cyrus the honor of making such a decree ([Isa.44:28ff](#) [to [45:13](#)]:

“saying to Jerusalem, “You shall be built”,
and to the temple, “Your foundation shall be laid.”)]. [*Strong point? No.*]
[[Jones](#): the Hebrew is ambiguous; those could be the words of God, not Cyrus.

See my Endnote on [Is 44:28](#).]

All subsequent decrees, whether by Darius or by Artaxerxes, were relatively inconsequential in comparison to the one that brought the end to the Babylonian captivity (of which Daniel was reading when this prophecy came to him—[Dan.9:2](#) [[Huh?](#) 9:2 was about “desolations”, not captivity, (“that He would accomplish [seventy \[70\] years in the desolations of Jerusalem](#)”) thus [Jer. 25](#).]

Josephus says Cyrus gave leave to the Jews “to go back to their own country, and to rebuild their city Jerusalem, and the temple of God.” In a letter to governors in Syria, Cyrus wrote: “I have given leave to as many of the Jews that dwell in my country as please to return to their own country, and to rebuild their city, and to build the temple of God at Jerusalem on the same place where it was before. (Antiquities, Book 11, 1:2-3)

Edward Young; Woodrow follows Mauro, Anstey (even Scofield changed his view from the Artaxerxes date to the Cyrus date after reading Anstey [Scofield, *What Do The Prophets Say?* (Philadelphia: Sunday School Times, 1916, p.142), though the Scofield Bible notes were not corrected):

‘Ussher, Lloyd, and others have all based their chronological conclusions on the canon of Ptolemy, a list of Persian kings and the length of time they reigned. But as Mauro says: “Ptolemy does not even pretend to have had any facts as to the length of the Persian period (that is to say, from Darius and Cyrus down to Alexander the Great)”’; his dates are based on “calculations or guesses made by Erathosthenes, and on certain vague floating traditions.”’ (*Great Prophecies of the Bible*, 95)

Ptolemy (AD 90-168) lists ten Persian kings after Cyrus the Great (with combined reigns lasting 206 years)

Clement of Alexandria (AD 150-215) lists eight kings after Cyrus: Cambyses (19); Darius (46); Xerxes (26); Artaxerxes (41); Darius (8); Artaxerxes (42); Ochus and Arses (3) = 205 years.

Daniel indicates three or four to follow Cyrus.

DeRemer Clears Some Confusion

If we follow **Scripture only**, we see that Cyrus’ decree (536 BC) was about **the House of God, the Temple**, ONLY; it did NOT decree the rebuilding of the city: [Ezr 1:1-8](#) || [2Ch 36:22-23](#), as elaborated in [Ezr 6:1-12](#) in the later (520 BC) confirmatory decree of King Darius. **The house of God** is mentioned repeatedly in these passages, with no mention of **the city**. Hence, Cyrus’ decree should never have been in consideration as the decree to rebuild **the city** of [Da 9:25](#): “**From** the going forth of the command to restore and [re-]build Jerusalem ... The street shall be built **again**, and The wall [note: **not the Temple**], Even in troublesome **times**”. QED

Similarly, Artaxerxes’ first decree (467 BC: [Jones](#)) for Ezra was about **the house of God** and Ezra’s teaching **the law of God** ([Ezr 7:7b-26](#)), not about the city. That was in Artaxerxes’ **seventh year**. Finally, **13 years later**, in Artaxerxes’ **twentieth year** (so 454 BC), he issued a decree to **rebuild** the city, including the walls ([Neh 2:4-8](#)). If 454 BC is the correct date, the 69th week ended in **AD 30**; if 457 BC is the correct date, as some scholars say, then **AD 27**. The latter fits history: Jesus began his ministry that year; it went until the middle of the 70th week when he was crucified, **AD 30**. (Still, [Da 9:26-27](#) are very mystifying as to translation and interpretation.) Compare:

Cyrus’ decree ([Ezr 1:2-4](#) || [2Ch 36:23](#)), hardly a command to restore and build Jerusalem, its street and wall, as confirmed by Darius ([Ezr 6:1-5](#)):

“Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the lands [earth] **Y^HW^H God of heaven** has given me. And **He** has commanded me to build **Him** a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3 Who is among you of all **His people**? May **his God** be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build **the house of Y^HW^H God of Israel** (**He is God**) **that is** in Jerusalem. 4 And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for **the house of God that is** in Jerusalem.”

