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# jeremiah

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[A number of events in Jeremiah, based on the Hebrew lunar calendar, can be cross-checked with dates in surviving Babylonian records and related accurately to our modern calendar. Such dates are given below.]

[“Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>” appears 119 times in this document.]

[Audio: S. Gregg [Intro, Je 1-3](#)]

## Jeremiah 1

### Jeremiah Commissioned

1 ¶ The words of Jeremiah [“whom Y<sup>HWH</sup> has appointed”] the son of Hilkiah [“my portion is Y<sup>HWH</sup>”], of the priests who were in [Anathoth](#) [“answers to prayer”; Jeremiah’s birthplace: a city allotted to the priests; located approximately 3 miles (5 km) from Jerusalem] in the land of Benjamin, 2

to whom the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup> came in the days of Josiah [“whom Y<sup>HWH</sup> heals”] the son of Amon [“skilled/master workman”], king of Judah, in the thirteenth [13<sup>th</sup>] year of his reign.

[JudahYear:348, so 3377 AB: [2Ki 22:1](#) || [2Ch 34:1](#) = 628 BC, per [Jones](#)] 3

It [the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup>] came also in the days of Jehoiakim [“raised up by Y<sup>HWH</sup>”] the son of Josiah, king of Judah, [JudahYear:368, so 3397 AB: [2Ki 23:36](#) || [2Ch 36:5](#) = 608 BC, per [Jones](#)]

until the end of the eleventh [11<sup>th</sup>] year of Zedekiah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> is righteous”] the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the carrying away of Jerusalem captive [God’s “Indignation”: [Eze 24:1-14](#)] in the fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] month<sup>1</sup>.

[Zed-Reign:11=JudahYear:390, so 3419AB: [Je52:1](#)||[2Ki24:18](#)||[2Ch36:11](#) = 586 BC, per [Jones](#)] [43 yrs total]

4 ¶ Then the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup> came to me [the first time], saying: 5

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” 6

Then said I: “Ah, Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>]! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.” 7

But Y<sup>HWH</sup> said to me:

“Do not say, ‘I am a youth’, For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8

Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am with you to deliver you,”

says Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 9 Then Y<sup>HWH</sup> put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and Y<sup>HWH</sup> said to me:

“Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. 10

<sup>1</sup> This month of the Hebrew lunar calendar occurred in August and September 586 BC. Cf. [52:12](#).

See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.” [1Co 3:5-10] [Destruction, then Restoration]

11 ¶ Moreover the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup> came to me [a second time], saying,

“Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.” 12 Then Y<sup>HWH</sup> said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.” 13 And the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup> came to me the second time, saying, “What do you see?”

And I said, “I see a boiling pot, and it is facing away from the north.” 14

Then Y<sup>HWH</sup> said to me: “Out of the north [Babylon, vis the FC] calamity shall break forth [↑] On all the inhabitants of the land [↑] [Judah]. 15 [FC: fertile crescent] ↑

For behold, I am calling All the families of the kingdoms of the north,” says Y<sup>HWH</sup>;

“They shall come and each one set his throne At the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, Against all its walls all around, and Against all the cities of Judah. 16 I will utter My judgments Against them [Judah] concerning All their wickedness,

Because they have forsaken Me, Burned incense to other gods, And Worshiped the works of their own hands. 17

Therefore prepare yourself and arise, And speak to them

All that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, Lest I dismay you before them. 18 For behold, I have made you this day:

A fortified city and An iron pillar, And Bronze walls Against the whole land — Against the kings of Judah, Against its princes, Against its priests, and Against the people of the land. 19

They will fight against you, but They shall not prevail against you. For I am with you,” [Isa: no weapon] says Y<sup>HWH</sup>, “to deliver you.”

## Jeremiah 2

### The Case Against Y<sup>HWH</sup>’s People

2:1 ¶ Moreover the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup> came to me [a third time], saying, 2

“Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>:

“I remember you, The kindness of your youth, The love of your betrothal, When you went after Me In the wilderness, In a land not sown. 3

Israel was holiness to Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
The firstfruits of His increase.  
All that devour him will offend;  
Disaster will come upon them,”  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>.<sup>4</sup>

Hear the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
O house of Jacob and all the families  
of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>

Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>:

“What injustice  
Have your fathers found in Me,  
That they  
Have gone far from Me,  
Have followed idols, And  
Have become idolaters? <sup>6</sup>  
Neither did they say,  
‘Where is Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
Who brought us up  
Out of the land of Egypt,  
Who led us  
Through the wilderness,  
Through a land of deserts and pits,  
Through a land of drought and  
the shadow of death,  
Through a land  
That no one crossed And  
Where no one dwelt?’ <sup>7</sup>  
I brought you into a bountiful country,  
To eat its fruit and its goodness.  
But when you entered, you  
defiled My land And  
made My heritage an abomination. <sup>8</sup>  
The priests did not say,  
‘Where is Y<sup>HWH</sup>?’  
And those who handle the law  
did not know Me;  
The rulers also transgressed against Me;  
The prophets  
prophesied by Baal, And  
walked after things  
that do not profit. <sup>9</sup>¶

Therefore I will yet bring charges  
against you,”  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
“And against your children’s children  
I will bring charges. <sup>10</sup>  
For pass beyond the coasts of Cyprus  
[Hebrew Kittim, represents  
western peoples] and see ...,  
Send to Kedar<sup>2</sup> [“dark”]  
[represents eastern peoples]  
and consider diligently, And see...  
If there has been such a thing. <sup>11</sup>  
Has a nation changed its gods,  
Which are not gods?  
But My people have changed  
their Glory  
For what does not profit. <sup>12</sup>  
Be astonished, O heavens, at this, And  
Be horribly afraid;  
Be very desolate,”  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>. <sup>13</sup>

“For My people have committed  
two [2] evils:  
They have  
forsaken Me,  
the fountain of living waters, and  
[“living waters”]: [17:13](#); [SoS](#)  
[4:15](#); [Zec 14:8](#); [Jn 4:10](#), [7:38](#)  
hewn themselves cisterns —  
broken cisterns  
that can hold no water.  
<sup>14</sup>¶

<sup>2</sup> Named after a son of Ishmael, in the  
northern Arabian desert.

### The Results of Israel’s Sin

Is Israel a servant?  
Is he a homeborn slave?  
Why is he plundered? <sup>15</sup>  
The young lions  
roared at him, and growled;  
They made his land waste;  
His cities are burned,  
without inhabitant. <sup>16</sup>  
Also the people of  
Noph [“presentability”]  
[Memphis, Egypt] and  
Tahpanhes [“you will fill hands  
with pity”]; also in Egypt]  
Have broken the crown of your head. <sup>17</sup>  
Have you not brought this on yourself,  
In that you have forsaken  
Y<sup>HWH</sup> your God  
When He led you in the way? <sup>18</sup>  
And now, why take the road to Egypt,  
To drink the waters of Sihor [“dark”]  
[a branch of the Nile River]?  
Or why take the road to Assyria,  
To drink the waters of  
the [Euphrates] River? <sup>19</sup>  
Your own wickedness  
will correct you, And  
Your backslidings  
will rebuke you.  
Know therefore and see that it is  
an evil and bitter thing  
That you have forsaken  
Y<sup>HWH</sup> your God,  
And the fear of Me is not in you,”  
says the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup>  
[Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>] of hosts. <sup>20</sup>¶

“For of old I have  
broken your yoke and  
burst your bonds;  
And you said,  
‘I will not transgress’,  
When on every high hill and  
under every green tree  
You lay down, playing the harlot. <sup>21</sup>  
Yet I had planted you  
a noble vine,  
a seed of highest quality.  
How then have you turned before Me  
Into the degenerate plant of  
an alien vine? <sup>22</sup>  
For though you [cf. [Is 1:18](#)]  
wash yourself with lye, and  
use much soap,  
Yet your iniquity is marked  
before Me,”  
says the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup>  
[Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>].

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Jeremiah 2:23

Israel as an Unfaithful Wife

“How can you say,  
‘I am not polluted,  
I have not gone after the Baals’?  
See your way in the valley;  
Know what you have done:  
You are  
A swift dromedary  
breaking loose in her ways, 24  
A wild donkey  
used to the wilderness,  
That sniffs at the wind  
In her desire;  
In her time of mating,  
who can turn her away?  
All those who seek her  
will not weary themselves;  
In her month  
they will find her. 25  
Withhold  
your foot from being unshod, and  
your throat from thirst.  
But you said,  
‘There is no hope. No!  
For I have loved aliens,  
and after them I will go.’ 26  
As the thief is ashamed  
when he is found out,  
So is the house of Israel ashamed;  
They and their kings and their princes,  
and their priests and their prophets, 27  
Saying to [an idol made from] a tree,  
‘You are my father,’  
And to [an idol made from] a stone,  
‘You gave birth to me.’  
For they have turned their back to Me,  
and not their face.

But in the time of their trouble  
They will say,  
‘Arise and save us.’ 28  
But where are your gods  
that you have made for yourselves?  
Let them arise,  
If they can save you  
in the time of your trouble;  
For according to  
The number of your cities  
Are your gods, O Judah. 29 ¶  
Why will you plead with Me?  
You all have transgressed against Me,”  
says YHWH. 30  
“In vain I have chastened your children;  
They received no correction.  
Your sword has devoured your prophets  
Like a destroying lion. 31  
O generation, see the word of YHWH!  
Have I been  
A wilderness to Israel, Or  
A land of darkness?  
Why do My people say,  
‘We are lords;  
We will come no more to You’? 32  
Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or  
a bride ... her attire?  
Yet My people have forgotten Me  
days without number. 33  
Why do you beautify  
your way to seek love?  
Therefore you have also taught  
The wicked women your ways. 34  
Also on your skirts is found  
The blood of the lives  
of the poor innocents.  
I have not found it by secret search,  
But plainly on all these things. 35

Yet you say,  
‘Because I am innocent, Surely  
His anger shall turn from me.’  
Behold, I will plead My case  
against you, Because you say,  
‘I have not sinned.’ 36  
Why do you gad about so much  
to change your way?  
Also you shall be ashamed of Egypt  
as you were ashamed of Assyria. 37  
Indeed you will go forth from him  
With your hands on your head;  
For YHWH has rejected  
your trusted allies,  
And you will not prosper by them. 3:1 ¶  
**Jeremiah 3**  
They say,  
‘If a man divorces his wife,  
And she goes from him  
And becomes another man’s,  
May he return to her again?’  
Would not that land be greatly polluted?  
But you have played the harlot  
with many lovers;  
Yet return to Me,”  
says YHWH. 2  
“Lift up your eyes to the desolate heights  
and see:  
Where have you not lain with men?  
By the road you have sat for them  
Like an Arabian in the wilderness;  
And you have polluted the land With  
your harlotries and  
your wickedness. 3  
Therefore  
the showers have been withheld,  
And there has been no latter rain.  
You have had a harlot’s forehead;  
You refuse to be ashamed. 4

Will you not from this time cry to Me,  
‘My father,  
You are the guide of my youth? 5  
Will He remain angry forever?  
Will He keep it to the end?’  
Behold, you have  
spoken and done evil things,  
As you were able.”  
6 ¶  
**Judah Like Israel**  
YHWH said also to me [31 yrs: 2Ki 22:1]  
in the days of Josiah the king:  
“Have you seen [northern kingdom:]  
what backsliding Israel has done?  
She has gone  
up on every high mountain and  
under every green tree,  
and there played the harlot. 7  
And I said,  
after she had done all these things,  
‘Return to Me.’  
But she did not return. And  
her treacherous sister Judah  
saw it. 8 Then I saw that for all the  
causes for which backsliding Israel  
had committed adultery,  
I had put her away and given her  
a certificate of divorce; yet  
her treacherous sister Judah  
did not fear, but went and played the  
harlot also. 9 So it came to pass,  
through her casual harlotry, that  
she defiled the land and committed  
adultery with stones and trees. 10  
And yet for all this, [↑ idols]  
her treacherous sister Judah  
has not turned to Me with her whole  
heart, but in pretense,”  
says YHWH.

11



### Hope for Wayward Israel

Then YHWH said to me,  
“Backsliding Israel has shown herself  
more righteous than treacherous Judah.

12 ¶

Go and proclaim these words  
toward the north, and say:  
‘Return, backsliding Israel’,  
says YHWH;  
‘I will not cause My anger to fall  
on you. For I am merciful’,  
says YHWH;  
‘I will not remain angry forever. 13  
Only acknowledge your iniquity,  
That you have transgressed  
against YHWH your God,  
And have scattered your charms  
To alien deities  
under every green tree,  
And you have not obeyed My voice’,  
says YHWH. 14  
‘Return, O backsliding children’,  
says YHWH;

“for I am married to you.  
I will take you, [the remnant]  
one from a city and  
two from a family, and  
I will bring you to Zion. 15 And  
I will give you shepherds [Eze 34:2]  
according to My heart, [Ac 20:28]  
who will feed you with [Jn 21:17]  
knowledge and understanding. 16

Then it shall come to pass,  
when you are  
multiplied and increased  
in the land [in the new covenant]  
in those days,”  
says YHWH,

“that they will say no more,  
‘The ark of the covenant of YHWH.’

It shall not come to mind,  
nor shall they remember it,  
nor shall they visit it,  
nor shall it be made anymore. 17

At that time

Jerusalem [i.e., the Church]  
shall be called  
The Throne of YHWH, and  
all the nations  
shall be gathered [8:22 →]  
to it,  
to the name of YHWH,  
to Jerusalem.

No more shall they follow  
the dictates of their evil hearts. 18  
In those days [He 11:13-16]  
the house of Judah  
shall walk with  
the house of Israel, and  
they shall come together  
out of the land of the north  
to the land that I have given  
as an inheritance  
to your fathers. 19

But I said:  
‘How can I  
put you among the children And  
give you  
A pleasant land,  
A beautiful heritage  
of the hosts of nations?’

And I said:  
‘You shall call Me, “My Father,”  
And not turn away from Me.’

20 ¶

Surely,  
As a wife treacherously departs  
from her husband,  
So have you dealt treacherously  
with Me,  
O house of Israel,”  
says YHWH. 21

A voice was heard  
on the desolate heights,  
Weeping and supplications  
of the children of Israel.

For  
They have perverted their way;  
They have forgotten  
YHWH their God. 22

“Return, you backsliding children, And  
I will heal your backslidings.”

“Indeed we do come to You [prays J.],  
For You are YHWH our God. 23

Truly, in vain is salvation hoped for  
from the hills, And  
from the multitude of mountains;

Truly,  
In YHWH our God  
Is the salvation of Israel. 24

For shame has devoured  
The labor of our fathers  
from our youth —  
Their flocks and their herds,  
Their sons and their daughters. 25  
We lie down in our shame,  
And our reproach covers us.

For  
We have sinned  
against YHWH our God,  
We and our fathers,  
From our youth even to this day,  
And have not obeyed  
the voice of YHWH our God.”

4:1 ¶

### Jeremiah 4

“If you will return, O Israel,”  
says YHWH,

“Return to Me; And  
If you will put  
away your abominations  
out of My sight,

Then you shall not be moved. 2

And you shall swear,  
‘YHWH lives’,  
in truth,  
in judgment, and  
in righteousness; [Gentiles:]  
The nations shall bless themselves  
in Him, and [1Co 1:31; 2Co 10:17]  
in Him [↓ boast, rely on]  
they shall glory.” [in New Jerusalem]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Je 4-5]

3 ¶ [repeat of Ho 10:12]

### Judgment Coming on Judah

For thus says YHWH  
to the men of Judah and Jerusalem:  
“Break up your fallow ground, and  
Do not sow among thorns. 4  
Circumcise yourselves to YHWH, and  
Take away the foreskins of your hearts,  
you men of Judah and  
inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
lest My fury [judgment; 17:4; Jude 7]  
come forth like fire, and  
burn so that no man can quench it,  
because of the evil of your doings.”

5 ¶

Declare in Judah and  
Proclaim in Jerusalem, and  
Say:  
“Blow the trumpet in the land;  
Cry, ‘Gather together’, and  
Say, ‘Assemble yourselves, and  
Let us go into the fortified cities.’ 6

Set up the standard toward Zion.  
Take refuge!  
Do not delay!  
For I will bring  
disaster [↓ the fertile crescent]  
from the north, And  
great destruction.” 7

The lion has come up from his thicket,  
 And [<sup>r</sup> *Babylon*]  
 The destroyer of nations is on his way.  
 He has gone forth from his place  
 To make your land desolate.  
 Your cities will be laid waste,  
 Without inhabitant. 8

For this,  
 Clothe yourself with sackcloth,  
 Lament and wail.  
 For the fierce anger of Y<sup>HWH</sup>  
 Has not turned back from us. 9  
 “And it shall come to pass in that day,”  
 says Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
 “That the heart of the king shall perish,  
 And the heart of the princes;  
 The priests shall be astonished,  
 And the prophets shall wonder.” 10

Then I said,  
 “Ah, Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [*Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>*]!  
 Surely You have greatly deceived  
 this people and Jerusalem, Saying,  
 ‘You shall have peace’,  
 Whereas  
 the sword reaches to the heart.” 11  
 At that time it will be said  
 To this people and  
 To Jerusalem,  
 “A dry wind of the desolate heights  
 blows in the wilderness  
 Toward the daughter of My people  
 — Not to fan or to cleanse — 12  
 A wind too strong for these  
 will come for Me;  
 Now I will also speak  
 judgment against them.” 13  
 “Behold, [*Nebuchadnezzar*:]  
 he shall come up like clouds, And  
 his chariots like a whirlwind;  
 his horses are swifter than eagles.  
 Woe to us, for we are plundered!” 14

O Jerusalem,  
 Wash your heart from wickedness,  
 That you may be saved.  
 How long shall your evil thoughts  
 lodge within you? 15

For a voice  
 declares from Dan [*north*] And  
 proclaims affliction  
 from Mount Ephraim [*south*]: 16  
 “Make mention to the nations, Yes,  
 Proclaim against Jerusalem,  
 That watchers  
 come from a far country And  
 raise their voice  
 against the cities of Judah. 17  
 Like keepers of a field they are  
 against her all around,  
 Because she has been rebellious  
 against Me”,  
 says Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 18

“Your ways and your doings  
 Have procured these things for you.  
 This is your wickedness,  
 Because it is bitter,  
 Because it reaches to your heart.” 19

¶  
**Jeremiah Overcome with Grief**  
 O my soul, my soul!  
 I am pained in my very heart!  
 My heart makes a noise in me;  
 I cannot hold my peace,  
 Because you have heard,  
 O my soul,  
 The sound of the trumpet,  
 The alarm of war. 20  
 Destruction upon destruction is cried,  
 For the whole land is plundered.  
 Suddenly  
 my tents  
 are plundered, And  
 my curtains  
 in a moment. 21

How long will I  
 see the standard, And  
 hear the sound of the trumpet? 22  
 “For My people are foolish,  
 They have not known Me.  
 They are silly children, And  
 They have no understanding.  
 They are wise  
 to do evil, But  
 to do good  
 They have no knowledge.” 23

**Vision of Disaster Coming**  
 I beheld [*of Judah*: v16b]  
 the land [earth], and indeed  
 it was without form, and void; And  
 the heavens,  
 they had no light. 24  
 I beheld [*not Ge 1:2*]  
 the mountains, and indeed  
 they trembled, And  
 all the hills  
 moved back and forth. 25  
 I beheld, and indeed  
 there was no man,  
 And all the birds of the heavens  
 had fled. 26  
 I beheld, and indeed  
 the fruitful land was a wilderness,  
 And all its cities  
 were broken down  
 At the presence of Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
 By His fierce anger. 27

<sup>3</sup> Hence, v23-26 have nothing to do with the creation (Ge 1:2), as some claim, for God was not angry then; rather He was pleased with the results of His work. Here Jeremiah is seeing the future (v27: “shall”) of the land of Judah/Israel, not the past, not the creation week.

For thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>:  
 “The whole land shall be desolate;  
 Yet I will not make a full end. 28  
 For this shall the land [earth] mourn,  
 And the heavens above be black,  
 Because I have spoken.  
 I have purposed  
 and will not relent,  
 Nor will I turn back from it. 29  
 The whole city shall flee  
 from the noise of  
 the horsemen and bowmen.  
 They shall go into thickets and  
 climb up on the rocks.  
 Every city shall be forsaken,  
 And not a man shall dwell in it. 30  
 And when you are plundered,  
 What will you do?  
 Though you clothe yourself  
 with crimson,  
 Though you adorn yourself  
 with ornaments of gold,  
 Though you enlarge your eyes  
 with paint,  
 In vain you will make yourself fair;  
 Your lovers will despise you;  
 They will seek your life. 31  
 For I have heard a voice  
 as of a woman in labor,  
 The anguish  
 as of her who brings forth  
 her first child,  
 The voice of the daughter of Zion  
 bewailing herself;  
 She spreads her hands, saying,  
 ‘Woe is me now,  
 for my soul is weary  
 Because of murderers!’

5:1 ¶

## Jeremiah 5 Judah's Sins

“Run to and fro  
through the streets of Jerusalem;  
See now and know; And  
Seek in her open places  
If you can find a man,  
If there is anyone  
Who executes judgment,  
Who seeks the truth,  
And I will pardon her. 2  
Though they say,  
‘As YHWH lives’,  
Surely they swear falsely.” 3  
O YHWH,  
Are not Your eyes on the truth?  
You have stricken them,  
But they have not grieved;  
You have consumed them,  
But they have refused  
to receive correction.  
They have made their faces  
harder than rock;  
They have refused to return. 4  
Therefore I [Jeremiah] said,  
“Surely  
These are poor.  
They are foolish;  
For they do not know  
The way of YHWH,  
The judgment of their God. 5  
I will go to the great men and  
speak to them,  
For they have known  
The way of YHWH,  
The judgment of their God.”

But these have altogether  
broken the yoke And  
burst the bonds. 6 Therefore,  
A lion from the forest shall slay them,  
A wolf of the deserts shall destroy them;  
A leopard will watch over their cities.  
Everyone who goes out from there  
shall be torn in pieces, Because  
Their transgressions are many;  
Their backslidings have increased. 7  
“How shall I pardon you for this?  
Your children have  
forsaken Me And  
sworn by those that are not gods.  
When I had fed them to the full,  
Then they  
committed adultery And  
assembled themselves by troops  
in the harlots' houses. 8  
They were like well-fed lusty stallions;  
Every one neighed [literal adultery]  
after his neighbor's wife. 9  
Shall I not punish them  
for these things?”,  
says YHWH. [v29, 9:9]  
“And shall I not avenge Myself  
on such a nation as this?  
10 ¶  
Go up on her walls and destroy, but  
Do not make a complete end.  
Take away her branches,  
For they are not YHWH's. 11  
For the house of Israel and  
the house of Judah  
Have dealt very treacherously with Me,”  
says YHWH. 12

They have lied about YHWH,  
And said,  
“It is not He.  
Neither will evil come upon us,  
Nor shall we see sword or famine.” 13  
And the prophets become wind,  
For the word is not in them.  
Thus shall it [their predictions of  
doom] be done to them. 14  
Therefore  
Thus says YHWH God of hosts:  
“Because you speak this word,  
Behold, I will make  
My words  
in your [Jeremiah's] mouth  
fire [judgment], And  
this people  
wood [to be burned up],  
And it shall devour them. 15  
Behold,  
I will bring a nation [Babylon]  
against you from afar,  
O house of Israel”,  
says YHWH.  
“It is a mighty nation,  
It is an ancient nation,  
A nation [Babylon]  
whose language you do not know,  
Nor can you understand  
what they say. 16  
Their quiver is like an open tomb;  
They are all mighty men. 17 And

They shall eat up  
your harvest and your bread,  
Which your sons and daughters  
should eat.  
They shall eat up  
your flocks and your herds;  
They shall eat up  
your vines and your fig trees;  
They shall destroy  
your fortified cities,  
In which you trust,  
with the sword. 18  
Nevertheless in those days”,  
says YHWH, [a remnant will remain:]  
“I will not make a complete end of you. 19  
And it will be when you say,  
‘Why does YHWH our God  
do all these things to us?’  
then you [Jeremiah] shall answer them,  
‘Just as you have  
forsaken Me and  
served foreign gods in your land,  
so you shall serve aliens  
in a land that is not yours.’”

# July 31

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 4-5](#)]

Jeremiah 5:20 ¶

## A Warning for God's People

“Declare this in the house of Jacob And  
Proclaim it in Judah, saying, 21

‘Hear this **now**, O foolish people,  
Without understanding,

Who have eyes and see not, and  
Who have ears and hear not: 22

[Latter 2 lines ref'ed by Jesus: [Mk 8:18](#)]

Do you not fear **Me**?’,

says **YHWH**.

‘Will you not tremble at **My presence**,

**Who have placed the sand** [[Job](#)]  
**as the bound of the sea** [[38:10](#)],

By a **perpetual** decree that

It cannot pass beyond it? And

Though its waves toss to and fro,

Yet they cannot prevail;

Though they roar,

Yet they cannot pass over it.’ 23

But this people has

a defiant and rebellious heart;

They have revolted and departed. 24

They do not say in their heart,

‘Let us **now** fear **YHWH** our God,

Who gives rain,

both the former and the latter,

in its season.

**He** reserves for us

**the appointed weeks**

**of the harvest.**’

25 ¶

Your iniquities have  
turned these *things* away, And

Your sins have  
withheld **good** from you. 26

For among **My people** are found  
wicked *men*;

They lie in wait

as one who sets snares;

They set a trap;

They catch men. 27

As a cage is full of birds,

So their houses *are* full of deceit.

Therefore

They have

become great and grown rich. 28

They have

grown fat, they are sleek; Yes,

They surpass the deeds of the wicked;

They do not plead

The cause,

The cause of the fatherless; Yet

They prosper,

And the right of the needy

They do not defend. 29

Shall I not **punish** *them*

for these *things*?’,

says [asks] **YHWH**. [[v9, 9:9](#)]

“Shall I not **avenge** **Myself**

on such a nation as this? 30

An astonishing and horrible thing

Has been committed in the land: 31

The prophets prophesy falsely, And

The priests rule by *their own* power;

And **My people** love to *have it* so.

But what will you do **in the end**?

6:1 ¶

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 6-8](#)]

Jeremiah 6

## Jeremiah's Last Warning

O you children of Benjamin,

Gather yourselves to flee

from the midst of Jerusalem!

Blow the trumpet in **Tekoa** [*“a stock-  
ade”; a town near Hebron*], And

Set up a signal-fire in **Beth Hacerem**  
[*“house of the vineyard”;  
also in Judah*]; [*“fertile crescent*]

For disaster appears out of the north,  
And great destruction. 2

I have likened the daughter of Zion

To a lovely and delicate woman. 3

The shepherds with their flocks

shall come to her. They

shall pitch *their* tents

against her all around. Each one

shall pasture in **his own** place. 4

Prepare war against her;

Arise, and let us go up at noon.

Woe to us, for the day goes away,

For the shadows of the evening

are lengthening. 5

Arise, and let us go by night,

And let us destroy her palaces.” 6

For **thus has YHWH of hosts said**:

“Cut down trees, And

Build a mound against Jerusalem.

This *is* the city to be **punished**.

She *is* full of oppression in her midst. 7

As a fountain wells up with water,

So she wells up with her wickedness.

Violence and plundering are heard in her.

Before **Me** continually  
*are* grief and wounds. 8

Be instructed, O Jerusalem,

Lest **My soul** depart from you;

Lest I make you desolate,

**A land** not inhabited.”

9 ¶

**Thus says YHWH of hosts:**

“They shall thoroughly glean as a vine

**the remnant of Israel**;

As a grape-gatherer,

put your hand back

into the branches.” 10

## Israel's Constant Rebellion

To whom shall I speak and give warning,

That they may hear? Indeed

Their ear *is* uncircumcised, And

They cannot give heed.

Behold,

**The word of YHWH** is

a reproach to them;

They have no delight in **it**. 11

Therefore

I am full of **the fury of YHWH**.

I am weary of holding **it** in.

“I will pour **it** out

on the children

outside, And

on the assembly of young men

together;

For even

The husband shall be taken

with the wife,

The aged

with *him who is* full of days. 12



And their houses  
 Shall be turned over to others,  
 Fields and wives together;  
 For I will stretch out My hand  
 Against the inhabitants of the land”,  
 says YHWH. 13

“Because from the least of them  
 even to the greatest of them,  
 Everyone is given to covetousness;  
 And from the prophet  
 even to the priest,  
 Everyone deals falsely. 14  
 They have also healed the hurt of  
 My people slightly, Saying,  
 ‘Peace, peace!’  
 [~repeat: 8:10b-12]

When there is no peace. 15  
 Were they ashamed when they had  
 committed abomination? No!  
 They were not at all ashamed;  
 Nor did they know how to blush.  
 Therefore  
 They shall fall among those who fall;  
 At the time I punish them,  
 They shall be cast down”,  
 says YHWH. 16

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 6:16-7:34](#)]  
**Israel Rejects YHWH’s Way**  
**Thus says YHWH:**  
 “Stand in the ways and see, And  
 Ask for the old paths,  
 where the good way is, And  
 Walk in it; [quoted by Jesus: [Mt 11:29](#)]  
 Then you will find rest for your souls.  
 But they said,  
 ‘We will not walk in it.’ 17

Also,  
 I set watchmen over you, saying,  
 ‘Listen to the sound of the trumpet!’  
 But they said,  
 ‘We will not listen.’

18 ¶  
 Therefore  
 hear, you nations, And  
 know, O congregation,  
 what is among them. 19  
 Hear, O land [earth]!  
 Behold,  
 I will certainly bring calamity  
 on this people  
 — The fruit of their thoughts,  
 Because they have not heeded  
 My words, Nor  
 My law,  
 but rejected it. 20

For what purpose to Me  
 Comes frankincense from Sheba  
 [“seven/an oath”;  
 a nation in southern Arabia],  
 And sweet cane from a far country?  
 Your burnt offerings are not acceptable,  
 Nor your sacrifices sweet to Me.” 21  
 Therefore thus says YHWH:  
 “Behold,  
 I will lay stumbling blocks before this  
 people, And the fathers and the  
 sons together shall fall on them.  
 The neighbor and his friend shall perish.” 22

**An Invasion from the North**  
**Thus says YHWH:**  
 “Behold, [via the fertile crescent,]   
 A people comes from the north country  
 [i.e., Babylon], And  
 A great nation will be raised from the  
 farthest parts of the land [earth]. 23  
 They will lay hold on bow and spear;  
 They are cruel and have no mercy;  
 Their voice roars like the sea; And  
 They ride on horses,  
 As men of war set in array against you,  
 O daughter of Zion.” 24  
 We have heard the report of it;  
 Our hands grow feeble.  
 Anguish has taken hold of us,  
 Pain as of a woman in labor. 25

Do not go out into the field,  
 Nor walk by the way.  
 Because of the sword of the enemy,  
 Fear is on every side. 26  
 O daughter of my people,  
 Dress in sackcloth And  
 Roll about in ashes!  
 Make mourning as for an only son,  
 most bitter lamentation;  
 For the plunderer will suddenly  
 come upon us. 27

[YHWH to Jeremiah (NLT):]  
 “I have set you as  
 an assayer and  
 a fortress  
 among My people,  
 That you may  
 know and test their way. 28  
 They are all stubborn rebels,  
 walking as slanderers.  
 They are bronze and iron,  
 They are all corrupters; 29  
 The bellows blow fiercely,  
 The lead is consumed by the fire;  
 The smelter refines in vain,  
 For the wicked are not drawn off. 30  
 People will call them rejected silver,  
 Because YHWH has rejected them.”

[Jeremiah 7-18 start on Aug 8]  
 [Jeremiah 19-20 follow 25, Aug. 6]  
 [Jeremiah 21 delayed to Aug 23]  
 [Jeremiah 22:1-23 moved to Aug 4]  
 [Jeremiah 22:24-30 & 23, Aug 11]  
 [Jeremiah 24 moved to Aug 12]  
 [Jeremiah 25 follows 46, on Aug 5]

[This column parallels the next:]

2 Kings 22:3-20 ||

Hilkiah Discovers God's Law

3 Now it came to pass, in the eighteenth [18<sup>th</sup>] year of King Josiah [“whom Y<sup>HWH</sup> heals”],

[Josiah-Reign: 18=JudahYear:353, so 3382 AB = 623 BC, per Jones]

that the king sent

Shaphan [“rock badger, coney, or hyrax”] the scribe, the son of Azaliah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> has reserved (set apart)”], the son of Meshullam [“friend”],

to \_\_\_\_\_ the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, saying: 4

“Go up to

Hilkiah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> is my portion”]

the high priest, that he may count the money that has been brought into the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, which the doorkeepers have gathered from the people.

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of those doing the work, who are the overseers in the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>; let them give it to those \_\_\_\_\_ who are \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup> doing the work, to repair the damages of the house — 6 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ carpenters and builders and masons — and to buy timber \_\_\_\_\_ and hewn stone to repair the house. 7

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 21-22]

2 Chronicles 34:8-28 623 BC

Hilkiah Discovers God's Law

8<sup>1</sup> In the eighteenth [18<sup>th</sup>] year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the temple,

[Josiah-Reign: 18=JudahYear:353, so 3382 AB = 623 BC, per Jones]

he \_\_\_\_\_ sent

Shaphan [“rock badger, coney, or hyrax”] \_\_\_\_\_, the son of Azaliah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> has reserved (set apart)”],

Maaseiah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup>'s work”]

the governor of the city, and

Joah [“brother is Y<sup>HWH</sup>”] the son of

Joahaz [“grasped by Y<sup>HWH</sup>”]

the recorder,

to repair the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup> his God

\_\_\_\_\_ . 9

When they came to

Hilkiah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> is my portion”]

the high priest, they delivered the money that was \_\_\_\_\_ brought into

the house of God \_\_\_\_\_, which the Levites who kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, from all the remnant of Israel, from all Judah and Benjamin, and which they had brought back to Jerusalem. 10 Then they put it in

the hand of the foremen \_\_\_\_\_ who had the oversight of the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>;

and they gave it to the workmen who worked in the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ , to repair and restore \_\_\_\_\_ the house. 11 They gave it to the craftsmen

and builders \_\_\_\_\_ to buy hewn stone and timber for beams,

and to floor the houses that the kings of Judah had destroyed.

[This column parallels the next:]

2 Kings 22

However there need be no accounting made with them of the money delivered into their hand, because they deal faithfully.”

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe,

“I have found the Book of the Law in the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>.”

And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. 9 So Shaphan the scribe went \_\_\_\_\_ to the king, bringing the king word, saying,

“Your servants \_\_\_\_\_ have gathered the money that was found in the house \_\_\_\_\_, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, who oversee the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>.” 10

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12 And the men did the work faithfully. Their overseers were

Jahath [“He will snatch up”] and

Obadiah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup>'s servant”]

the Levites, of the sons of Merari, and

Zechariah [“Y<sup>HWH</sup> remembers”] and

Meshullam [“friend”],

of the sons of the Kohathites, to supervise. Others of the Levites, all of whom

were skillful with instruments of music,

13 were over the burden bearers and were overseers of all who did work in any

kind of service. And some of the Levites were scribes, officers, and gatekeepers.

14<sup>1</sup> Now when they brought out the money

that was brought into the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, Hilkiah the priest found the Book

of the Law of Y<sup>HWH</sup> given by Moses. [Last mention re Jehoshaphat: 2Ch 17:9]

15 Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe,

“I have found the Book of the Law in the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>.”

And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan \_\_\_\_\_ . 16 So Shaphan carried

the book to the king, bringing the king word, saying,

“All that was committed to your servants they are doing. 17 And they

have gathered the money that was found in the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen.” 18

[This column parallels the next:]

## 2 Kings 22

Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying,

“Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.”

And Shaphan read it before the king.

11 ¶ Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, [at least Deuteronomy]

that he tore his clothes. 12

Then the king commanded

Hilkiah the priest,

Ahikam [“risen (arisen) is my brother”]

the son of Shaphan,

Achbor [“mouse”]

the son of Michaiah

[“who is like Y<sub>HWH</sub>”],

Shaphan the scribe, and

Asaiah [“Y<sub>HWH</sub>-made”]

a servant of the king,

saying, 13

“Go, inquire of Y<sub>HWH</sub> for me, for the people and for all

Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of Y<sub>HWH</sub> that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.” 14

So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to

Huldah [“weasel”] the prophetess,

the wife of Shallum [“retribution”]

the son of Tikvah [“hope”],

the son of Harhas [“very poor”],

keeper of the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter.)

And they spoke with her.

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Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying,

“Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.”

And Shaphan read it before the king.

19 Thus it happened, when the king heard the words of \_\_\_\_\_ the Law,

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that he tore his clothes. 20

Then the king commanded

Hilkiah \_\_\_\_\_,

Ahikam [“risen (arisen) is my brother”]

the son of Shaphan,

Abdon [“servile”]

the son of Micah

[“who is like (God)”],

Shaphan the scribe, and

Asaiah [“Y<sub>HWH</sub>-made”]

a servant of the king,

saying, 21

“Go, inquire of Y<sub>HWH</sub> for me, and for those who are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is \_\_\_\_\_ found; for great is the wrath of Y<sub>HWH</sub> that is poured out on \_\_\_\_\_ us, because our fathers have not kept the word of Y<sub>HWH</sub> \_\_\_\_\_, to do according to all that is written in this book.” 22

So Hilkiah \_\_\_\_\_ and those the king had appointed went to

Huldah [“weasel”] the prophetess,

the wife of Shallum [“retribution”]

the son of Tokhath [“hope”],

the son of Hasrah [“lack \_\_\_\_\_”],

keeper of the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter.)

And they spoke to her to that effect.

[This column parallels the next:]

## 2 Kings 22

15 Then she said to them,

“Thus says Y<sub>HWH</sub> God of Israel,

“Tell the man who sent you to Me, 16

“Thus says Y<sub>HWH</sub>:

“Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants — all the words of \_\_\_\_\_ the book that the king of Judah has \_\_\_\_\_ read — 17 because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath shall be aroused against this place and shall not be quenched.”” 18

But as for the king of Judah,

who sent you to inquire of Y<sub>HWH</sub>,

in this manner you shall speak to him,

“Thus says Y<sub>HWH</sub> God of Israel:

“Concerning the words that you have heard — 19 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before Y<sub>HWH</sub> when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse,

and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you,”

says Y<sub>HWH</sub>. 20

“Surely, therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity that I will bring on this place.””

So they brought back word to [Josiah] the king.

## 2 Chronicles 34

23 Then she answered them,

“Thus says Y<sub>HWH</sub> God of Israel,

“Tell the man who sent you to Me, 24

“Thus says Y<sub>HWH</sub>:

“Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants — all the curses that are written in the book that they have read before the king of Judah — 25 because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and \_\_\_\_\_ not be quenched.”” 26

But as for the king of Judah,

who sent you to inquire of Y<sub>HWH</sub>,

in this manner you shall speak to him,

“Thus says Y<sub>HWH</sub> God of Israel:

“Concerning the words that you have heard — 27 because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants,

and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you,”

says Y<sub>HWH</sub>. 28

“Surely \_\_\_\_\_ I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity that I will bring on this place \_\_\_\_\_ and its inhabitants.””

So they brought back word to [Josiah] the king.

# August 1

[This column parallels the next:]

2 Kings 23:1-3 ||

*Josiah Reads the Law to the People*

23:1 ¶ **Now** the king sent them to gather all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him. 2 The king went up to the house of YHWH with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem — the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of YHWH. 3

**Then** the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before YHWH, to follow YHWH and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book.

And \_\_\_\_\_ all the people took a stand for the covenant.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 23-24]

2 Chronicles 34:29-32a

*Josiah Reads the Law to the People*

29 ¶ **Then** the king sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. \_\_\_\_\_ 30 The king went up to the house of YHWH, with all the men of Judah and \_\_\_\_\_ the inhabitants of Jerusalem — the priests and the Levites, and all the people, \_\_\_\_\_ great and small. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of YHWH. 31

**Then** the king stood in his place and made a covenant before YHWH, to follow YHWH, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. 32

And he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand.

[NOT parallel:]

2 Chronicles 34:32b-33

So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33 Thus Josiah removed all the abominations from all the country that belonged to the children of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel diligently serve YHWH their God.

All his days they did not depart from following YHWH God of their fathers.

2 Kings 23:4-24

*Josiah Cleans House*

4 ¶ And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the temple of YHWH all the articles that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel. 5

**Then** he removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places all around Jerusalem, and those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, [signs of the zodiac?] to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven. 6

And he brought out the wooden image from the house of YHWH, to the Brook Kidron [“dark”] outside Jerusalem, burned it at the Brook Kidron and ground it to ashes, and threw its ashes on the graves of the common people. 7

**Then** he tore down the ritual booths of the perverted persons that were in the house of YHWH, where the women wove hangings for the wooden image. 8

And he brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba; also he broke down the high places at the gates that were at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were to the left of the city gate. 9

(Nevertheless the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of YHWH in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread among their brethren.) 10 And he defiled Topheth [“place of burning”], which is in [“lamentation”] the Valley of the Son of Hinnom<sup>i</sup>, [NT: Ge Henna; Molech worship: passing children through the fire] that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech [“king”]. 11

**Then** he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, at the entrance to the house of YHWH, by the chamber of Nathan-Melech [“the king’s gift”], the officer who was in the court; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 12



The altars that *were* on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, **that** the kings of Judah had made, and the altars **that** Manasseh had made in the two courts of **the house of YHWH**, the king broke down and pulverized there, and threw their dust into the Brook Kidron. **Then** the king defiled the high places that *were* east of Jerusalem, **that** *were* on the south of the Mount of Corruption, **that** Solomon king of Israel had built [cf. *1Ki 11:5-8*] for Ashtoreth [“*star*”] the abomination of the Sidonians, for Chemosh [“*subduer*”] the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom [“*great king*”] the abomination of the people of Ammon. <sup>14</sup> And he broke in pieces the *sacred* pillars and cut down the wooden images, and filled their places with the bones of men. <sup>15</sup> Moreover [cf. *1Ki 12:28-33*] the altar that *was* at Bethel, and the high place **that** Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and crushed it to powder, and burned the wooden image. <sup>16</sup>

As Josiah turned, he saw the tombs that *were* there on the mountain. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and burned *them* on the altar, and defiled it according to the word of YHWH **that** the man of God proclaimed [cf. *1Ki 13:2*], who proclaimed these words. <sup>17</sup> **Then** he said, “What gravestone *is* this that I see?” So the men of the city told him, “It is the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things **that** you have done against the altar of Bethel.” <sup>18</sup> And he said, “Let him alone. Let no one move his bones.” So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria. <sup>19</sup>

**Now** Josiah also took away all the shrines of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke YHWH to anger; and he did to them according to all the deeds he had done in Bethel. <sup>20</sup> He executed all the priests of the high places who *were* there, on the altars, and burned men’s bones on them; and he returned to Jerusalem.

### Josiah Celebrates Passover

<sup>21</sup> **Then** the king commanded all the people, saying, “Keep the Passover to YHWH your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant.” <sup>22</sup> Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who

judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. <sup>23</sup> But in the eighteenth [18<sup>th</sup>] year of King Josiah this Passover was held before YHWH in Jerusalem. <sup>24</sup> [Josiah-Reign:18=JudahYear:353, so 3382 AB =623 BC, per Jones] [That Passover is described in 2Ch 35] Moreover Josiah put away [^ next] those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, [and] all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the law **that** were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of YHWH.

[2Ki 23:25-27 follows Je 48 ]

### 2 Chronicles 35

623 BC

#### Josiah Celebrates Passover

<sup>35:1</sup> ¶ **Now** Josiah kept a Passover to YHWH in Jerusalem, and they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth [14<sup>th</sup>] day of the first [1<sup>st</sup>] month. <sup>2</sup> And he set the priests in their duties and encouraged them for the service of the house of YHWH. <sup>3</sup> **Then** he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to YHWH: “Put the holy ark in the house **that** Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built. It shall no longer be a burden on your shoulders. **Now** serve YHWH your God and His people Israel. <sup>4</sup> Prepare yourselves according to your fathers’ houses, according to your divisions, following the written instruction

of David king of Israel and the written instruction of Solomon his son. <sup>5</sup> And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers’ houses of your brethren the lay people, and according to the division of the father’s house of the Levites. <sup>6</sup> So slaughter the Passover offerings, consecrate yourselves, and prepare them for your brethren, that they may do according to the word of YHWH by the hand of Moses.” <sup>7</sup> **Then** Josiah gave the lay people lambs and young goats from the flock, all for Passover offerings for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand [30,000], as well as three thousand [3,000] cattle; these *were* from the king’s possessions. <sup>8</sup> And his leaders gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah [“YHWH is my portion”], Zechariah [“YHWH remembers”], and Jehiel [“God lives”], rulers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand six hundred [2,600] from the flock, and three hundred [300] cattle. <sup>9</sup> Also Conaniah [“YHWH has established”], his brothers Shemaiah [“YHWH-heard”] and Nethanel [“God-given”], and Hashabiah [“YHWH has considered”] and Jeiel [“God sweeps away”] and Jozabad [“endowed by YHWH”], chief of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover offerings five thousand [5,000] from the flock and five hundred [500] cattle. <sup>10</sup>

So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their places, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the king's command. 11 And they slaughtered the **Passover** offerings; and the priests sprinkled the blood with their hands, while the Levites skinned the animals. 12 Then they removed the burnt offerings that they might give them to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to offer to YHWH, as it is written in the Book of Moses. And so they did with the cattle. 13 Also they roasted the **Passover** offerings with fire according to the ordinance; but the other holy offerings they boiled in pots, in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them quickly among all the lay people. 14 Then afterward they prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons [descendants] of Aaron, were busy in offering burnt offerings and fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron. 15 And the singers, the sons [descendants] of Asaph, were in their places, according to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not have to leave their position, because their brethren the Levites prepared portions for them. 16

So all the service of YHWH was prepared the same day, to keep the **Passover** and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of YHWH, according to the command of King Josiah. 17 And the children of Israel who were present kept the **Passover** at that time, and the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** for seven [7] days. 18 There had been no **Passover** kept in Israel like that since the days of Samuel the prophet; and none of the kings of Israel had kept such a **Passover** as Josiah kept, with the priests and the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 19 In the eighteenth [18<sup>th</sup>] year of the reign of Josiah [Jos-18/01/14: v.1] this **Passover** was kept. [Josiah-Reign:18=JudahYear:353, so 3382 AB = 623 BC, per Jones]

[2Ch 35:20-36:1 ends Aug 3]

## Nahum

[Nahum prophesied sometime before the fall of Assyria to Babylon in 609 BC, and before Josiah's final (31<sup>st</sup>) year as king of Judah. For context, Assyria's capital, Nineveh, fell to the Babylonians in 612, Haran in 610, and Carchemish in 605 BC. An Assyrian counterattack in 609 failed, which ended the reign of their last king, Ashur-Uballit, and the kingdom itself.]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Nahum 1, 2]

## Nahum 1

**YHWH's Burden Against Nineveh**  
 1:1 ¶ The burden against Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum ["comfort"] the Elkoshite ["the ensnarer, God"].  
 2 ¶ God is jealous, and YHWH avenges; YHWH avenges and is furious. YHWH will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies; 3 YHWH is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. YHWH has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet. 4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, And the flower of Lebanon wilts. 5 The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And The land [earth] heaves at His presence, Yes, The world and all who dwell in it. 6 Who can stand before His indignation? And Who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him. 7

YHWH is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him. 8 But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, And darkness will pursue His enemies. 9 ¶ What do you conspire against YHWH? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time. 10 For while tangled like thorns, And while drunken like drunkards, They shall be devoured like stubble fully dried. 11 From you comes forth one Who plots evil against YHWH, A wicked counselor. 12 Thus says YHWH [to Jerusalem]: "Though they [the Assyrians] are safe, and likewise many, Yet in this manner they will be cut down When he passes through. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more; 13 For now I will break off his yoke from you, And burst your bonds apart." 14 YHWH has given a command concerning you [Nineveh]: "Your name shall be perpetuated no longer. Out of the house of your gods I will cut off the carved image and the molded image. I will dig your grave, For you are vile." 15

Behold, on the mountains  
The feet of him  
Who brings good tidings,  
Who proclaims peace!  
O Judah,  
Keep your appointed feasts,  
Perform your vows.  
For the wicked one  
shall no more pass through you;  
He is utterly cut off.

2:1 ¶

## Nahum 2

### The Fall of Nineveh Predicted

He who scatters  
has come up before your face.  
Man the fort!  
Watch the road!  
Strengthen your flanks!  
Fortify your power mightily. 2  
For YHWH will restore  
the excellence of Jacob Like  
the excellence of Israel,  
For the emptiers have emptied them out  
And ruined their vine branches. 3  
The shields of his mighty men  
are made red,  
The valiant men  
are in scarlet.  
The chariots come  
with flaming torches  
In the day of his preparation, And  
The spears are brandished. 4  
The chariots rage in the streets,  
They jostle one another  
in the broad roads;  
They seem like torches,  
They run like lightning. 5  
He remembers his nobles;  
They stumble in their walk;  
They make haste to her walls, And  
The defense is prepared. 6

The gates of the rivers are opened, and  
The palace is dissolved. 7

It is decreed:

She shall be led away captive,  
She shall be brought up; And  
Her maidservants shall lead her  
as with the voice of doves,  
Beating their breasts. 8  
Though Nineveh of old was  
like a pool of water,  
Now they flee away.  
“Halt! Halt!”, they cry;  
But no one turns back. 9  
Take spoil of silver!  
Take spoil of gold!  
There is no end of  
treasure, Or  
wealth of every desirable prize. 10  
She is empty, desolate, and waste!  
The heart melts, and the knees shake;  
Much pain is in every side, And  
All their faces are drained of color.

11 ¶

Where is  
the dwelling of the lions, And  
the feeding place of the young lions,  
Where the lion walked,  
the lioness and lion's cub, And  
no one made them afraid? 12  
The lion  
Tore in pieces enough for his cubs,  
Killed for his lionesses,  
Filled his caves with prey, And  
his dens with flesh. 13  
“Behold, I am against you [Nineveh]”,  
says YHWH of hosts,  
“I will burn your chariots in smoke,  
and the sword shall devour your  
young lions;  
I will cut off your prey from the land  
[earth], and the voice of your mes-  
sengers shall be heard no more.”

## August 2

3:1 ¶

## Nahum 3

### YHWH's Judgment Against Nineveh

Woe to the bloody city!  
It is all full of lies and robbery.  
Its victim never departs. 2  
The noise  
Of a whip And  
The noise  
Of rattling wheels,  
Of galloping horses,  
Of clattering chariots! 3  
Horsemen charge with  
bright sword and  
glittering spear.  
There is  
A multitude of slain,  
A great number of bodies,  
Countless corpses  
— They stumble over the corpses — 4  
Because of the multitude of harlotries of  
The seductive harlot,  
The mistress of sorceries,  
Who sells  
nations through her harlotries,  
and  
families through her sorceries. 5  
“Behold, I am against you [Nineveh]”,  
says YHWH of hosts;  
“I will lift your skirts over your face,  
I will show  
the nations your nakedness, and  
the kingdoms your shame. 6  
I will  
cast abominable filth upon you,  
make you vile, and  
make you a spectacle. 7  
It shall come to pass that  
all who look upon you  
will flee from you, and say,

‘Nineveh is laid waste!  
Who will bemoan her?’

Where shall I seek comforters for you?”

8 ¶

Are you better than No Amon  
[No: “disrupting”; ancient capital  
of Egypt. Amon: “populous”, thus,  
Thebes, Egypt]  
That was situated by the [Nile] River,  
That had the waters around her,  
Whose rampart was the sea,  
Whose wall was the sea? 9  
Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength,  
And it was boundless;  
Put [“a bow”] and  
Lubim [“empty-hearted” (Da 11:43)  
or “afflicted” (Je 46:9); Lybia]  
were your helpers. 10  
Yet she was carried away,  
She went into captivity;  
Her young children also  
were dashed to pieces  
At the head of every street;  
They cast lots for  
her honorable men, And all  
her great men  
were bound in chains. 11  
You also will be drunk;  
You will be hidden;  
You also will seek refuge  
from the enemy. 12  
All your strongholds are fig trees  
with ripened figs:  
If they are shaken,  
They fall into the mouth of the eater. 13  
Surely,  
Your people in your midst are women!  
The gates of your land are wide open  
for your enemies;  
Fire shall devour the bars  
of your gates. 14

Draw your water for the siege!  
Fortify your strongholds!  
Go into the clay and tread the mortar!  
Make strong the brick kiln! 15  
There

The fire will devour you,  
The sword will cut you off;  
It will eat you up like a locust.  
Make yourself many  
— like the locust!  
Make yourself many  
— like the swarming locusts! 16  
You have multiplied your merchants  
more than the stars of heaven.  
The locust plunders and flies away. 17  
Your commanders are  
like swarming locusts, And  
Your generals  
like great grasshoppers,  
Which camp in the hedges  
on a cold day;  
When the sun rises they flee away,  
And the place where they are  
is not known. 18  
Your shepherds slumber,  
O king of Assyria;  
Your nobles rest in the dust.  
Your people are scattered  
on the mountains,  
And no one gathers them. 19  
Your injury has no healing,  
Your wound is severe.  
All who hear news of you  
Will clap their hands over you,  
For upon whom  
has not your wickedness passed  
continually?

## Zephaniah

[Zephaniah probably prophesied in  
610 BC, just before Josiah's death in  
609 BC.]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Hab & Zeph](#)]

### Zephaniah 1

#### The Word of YHWH to Zephaniah

1:1 ¶ The word of YHWH that came to  
Zephaniah [“YHWH has treasured”]  
the son of Cushi [“their blackness”],  
the son of Gedaliah [“YHWH is great”],  
the son of Amariah  
[“YHWH speaks/has promised”],  
the son of Hezekiah [not the king]  
[“YHWH is my strength”],  
in the days of Josiah  
[“whom YHWH heals”]  
the son of Amon  
[“skilled/master workman”],  
king of Judah.

#### Coming Judgment Against Judah

2  
“I will utterly consume everything  
From the face of the land”,  
says YHWH; 3  
“I will consume  
man and beast;  
I will consume  
the birds of the heavens,  
the fish of the sea, and  
the stumbling blocks  
along with the wicked.  
I will cut off man  
From the face of the land”,  
says YHWH. 4 [↑ of Judah]  
“I will stretch out My hand  
against  
Judah, And  
against  
all the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

I will cut off  
Every trace of Baal from this place,  
The names of the idolatrous priests  
with the pagan priests — 5  
Those who worship  
the host of heaven  
on the housetops;  
Those who worship and swear oaths  
by YHWH,  
But who also swear  
by Milcom [“king”]; 6  
Those who have turned back  
from following YHWH,  
And have not sought YHWH,  
Nor inquired of Him.”

7 ¶  
Be silent in the presence of  
the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH];  
For the day of YHWH is at hand,  
For YHWH has prepared a sacrifice;  
He has invited His guests. 8  
“And it shall be,  
In the day of YHWH's sacrifice, That  
I will punish  
the princes and  
the king's children, And  
all such as are clothed  
with foreign apparel. 9

In the same day  
I will punish all those  
Who leap over the threshold,  
Who fill their masters' houses  
with violence and deceit. 10  
And there shall be on that day”,  
says YHWH,  
“The sound of  
A mournful cry  
from the Fish Gate,  
A wailing  
from the Second Quarter, And  
A loud crashing  
from the hills. 11

Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh!  
[“a mortar” or “deep hollow”];  
a market district of Jerusalem]

For  
All the merchant people  
are cut down;  
All those who handle money  
are cut off. 12  
And it shall come to pass at that time  
That I will  
search Jerusalem with lamps, And  
punish the men  
Who are settled in complacency,  
Who say in their heart,  
‘YHWH will not do good,  
Nor will He do evil.’ 13

Therefore  
Their goods shall become booty, and  
Their houses a desolation;  
They shall build houses,  
but not inhabit them;  
They shall plant vineyards,  
but not drink their wine.”

14 ¶  
The great day of YHWH  
is near;  
It is near  
and hastens quickly.  
The noise of  
the day of YHWH  
is bitter;  
There the mighty men shall cry out. 15  
That day is [cf. [Mt 26:64](#) // [Mk 14:62](#)]  
A day of wrath,  
A day of trouble and distress,  
A day of devastation and desolation,  
A day of darkness and gloominess,  
A day of clouds and thick darkness, 16  
A day of trumpet and alarm  
against the fortified cities and  
against the high towers. 17



“I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against YHWH; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse.”<sup>18</sup>  
 Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of YHWH’s wrath; But The whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.

2:1 ¶

### Zephaniah 2

#### A Call to Repentance

Gather yourselves together, yes, Gather together,  
 O undesirable nation,<sup>2</sup>  
 Before the decree is issued, Or the day passes like chaff,  
 Before YHWH’s fierce anger comes upon you,  
 Before the day of YHWH’s anger comes upon you!<sup>3</sup>

Seek YHWH, [you remnant:] All you meek of the land [earth], Who have upheld His justice.  
 Seek righteousness,  
 Seek humility.  
 It may be that you will be hidden In the day of YHWH’s anger.

4 ¶

#### Judgment Against Philistia

For Gaza shall be forsaken,  
 And Ashkelon desolate;  
 They shall drive out Ashdod at noonday, And Ekron shall be uprooted.<sup>5</sup>

Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast, The nation of the Cherethites [“executioners”]!

The word of YHWH is against you, O Canaan, land of the Philistines: “I will destroy you; So there shall be no inhabitant.”<sup>6</sup>

The seacoast shall be pastures, With shelters for shepherds and folds for flocks.<sup>7</sup>

The coast shall be for The remnant of the house of Judah; They shall feed their flocks there; In the houses of Ashkelon They shall lie down at evening.

For YHWH their God will intervene for them, And return their captives [to the land].

8 ¶

#### Judgment Against Moab and Ammon

“I have heard the reproach of Moab, And the insults of the people of Ammon, With which they have reproached My people, and made arrogant threats against their borders.<sup>9</sup>

Therefore, as I live”, says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel,

“Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, And the people of Ammon like Gomorrah — Overrun with weeds and saltpits, and A perpetual desolation. The residue of My people shall plunder them, And The remnant of My people shall possess them.”<sup>10</sup>

This they shall have for their pride, Because they have reproached and made arrogant threats

Against the people of YHWH of hosts.<sup>11</sup>  
 YHWH will be awesome to them, For He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the land [earth]; People shall worship Him, each one from his place,

Indeed all the shores of the nations.

12 ¶

#### Judgment Against Ethiopia, Assyria

“You Ethiopians also, You shall be slain by My sword.”<sup>13</sup>  
 And He will

Stretch out His hand against the north, Destroy Assyria, and Make Nineveh A desolation,  
 As dry as the wilderness.<sup>14</sup>

The herds shall lie down in her midst, Every beast of the nation. Both the pelican and the bittern Shall lodge

on the capitals of her pillars; Their voice shall sing in the windows; Desolation shall be at the threshold; For He will lay bare the cedar work.<sup>15</sup>

This [Nineveh] is the rejoicing city That dwelt securely, That said in her heart, “I am it, and there is none besides me.”

How has she become A desolation, A place for beasts to lie down! Everyone who passes by her Shall hiss and shake his fist.

3:1 ¶

### Zephaniah 3

#### Jerusalem’s Rebellion & Redemption

Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, to the oppressing city!<sup>2</sup>  
 She has not obeyed His voice, She has not received correction; She has not trusted in YHWH, She has not drawn near to her God.<sup>3</sup>  
 Her princes in her midst are roaring lions;

Her judges are evening wolves that leave not a bone till morning.<sup>4</sup>

Her prophets are insolent, treacherous people; Her priests have polluted the sanctuary,

They have done violence to the law.<sup>5</sup>  
 YHWH is righteous in her midst, He will do no unrighteousness. Every morning He brings His justice to light;

He never fails, but the unjust knows no shame.<sup>6</sup>

“I have cut off nations, Their fortresses are devastated; I have made their streets desolate, with none passing by. Their cities are destroyed; There is no one, no inhabitant.”<sup>7</sup>

I said, ‘Surely you will fear Me, You will receive instruction’ — So that her dwelling would not be cut off, Despite everything for which I punished her. But they rose early and corrupted all their deeds.

8 ¶  
 Therefore wait for Me”,  
 says YHWH,  
 “Until the day I rise up for plunder;  
 My determination is  
 To gather the nations  
 To My assembly of kingdoms,  
 To pour on them  
 My indignation, All  
 My fierce anger;  
 All the lands [earth] shall be devoured  
 With the fire of My jealousy. 9  
 For then I will restore to the peoples  
 a pure language,  
 That they all may  
 Call on the name of YHWH,  
 To serve Him with one accord. 10  
 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia  
 My worshipers,  
 The daughter of My dispersed ones,  
 Shall bring My offering. 11  
 In that day [the day of the Church]  
 You shall not be shamed  
 for any of your deeds  
 In which you transgress against Me;  
 For then  
 I will take away from your midst  
 Those who rejoice in your pride,  
 And you shall no longer be haughty  
 In My holy mountain. 12  
 I will leave in your midst [Christians:]  
 A meek and humble people, And  
 they shall trust  
 in the name of YHWH. 13  
 The remnant of Israel shall  
 do no unrighteousness And  
 speak no lies,  
 Nor shall a deceitful tongue  
 be found in their mouth;  
 For they shall  
 feed their flocks and lie down,  
 And no one shall make them afraid.”

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14 ¶  
 Sing, O daughter of Zion!  
 Shout, O Israel!  
 Be glad and rejoice  
 with all your heart, [the Church:]  
 O daughter of Jerusalem! 15  
 YHWH has taken away your judgments,  
 He has cast out your enemy.  
 The King of Israel,  
 YHWH,  
 is in your midst;  
 You shall see disaster no more. 16  
 In that day [the Church]  
 it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
 “Do not fear; Zion,  
 Let not your hands be weak. 17  
 YHWH your God in your midst,  
 The Mighty One,  
 will save;  
 He will rejoice over you with gladness,  
 He will quiet you with His love,  
 He will rejoice over you with singing.” 18  
 “I will gather those  
 Who sorrow over  
 the appointed assembly,  
 Who are among you,  
 To whom its reproach is a burden. 19  
 Behold,  
 at the time  
 I will deal with all who afflict you;  
 I will save the lame,  
 And gather those  
 who were driven out;  
 I will appoint them  
 for praise and fame  
 In every land where  
 they were put to shame. 20  
 At that time  
 I will bring you back [to Me], Even  
 at the time I gather you [to Me]; For

I will give you fame and praise  
 Among all the peoples of the lands  
 [earth], When  
 I return your captives  
 before your eyes”,  
 says YHWH.

## August 3

[Chronological, not canonical, order:]

[Audio: [S. Gregg Je 45-49](#)]

## Jeremiah 47-48

### Jeremiah 47

*A Message against Philistia (~609 BC)*  
*[Verse 1 may refer to Pharaoh Necho of Egypt on his way to Carchemish on the Euphrates River in 609 BC to fight the Assyrians. This invasion led to Josiah's death.]*

47:1 ¶ The word of YHWH  
 that came to Jeremiah the prophet  
 against the Philistines,  
 before Pharaoh attacked Gaza. 2  
 Thus says YHWH:  
 “Behold, waters [the fertile crescent]  
 rise out of the north, And  
 shall be an overflowing flood;  
 They shall overflow [↑ Babylon]  
 The land and all that is in it,  
 The city and those who dwell within;  
 Then the men shall cry, And all the  
 inhabitants of the land shall wail. 3  
 At the noise of the stamping hooves  
 of his strong horses,  
 At the rushing of his chariots,  
 At the rumbling of his wheels,  
 The fathers will not look back for  
 their children, Lacking courage, 4  
 Because of the day that comes  
 To plunder all the Philistines,

To cut off from Tyre and Sidon  
 every helper who remains;  
 For YHWH shall plunder  
 the Philistines,  
 the remnant of the country  
 of Caphtor [“a crown”; Crete]. 5  
 Baldness has come upon Gaza,  
 Ashkelon is cut off  
 With the remnant of their valley.  
 How long will you cut yourself? 6  
 O you sword of YHWH,  
 How long until you are quiet?  
 Put yourself up into your scabbard,  
 Rest and be still! 7 [Answer:]  
 How can it be quiet,  
 seeing YHWH has given it a charge  
 against Ashkelon and  
 against the seashore?  
 There He has appointed it.”

### Jeremiah 48

*A Message against Moab*  
 48:1 ¶ [Implied: The word of YHWH that came to Jeremiah the prophet...]  
 Against Moab.  
 Thus says YHWH of hosts,  
 the God of Israel:  
 “Woe to Nebo, for it is plundered!  
 Kirjathaim [“two cities”]  
 is shamed and taken;  
 The high stronghold  
 is shamed and dismayed — 2  
 No more praise of Moab.  
 In Heshbon [“stronghold”]  
 they have devised evil against her:  
 ‘Come, and  
 let us cut her off as a nation.’  
 You also shall be cut down,  
 O Madmen!  
 The sword shall pursue you; 3

A voice of crying *shall be*  
 from [Horonaim](#) [*“two caves”*]:  
 ‘Plundering and great destruction!’<sup>4</sup>  
 Moab is destroyed;  
 Her little ones  
 have caused a cry to be heard; <sup>5</sup>  
 For in the Ascent of [Luhith](#) [*“tablets”*]  
 they ascend with [continual](#) weeping;  
 For in the descent of [Horonaim](#)  
 the enemies have heard  
 a cry of destruction. <sup>6</sup>  
 Flee, save your lives! And  
 Be like the juniper in the wilderness. <sup>7</sup>  
 For because you have trusted in  
 your works and  
 your treasures,  
 you also shall be taken.  
 And Chemosh [*“subduer”; their god*]  
 shall go forth into captivity,  
 his priests and his princes together. <sup>8</sup>  
 And the plunderer shall come  
 against every city  
 — No one shall escape.  
 The valley also shall perish, And  
 The plain shall be destroyed,  
 As [YHWH](#) has spoken. <sup>9</sup>  
 Give wings to [Moab](#),  
 That she may flee and get away;  
 For her cities shall be desolate,  
 Without any to dwell in them. <sup>10</sup>  
 Cursed is he who does [*↓ slothfully*]  
 the work of [YHWH](#) deceitfully, and  
 Cursed is he who keeps back  
 his sword from blood. <sup>11</sup>  
[Moab](#) has been at ease from his youth;  
 He has settled on his dregs,  
 And has not been emptied  
 from vessel to vessel<sup>ii</sup>,  
 Nor has he gone into captivity.  
 Therefore his taste remained in him,  
 And his scent has not changed. <sup>12</sup>

Therefore behold,  
 the days are coming,”  
 says [YHWH](#),  
 “That I shall send him wine-workers  
 Who will  
 tip him over And  
 empty his vessels And  
 break the bottles. <sup>13</sup>  
[Moab](#) shall be ashamed of Chemosh,  
 As the house of Israel was  
 ashamed of [Bethel](#), their confidence.  
<sup>14</sup> ¶  
 How can you say,  
 ‘We are mighty and strong men  
 for the war?’ <sup>15</sup>  
[Moab](#) is  
 plundered and  
 gone up from her cities;  
 Her chosen young men have  
 gone down to the slaughter,”  
 says the King,  
 Whose name is [YHWH of hosts](#). <sup>16</sup>  
 “The calamity of [Moab](#)  
 is near at hand, And his affliction  
 comes quickly. <sup>17</sup>  
 Bemoan him,  
 all you who are around him; And  
 all you who know his name, say,  
 ‘How the strong staff is broken,  
 The beautiful rod!’ <sup>18</sup>  
 O daughter inhabiting [Dibon](#),  
 Come down from your glory, And  
 Sit in thirst; [*↓ God via Babylon*]  
 For the plunderer of [Moab](#)  
 has come against you,  
 He has destroyed your strongholds. <sup>19</sup>  
 O inhabitant of [Aroer](#),  
 Stand by the way and watch;  
 Ask him who flees And  
 her who escapes; say,  
 ‘What has happened?’ <sup>20</sup>

[Moab](#) is shamed,  
 for he is broken down.  
 Wail and cry!  
 Tell it in [Arnon](#),  
 that [Moab](#) is plundered. <sup>21</sup>  
 And [judgment](#) has come  
 on the plain country:  
 On [Holon](#) [*“sandy”*]  
 and [Jahzah](#) [*“trodden down”*]  
 and [Mephaath](#) [*“splendor”*], <sup>22</sup>  
 On [Dibon](#) [*“wasting”*]  
 and [Nebo](#) [*“prophet”*]  
 and [Beth Diblathaim](#)  
 [*“house of the two fig cakes”*], <sup>23</sup>  
 On [Kirjathaim](#) [*“two cities”*]  
 and [Beth Gamul](#)  
 [*“house of recompense”*]  
 and [Beth Meon](#) [*“house of Baal”*], <sup>24</sup>  
 On [Kerioth](#) [*“cities”*]  
 and [Bozrah](#) [*“sheepfold”*],  
 On all the cities of the land of [Moab](#),  
 Far or near. <sup>25</sup> [*Political power:*]  
 The horn of [Moab](#) is cut off,  
 And his arm is broken,”  
 says [YHWH](#). <sup>26</sup>  
 “Make him drunk, [*on God’s wrath*]  
 Because he exalted himself  
 against [YHWH](#).  
[Moab](#) shall wallow in his vomit,  
 And he shall also be in derision. <sup>27</sup>  
 For was not Israel a derision to you?  
 Was he found among thieves?  
 For whenever you speak of him,  
 You shake your head in scorn. <sup>28</sup>  
 You who dwell in [Moab](#),  
 Leave the cities and dwell in the rock,  
 And be like the dove,  
 which makes her nest  
 In the sides of the cave’s mouth. <sup>29</sup>  
 We have heard the pride of [Moab](#)  
 (he is exceedingly proud),

Of his  
 loftiness and  
 arrogance and  
 pride, And  
 Of the haughtiness of his heart.” <sup>30</sup>  
 “I know his wrath,”  
 says [YHWH](#),  
 “But it is not right;  
 His lies have made nothing right. <sup>31</sup>  
 Therefore  
 I will wail for [Moab](#), And  
 I will cry out for all [Moab](#);  
 I will mourn for the men of [Kir](#)  
[Heres](#) [*“wall of potsherd”*]. <sup>32</sup>  
 O vine of [Sibmah](#) [*“fragrance”*]!  
 I will weep for you with the  
 weeping of [Jazer](#) [*“helped”*].  
 Your plants have gone over the sea,  
 They reach to the sea of [Jazer](#).  
 The plunderer has fallen on  
 your summer fruit and  
 your vintage. <sup>33</sup>  
 Joy and gladness are taken  
 From the plentiful field And  
 From the land of [Moab](#);  
 I have caused wine to fail  
 From the winepresses;  
 No one will tread with  
 joyous shouting —  
 Not joyous shouting! <sup>34</sup>  
 From the cry of  
[Heshbon](#) [*“stronghold”*] to  
[Elealeh](#) [*“God is ascending”*] and to  
[Jahaz](#) [*“trodden down”*]  
 They have uttered their voice, From  
[Zoar](#) [*“insignificance”*] to  
[Horonaim](#) [*“two caves”*],  
 Like a three-year-old heifer;  
 For the waters of  
[Nimrim](#) [*“limpid” or “pure”*]  
 also shall be desolate. <sup>35</sup>

Moreover,”  
says YHWH,  
“I will cause to cease in Moab  
The one who  
offers sacrifices  
in the high places And  
burns incense to his gods. 36

Therefore  
My heart shall wail  
like flutes for Moab, And  
like flutes  
My heart shall wail  
For the men of Kir Heres.  
Therefore  
the riches they have acquired  
have perished. 37

For every head shall be bald, and  
every beard clipped;  
On all the hands shall be cuts, and  
On the loins sackcloth — 38

A general lamentation  
On all the housetops of Moab, And  
In its streets;

For I have broken Moab  
like a vessel in which is  
no pleasure,”

says YHWH. 39

“They shall wail:  
‘How she is broken down!  
How Moab has turned her back  
with shame!’

So Moab shall be [an object of scorn:]  
a derision And  
a dismay

to all those about her.” 40

For thus says YHWH:

“Behold, one shall  
fly like an eagle, And  
spread his wings over Moab. 41

Kerioth [“cities”] is taken, And  
The strongholds are surprised;

The mighty men’s hearts in Moab  
on that day

shall be Like the heart of a woman  
in birth pangs. 42 And

Moab shall be destroyed as a people,  
Because he exalted himself  
against YHWH. 43

Fear and the pit and the snare shall be  
upon you,

O inhabitant of Moab,”

says YHWH. 44

“He who flees from the fear  
shall fall into the pit, And

He who gets out of the pit  
shall be caught in the snare.

For upon Moab, upon it I will bring  
The year of their punishment”,

says YHWH. 45

“Those who fled  
stood under the shadow of Heshbon

Because of exhaustion. But  
A fire shall come out of Heshbon,

A flame from the midst of  
Sihon [“warrior”], And

shall devour the brow of Moab,

The crown of the head of the sons of  
tumult. 46

Woe to you, O Moab!

The people of Chemosh perish;

For your sons  
have been taken captive,

And your daughters` captive. 47

Yet [hope:] I will bring back

The captives of Moab  
In the latter days,”

says YHWH. [“indefinite future”]

Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

[Jeremiah 49:1-33 is on Aug 11]

[Jeremiah 49:34-51:58

start on Aug 13]

[Jeremiah 52 starts on Aug 12]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 23-24]  
2 Kings 23:25-27

Summary of Josiah’s Reign

25 ¶ Now before him there was no king  
like him, who turned to YHWH  
with all his heart,  
with all his soul, and  
with all his might,

according to all the Law of Moses;  
nor after him did any arise like him. 26  
Nevertheless YHWH did not turn from  
the fierceness of His great wrath, with  
which His anger was aroused against  
Judah, because of all the provocations  
with which Manasseh had provoked  
Him. 27 And YHWH said,

“I will also remove Judah from My sight,  
as I have removed Israel, and  
will cast off [divorce]

this city Jerusalem,  
which I have chosen, and  
the house of which I said,

“My name shall be there.”  
[v.28v // 2 Ch 35:26-27 follows v.30]

1 Chronicles 3:10-16

Josiah’s Genealogy, Progeny

10 ¶ Solomon’s son was

Rehoboam;

Abijah was his son,

Asa his son,

Jehoshaphat his son, 11

Joram his son,

Ahaziah his son,

Joash his son, 12

Amaziah his son,

Azariah his son,

Jotham his son, 13

Ahaz his son,

Hezekiah his son,

Manasseh his son, 14

Amon his son, and  
Josiah his son. 15

The sons of Josiah<sup>4</sup> were  
Johanah [“graced by YHWH”]  
the firstborn,  
the second:

Jehoiakim [“raised up by YHWH”],  
the third:

Zedekiah [“YHWH is righteousness”];  
aka Mattaniah:

2Ki 24:17 // 2Ch 36:10b], and  
the fourth:

Shallum [“retribution”; aka Jehoahaz]:  
2Ki 23:31a // 2Ch 36:2]. 16

The sons of Jehoiakim were

Jeconiah [aka Coniah, aka Jehoiachin]:  
Je 22:24, 24:1] his son and

Zedekiah his son.

#### Josiah’s Sons and Grandsons

Josiah [KAJ: “king after Josiah”]

Johanah

Jehoiakim/Eliakim [2<sup>nd</sup> KAJ: 11 yr]

Jeconiah/Coniah/Jehoiachin

Zedekiah

Zedekiah/Mattaniah [3<sup>rd</sup> KAJ: 11 yr]

Shallum/Jehoahaz [1<sup>st</sup> KAJ: 3 mo]

[1<sup>st</sup> KAJ: 2Ki 23:30b // 2Ch 36:1]

[2<sup>nd</sup> KAJ: 2Ki 23:36 // 2Ch 36:5]

[3<sup>rd</sup> KAJ: Je 52:1 // 2Ki 24:18 // 2Ch 36:11]

<sup>4</sup> Jones suggests that Josiah was unhappy with his four sons (see 2Ki 23:30b // 2Ch 36:1 and footnote 6), so adopted his grandson Jeconiah (Jehoiachin) and intended him as his successor. Mt 1:11 says “he begat Jeconiah and his brothers”, including his father Jehoakim and his uncles, which could only be true if he were adopted. Similarly, 2Ch 36:10 may refer to his uncle Zedekiah as his brother.



[This column ~parallels the next:]

2 Kings 23:29-30a, 28, 30b ~||  
Josiah Dies in Battle 609 BC  
29 In his [Josiah's] days

Pharaoh ["great house"] Necho ["he is smitten"] king of Egypt went up \_\_\_\_\_ against<sup>5</sup> the king of Assyria, to the River Euphrates; and King Josiah went \_\_\_\_\_ against him.

[against Assyria, not to aid them →]

And Pharaoh Necho killed him at Megiddo when he confronted him. 30a

Then his servants moved his body in a chariot from Megiddo, brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb.

<sup>5</sup> NKJV: "went to the aid of", but that is not in the text and contradicts 2Ch 35:20. KJV: "went up against" (used above). (NASB, ESV: "went to meet him")  
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[somewhat]

2 Chronicles 35:20-36:1  
Josiah Dies in Battle 609 BC  
20 ¶ After all this,

when Josiah had prepared the temple, \_\_\_\_\_ Necho ["he is smitten"] king of Egypt came up to fight against [confirmed in v21] Carchemish ["fortress of Chemosh"] by the \_\_\_\_\_ Euphrates; and \_\_\_\_\_ Josiah went out against him. 21 But he [Pharaoh] sent messengers to him, saying,

"What have I to do with you, king of Judah? I have not come against you this day, but against the house [of Assyria] with which I have war; for God commanded me to make haste. Refrain from meddling with God, who is with me, lest He destroy you." 22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself so that he might fight with him, and did not heed the words of Necho from the mouth of God. So he came to fight in the Valley of Megiddo. 23 And the archers shot King Josiah;

and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am severely wounded." 24 \_\_\_\_\_ His servants therefore took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had, and they brought him to Jerusalem. So he died, and was buried in one of the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

[This column ~parallels the next:]

2 Kings 23

[= Lamentations? →]

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of \_\_\_\_\_ Judah?

30b And the people of the land<sup>6</sup> took Jehoahaz the [fourth: 1Ch 3:15d] son of Josiah, anointed him, and made him king in his father's place.

[NOT parallel:] [Audio:]

## August 4

[Chronological, not canonical, order:]

## Jeremiah 22

Jeremiah 22:1-12

A Message for Judah's Kings

22:1 ¶ Thus says YHWH:

"Go down to the house of the king of Judah [Jehoahaz, aka Shallum], and there speak this word, 2 and say, 'Hear the word of YHWH, O king of Judah, you who sit on the throne of David, you and your servants and your people who enter these gates! 3

<sup>6</sup> Note that the people made him king. See footnote 4.

[somewhat]

2 Chronicles 35

25 Jeremiah also lamented for Josiah. And to this day all the singing men and the singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations. They made it a custom in Israel; and indeed they are written in the Laments.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his goodness, according to what was written in the Law of YHWH, 27 and his deeds from first to last, indeed they are \_\_\_\_\_ written in the Book of \_\_\_\_\_ the Kings of Israel and Judah.

36:1 ¶ Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the [fourth: 1Ch 3:15d] son of Josiah, \_\_\_\_\_ and made him king in his father's place in Jerusalem.

[Audio: Steve Gregg Je 21-23]

Thus says YHWH:

"Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do no wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. 4 For if you indeed do this thing, then shall enter the gates of this house, riding on horses and in chariots, accompanied by servants and people, kings who sit on the throne of David. 5 But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself," says YHWH, "that this house shall become a desolation." 6

## The City Will Be Destroyed

For **thus says YHWH** to the house of the king of Judah:

“You are [lush] Gilead to Me,

The head of Lebanon; Yet

I surely will make you a wilderness,

Cities that are not inhabited. 7

I will prepare destroyers against you,

Everyone with his weapons;

They shall

cut down your choice cedars And

cast them into the fire. 8 And

Many nations will pass by this city; and

Everyone will say to his neighbor,

‘Why has YHWH done so [De 29:24]

to this great city?’ 9

Then they will answer,

‘Because they have

forsaken the covenant

of YHWH their God, and

worshiped other gods and

served them.’” 10 ¶

## A Message about Jehoahaz

Weep not for the dead, nor bemoan him;

Weep bitterly for him who goes away,

For he shall return no more,

Nor see his native country. 11

For **thus says YHWH** concerning

Shallum [aka Jehoahaz, 1<sup>st</sup> KAJ]

the son of Josiah, king of Judah,

who reigned instead of Josiah his father,

who went from this place:

“He shall not return here anymore, 12

but he shall die in the place [Egypt →]

where they have led him captive,

and shall see this land no more.” 13

[Je 22:13ff follow 2:Ki 23:31-37]

[This column parallels the next:]

33 Now Pharaoh Necho put him in prison at Riblah [“fertility”]

in the land of Hamath [“fortress”],

that he might not reign in Jerusalem;

and he imposed on the land a tribute

of one hundred [100] talents of silver

and a talent of gold. 34 Then Pharaoh

Necho made Eliakim

[“raised up by God”] the son of Josiah

king in place of his father Josiah,

and changed his name to Jehoiakim

[“raised up by YHWH”]. And Pharaoh

took Jehoahaz and went

to Egypt, and he died there. 35

So Jehoiakim gave the silver and gold

to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to

give money according to the command

of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and

gold from the people of the land, from

every one according to his assessment,

to give it to Pharaoh Necho. 36

3 Now the king of Egypt deposed him

at Jerusalem;

and he imposed on the land a tribute

of one hundred [100] talents of silver

and a talent of gold. 4 Then the king of

Egypt made Jehoahaz’s brother Eliakim

[“raised up by God”]

king over Judah and Jerusalem,

and changed his name to Jehoiakim

[“raised up by YHWH”]. And Necho

took Jehoahaz his brother and carried

him off to Egypt. 5

[This column parallels the next:]

2 Kings 23:31-37 ||

Jehoahaz’s Short Reign in Judah

31 ¶ Jehoahaz [aka Shallum: 1Ch 3:15d]

was twenty-three [23] years old when

he became king, and he reigned three

[3] months in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:367, so

3396 AB: 2Ki 22:1 || 2Ch 34:1

= 609 BC, per Jones]

His mother’s name was Hamutal

[“father-in-law is protection”]

the daughter of Jeremiah [“whom

YHWH has appointed”] of Libnah

[“pavement”]. 32 And he did evil

in the sight of YHWH, according to

all that his fathers had done.

2 Chronicles 36:2-5 609 BC

Jehoahaz’s Short Reign in Judah

2 Jehoahaz [aka Shallum: 1Ch 3:15d]

was twenty-three [23] years old when

he became king, and he reigned three

[3] months in Jerusalem.

[← into early 367,

so 3396 AB,

and 609 BC]

[← cf. Je 52:1b || 2Ki 24:18b]

## Jehoiakim Reigns in Judah

Jehoiakim was twenty-five [25] years

old when he became king, and he reigned

eleven [11] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:368-378, so

3397-3407 AB: 2Ki 23:31 || 2Ch 36:2

= 608-598 BC, per Jones]

His mother’s name was Zebudah

[“given”] the daughter of Pedaiah

[“YHWH has ransomed”] of Rumah

[“height”]. 37 And he did evil in the

sight of YHWH, according to

all that his fathers had done.

[2Ki 24 follows Je 49:33]

## Jehoiakim Reigns in Judah

Jehoiakim was twenty-five [25] years

old when he became king, and he reigned

eleven [11] years in Jerusalem.

[← 367 (3396=609 BC) was his year of

ascension, which was not counted.]

608-598 BC

And he did evil in the

sight of YHWH his God.

<sup>7</sup> Note that at this time Egypt is in charge of Judah, not yet Babylon, presumably as a result of the defeat and killing of Josiah.

[Audio: Steve Gregg Je 21-23]

## Jeremiah 22:13-23

### A Warning to Jehoiakim [v18]

“Woe to him  
 Who builds  
 his house by unrighteousness And  
 his chambers by injustice,  
 Who  
 uses his neighbor’s service  
 without wages And  
 gives him nothing for his work, 14  
 Who says,  
 ‘I will  
 build myself a wide house  
 with spacious chambers, And  
 cut out windows for it,  
 Paneling it with cedar And  
 Painting it with vermilion.’ 15  
 Shall you reign because  
 you enclose yourself in cedar?  
 Did not your father eat and drink, And  
 do justice and righteousness?  
 Then it was well with him. 16  
 He judged  
 the cause of the poor and needy;  
 Then it was well.  
 Was not this knowing Me?”  
 says YHWH. 17  
 “Yet your eyes and your heart are  
 For nothing but your covetousness,  
 For shedding innocent blood,  
 And practicing  
 oppression and  
 violence.” 18

Therefore thus says YHWH  
 concerning Jehoiakim [aka Eliakim]  
 the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

“They shall not lament for him, saying,  
 ‘Alas, my brother!’ or  
 ‘Alas, my sister!’  
 They shall not lament for him, saying,  
 ‘Alas, master!’ or  
 ‘Alas, his glory!’ 19  
 He shall be  
 Buried with the burial of a donkey,  
 Dragged and cast out  
 beyond the gates of Jerusalem.  
 20 ¶ [To the nation:]  
 Go up to Lebanon, and cry out, And  
 Lift up your voice in Bashan;  
 Cry from Abarim  
 [“sides/region beyond”],  
 For all your lovers are destroyed. 21  
 I spoke to you in your prosperity,  
 But you said,  
 ‘I will not hear.’  
 This has been your manner  
 from your youth,  
 That you did not obey My voice. 22  
 The wind shall eat up all your rulers,  
 And your lovers shall go into captivity;  
 Surely then you will be  
 ashamed and humiliated  
 For all your wickedness. 23  
 O inhabitant of Lebanon,  
 Making your nest in the cedars,  
 How gracious will you be  
 When pangs come upon you,  
 Like the pain of a woman in labor?”

[Jeremiah 22:24-30 & 23, Aug 11]  
 [Jeremiah 24 moved to Aug 12]  
 [Jeremiah 25 follows 46, on Aug 5]

[Chronological, not canonical, order:]

## Jeremiah 26

[Audio: Steve Gregg Je 24-28]

### Jeremiah 26 608 BC

#### Jeremiah’s Escape from Death

26:1 ¶ In the beginning of the reign of  
 Jehoiakim

the son of Josiah, king of Judah,  
 [J’kim-Reign: 1=JudahYear:368,  
 so 3397 AB = 608 BC, per Jones]  
 [Or, could “the beginning” mean  
 his ascension year rather than his  
 first year? No, not part thereof.]

this word came from YHWH, saying, 2

“Thus says YHWH:

“Stand in the court of YHWH’s house,  
 and speak to all the cities of Judah,  
 which come to worship in YHWH’s  
 house, all the words that I command  
 you to speak to them. Do not dimin-  
 ish a word. 3 Perhaps everyone will  
 listen and turn from his evil way, that  
 I may relent concerning the calamity  
 that I purpose to bring on them be-  
 cause of the evil of their doings. 4 And  
 you shall say to them,

“Thus says YHWH:

“If you will not listen to Me,  
 to walk in My law,  
 which I have set before you, 5  
 to heed the words of My servants  
 the prophets  
 whom I sent to you,  
 both rising up early and sending them  
 (but you have not heeded), 6  
 then I will make this house [Je 7:12]  
 like Shiloh [“place of rest”],  
 and will make this city  
 a curse to all the nations  
 of the lands [earth].”””””””””””

7 ¶ So the priests and the prophets and  
 all the people heard Jeremiah speaking  
 these words in the house of YHWH. 8

Now it happened, when Jeremiah had  
 made an end of speaking all that YHWH  
 had commanded him to speak to all the  
 people, that the priests and the prophets  
 and all the people seized him, saying,

“You will surely die! 9  
 Why have you prophesied in the name  
 of YHWH, saying,  
 ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and  
 this city shall be desolate,  
 without an inhabitant?’”

And all the people were gathered against  
 Jeremiah in the house of YHWH. 10 When  
 the princes of Judah heard these things,  
 they came up from the king’s house to  
 the house of YHWH and sat down in the  
 entry of the New Gate of YHWH’s house.

11 And the priests and the prophets  
 spoke to the princes and all the people,  
 saying,

“This man deserves to die!  
 For he has prophesied against this city,  
 as you have heard with your ears.” 12

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes  
 and all the people, saying:

“YHWH sent me to prophesy  
 against this house and  
 against this city  
 with all the words that you have heard.  
 13 Now therefore,  
 amend your ways and your doings, and  
 obey the voice of YHWH your God;  
 then YHWH will relent concerning the  
 doom that He has pronounced  
 against you. 14

As for me, here I am, in your hand;  
 do with me as seems good and proper  
 to you. 15 But know for certain that

if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly YHWH has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

16 ¶ So the princes and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, “This man does not deserve to die. For he has spoken to us in the name of YHWH our God.” 17 Then certain of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying: 18 “Micah [“who is like (God)”] of Moresheth [“possession of Gath”] prophesied in the days of Hezekiah [“YHWH is my strength”] king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, **“Thus says YHWH of hosts: “Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest.”**” 19

**Micah 3:12 [July 19]**  
Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest.

Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah ever put him to death? Did he not fear YHWH and seek YHWH’s favor? And YHWH relented concerning the doom that He had pronounced against them.

But we are doing great evil against ourselves.” 20

Now there was also a man who prophesied in the name of YHWH, Urijah [“YHWH is my light/flame”] the son of Shemaiah [“YHWH-heard”] of Kirjath Jearim [“city of forests”], who prophesied

against this city and against this land according to [in accord with] all the words of Jeremiah. 21 And when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Urijah heard it, he was afraid and fled, and went to Egypt. 22 Then Jehoiakim the king sent men to Egypt: Elnathan [“given by God”] the son of Achbor [“mouse”], and other men who went with him to Egypt. 23 And they brought Urijah from Egypt and brought him to Jehoiakim the king, who killed him with the sword and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people. 24

Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam [“arisen is my brother”] the son of Shaphan [both involved when the Book of the Law was found and read to Josiah: 2Ki 22:12 || 2Ch 34:20]

was with Jeremiah, so that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

[Jeremiah 27-28 are on Aug 15]

## Habakkuk

[Habakkuk probably prophesied in Jehoakim’s third year, 607 BC, ~2 years after Josiah’s death in 609 BC, and the year before Daniel was taken captive to Babylon, per Jones.]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Hab & Zeph](#)]

### Habakkuk 1

#### The Burden of Habakkuk

1:1 ¶ The burden that the prophet Habakkuk [“embrace”] saw. 2

#### Habakkuk’s Complaint

“O YHWH, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear?

Even cry out to You,

‘Violence!’

And You will not save. 3

Why do You

show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble?

For plundering and violence are before me;

There is strife, and contention arises. 4

Therefore

the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;

Therefore

perverse judgment proceeds.”

5 ¶

#### YHWH’s Reply

[Quoted by Paul in Ac 13:41]

“Look among the nations and watch — Be utterly astounded!

For I will work a work in your days

That you would not believe, though it were told you. 6

For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans [Babylonia], A bitter and hasty nation That marches through the breadth of the lands [earth], To possess dwelling places that are not theirs. 7

They are terrible and dreadful; Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. 8

Their horses also are swifter than leopards, And more fierce than evening wolves.

Their chargers charge ahead; Their cavalry comes from afar; They fly as the eagle that hastens to eat. 9

They all come for violence; Their faces are set like the east wind. They gather captives like sand. 10

They scoff at kings, And princes are scorned by them. They deride every stronghold, For they heap up earthen mounds and seize it. 11

Then [re Nebuchadnezzar?]

His mind changes, and He transgresses; He commits offense, Ascribing this power to his god.”

12 ¶

#### Habakkuk’s Second Complaint

“Are You not from everlasting,

O YHWH my God, my Holy One?

We shall not die.

O YHWH,

You have appointed them for judgment;

O Rock,

You have marked them for correction. 13



**You** are  
of purer eyes than to behold evil, and  
cannot look on wickedness.  
Why do **You**  
look on those  
who deal treacherously, And  
hold **Your** tongue  
when the wicked devours  
A person more righteous than he? 14  
Why do **You** make men  
like fish of the sea,  
like creeping things  
that have no ruler over them? 15  
They take up all of them with a hook,  
They catch them in their net, And  
gather them in their dragnet.  
Therefore they rejoice and are glad. 16  
Therefore they  
sacrifice to their net, And  
burn incense to their dragnet;  
Because by them  
their share is sumptuous And  
their food plentiful. 17  
Shall they therefore  
empty their net, And  
continue to slay nations  
without pity?"

2:1 ¶

## Habakkuk 2

I will  
stand my watch And  
set myself on the rampart, And  
watch to see  
what **He** will say to me, And  
what I will answer  
when I am corrected. 2

## YHWH's Second Reply

**Then** YHWH answered me and said:

"Write the vision And  
Make it plain on tablets,  
That he may run who reads it. 3

[vv3-4 quoted in He 10:37-38]

For the vision is yet  
for an appointed time;  
But at the end  
it will speak, and it will not lie.

Though it tarries, wait for it;  
Because it will surely come,  
It will not tarry. 4

[Quoted by Paul in  
Ga 3:11 and Ro 1:17],

Behold the proud,  
His soul is not upright in him;  
But the just shall live by his faith.

5 ¶

Indeed,  
Because  
he transgresses by wine,  
he is a proud man, And  
he does not stay at home.

Because  
he enlarges his desire  
as Sheol [hell] [the grave],

And  
he is like death,  
and cannot be satisfied,  
he gathers to himself all nations  
and heaps up  
for himself all peoples. 6

Will not all these take up a proverb  
against him, And a taunting riddle  
against him, and say,

'Woe to him who increases  
What is not his — how long?  
And to him who loads himself  
With many pledges?' 7

Will not your creditors rise up suddenly?  
Will they not awaken who oppress you?  
And you will become their booty. 8

Because you have  
plundered many nations,  
All the remnant of the people shall  
plunder you,  
Because of  
men's blood And  
the violence of  
the land and  
the city, And of  
all who dwell in it. 9

**Woe** to him  
Who covets evil gain for his house,  
That he may set his nest on high,  
That he may be delivered  
from the power of disaster! 10

You  
Give shameful counsel to your house,  
Cutting off many peoples, And  
Sin against your soul. 11

For  
the stone  
will cry out  
from the wall, And  
the beam  
from the timbers  
will answer it. 12

**Woe** to him  
Who builds a town with bloodshed,  
Who establishes a city by iniquity! 13  
Behold, is it not of YHWH of hosts That

the peoples  
labor to feed the fire,  
And nations  
weary themselves in vain? 14

For the lands [earth] will be filled  
With the knowledge of  
the glory of YHWH,  
As the waters cover the sea.

15 ¶

**Woe** to him  
Who gives drink to his neighbor,  
Pressing him to your bottle,  
Even to make him drunk,  
That you may look on his nakedness! 16  
You are filled with shame  
instead of glory.  
You also — drink!  
And be exposed as uncircumcised!  
The cup of YHWH's right hand  
will be turned against you,  
And utter shame  
will be on your glory. 17  
For the violence done to Lebanon  
will cover [come upon] you,  
And the plunder of beasts that made  
them afraid [will come upon you],  
Because of  
[your shedding] men's blood And  
the violence of the land and the city,  
And of all who dwell in it. 18

What profit is  
The image,  
That its maker should carve it,  
The molded image, a teacher of lies,  
That the maker of its mold  
should trust in it,  
To make mute idols? 19

**Woe** to him who says to wood,  
'Awake!'  
To silent stone,  
'Arise! It shall teach!'  
Behold,  
It is overlaid with gold and silver,  
Yet in it there is no breath at all. 20  
But YHWH is in His holy temple.  
Let all the lands [earth] keep silence  
before Him."

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3:1 ¶

## Habakkuk 3

### Habakkuk's Poetic Prayer

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet,  
on Shigionoth [“song”]?  
*The meaning is doubtful;  
it is used in the title of Ps 7].* 2

O Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

I have heard your speech *and*  
was afraid;

O Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

revive **Your work**  
**in the midst of the years!**  
**In the midst of the years**  
make it known;  
In **wrath**  
remember **mercy**.

3 ¶

**God** came from Teman [“south”],  
**The Holy One** from Mount Paran  
[“place of caverns”].

### Selah

**His glory** covered the heavens,  
And the land [earth] was full of  
**His praise**. 4  
**His brightness** was like the light;  
**He** had rays *flashing* from **His hand**,  
And there **His power** was hidden. 5  
**Before Him** went pestilence,  
And fever followed at **His feet**. 6  
**He** stood and measured the land [earth];  
**He** looked and startled the nations. And  
The **everlasting mountains**  
were scattered,  
The **perpetual hills**  
bowed.

**His ways are Eternal** [everlasting]. 7

I saw

The tents of Cushan  
in affliction;  
The curtains of the land of Midian  
trembled. 8

O Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
were **You** displeased with the rivers,  
was **Your anger** against the rivers,  
was **Your wrath** against the sea,  
That **You** rode on  
**Your horses**,  
**Your chariots of salvation?** 9  
**Your bow** was made quite ready;  
Oaths were sworn over **Your arrows**.

### Selah

**You** divided the land [earth] with rivers. 10  
The mountains saw **You and** trembled;  
The overflowing of the water passed by.  
The deep uttered its voice,  
And lifted its hands on high. 11  
The **sun** and moon  
stood still in their habitation;  
At the light of  
**Your arrows** they went,  
At the shining of  
**Your glittering spear**. 12  
**You** marched through the land  
in **indignation**;  
**You** trampled the nations  
in **anger**. 13  
**You** went forth  
For the salvation of **Your people**,  
For salvation with **Your Anointed**.  
**You** struck the head  
From the house of the wicked,  
By laying bare  
From **foundation** to neck.  
**Selah** 14

**You** thrust through  
with his own arrows  
The head of his villages.

They came out  
like a whirlwind to scatter me;  
Their rejoicing was  
like feasting on the poor in secret. 15

**You** walked  
Through the sea with **Your horses**,  
Through the heap of great waters.

16 ¶

**When** I heard,  
my body trembled;  
my lips quivered  
at the voice;  
Rottenness entered my bones;  
And I trembled in myself,  
That I might rest **in the day of trouble**.  
**When** he comes up to the people,  
He will invade them with his troops. 17  
Though the fig tree may not blossom,  
Nor fruit be on the vines;  
Though the labor of the olive may fail,  
And the fields yield no food;  
Though the flock may be cut off  
from the fold,  
And there be no herd  
in the stalls — 18 Yet

I will rejoice  
in Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

I will joy  
in the God of my salvation. 19  
Y<sup>HWH</sup> **God** is my strength;  
**He** will make my feet like deer's feet,  
And  
**He** will make me walk on my high hills.

To the Chief Musician.  
With my stringed instruments.

[See continuation chart →]

[Chronological, not canonical, order:]

# Captivity 70 Years

## Daniel 1-3

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Intro](#)]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Da 1-2](#)]

**Daniel 1:1-17** [in Hebrew] **606 BC**  
**Nebuchadnezzar Besieges Jerusalem:**  
**First Siege, then Captivity/Deportat'n**  
1:1 ¶ In the third [3<sup>rd</sup>] year of the reign  
of Jehoiakim king of Judah,

[JudahYear:370,  
so 3399 AB: [2Ki 23:36](#) // [2Ch 36:5](#)  
= 606 BC, per Jones]

**Nebuchadnezzar** [soon-to-be] king of  
**Babylon** [he ascended the throne the  
next year when his father died ([Je 25:1](#)),  
but acted here as commander of the  
**Babylonian army**] came to Jerusalem  
and besieged it. 2 And **the Lord** [[Ad-  
onai](#)] gave Jehoiakim king of Judah  
into his hand, with some of the articles  
of the house of God, which he carried  
into the land of Shinar [“country of two  
rivers” (Tigris, Euphrates); aka Baby-  
lonia, aka Chaldea] to the house of his  
god; and he brought the articles into  
the treasure house of his god.

### Timeline of Daniel 1 ([Jer 25:1](#))

*Babylonian reckoning re Neb. (used  
by Daniel who was in Babylon).*

AB: After Beginning; JY: JudahYear  
BC: Before Christ; AC: accession yr.  
Jkm: Jehoiakim; Dan: Daniel captive  
in Babylon; Neb: Nebuchadnezzar

| AB   | JY  | BC  | Jkm | Neb | Dan |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 3399 | 370 | 606 | 3   | --  | 1   |
| 3400 | 371 | 605 | 4   | AC  | 2   |
| 3401 | 372 | 604 | 5   | 1   | 3   |

### *Nebuchadnezzar Trains Some Israelites*

<sup>3</sup> Then the king instructed Ashpenaz [*"I will make prominent the sprinkled"*], the master of his eunuchs, to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king's descendants and some of the nobles [apparently captured as a result of the v1 siege and made eunuchs], 4

young men in whom there was no blemish, but [who were]

good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand, who had ability to serve in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans. <sup>5</sup> And the king appointed for them a daily provision

of the king's delicacies and of the wine that he drank, and three [3] years of training [606-604 BC] for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king.

### *Sons of Judah in Neb'nezzar's Court*

<sup>6</sup> Now from among those of the sons of Judah were

Daniel [*"God is my judge"*], Hananiah [*"YHWH has favored"*], Mishael [*"who is what God is"*], and Azariah [*"YHWH has helped"*]. <sup>7</sup>

To them the chief of the eunuchs [i.e., they were eunuchs] gave names:

he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar [*"lord of the straitened's (?) treasure"*];

to Hananiah, Shadrach [*"royal" or "the great scribe"*];

to Mishael, Meshach [*"guest of the king"*]; and

to Azariah, Abed-Nego [*"servant of Nebo"*].

### *Daniel Asks to Decline the King's Diet*

<sup>8</sup> But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine that he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. <sup>9</sup> Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs. <sup>10</sup> And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel,

"I fear my lord the king, who has appointed your food and drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the [other] young men who are your age? Then you would endanger my head before the king." <sup>11</sup> So Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, <sup>12</sup> "Please test your servants for ten [10] days, and let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then let our appearance be examined before you, and the appearance of the [other] young men who eat the portion of the king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so deal with your servants." <sup>14</sup>

So he consented with them in this matter, and tested them ten [10] days. <sup>15</sup> And at the end of ten [10] days their features appeared better and fatter in

flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. <sup>16</sup> Thus the steward took away their [the other young men's] portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables [too].

### *The Four Sons of Judah Excel*

<sup>17</sup> ¶ As for these four [4] young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

[Daniel 1:18ff-3:30 are on Aug 7]

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 45-49]

## 46,25,19-20,36,45

Jeremiah 46 605 BC

### *Messages Against the Nations*

<sup>46:1</sup> ¶ The word of YHWH that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations. <sup>2</sup>

### *Message Against Egypt*

Against Egypt. Concerning the army of Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, which was by the River Euphrates in Carchemish, and which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated

in the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: <sup>3</sup>

[JudahYear:371, so 3400 AB: 2Ki 23:36 // 2Ch 36:5 = 605 BC, per Jones]

"Order the buckler and shield, And Draw near to battle! <sup>4</sup> Harness the horses, And Mount up, you horsemen! Stand forth with your helmets,

Polish the spears, Put on the armor! <sup>5</sup> Why have I seen them dismayed and turned back? Their mighty ones are beaten down; They have speedily fled, And did not look back, For fear was all around,"

says YHWH. <sup>6</sup> "Do not let the swift flee away, Nor the mighty man escape; They will stumble and fall Toward the north, By the River Euphrates. <sup>7</sup> Who is this coming up like a flood, Whose waters move like the rivers? <sup>8</sup> Egypt rises up like a flood, And Its waters move like the rivers; And he says, 'I will go up and cover the land [earth] [i.e., Israel], I will destroy the city [i.e., Jerusalem] and its inhabitants.' <sup>9</sup>

Come up, O horses, and Rage, O chariots! And Let the mighty men come forth: The Ethiopians and the Libyans Who handle the shield, And The Lydians [mercenaries] Who handle and bend the bow. <sup>10</sup> For this is [Is 2:12; 13:6,9; ...] The day of the Lord YHWH <sup>8</sup> [Adonai YHWH] of hosts, A day of vengeance,

<sup>8</sup> Note that the context indicates that this "day of YHWH" occurred in 605 BC, when Babylon defeated Egypt at Carchemish on the Euphrates and thereby gained control of Israel and Judah. Thus, "day of YHWH" does not always refer to "end times", as some claim.

That He may **avenge** Himself  
 on His **adversaries**.  
 The sword shall **devour**;  
 It shall be satiated and made drunk  
 with their **blood**;  
 For the **Lord YHWH / Adonai YHWH**  
 of hosts has a sacrifice  
 In the north country  
 By the River Euphrates. 11  
 Go up to **Gilead** and take balm,  
 O virgin, the daughter of **Egypt**;  
 In vain you will use many medicines;  
 You shall **not** be cured.  
 12 ¶  
 The nations have heard of your shame,  
 And your cry has filled the land;  
 For the mighty man has stumbled  
 against the mighty;  
 They both have fallen together.” 13

### Babylon Will Strike Egypt

The word that **YHWH** spoke to Jeremiah  
 the prophet, how **Nebuchadnezzar**  
 king of **Babylon** would come and  
 strike the land of **Egypt**. 14

“Declare in **Egypt**, and  
 Proclaim in **Migdol** [“tower”]  
 [a fortified city on **Egypt’s** border];  
 Proclaim  
 in **Noph** [“presentability”]  
 [ancient **Memphis**] and  
 in **Tahpanhes** [“you will fill hands  
 with pity”; another city in **Egypt**];  
 Say,  
 ‘Stand fast and prepare yourselves,  
 For the sword devours all around you.’ 15  
 Why are your valiant *men* swept away?  
 They did not stand because  
**YHWH** drove them away. 16  
 He made many fall; Yes,  
 one fell upon another.  
 And they said,

‘Arise!  
 Let us go back to our own people  
 And to the land of our nativity  
 From the oppressing sword.’ 17  
 They cried there,  
 ‘Pharaoh, king of **Egypt**,  
 is but a noise.  
 He has passed by  
 the appointed time!’ 18  
 As I live,”  
 says the **King**,  
 Whose name is **YHWH of hosts**,  
 “Surely  
 as **Tabor** is among the mountains And  
 as [Mount] **Carmel** by the sea,  
 so he shall come. 19  
 O you daughter dwelling in **Egypt**,  
 Prepare yourself to go into captivity!  
 For **Noph** shall be waste and desolate,  
 without inhabitant. 20  
**Egypt** is a very pretty heifer,  
 But destruction comes,  
 it comes from the north. 21  
 Also her mercenaries are in her midst  
 like fat bulls,  
 For they also are turned back,  
 They have fled away together.  
 They did not stand,  
 For  
**The day of their calamity**  
 had come upon them,  
**The time of their punishment**. 22  
 Her noise shall go like a serpent,  
 For they shall march with an army  
 And come against her with axes  
 Like those who chop wood. 23  
 They shall cut down her forest,”  
 says **YHWH**,  
 “ Though it cannot be searched,  
 Because they are innumerable,  
 And more numerous  
 than grasshoppers. 24

The daughter of **Egypt**  
 shall be ashamed;  
 She shall be delivered into the hand  
 Of the people of the north.” 25  
**YHWH of hosts**, [^ **Babylon**: v.26]  
**The God of Israel**, says:  
 “Behold,  
 I will bring punishment on  
 Amon [“to nourish, to be faithful”]  
 [the god (NIV, NLT, MSG)] of **No**  
 [“disrupting”; ancient **Thebes**], and  
 Pharaoh and **Egypt**, [Ex 12:12]  
 with their gods and their kings —  
 Pharaoh and those who trust in him. 26  
 And I will deliver them  
 into the hand of those  
 who seek their lives,  
 into the hand of **Nebuchadnezzar**  
 king of **Babylon** and  
 the hand of his servants.  
 Afterward it shall be inhabited  
 as in the days of old,”  
 says **YHWH**. 27

### But Israel Will Eventually Be Saved

“But do not fear, O **My servant Jacob**,  
 And do not be dismayed, O **Israel**!  
 For behold, I will save [30:11-12]  
 you from afar, And  
 your offspring  
 from the land of their captivity;  
**Jacob** shall  
 return,  
 have rest, and  
 be at ease; [after 70 years: Je 25]  
 No one shall make *him* afraid. 28  
 Do not fear, O **Jacob My servant**,”  
 says **YHWH**,  
 “For I am with you;  
 For I will make  
 a complete end of all the nations  
 to which I have driven you,

But I will not make  
 a complete end of you.  
 I will rightly correct you, For  
 I will not leave you wholly unpunished.”  
 [Jeremiah 47-48 moved to Aug 3]

[Chronological, not canonical, order:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Je 24-28]

**Jeremiah 25** 605 BC

### Seventy Years of Servitude

25:1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah  
 concerning all the people of **Judah**,  
 in the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] year of **Jehoiakim** the  
 son of **Josiah**, king of **Judah** (which was  
 the first [1<sup>st</sup>] year of **Nebuchadnezzar**  
 king of **Babylon** [by Jewish reckoning]),  
 [JudahYear:371, [Da 1:1]  
 so 3400 AB: 2Ki 23:36 || 2Ch 36:5  
 = 605 BC, per Jones]

[So, **Nebuchadnezzar** ascended to  
 the throne of **Babylon** during **Jehoiakim’s**  
 third year and the fourth was  
**Nebuchadnezzar’s** first full year  
 (BC rather than AB) to reign.] 2

which **Jeremiah** the prophet spoke  
 to all the people of **Judah** and  
 to all the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**,  
 saying: 3

“From the thirteenth [13<sup>th</sup>] year of **Josiah**  
 the son of **Amon**, king of **Judah**,  
 [JudahYear:348,  
 so 3377 AB = 628 BC (Jer 1:2);  
 which began the 40-year period  
 referenced in Eze 4:6, Aug 16]

even to this day, this is  
 the twenty-third [23<sup>rd</sup>] year in which  
 the word of **YHWH** has come to me  
 [Josiah’s 13<sup>th</sup> = Jeremiah’s 1<sup>st</sup>, and  
**Josiah** ruled 31 years (2Ki 22:1),  
 so 12+23-31=4; thus **Jehoiakim’s**  
 4<sup>th</sup> year: JudahYear:371, 3400 AB,  
 = 605 BC, per Jones];

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and I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, but you have not listened. 4 And YHWH has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear. 5 They said,

‘Repent now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings, and dwell in the land that YHWH has given to you and your fathers forever and ever. 6 Do not go after other gods to serve them and worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will not harm you.’ 7

‘Yet you have not listened to Me’, says YHWH, ‘that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.’

8 ¶ Therefore thus says YHWH of hosts: ‘Because you have not heard My words, 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north’,

says YHWH, ‘and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10

Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth [1<sup>st</sup> of 3] and the voice of gladness, [Is 24:11]

the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, [Re 18:23] the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp. 11

And this whole land shall be a desolation and [Is 47:11] an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy [70] years. 12 [Hence, 70 years of Servitude by “these nations”: vv18-26.]

Then it will come to pass, when seventy [70] years are completed, that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity’,

says YHWH; [Babylon later fell to Medo-Persia, in 539BC, seventy years after defeating Assyria in 609 BC (2Ch 35:20, Nahum note). Cyrus’ decree that freed the Jews to go home to “build a house [nation] at Jerusalem” (Ezra 1:2 || 2Ch 36:23; Ne 7:6-13:6) was later, in 536 BC, so The Captivity (Je 29:10) started in 606 BC at the first captivity when Daniel was taken and ended in 536 BC.]

‘and I will make it a perpetual desolation. 13 So I will bring on that land all My words

that I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book

that Jeremiah has prophesied concerning all the nations. 14

(For many nations and great kings shall be served by them also; and

I will repay them according to their deeds and

according to the works of their own hands.)”

## August 6

[Audio: Steve Gregg Je 24-28]

Jeremiah 25:15

The Cup of YHWH’s Anger on All the Nations

15 ¶ For thus says YHWH God of Israel to me: [Ps 75:8; Re 14:10]

“Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and

Cause all the nations, to whom I send you,

to drink it. 16

And they will

drink and

stagger and

go mad

Because of the sword

that I will send among them.” 17

Then I took the cup from YHWH’s hand, and made all the nations drink,

to whom YHWH had sent me: 18

Jerusalem and the cities of Judah,

its kings and its princes,

to make them

a desolation,

an astonishment,

a hissing, and

a curse,

as it is this day; 19

Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants,

his princes, and all his people; 20

all the mixed multitude,

all the kings of the land of Uz,

all the kings of the land of

the Philistines

(namely, Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron,

and the remnant of Ashdod); 21

Edom,

Moab, and

the people of Ammon; 22

all the kings of Tyre,

all the kings of Sidon, and — the kings of the coastlands that are across the sea; 23

Dedan,

Tema,

Buz, and

all who are in the farthest corners; 24

all the kings of Arabia and

all the kings of the mixed multitude

who dwell in the desert; 25

all the kings of Zimri,

all the kings of Elam [Persia], and

all the kings of the Medes; 26

all the kings of the north, far and near,

one with another; and

all the kingdoms of the world that are

on the face of the lands [earth].

Also

the king of Sheshach [cf. 51:41]

[Babylon (RSV, NLT, MSG)]

shall drink after them. 27

“Therefore you shall say to them,

“Thus says YHWH of hosts,

the God of Israel:

“Drink, be drunk, and vomit!

Fall and rise no more,

because of the sword that

I will send among you.” 28

And it shall be, if they refuse to take

the cup from your hand to drink,

then you shall say to them,

“Thus says YHWH of hosts:

“You shall certainly drink! 29

For behold,

I begin to bring calamity on the city

that is called by My name,

and should you be utterly unpunished?

You shall not be unpunished, for

I will call for a sword on all the

inhabitants of the lands [earth]”,

says YHWH of hosts.’

30 ¶

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Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them: YHWH will roar from on high, And utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will give a shout, as those who tread the grapes, Against all the inhabitants of the lands [earth]. 31 A noise will come to the ends of the lands [earth] — For YHWH has a controversy with the nations; He will plead His case with all flesh. He will give those who are wicked to the sword, says YHWH.” 32

**Thus says YHWH of hosts:**

“Behold, disaster shall go forth From nation to nation, And A great whirlwind shall be raised up From the farthest parts of the lands [earth]. 33 And At that day The slain of YHWH shall be From one end of the land [earth] even to the other end of the land [earth]. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; They shall become refuse on the ground. 34 Wail, shepherds, and cry! Roll about in the ashes, You leaders of the flock! For the days of your slaughter and your dispersions are fulfilled;

You shall fall like a precious vessel. 35 And the shepherds will have no way to flee, Nor the leaders of the flock to escape. 36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and A wailing of the leaders to the flock will be heard. For YHWH has plundered their pasture, 37 And the peaceful dwellings are cut down Because of the fierce anger of YHWH. 38 He has left His lair like the lion; For their land is desolate Because of the fierceness of the Oppressor, And Because of His fierce anger.”

*[Jeremiah 26 follows 22:23, Aug 4]*

**[Chronological, not canonical, order:]**  
*[19:1-20:18 may have been given shortly after the Babylonians defeated Egypt at Carchemish in 605 BC.]*  
*[Audio: S. Gregg Je 17-20]*

**Jeremiah 19**  
**Jeremiah's Shattered Flask**  
 19:1 ¶ **Thus says YHWH:**  
 “Go and get a potter's earthen flask, and take some of the elders of the people and some of the elders of the priests. 2 And go out to the Valley of the Son of Hinnom [“lamentation”; re Molech worship outside Jerusalem], which is by the entry of the Potsherd Gate; and proclaim there the words that I will tell you, 3 and say, ‘Hear the word of YHWH, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem.

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

“Behold, I will bring such a catastrophe on this place, that whoever hears of it, his ears will tingle. 4 Because they have forsaken Me and made this an alien place, Because they have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they, their fathers, nor the kings of Judah have known, and have filled this place with the blood of the innocents 5 [Compare vv5-7 with 7:31-33] — they have also built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or speak, nor did it come into My mind, 6 Therefore behold, the days are coming”, says YHWH, “that this place shall no more be called Tophet [“place of burning/fire”] or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but [^ NT Greek: Ge Henna] the Valley of Slaughter. 7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies and by the hands of those who seek their lives;

Their corpses I will give as meat for the birds of the heaven and for the beasts of the land [earth]. 8 I will make this city desolate and a hissing; everyone who passes by it will be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues. 9 And I will cause them to eat [De 28:53-55] the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and everyone shall eat the flesh of his friend in the [third (Je 52:4-27)?] siege and in the desperation with which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall drive them to despair.”

10 ¶ Then you shall break the flask in the sight of the men who go with you, 11 and say to them, **Thus says YHWH of hosts:** “Even so I will break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury them in Tophet till there is no place to bury. 12 Thus I will do to this place”, says YHWH, “and to its inhabitants, and make this city like Tophet. 13 And the houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah shall be defiled like the place of Tophet,

because of all the houses  
on whose roofs  
they have  
burned incense  
to all the **host** of heaven, and  
poured out drink offerings  
to other gods.”” 14

**Then** Jeremiah came from Tophet,  
where **YHWH** had sent him to prophesy;  
and he stood in the court of **YHWH's**  
**house** and said to all the people, 15  
“**Thus says YHWH of hosts,**  
**the God of Israel:**

‘Behold, I will bring  
on this city and  
on all her towns  
all the doom that I have pronounced  
against it, because they have stiffened  
their necks that they might not hear  
**My words.**”

## Jeremiah 20 Jeremiah and Pashur

20:1 ¶ **Now** Pashur [“freedom”]  
the son of Immer [“he has said”],  
the priest who was also chief governor  
in **the house of YHWH**,  
heard that Jeremiah prophesied these  
things. 2 **Then** Pashur struck Jeremiah  
the prophet, and put him in the stocks  
that were in the high gate of Benjamin,  
which was by **the house of YHWH**. 3  
And it happened **on the next day** that  
Pashur brought Jeremiah out of the  
stocks. **Then** Jeremiah said to him,  
“**YHWH** has not called your name  
Pashur, but  
Magor-Missabib  
[“fear/terror on every side”]. 4  
For **thus says YHWH:**

‘Behold,  
I will make you a **terror**  
to yourself and  
to all your friends; and  
they shall fall by the sword  
of their enemies, and  
your eyes shall see it.  
I will give all Judah into the hand of  
the king of Babylon, and he shall  
carry them captive [Is 39:6]  
to **Babylon** and  
slay them with the sword. 5

Moreover  
I will deliver  
all the wealth of **this city**,  
all its produce, and  
all its precious things;  
all the treasures of the kings of **Judah**  
I will give into the hand of  
their enemies, who will  
plunder them,  
seize them, and  
carry them to **Babylon**. 6  
And you, Pashur,  
and all who dwell in your house,  
shall go into captivity; you  
shall go to **Babylon**, and there you  
shall die, and be buried there, you  
and all your friends, to whom  
you have prophesied lies.”

## Jeremiah's First Complaint

7 ¶ O **YHWH**,  
**You** induced me,  
and I was persuaded;  
**You** are stronger than I,  
and have prevailed.  
I am in derision **daily**;  
Everyone mocks me. 8  
For **when** I spoke,  
I cried out;

I shouted [*in summary*],  
“Violence and plunder!”  
Because **the word of YHWH**  
Was made to me  
A reproach and a derision **daily**. 9  
**Then** I said,  
“I will not make mention of **Him**,  
Nor speak anymore in **His name**.”  
But **His** word was in my heart  
Like **a burning fire**  
Shut up in my bones;  
I was weary of holding it back, And  
I could not. 10 [Am 3:8; Job 32:18]  
For I heard many mocking:  
“Fear on every side!” [v3b]  
“Report,” they say,  
“and we will report it!”  
All my acquaintances watched for my  
stumbling, saying,  
“Perhaps he can be induced; **then**  
we will prevail against him, and  
we will take our revenge on him.” 11  
But **YHWH** is with me  
as **a mighty, awesome One**.  
Therefore my persecutors  
will stumble, and  
will not prevail. They  
will be greatly ashamed, for they  
will not prosper.  
Their **everlasting** confusion  
will **never** be forgotten. 12  
But, O **YHWH** of hosts, **You** who  
test **the righteous**, And  
see the mind and heart,  
Let me see **Your vengeance** on them;  
For I have pleaded my cause  
**before You**. 13  
**Sing to YHWH!**  
**Praise YHWH!**  
For **He** has delivered  
the life of the poor

from the hand of evildoers.  
14 ¶  
Cursed **be the day** [Job 3:1-10]  
**in which I was born!** [15:10]  
Let the day not be blessed  
**in which my mother bore me!** 15  
Let the man **be cursed**  
Who brought news to my father,  
saying,  
“A male child has been born to you!”  
Making him very glad. 16 And  
Let that man be like the cities  
**That YHWH** overthrew,  
and did not relent;  
Let him hear **in the morning**  
the cry And  
the shouting **at noon**, 17  
Because he did not kill me  
from the womb,  
**That my mother might have been**  
**my grave**, And her womb  
**always** enlarged with me. 18  
Why did I come forth  
from the womb  
to see labor and sorrow,  
That **my days** should be  
consumed with shame?  
[Jeremiah 21 delayed to Aug 23]  
[Jeremiah 22:1-23 moved to Aug 4]  
[Jeremiah 22:24-30 & 23, Aug 11]  
[Jeremiah 24 moved to Aug 12]  
[Jeremiah 25 follows 46, on Aug 5]  
[Jeremiah 26 follow 22:23, Aug 4]  
[Jeremiah 27-28 are on Aug 15]  
[Jeremiah 29-31 start on Aug 12]  
[Jeremiah 32 delayed to Aug 23]  
[Jeremiah 33 delayed to Aug 24]  
[Jeremiah 34 delayed to Aug 23]  
[Jeremiah 35 follows 18, Aug 11]

[Audio: Steve Gregg: Je 33-36]

**Chronological, not canonical, order:]**  
**Jeremiah 36:1-8** **605 BC**  
**Baruch Reads YHWH's Message**

36:1 ¶ Now it came to pass  
in the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] year of Jehoiakim  
the son of Josiah, king of Judah,  
[JudahYear:371,  
so 3400 AB = 605 BC, per Jones]  
that this word came to Jeremiah from  
YHWH, saying: 2

“Take a scroll of a book and write on it  
all the words that I have spoken to you  
against Israel,  
against Judah, and  
against all the nations,

from the day I spoke to you,  
from the days of Josiah [15<sup>th</sup> yr on:]  
even to this day. 3 [1:2, 25:3]

It may be that the house of Judah will  
hear all the adversities that I purpose  
to bring upon them, that everyone may  
turn from his evil way, that I may for-  
give their iniquity and their sin.” 4

Then Jeremiah called Baruch [“blessed”]  
the son of Neriah [“YHWH's lamp”]; and  
Baruch wrote on a scroll of a book, at  
the instruction of Jeremiah, all the words  
of YHWH that He had spoken to him. 5  
And Jeremiah commanded Baruch,  
saying,

“I am confined, I cannot go into the  
house of YHWH. 6 You go, therefore,  
and read from the scroll that you have  
written at my instruction, the words  
of YHWH, in the hearing of the people  
in YHWH's house on the day of fasting  
[Atonement: Le 16:29-30; 23:27-31;  
Nu 29:7, Ac 27:9]. And you shall also  
read them in the hearing of all Judah  
who come from their cities. 7 It may  
be that they will present their suppli-

cation before YHWH and everyone will  
turn from his evil way. For great is  
the anger and the fury that YHWH has  
pronounced against this people.” 8

And Baruch the son of Neriah did accord-  
ing to all that Jeremiah the prophet  
commanded him, reading from the book  
the words of YHWH in YHWH's house.

[36:9ff continue to the right ↗]  
[Audio: S. Gregg Je 45-49]

**Chronological, not canonical, order:]**  
**Jeremiah 45** **605 BC**

**A Message for Baruch**

45:1 ¶ The word that Jeremiah the prophet  
spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah,  
when he had written these words in a  
book at the instruction of Jeremiah,  
in the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] year of Jehoiakim  
the son of Josiah, king of Judah,

[J'kim-Reign:4=JudahYear:371,  
so 3400 AB = 605 BC, per Jones]

saying, 2  
“Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, to  
you, O Baruch: 3

“You said,  
“Woe is me now! For YHWH has added  
grief to my sorrow. I fainted in my  
sighing, and I find no rest.” 4

Thus you shall say to him,  
“Thus says YHWH:

“Behold,  
what I have built I will break down, and  
what I have planted I will pluck up,  
that is, this whole land. 5

And do you seek  
great things for yourself?  
Do not seek them; for behold,  
I will bring adversity on all flesh,”  
says YHWH.

“But I will give your life to you as a  
prize in all places, wherever you go.””

[Jeremiah 46 precedes 25, Aug 5]  
[Audio: Steve Gregg: Je 33-36]

**Jeremiah 36:9-32** **604 BC**  
**Baruch Again Reads YHWH's Message**

9 ¶ Now it came to pass  
in the fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] year of Jehoiakim  
the son of Josiah, king of Judah,  
in the ninth [9<sup>th</sup>] month,

[J'kim-05/09/xx: JudahYear:372,  
so 3401 AB = 604 BC, per Jones]

that they proclaimed a fast before  
YHWH to all the people in Jerusalem,  
and to all the people who came from  
the cities of Judah to Jerusalem. 10

Then Baruch [2<sup>nd</sup> time] read from the  
book the words of Jeremiah in the  
house of YHWH, in the chamber of  
Gemariah [“YHWH has accomplished”]  
the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the  
upper court at the entry of the New  
Gate of YHWH's house, in the hearing  
of all the people. 11

When Michaiah  
[“who is like YHWH”] the son of Gema-  
riah, the son of Shaphan, heard all the  
words of YHWH from the book, 12 he  
then went down to the king's house,  
into the scribe's chamber; and there  
all the princes were sitting —

Elishama [“heard by my God”]  
the scribe,  
Delaiah [“YHWH has drawn”] the son  
of Shemaiah [“YHWH has heard”],  
Elnathan [“given by God”]  
the son of Achbor [“mouse”],  
Gemariah [“YHWH has accomplished”]  
the son of Shaphan  
[“rock badger/coney/hyrax”],  
Zedekiah [“YHWH is righteous”]  
the son of Hananiah  
[“YHWH has favored”], and  
all the princes. 13

Then Michaiah [“YHWH-like”] declared  
to them [a summary of?] all the words  
that he had heard when Baruch read  
the book in the hearing of the people. 14  
Therefore all the princes sent

Jehudi [“Jew”]  
the son of Nethaniah [“YHWH-given”],  
the son of Shelemiah [“YHWH-repaid”],  
the son of Cushai [“their blackness”],  
to Baruch, saying,

“Take in your hand the scroll from  
which you have read in the hearing  
of the people, and come.”

So Baruch the son of Neriah took the  
scroll in his hand and came to them. 15  
And they said to him,

“Sit down now, and  
read it in our hearing.”

So Baruch [3<sup>rd</sup> time] read it in their  
hearing. 16 Now it happened, when  
they had heard all the words, that they  
looked in fear from one to another, and  
said to Baruch,

“We will surely tell the king  
of all these words.” 17

And they asked Baruch, saying,  
“Tell us now, how did you write all  
these words — at his instruction?” 18

So Baruch answered them,  
“He proclaimed with his mouth all  
these words to me, and I wrote them  
with ink in the book.” 19

Then the princes said to Baruch,  
“Go and hide, you and Jeremiah; and  
let no one know where you are.”

20 ¶ And they went to the king, into the  
court; but they stored the scroll in the  
chamber of Elishama the scribe, and  
told [a summary of] all the words in  
the hearing of the king.



## King Jehoiakim Burns the Scroll

21 So the king sent Jehudi to bring the scroll, and he took it from Elishama-the-scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the hearing of the king and in the hearing of all the princes who stood beside the king. 22 Now the king was sitting in the winter house in the ninth [9<sup>th</sup>] month [~December, J'kim-05/09/dd.], with a fire burning on the hearth before him. 23 And it happened, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire that was on the hearth. 24 Yet they were not afraid, nor did they tear their garments, the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words. 25 Nevertheless, Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah, implored the king not to burn the scroll; but he would not listen to them. 26 And the king commanded Jerahmeel ["may God have pity"]

the king's son, Seraiah ["Y<sup>HWH</sup> is ruler"] the son of Azriel ["my help is God"], and Shelemiah ["Y<sup>HWH</sup>-repaid"] the son of Abdeel ["servant of God"], to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but Y<sup>HWH</sup> hid them.

## Jeremiah Rewrites the Scroll

27 Now after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch had written at the instruction of Jeremiah, the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup> came to Jeremiah, saying: 28

"Take yet another scroll, and write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah has burned. 29 And you shall say to Jehoiakim king of Judah,

"Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>:

"You have burned this scroll, saying, 'Why have you written in it that the king of Babylon will certainly come and destroy this land, and cause man and beast to cease from here [Jer 25:9]?'"<sup>30</sup>

Therefore thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup> concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah:

"He shall have no one [no son] to sit on the throne of David, and his dead body shall be cast out to the heat of the day and the frost of the night. 31

I will punish him, his family, and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring on them, on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and on the men of Judah all the doom that I have pronounced against them; but [that] they did not heed."<sup>32</sup>

Then Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it at the instruction of Jeremiah all the words of the book that Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And besides, there were added to them many similar words. [Jeremiah 37 delayed to Aug 23]

## August 7

[Daniel 1:1-17 are on Aug 5]

Daniel 1:18-21 [in Hebrew] 604 BC

### The Four Sons of Judah Examined

18 Now at the end of the days [three years (1:5), late 604 BC], when the king had said that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19 Then the king interviewed them, and among them all, none was found like

Daniel,  
Hananiah,  
Mishael, and  
Azariah;

therefore they served before the king. 20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten [10] times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm. 21 Thus Daniel continued until the first [1<sup>st</sup>] year of King Cyrus.<sup>9</sup>

[cf. Ezra 1:1 || 2Ch 36:22: 536 BC; hence Daniel's story goes from 606 to 536 — 70 years, coinciding with The 70-year Captivity prophesied by Jeremiah in ~596 BC: Jer 29:12ff.]

<sup>9</sup> Cyrus [Hebrew Ko'resh] was the celebrated "King of Persia (Elam)", conqueror of Babylon. The son of Cambyses, the prince of Persia, he was born ~599 BC. In 559 BC, he became king of Persia when he added to it the kingdom of Media (partly by conquest) to make the Medo-Persian empire. Cyrus was a great military leader, bent on universal conquest. Babylon fell before his army on the night of Belshazzar's feast [Da 5:30] (539 BCG (Gregorian)); and he added to his empire the ancient dominion of Assyria [cf. Is 21:2 "Go up, O Elam"].

[Audio: Steve Gregg Da 1-2]

Daniel 2 [in Aramaic] 604 BC

### Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

2:1 ¶ Now in the second [2<sup>nd</sup>] year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign [Neb-02],

[=J'kim-Reign:5=JudahYear:372, so 3401 AB = 604 BC: Jer 25:1]

Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him. 2 Then the king gave the command to call

the magicians,  
the astrologers,  
the sorcerers, and  
the Chaldeans

to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. 3 And the king said to them,

"I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream." 4

Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic [this chap. is in Aramaic],

"O king, live forever!

Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation." 5

The "first year of Cyrus" [Da 1:21 above, Ezra 1:1 || 2Ch 36:22] is not the year (a) of his elevation to power over the Medes, nor (b) over the Persians, nor (c) of the fall of Babylon, but the year succeeding the two [2] years during which Darius the Mede was viceroy in Babylon after its fall. Only then, when Palestine became a part of his Babylonian empire in 536 BC, did Cyrus become actual king over Palestine, and then he issued the decree of liberation to the Jews [Ezra 1:1-2 || 2Ch 36:22-23]. [Cf. The On-line Bible for more.]

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The king answered and said to the Chaldeans,

“My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap. <sup>6</sup> However, if you tell the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive from me gifts, rewards, and great honor. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation.” <sup>7</sup>

They answered again and said,

“Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will give its interpretation.” <sup>8</sup>

The king answered and said,

“I know for certain that you would gain [NLT: stall for] time, because you see that my decision is firm: <sup>9</sup> if you do not make known the dream to me, there is only one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed [NLT: in hopes that something will change]. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can give me its interpretation.” <sup>10</sup>

The Chaldeans answered the king, and said,

“There is not a man on land [earth] who can tell the king’s matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean. <sup>11</sup>

It is a difficult [NLT: impossible] thing that the king requests, and there is no other who can tell it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.” <sup>12</sup>

For this reason the king was angry and very furious, and gave a command to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. <sup>13</sup> So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.

<sup>14</sup> ¶ Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel answered Arioch [“lion-like”], the captain of the king’s guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon; <sup>15</sup> he answered and said to Arioch the king’s captain,

“Why is the decree from the king so urgent?”

Then Arioch made the decision known to Daniel. <sup>16</sup> So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation. <sup>17</sup> Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to

Hananiah,  
Mishael, and  
Azariah,

his companions, <sup>18</sup> that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. <sup>19</sup>

Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven. <sup>20</sup> Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,

For wisdom and might are His. <sup>21</sup> And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives

wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those

who have understanding. <sup>22</sup>

He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness,

And light dwells with Him. <sup>23</sup>

I thank You and praise You,

O God of my fathers; You

have given me

wisdom and might, and

have now made known to me

what we asked of You, For You

have made known to us

the king’s demand.”

### Daniel Interprets the Dream

<sup>24</sup> ¶ Therefore Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went and said thus to him:

“Do not destroy the wise men of Babylon; take me before the king, and I will tell the king the interpretation.” <sup>25</sup>

Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel before the king, and said thus to him,

“I have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king the interpretation.” <sup>26</sup>

The king answered and said to Daniel, whose [Babylonian] name was Belteshazzar,

“Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen, and its interpretation?” <sup>27</sup>

Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said,

“The secret

that the king has demanded,

the wise men,

the astrologers,

the magicians, and

the soothsayers

cannot declare to the king. <sup>28</sup> But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days [context: 604 BC until the first advent of Christ, and beyond]. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: <sup>29</sup>

As for you, O king, thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this [from this time (604 BC) on]; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be [in the future]. <sup>30</sup> But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for our sakes who make known the interpretation to the king [i.e., Daniel and his three companions], and that you may know the thoughts of your heart.

[Next, the text of the description of the dream and its interpretation appear side by side — to make it easy to see exactly how they correspond. If you prefer to just read the story, read first column 1, then column 3, then column 2, then column 4, on the next page.]

## The Dream

31 ¶ You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image!

This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. 32

This image's head was of fine gold,

its chest and arms of silver,

its belly and thighs of bronze, 33

its legs of iron,

its feet

partly of iron and partly of clay.

## The Interpretation

36b Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king:

37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; 38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven,

He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all — you are this head of gold. 39

But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another,

a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the land [earth].

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. 41

Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and

partly fragile. 43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

## The Dream (continued)

[Audio: S. Gregg [Da 2:44-2:49](#)]

34 You watched while a stone was cut out \_\_\_\_\_ without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold

were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole land [earth]. 36a

This is the dream.

## The Interpretation (continued)

44 And in the days of these [latter, iron] kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom [Kingdom of God] that shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom [of God] shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these [human-led] kingdoms [gold, silver, bronze, iron, iron-clay], and it shall stand forever. 45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone [Messiah] was cut out of the mountain without hands [i.e., by God],

and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, [possible copyist error?] the clay, the silver, and the gold [i.e., the kingdoms of men].

[← the Messiah, Christ]  
[← the Church, the Body of Christ]

The great God has made known to [you] the king what will come to pass after this [from this time (604 BC) on]. The dream is certain, and Its interpretation is sure.”

### History tells us:

Gold = Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon  
Silver = Cyrus/Darius, Medo-Persia  
Bronze = Alexander the Great, Greece  
Iron = Caesar, Rome [initially strong]  
Stone = Messiah (Christ), Christianity [i.e., the Kingdom of God]  
Iron+Clay = Later Caesars, Rome [some strong, some weak]

### Date Begun:

606 BC (year of his ascension)  
539 BC  
331 BC  
63 BC (49 BC – Julius Caesar)  
AD 30 to now and forever

AD 68

### *Nebuchadnezzar's Reward to Daniel*

46 ¶ **Then King Nebuchadnezzar** fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. 47 **The king** answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God **is the God of gods, the Lord [Aramaic: Mawray] of kings,** and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret." 48

**Then the king** promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts; and he made him ruler [*chief administrator*] over the whole province of Babylon, and [*at, perhaps, ~20 yrs old*] chief administrator over all the wise men of Babylon. 49

Also Daniel petitioned **the king,** and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of **the king** [*i.e., the king's court, late 604 BC*]. [*But apparently, Nebuchadnezzar got carried away with the idea that he was the head of gold, to wit:*]  
[Audio: S. Gregg [Da 3-4](#)]

### **Daniel 3 [in Aramaic]** *Nebuchadnezzar's Image of Gold*

3:1 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar the king made an **image of gold,** whose height was sixty [60] cubits [*~90 feet*] and its width six [6] cubits [*~9 feet*]. He set it up in the plain of Dura [*"dwelling"*], in the province of Babylon. 2 And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to gather together

the satraps [*each the head of a Persian province*], the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces,

to come to the dedication of **the image** **that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.** 3 So

the satraps, the administrators, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of **the image**

**that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up;** and they stood before **the image** **that \_\_\_ Nebuchadnezzar had set up.**

4 **Then** a herald cried aloud: "To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5 **that** at **the time** you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship **the gold image**

that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; 6 and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast **immediately** into the midst of **a burning fiery furnace.**" 7

So **at that time,** when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, and lyre,

in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped **the gold image**

**that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.** 8 ¶ Therefore **at that time** certain Chaldeans came forward and accused the Jews. 9

They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! 10

You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship **the gold image;** 11

'and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast **into the midst of a burning fiery furnace**.' 12

There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego; these men,

O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship **the gold image** **that you have set up.**" 13

**Then** Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and fury, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

So they brought these men **before the king.** 14 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them,

"*Is it true,* Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, *that* you do not serve my gods or worship **the gold image** **that I have set up?** 15

**Now** if you are ready **at the time** you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship **the image** **that I have made,** good!



But if you do not worship,  
you shall be cast immediately into  
the midst of a burning fiery furnace.  
And who is the god who will deliver  
you from my hands?" 16

Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego  
answered and said to the king,  
"O Nebuchadnezzar,  
we have no need to answer you in this  
matter. 17 If that is the case, our God  
whom we serve is able to deliver us  
from the burning fiery furnace, and  
He will deliver us from your hand,  
O king. 18  
But if not, let it be known to you,  
O king,  
that we do not serve your gods,  
nor will we worship  
the gold image  
that you have set up."

### **The Blazing Furnace**

19 ¶ Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of  
fury, and the expression on his face  
changed toward  
Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego.  
He spoke and commanded that they  
heat the furnace seven [7] times more  
than it was usually heated. 20 And he

commanded certain mighty men of  
valor who were in his army to bind  
Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego,  
and cast them into the burning fiery  
furnace. 21 Then these men  
were bound in  
their coats,  
their trousers,  
their turbans, and  
their other garments, and  
were cast into the midst of the burning  
fiery furnace. 22 Therefore, because the  
king's command was urgent, and the  
furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of  
the fire killed those men who took up  
Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego. 23  
And these three [3] men,  
Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego,  
fell down bound into the midst of the  
burning fiery furnace. 24 Then King  
Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and  
he rose in haste and spoke, saying to  
his counselors,  
"Did we not cast three [3] men bound  
into the midst of the fire?"  
They answered and said to the king,  
"True, O king." 25

"Look!";  
he answered,  
"I see four [4] men loose, walking in  
the midst of the fire; and they are not  
hurt, and the form of the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>]  
is like the Son of God [NAS, RSV, YLT,  
NIV, MSG: a son of the gods]." 26  
Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the  
mouth of the burning fiery furnace and  
spoke, saying,  
"Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego,  
servants of the Most High God,  
come out, and come here."  
Then  
Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego  
came from the midst of the fire. 27  
And the  
satraps,  
administrators,  
governors, and the  
king's counselors  
gathered together, and they saw these  
men on whose bodies the fire had no  
power; the hair of their head was not  
singed nor were their garments affected,  
and the smell of fire was not on them  
[cf. He 11:34].  
[Below is a poem for children:  
"Three Men Who Walked in Fire".]

28 ¶ Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying,  
"Blessed be the God of  
Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego,  
who sent His Angel [Messenger] and  
delivered His servants who trusted in  
Him, and they have frustrated the  
king's word, and yielded their bodies,  
that they should not serve nor worship  
any god except their own God! 29  
Therefore I make a decree that any  
people,  
nation, or  
language  
that speaks anything amiss against  
the God of  
Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego  
shall be cut in pieces, and their houses  
shall be made an ash heap; because  
there is no other God who can deliver  
like this." 30  
Then the king promoted  
Shadrach,  
Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego  
in the province of Babylon.

[Daniel 4 is in Ezekiel, on Sep 3]

# August 8

[Back to Jeremiah]

[Jeremiah probably gave these next prophecies in the years before 597 BC, when Nebuchadnezzar again captured Jerusalem — starting A 2<sup>nd</sup> Captivity (no signal for its end in 527 BC).]

## Jeremiah 7-18

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 6-8](#)]

### Jeremiah 7

#### Jeremiah Speaks at the Temple

7:1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah from Y<sup>HWH</sup>, saying, 2

“Stand in the gate of Y<sup>HWH</sup>’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, ‘Hear the word of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, all you of Judah who enter in at these gates to worship Y<sup>HWH</sup>!’” 3

Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup> of hosts, the God of Israel:

“Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Do not trust in these lying words, saying, ‘The temple of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, The temple of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, The temple of Y<sup>HWH</sup> are these.’ 5

For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, [↓ justice] if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, 6 if you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood

in this place, or walk after other gods to your hurt, 7

then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. 8

Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. 9

Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods

whom you do not know, 10 and then come and stand before Me

in this house, which is called by My name,

and say, ‘We are delivered to do all these abominations’? 11

Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? [Alluded to by Jesus in

[Mk 11:17](#) || [Mt 21:13](#) || [Lu 19:46](#)]

Behold, I, even I, have seen it,” says Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 12

“But go now to My place, [[Je 26:6](#)] which was in Shiloh,

where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it

because of the wickedness of My people Israel. 13

And now, because you have done

all these works”, says Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

“and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you, but you did not answer, 14 therefore I will do

to the house that is called by My name, in which you trust, and to this place that I gave to you

and your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. 15 And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brethren

— the whole posterity of Ephraim [i.e., Israel, as opposed to Judah].

#### Judah’s Persistent Idolatry

16 ¶ [Now to Jeremiah:]

“Therefore [[11:14](#)]

Do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you. 17

Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? 18

The children gather wood, The fathers kindle the fire, and The women knead dough, to make cakes

for the queen of heaven; and [↑ Ishtar, the wife of Baal]

They pour out drink offerings to other gods,

That they may provoke Me to anger. 19 Do they provoke Me to anger?”

says Y<sup>HWH</sup>.

“Do they not provoke themselves, to the shame of their own faces?” 20

Therefore thus says the Lord Y<sup>HWH</sup> [Adonai Y<sup>HWH</sup>]:

“Behold, My anger and My fury

will be poured out on this place — on man and on beast,

on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground.

And it will burn and not be quenched.”

21 ¶ [Now addressing Judah:]

Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup> of hosts, the God of Israel:

“Add your burnt offerings to your sacrifices and Eat meat. 22

For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt,

for the sake of [concerning] burnt offerings or sacrifices. 23

But this is what I commanded them, saying, [wedding vows:]

‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God,

and you shall be My people. And [good advice:]

Walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’ 24

Yet they did not obey [Me (cf. v.26)]  
 or incline their ear,  
 but followed  
 the counsels and  
 the dictates  
 of their evil hearts,  
 and went backward  
 and not forward. 25  
 Since the day that your fathers  
 came out of the land of Egypt  
 until this day,  
 I have even sent to you  
 all My servants the prophets,  
 daily rising up early  
 and sending them. 26  
 Yet they did not obey Me  
 or incline their ear,  
 but stiffened their neck.  
 They did worse than their fathers. 27  
 Therefore  
 You shall speak  
 all these words to them,  
 but they will not obey you.  
 You shall also call to them,  
 but they will not answer you. 28  
 So  
 You shall say to them,  
 ‘This is a nation that does not obey  
 the voice of YHWH their God  
 nor receive correction.  
 Truth has perished and  
 has been cut off  
 from their mouth. 29 ¶  
 Cut off your hair and cast it away, and  
 Take up a lamentation  
 on the desolate heights;  
 for YHWH has rejected and forsaken  
 the generation of His wrath.’

30

### The Valley of Slaughter

“For the children of Judah  
 have done evil in My sight”,  
 says YHWH.  
 “They have set their abominations in  
 the house  
 that is called by My name,  
 to pollute it. 31 And  
 [Compare vv31-33 with 19:5-7]  
 They have built the high places of  
 Tophet [“place of fire”], which is in  
 the Valley of the Son of Hinnom<sup>i</sup>  
 [Gr: Ge Henna; “lamentation”<sup>†</sup>],  
 to burn their sons and  
 their daughters  
 in the fire —  
 which I did not command,  
 nor did it come into My heart. 32  
 Therefore behold,  
 the days are coming”,  
 says YHWH,  
 “when it will no more be called  
 Tophet [“place of burning/fire”] or  
 the Valley of the Son of Hinnom<sup>i</sup>,  
 but [^ NT Greek: Ge Henna]  
 the Valley of Slaughter;  
 for they will bury in Tophet  
 until there is no room. 33 [Re 19:17]  
 The corpses of this people will be food  
 for the birds of the heaven and  
 for the beasts of the land [earth].  
 And no one will frighten them away. 34  
 Then I will cause to cease  
 from the cities of Judah and  
 from the streets of Jerusalem  
 the voice of mirth [2<sup>nd</sup> of 3] and  
 the voice of gladness,  
 the voice of the bridegroom and  
 the voice of the bride. [Re 18:23]  
 For the land shall be desolate.

8:1 ¶

### Jeremiah 8

“At that time,”  
 says YHWH,  
 “they shall bring out  
 the bones of the kings of Judah, and  
 the bones of its princes, and  
 the bones of the priests, and  
 the bones of the prophets, and  
 the bones of the inhabitants  
 of Jerusalem,  
 out of their graves. 2  
 They shall spread them before  
 the sun and  
 the moon and all  
 the host of heaven,  
 which they have loved and  
 which they have served and after  
 which they have walked,  
 which they have sought and  
 which they have worshiped.  
 They shall not be gathered nor buried;  
 They shall be like refuse  
 on the face of the land [earth]. 3  
 Then death shall be chosen  
 rather than life  
 by all the residue of those  
 who remain of this evil family,  
 who remain in all the places  
 where I have driven them,”  
 says YHWH of hosts.

4 ¶

### Deception by False Prophets

“Moreover you shall say to them,  
 ‘Thus says YHWH:  
 “Will they fall and not rise?  
 Will one turn away and not return? 5  
 Why has this people slidden back,  
 Jerusalem,  
 in a perpetual backsliding?  
 They hold fast to deceit,  
 They refuse to return. 6  
 I listened and heard,  
 But they do not speak aright.  
 No man repented of his wickedness,  
 Saying,  
 ‘What have I done?’  
 Everyone turned to his own course,  
 As the horse rushes into the battle. 7  
 Even the stork in the heavens  
 Knows her appointed times;  
 And the turtledove,  
 the swift, and  
 the swallow  
 Observe the time of their coming.  
 But My people do not  
 Know the judgment of YHWH. 8  
 How can you say,  
 ‘We are wise,  
 And the law of YHWH is with us’?  
 Look,  
 The false pen of the scribe  
 certainly works falsehood. 9

The wise men are ashamed,  
They are dismayed and taken.  
Behold,  
They have rejected  
the word of YHWH;  
So what wisdom do they have? 10  
Therefore I will give  
their wives to others, And  
their fields to those  
who will inherit them;

Because  
From the least even to the greatest  
Everyone is given to covetousness;  
From the prophet even to the priest  
Everyone deals falsely. 11  
For they have healed the hurt of the  
daughter of My people slightly,  
Saying, [~repeat: 6:13-15]  
‘Peace, peace!’  
When there is no peace. 12  
Were they ashamed when they had  
committed abomination? No!  
They were not at all ashamed,  
Nor did they know how to blush.  
Therefore  
They shall fall among those who fall;  
In the time of their punishment  
They shall be cast down”,  
says YHWH.

13 ¶  
“I will surely consume them”,  
says YHWH.  
“No grapes shall be on the vine,  
Nor figs on the fig tree, And  
The leaf shall fade; And  
The things I have given them  
shall pass away from them.”” 14

[Apparently the people respond:]  
“Why do we sit still?  
Assemble yourselves, And  
Let us enter the fortified cities, And  
Let us be silent there.  
For YHWH our God has  
put us to silence And  
given us water of gall to drink,  
Because we have sinned  
against YHWH. 15  
We looked  
for peace,  
but no good came; And  
for a time of health,  
and there was trouble! 16  
The snorting of His horses  
was heard from Dan.  
The whole land trembled  
at the sound of  
The neighing of His strong ones;  
For they have come and devoured  
the land and all that is in it,  
the city and those who dwell in it.” 17  
“For behold, I will send  
Serpents among you,  
Vipers that cannot be charmed,  
And they shall bite you,”  
says YHWH.  
18  
**Jeremiah Weeps for Sinful Judah**  
I would comfort myself in sorrow;  
My heart is faint in me. 19  
Listen!  
The voice,  
The cry of the daughter of my people  
From a far country:  
“Is not YHWH in Zion?  
Is not her King in her?”

“Why have they provoked Me to anger  
With their carved images —  
With foreign idols?” 20  
“The harvest is past,  
The summer is ended,  
And we are not saved!” 21  
For the hurt  
of the daughter of my people  
I am hurt.  
I am mourning;  
Astonishment has taken hold of me. 22  
Is there no balm in Gilead,  
Is there no physician there?  
Why then is there no recovery  
For the health [cf. 3:22]  
of the daughter of my people?  
9:1 ¶

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 9-10]

### Jeremiah 9

Oh, that  
my head were waters, And  
my eyes a fountain of tears,  
That I might weep day and night  
For the slain  
of the daughter of my people! 2  
Oh, that I had in the wilderness  
A lodging place for travelers;  
That I might  
leave my people, And  
go from them!  
For they are all adulterers,  
An assembly of treacherous men.

### Judgment for Disobedience

3  
“And like their bow  
They have bent their tongues for lies.  
They are not valiant for the truth  
on the land [earth]. For  
They proceed from evil to evil, And  
They do not know Me”,  
says YHWH. 4

“Everyone  
take heed to his neighbor, And  
do not trust any brother; For  
Every brother  
will utterly supplant, and  
Every neighbor  
will walk with slanderers. 5  
Everyone  
will deceive his neighbor, And  
will not speak the truth;  
They have taught their tongue  
to speak lies;  
They weary themselves  
to commit iniquity. 6  
Your dwelling place is  
in the midst of deceit;  
Through deceit  
They refuse to know Me”,  
says YHWH. 7  
Therefore thus says YHWH of hosts:  
“Behold,  
I will refine them and try them;  
For how shall I deal with  
the daughter of My people? 8  
Their tongue is an arrow shot out;  
It speaks deceit;  
One speaks peaceably to his neighbor  
with his mouth, But  
in his heart  
he lies in wait. 9  
Shall I not punish them  
for these things?”,  
says YHWH. [5:9,5:29]  
“Shall I not avenge Myself  
on such a nation as this?” 10



I will take up  
a weeping and wailing  
for the mountains, And  
for the dwelling places  
of the wilderness  
a lamentation,  
Because they are burned up,  
So that no one can pass through;  
Nor can *men* hear the voice of the cattle.  
Both the birds of the heavens and  
the beasts have fled;  
They are gone. <sup>11</sup>  
“I will make Jerusalem  
a heap of ruins,  
a den of dragons [jackals]  
[dinosaurs].  
I will make the cities of Judah  
desolate,  
without an inhabitant.”  
<sup>12 ¶</sup>  
Who *is* the wise man  
who may understand this? And  
*who is he* to whom  
The mouth of YHWH has spoken,  
that he may declare it?  
Why does the land perish and burn up  
like a wilderness,  
So that no one can pass through? <sup>13</sup>  
And YHWH said,  
“Because they  
have forsaken My law,  
which I set before them, and  
have not obeyed My voice,  
nor walked according to it, <sup>14</sup>  
but they  
have walked  
according to the dictates  
of their own hearts and  
after the Baals,  
which their fathers taught them”, <sup>15</sup>

therefore thus says YHWH of hosts,  
the God of Israel:  
“Behold,  
I will  
feed them, this people,  
with wormwood, and  
give them  
water of gall to drink. <sup>16</sup>  
I will scatter them also  
among the Gentiles,  
whom neither they nor their fathers  
have known. And  
I will send a sword after them  
until I have consumed them.”  
<sup>17</sup>  
Weeping in Jerusalem  
Thus says YHWH of hosts:  
“Consider and call for  
the mourning women,  
That they may come; And  
Send for  
skillful wailing women,  
That they may come. <sup>18</sup>  
Let them  
make haste And  
take up a wailing for us,  
That our eyes may run with tears,  
And our eyelids gush with water. <sup>19</sup>  
For a voice of wailing  
is heard from Zion:  
‘How we are plundered!  
We are greatly ashamed,  
Because we have  
forsaken the land,  
Because we have  
been cast out of our dwellings.’” <sup>20</sup>

Yet hear  
the word of YHWH,  
O women,  
And let your ear receive  
the word of His mouth;  
Teach your daughters  
wailing, and everyone her neighbor  
a lamentation. <sup>21</sup>  
For death  
Has come through our windows,  
Has entered our palaces,  
To kill off  
the children  
— no longer to be outside! And  
the young men  
— no longer on the streets! <sup>22</sup>  
Speak,  
“Thus says YHWH:  
‘Even the carcasses of men shall fall  
As refuse on the open field,  
Like cuttings after the harvester,  
And no one shall gather them.’”  
<sup>23 ¶</sup>  
Thus says YHWH:  
“Let not the wise man  
glory in his wisdom,  
Let not the mighty man  
glory in his might,  
Nor let the rich man  
glory in his riches; <sup>24</sup> But

[Quoted by Paul in 1Cor 1:31  
and 2Cor 10:17]  
Let him who glories  
glory in this:  
That he understands and knows Me,  
[My heart:]  
That I am YHWH, exercising  
lovingkindness,  
judgment [justice], and  
righteousness  
in the land [earth].  
For in these I delight”,  
says YHWH. <sup>25</sup>  
“Behold, the days are coming”,  
says YHWH,  
“that I will punish  
all who are circumcised [along]  
with the uncircumcised — <sup>26</sup>  
Egypt,  
Judah,  
Edom,  
the people of Ammon,  
Moab, and  
all who are in the farthest corners,  
who dwell in the wilderness.  
For all these nations are  
uncircumcised, and  
all the house of Israel are  
uncircumcised in the heart.”  
[4:4; Lev 26:41; De 10:16]

# August 9

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 9-10](#)]

## Jeremiah 10

### Idolatry Brings Destruction

10:1 ¶ Hear the word that Y<sup>HWH</sup> speaks to you, O house of Israel. 2

Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>:

“Do not learn

the way of the Gentiles;

Do not be dismayed

at the signs of heaven,

For the Gentiles are dismayed at them. 3

For the customs of the peoples

are futile;

For one cuts a tree from the forest,

The work of the hands of the workman,  
with the ax. 4

They decorate it with silver and gold;

They fasten it with nails and hammers

So that it will not topple. [cf. [Is 41:7](#)] 5

They are upright, like a palm tree,

And they cannot speak;

They must be carried, Because

They cannot go by themselves.

Do not be afraid of them,

For they cannot do evil,

Nor can they do any good.” 6

Inasmuch as there is none like You,

O Y<sup>HWH</sup>

(You are great, and

Your name is great in might), 7

Who would not fear You,

O King of the nations?

For this is Your rightful due.

For among all the wise men

of the nations, And

in all their kingdoms,

There is none like You. 8

But they are altogether

dull-hearted and foolish;

A wooden idol is a worthless doctrine. 9

Silver is beaten into plates;

It is brought from Tarshish,

And gold from Uphaz,

The work

of the craftsman And

of the hands of the metalsmith;

Blue and purple are their clothing;

They are all the work of skillful men.

10

### The Coming Destruction

But Y<sup>HWH</sup> is

the true God;

He is the living God and

the Eternal [everlasting] King.

At His wrath

the land [earth] will tremble, And

the nations will not be able to endure

His indignation. 11

Thus you shall say to them:

“The gods that have not made

the heavens and

the land [earth]

shall perish from

the land [earth] and from under

these heavens.” 12

[10:12-16 is almost identical to [51:15-19](#)]

He has made the land [earth]

by His power,

He has established the world

by His wisdom,

and has stretched out the heavens

at His discretion. 13

When He utters His voice,

There is a multitude of waters

in the heavens [[Ge 1:1-2](#)]; And

He causes the vapors to ascend

from the ends of the land [earth].

He makes lightning

for the rain,

He brings the wind

out of His treasures. 14

Everyone is dull-hearted,

without knowledge;

Every metalsmith is put to shame

by an \_\_\_\_\_ image;

For his molded image is falsehood,

And there is no breath in them. 15

They are futile, a work of errors;

In the time of their punishment

they shall perish. 16

The Portion [Y<sup>HWH</sup>] of Jacob

is not like them, For He is

The Maker of all things,

And Israel is the tribe of

His inheritance;

Y<sup>HWH</sup> of hosts is His name.

17 ¶

Gather up your wares from the land,

O inhabitant of the fortress! 18

For thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>:

“Behold,

I will throw out at this time

The inhabitants of the land, And

will distress them,

That they may find it so.” 19

Woe is me [Jeremiah] for my hurt!

My wound is severe. But I say,

“Truly this is an infirmity,

And I must bear it.” 20

My tent is plundered, And

All my cords are broken;

My children have gone from me, And

They are no more.

There is no one

To pitch my tent anymore,

Or set up my curtains. 21

For the shepherds

have become dull-hearted, And

have not sought Y<sup>HWH</sup>;

Therefore

they shall not prosper, And

all their flocks shall be scattered. 22

Behold,

the noise of the report has come,

And a great commotion

out of the north country,

To make the cities of Judah

desolate, [[↓ dinosaurs](#)]

a den of dragons [jackals].

23

### Jeremiah's Prayer

O Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

I know the way of man is

not in himself;

It is not in man who walks

to direct his own steps. 24

O Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

Correct me, but with justice;

Not in Your anger,

Lest You bring me to nothing. 25

Pour out Your fury

on the Gentiles,

who do not know You, And

on the families

who do not call on Your name;

For they have

Eaten up Jacob,

Devoured him and

Consumed him, And

Made his dwelling place desolate.

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 11-13](#)]

## Jeremiah 11

### Judah's Broken Covenant

11:1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah

from Y<sup>HWH</sup>, saying, 2

“Hear the words of this covenant, and

speak to the men of Judah and

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3

and say to them,

“Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup> God of Israel:

“Cursed is the man who does not obey the words of **this covenant**,<sup>4</sup> which I commanded your fathers **in the day** I brought them **out of** the land of Egypt, from the **iron furnace**, saying, **‘Obey My voice, and Do according to all that I command you; So shall you be My people, and I will be your God’**,<sup>5</sup> that I may establish the oath **that I have sworn** to your fathers, to give them **‘a land flowing with milk and honey’**, as *it is this day*.”<sup>6</sup>

And I [*Jeremiah*] answered and said, **‘So be it, YHWH.’**<sup>6</sup>

**Then YHWH** said to me, **‘Proclaim all these words** in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying: **‘Hear the words of this covenant** and Do them.<sup>7</sup>

For I earnestly exhorted your fathers **in the day** I brought them up **out of** the land of Egypt, **until this day**, rising early and exhorting, saying, **‘Obey My voice.’**<sup>8</sup>

Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone followed the dictates of his **evil heart**;

Therefore I will bring upon them all the words of **this covenant**, which I commanded *them* to do, but *which they have not done*.”<sup>9</sup>

And **YHWH** said to me,

“A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.<sup>10</sup>

They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear **My words**, and They have gone after other gods to serve them;

The house of Israel and The house of Judah have broken **My covenant**, which I made with their fathers.”<sup>11</sup>

¶ Therefore **thus says YHWH**:  
 “Behold, I will surely bring calamity on them **that** they will not be able to escape; and though they cry out to **Me**, I will not listen to them.<sup>12</sup>

**Then** the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry out to the gods to whom they offer incense, but **they will not save them at all in the time of their trouble**.<sup>13</sup>

For **According to** the number of **your cities** were your gods, O Judah; and **According to** the number of the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to *that shameful thing*, altars to burn incense to Baal.<sup>14</sup>

So do not **[7:16]** pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear *them* **in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble**.<sup>15</sup>

What has **My beloved** to do in **My house**, Having done lewd deeds with many? And the holy flesh has passed from you. **When** you do evil, **then** you rejoice. **16**

**YHWH** called your name, **‘Green Olive Tree’**, [*Ro 11:16ff*] **Lovely and of Good Fruit**.

With the noise of a great tumult **He** has kindled **fire** on it, And **Its branches** are broken.<sup>17</sup>

For **YHWH of hosts**, who planted you, has pronounced **doom** against you for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke **Me** to **anger** in offering incense to Baal.”<sup>18</sup>

¶ **A Plot Against Jeremiah**

**Now YHWH** gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for **You** showed me their doings.<sup>19</sup>

But I *was* like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, *saying*, **‘Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and Let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more.’**<sup>20</sup>

But, O **YHWH of hosts**, **You** who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see **Your vengeance** on them, For to **You** I have revealed my cause.<sup>21</sup>

“Therefore **thus says YHWH** concerning the men of **Anathoth** [*“answers to prayer”*; cf. *1:1*] who seek your life, saying, **‘Do not prophesy in the name of YHWH, lest you die by our hand’** — <sup>22</sup>

Therefore **thus says YHWH of hosts**: **‘Behold, I will punish them:** The young men shall die by the sword, Their sons and their daughters shall die by famine;<sup>23</sup> and There shall be no remnant of them, For I will bring catastrophe on the men of Anathoth, **even the year of their punishment**.”<sup>24</sup>

12:1 ¶

## Jeremiah 12

### Jeremiah Questions YHWH's Justice

**Righteous are You**, O **YHWH**, **when** I plead with **You**;

Yet let me talk with **You** about **Your judgments**.

Why does the way of the wicked prosper? **Why** are those happy who deal so treacherously?<sup>2</sup>

**You** have planted them, yes, They have taken root; They grow, yes, They bear fruit.

**You** are near in their mouth [*Is 29:13*] But far from their mind.<sup>3</sup> But **You**, O **YHWH**, know me; **You** have seen me, And **You** have tested my heart toward **You**.

Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, And Prepare them for **the day of slaughter**.<sup>4</sup>

How long will  
the land mourn, And  
the herbs of every field wither?  
The beasts and birds are consumed,  
For the wickedness of those  
who dwell there,  
Because they said,  
“He will not see our final end.”

#### 5 YHWH's Reply to Jeremiah

“If you have run with the footmen,  
and they have wearied you,  
Then how can you contend with horses?  
And if in the land of peace,  
In which you trusted,  
they wearied you,  
Then how will you do  
in the floodplain of the Jordan? 6  
For even your brothers,  
the house of your father,  
Even they have dealt treacherously  
with you;  
Yes, they have called a multitude  
after you.  
Do not believe them, Even though  
they speak smooth words to you.

7 ¶  
I have forsaken My house,  
I have left My heritage;  
I have given  
the dearly beloved of My soul  
into the hand of her enemies. 8  
My heritage is to Me  
like a lion in the forest;  
It cries out against Me;  
Therefore I have hated it. 9  
My heritage is to Me  
like a speckled vulture;  
The vultures all around  
are against her.

Come,  
Assemble all the beasts of the field,  
Bring them to devour! 10  
Many rulers have destroyed  
My vineyard, [Is 5:1-7]  
They have trodden  
My portion underfoot;  
They have made  
My pleasant portion  
A desolate wilderness. 11

They have made it desolate;  
Desolate, it mourns to Me;  
The whole land is made desolate,  
Because no one takes it to heart. 12  
The plunderers have come  
On all the desolate heights  
In the wilderness,  
For the sword of YHWH shall devour  
From one end of the land  
To the other end of the land;  
No flesh shall have peace. 13  
They have sown wheat  
but reaped thorns;  
They have put themselves to pain  
but do not profit.  
But be ashamed of your harvest  
Because of the fierce anger of YHWH.”

#### A Message for Israel's Neighbors

14 ¶ Thus says YHWH:  
“Against all My evil neighbors who  
touch the inheritance that I have  
caused My people Israel to inherit —  
behold, I will pluck them out of their  
land and pluck out the house of Judah  
from among them. 15 Then it shall be,  
after I have plucked them out, that I  
will return and have compassion on  
them and bring them back,  
everyone to his heritage and  
everyone to his [tribal] land. 16

And it shall be, if they will learn care-  
fully the ways of My people, to swear  
by My name,  
‘As YHWH lives’,  
as they taught My people to swear by  
Baal, then they shall be established in  
the midst of My people. 17 But if they  
[again] do not obey, I will utterly pluck  
up and destroy that nation [in AD 70],”  
says YHWH. [^?]

#### Jeremiah 13 Jeremiah's Linen Belt

13:1 ¶ Thus YHWH said to me:  
“Go and get yourself a linen sash, and  
put it around your waist, but do not  
put it in water.” 2  
So I got a sash according to the word  
of YHWH, and put it around my waist. 3  
And the word of YHWH came to me the  
second time, saying, 4  
“Take the sash that you acquired,  
which is around your waist, and arise,  
go to the Euphrates [River], and hide  
it there in a hole in the rock.” 5  
So I went and hid it by the Euphrates,  
as YHWH commanded me. 6 Now it  
came to pass after many days that  
YHWH said to me,  
“Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take  
from there the sash that I command-  
ed you to hide there.” 7  
Then I went to the Euphrates and dug,  
and I took the sash from the place  
where I had hidden it; and there was  
the sash, ruined. It was profitable for  
nothing. 8 Then the word of YHWH  
came to me, saying, 9

“Thus says YHWH:  
‘In this manner I will ruin  
the pride of Judah and  
the great pride of Jerusalem. 10  
This evil people,  
who refuse to hear My words,  
who follow  
the dictates of their hearts,  
and walk after other gods to  
serve them and  
worship them,  
shall be just like this sash,  
which is profitable for nothing. 11  
For  
as the sash clings to the waist of a man,  
so I have caused  
the whole house of Israel and  
the whole house of Judah  
to cling to Me,’  
says YHWH,  
‘that they may become My people,  
for renown,  
for praise, and  
for glory;  
but they would not hear.’

12 ¶  
Therefore  
you shall speak to them this word:  
“Thus says YHWH God of Israel:  
“Every bottle shall be filled  
with wine.” [Bumper crop]  
And they will say to you,  
‘Do we not certainly know that  
every bottle will be filled  
with wine?’ 13  
Then you shall say to them,



**Thus says YHWH:**  
“Behold, I will fill  
all the inhabitants of this land —  
even the kings  
who sit on David’s throne,  
the priests,  
the prophets, and  
all the inhabitants of Jerusalem —  
with drunkenness! 14  
And I will dash  
them one against another, even  
the fathers and the sons together”,  
says YHWH.  
“I will not pity  
nor spare  
nor have mercy, but  
will destroy them.””

#### 15 A Warning Against Pride

Hear and give ear:  
Do not be proud,  
For YHWH has spoken. 16  
Give glory to YHWH your God  
Before He causes darkness, And  
Before your feet stumble  
On the dark mountains, And  
While you are looking for light,  
He turns it into the shadow of death  
And makes it dense darkness. 17  
But if you will not hear it,  
my soul will weep in secret  
for your pride;  
my eyes will weep bitterly  
And run down with tears,  
Because YHWH’s flock  
has been taken captive. 18  
Say to the king and to the queen mother,  
“Humble yourselves;  
Sit down,  
For your rule shall collapse,  
the crown of your glory.” 19

The cities of the South shall be shut up,  
And no one shall open them;  
Judah shall be  
carried away captive, all of it;  
It shall be wholly  
carried away captive. 20  
Lift up your eyes and see  
Those who come from the north  
[Nebuchadnezzar’s army].  
Where is the flock that was given to you,  
Your beautiful sheep? 21  
What will you say  
when He punishes you?  
For you have taught them  
To be chieftains,  
To be head over you.  
Will not pangs seize you,  
Like a woman in labor?  
22 ¶  
And if you say in your heart,  
“Why have these things  
come upon me?”  
For the greatness of your iniquity  
Your skirts have been uncovered,  
Your heels made bare. 23  
Can the Ethiopian change his skin or  
the leopard its spots?  
Then may you also do good  
who are accustomed to do evil. 24  
“Therefore  
I will scatter them like stubble  
That passes away  
by the wind of the wilderness. 25  
This is your lot,  
The portion of your measures  
from Me,”  
says YHWH,  
“Because you have  
forgotten Me And [↯ idols]  
trusted in falsehood. 26  
Therefore

I will uncover your skirts over your face,  
That your shame may appear. 27  
I have seen  
Your adulteries And  
Your lustful neighings,  
The lewdness of your harlotry,  
Your abominations  
on the hills in the fields.  
Woe to you, O Jerusalem!  
Will you still not be made clean?”

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 14-16](#)]

#### Jeremiah 14 Judah’s Terrible Drought

14:1 ¶ The word of YHWH that came to  
Jeremiah concerning the droughts: 2  
“Judah mourns,  
And her gates languish;  
They mourn for the land, And  
the cry of Jerusalem has gone up. 3  
Their nobles have sent their lads  
for water;  
They went to the cisterns and found  
no water.  
They returned  
with their vessels empty;  
They were ashamed and confounded  
And covered their heads. 4  
Because the ground is parched,  
For there was no rain in the land,  
The plowmen were ashamed;  
They covered their heads. 5 Yes,  
The deer also gave birth in the field,  
But left [their young]  
Because there was no grass. 6 And  
The wild donkeys stood  
in the desolate heights;  
They sniffed at the wind like dragons  
[jackals] [dinosaurs];  
Their eyes failed  
because there was no grass.” 7

O YHWH, [Jeremiah’s response]  
though our iniquities testify against us,  
Do it for Your name’s sake;  
For our backslidings are many,  
We have sinned against You. 8  
O the Hope of Israel,  
his Savior in time of trouble,  
Why should You be  
Like a stranger in the land, And  
Like a traveler who turns aside  
to tarry for a night? 9  
Why should You be  
Like a man astonished,  
Like a mighty one  
who cannot save?  
Yet You, O YHWH, are in our midst,  
And we are called by Your name;  
Do not leave us! [But they left Him:]  
10 ¶  
Thus says YHWH to this people:  
“Thus they have loved to wander;  
They have not restrained their feet.  
Therefore  
YHWH does not accept them;  
He will remember their iniquity now,  
And punish their sins.”

#### 11 Jeremiah Forbidden to Intercede

Then YHWH said to me,  
“Do not pray  
for this people,  
for their good. 12  
When they fast,  
I will not hear their cry; and  
When they offer  
burnt offering and  
grain offering,  
I will not accept them. But  
I will consume them  
by the sword,  
by the famine, and  
by the pestilence.” 13

Then I said,  
 “Ah, Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]!  
 Behold, the prophets say to them,  
 ‘You shall not see the sword,  
 nor shall you have famine,  
 but I will give you  
 assured peace in this place.’”<sup>14</sup>  
 And YHWH said to me,  
 “The prophets prophesy lies in My name.  
 I have not  
 sent them,  
 commanded them, nor  
 spoken to them;  
 Their prophesy to you  
 a false vision,  
 divination,  
 a worthless thing, and  
 [self-deceived:]  
 the deceit of their heart.”<sup>15</sup>  
 Therefore thus says YHWH  
 concerning the prophets  
 who prophesy in My name,  
 whom I did not send, and  
 who say,  
 ‘Sword and famine  
 shall not be in this land.’ —  
 By sword and famine  
 those prophets shall be consumed!<sup>16</sup>  
 And the people to whom they prophesy  
 shall be cast out  
 in the streets of Jerusalem  
 because of the famine and the sword;  
 they will have no one to bury them  
 — them nor their wives,  
 their sons nor their daughters —  
 for I will pour their wickedness on them.  
<sup>17</sup> ¶

Therefore  
 you shall say this word to them:  
 ‘Let my eyes flow  
 with tears night and day, And  
 Let them not cease’;  
 For the virgin daughter of My people  
 Has been broken  
 with a mighty stroke,  
 with a very severe blow.”<sup>18</sup>  
 If I go out to the field,  
 Then behold, those slain with the sword!  
 And if I enter the city,  
 Then behold, those sick from famine!  
 Yes, both prophet and priest go about  
 in a land they do not know.”<sup>19</sup>  
**A Prayer for Healing**  
 Have You utterly rejected Judah?  
 Has Your soul loathed Zion?  
 Why have You stricken us  
 so that there is no healing for us?  
 We looked  
 for peace,  
 but there was no good; And  
 for the time of healing,  
 and there was trouble.”<sup>20</sup>  
 We acknowledge, O YHWH,  
 our wickedness And  
 the iniquity of our fathers,  
 For we have sinned against You.”<sup>21</sup>  
 Do not abhor us, for Your name’s sake;  
 Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory.  
 Remember, [i.e.,] do not break  
 Your covenant with us.”<sup>22</sup>  
 Are there any  
 among the idols of the nations  
 that can cause rain? Or  
 Can the heavens give showers?  
 Are You not He, O YHWH our God?  
 Therefore we will wait for You,  
 Since You have made all these.

## August 10

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 14-16](#)]

### Jeremiah 15

#### Judah’s Inevitable Doom

15:1 ¶ Then YHWH said to me,  
 “Even if Moses and Samuel  
 stood before Me,  
 My mind would not be favorable  
 toward this people.  
 Cast them out of My sight,  
 and let them go forth.”<sup>2</sup>  
 And it shall be, if they say to you,  
 ‘Where should we go?’  
 then you shall tell them,  
 “Thus says YHWH: [Eze 14:21]  
 “Such as are for death, [Re 6:8b]  
 to death; and  
 Such as are for the sword,  
 to the sword; and  
 Such as are for the famine,  
 to the famine; and  
 Such as are for the captivity,  
 to the captivity.”<sup>3</sup>  
 And I will appoint over them  
 four [4] forms of destruction,”  
 says YHWH:  
 “the sword to slay,  
 the dogs to drag,  
 the birds of the heavens and  
 the beasts of the land [earth]  
 to devour and  
 destroy.”<sup>4</sup>  
 I will hand them over  
 to trouble,  
 to all kingdoms of the land [earth],  
 because of Manasseh  
 the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah,  
 for what he did in Jerusalem.”<sup>5</sup>

For who will have pity on you,  
 O Jerusalem?  
 Or who will bemoan you?  
 Or who will turn aside  
 to ask how you are doing? <sup>6</sup>  
 You have forsaken Me.”,  
 says YHWH,  
 “You have gone backward.  
 Therefore  
 I will stretch out My hand against you  
 and destroy you;  
 I am weary of relenting! <sup>7</sup> And  
 I will winnow them  
 with a winnowing fan  
 in the gates of the land;  
 I will bereave them of children;  
 I will destroy My people, Since  
 They do not return from their ways.”<sup>8</sup>  
 Their widows will be  
 increased to Me  
 more than the sand of the seas;  
 I will bring  
 Against them,  
 Against the mother  
 of the young men,  
 A plunderer at noonday;  
 I will cause anguish and terror  
 to fall on them suddenly.”<sup>9</sup>  
 She languishes who has borne seven;  
 She has breathed her last;  
 Her sun has gone down  
 While it was yet day; [died early]  
 She has been  
 ashamed and confounded.  
 And the remnant of them  
 I will deliver to the sword  
 Before their enemies.”,  
 says YHWH.  
<sup>10</sup> ¶

## Jeremiah's Second Complaint

Woe is me, my mother,  
That you have borne me,  
A man of strife and  
A man of contention  
To the whole land [earth]!  
[At odds with everyone!]  
[cf. 20:1ff]

I have neither lent for interest,  
Nor have men lent to me for interest.  
Every one of them curses me. 11

**YHWH said:**

“Surely  
It will be well with your remnant;  
Surely I will cause  
The enemy to intercede with you  
In the time of adversity and  
In the time of affliction. 12

Can anyone break iron,  
The northern iron and the bronze? 13  
Your wealth and your treasures  
I will give as plunder without price,  
Because of all your sins,  
Throughout your territories. 14 And  
I will make you cross over  
With your enemies  
Into a land that you do not know;  
For a fire is kindled in My anger,  
Which shall burn upon you.”

15 ¶  
O YHWH, You know;  
Remember me and visit me, And  
Take vengeance for me  
on my persecutors.  
In Your enduring patience,  
Do not take me away.  
Know that for Your sake  
I have suffered rebuke. 16  
Your words were found,  
and I ate them [Job 23:12b,  
Eze 3:1, Re 10:8-11], And

Your word was to me  
the joy and rejoicing of my heart;  
For I am called by Your name,  
O YHWH God of hosts. 17

I did not sit  
In the assembly of the mockers,  
Nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone because of Your hand,  
For You have filled me  
with indignation. 18

Why is  
my pain perpetual And  
my wound incurable,  
Which refuses to be healed?

Will You surely be to me  
Like an unreliable stream,  
As waters that fail? 19

Therefore thus says YHWH  
[to Jeremiah]:

“If you return, [to trusting Me]  
Then I will bring you back;  
You shall stand before Me;

If you take out [the remnant:]  
The precious from the vile,  
You shall be as My mouth.

Let them return to you,  
But you must not return to them. 20  
And I will make you to this people  
a fortified bronze wall;

And they will fight  
against you,  
But they shall not prevail  
against you;

For I am with you to  
save you And deliver you.”,  
says YHWH. 21

“I will deliver you  
from the hand of the wicked, and  
I will redeem you  
from the grip of the terrible.”

## Jeremiah 16

### Jeremiah Forbidden to Marry

16:1 ¶ The word of YHWH also came to  
me, saying, 2

“You shall not take a wife,  
nor shall you have sons or daughters  
in this place.” 3

For thus says YHWH concerning the  
sons and daughters who are born in  
this place, and concerning their mothers  
who bore them and their fathers who  
begot them in this land: 4

“They shall die gruesome deaths;  
They shall not be lamented  
nor shall they be buried, but  
They shall be like refuse  
on the face of the land [earth].

They shall be consumed  
by the sword and  
by famine, and  
Their corpses shall be meat  
for the birds of heaven and  
for the beasts of the land [earth].”

### Judah's Coming Punishment

For thus says YHWH:

“Do not enter the house of mourning,  
nor go to lament or bemoan them;  
for I have taken away from this people  
My peace.”,

says YHWH,  
“lovingkindness, and  
mercies. 6

Both the great and the small  
shall die in this land.  
They shall not be buried;  
neither shall men  
lament for them,  
cut themselves,  
nor make themselves bald  
for them. 7

Nor shall men  
break bread in mourning for them,  
to comfort them for the