Artaxerxes’ decree re Nehemiah, who said to the king ([Ne 2:3,5](#)):

“Why should my face not be sad, **when** the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, *lies* waste, and its gates are **burned** with fire?” ... “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may **rebuild it**.” (v6) So it pleased the king to send me...

So Artaxerxes explicitly commanded Nehemiah to go back to rebuild Jerusalem, with explicit reference to rebuilding the wall (v8). Only this decree qualifies.

A new 70-seven alternative. I just noticed (4 Sept 2017) when reviewing Jones’ dates: 483 years of 365.24... days/year gets us exactly from **14 Nisan 454 BC** ([Neh 2:1](#) indicates Nisan, but not the 14th, Passover) to **Sunday, 10 Nisan AD 30** ([Jones](#)). That was the day of Jesus’ **triumphal entry** into Jerusalem, when he presented himself as King. **Four days** later, **Thursday, 14 Nisan**, Jesus was crucified about mid-week ([Jones](#)). **Three days** later Jesus rose from the dead, early **Sunday morning, 17 Nisan AD 30**. From **entry** to **resurrection** was essentially a literal week, with **the cross** in the middle. Perhaps we should have taken the 70th “seven” (or “week”) as a literal 7-day week, even though the preceding 69 “weeks” were “sevens” of years, so 483 years total? It appears to be a perfect fit.

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Editor's Notes:

[[[Da 1, 8-12 are in Hebrew; 2-7 in Aramaic

Notes on Da 4-9, here in Eze:

Mt 13:31-32 Like a mustard seed...birds of the air come and nest in its branches.

These birds are doing what is normal, indicating a tree that is normal.

No law of constancy: a symbol must always be used to represent the same thing.

Birds are a problem for the sower of seed, but not for trees as places for nests.

Da 4: Nebuchadnezzar is a "tree" with birds in the branches.

Eze 31:3ff Assyria: Cedar in Lebanon...all the birds of the heavens...in its branches,

(All positive.)

Eze 17:22 (about the Kingdom of Heaven being planted)

Boughs, bare fruit, a majestic cedar, providing shelter for the birds.

Da 8 Ram, he goat are Media-Persia, Greece; but then the four generals after AtG, far beyond Daniel's time (3½ centuries).

8:3 Persia came up later but ascended over the Medes: higher, horn.

8:10, 12:3 stars = the Hasidim (later, the Pharisees), faithful Jews.

8:14 "days" = "evening mornings" (Huh???) (sacrifices evening and morning, so 1150 (????) days = 3 (360-day) + yrs 70 days) but the 2300 may not be literal.

9:19 Ac 4:23-31 Similar prayers: all about You/Your, not us/our.

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Re Daniel's prophecy of 483 years:

[Da 9:24-27]

486: Xerxes I began to reign

486-483 = 4 or 3 BC – Messiah birth

454-483 = AD 29 or 30 – Messiah death

454: Jerusalem wall built by Nehemiah

[Perhaps S/B (should be) 457 BC, as some scholars think?]

Relevant to Creating and Making:

Jeremiah 32:17

'Ah, Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]!

Behold, You have made

the heavens and

the land [earth]

by Your

great power and

outstretched arm.

There is nothing too hard for You. 18

Ezekiel 32:7-8

When I put out your light,

I will cover the heavens, [Is 13:10]

and make its stars dark;

I will cover the sun with a cloud,

And the moon shall not give her light. 8

All the bright lights of the heavens

[or All the lights of light of the heavens;

Hebrew: ma'owr 'owr – light light]

I will make dark over you, And

bring darkness upon your land.'

says the Lord YHWH. 9

Relevant to Land vs. Earth:

Ezekiel 8:3

He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair; and the Spirit lifted me up between land [earth] and heaven, and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem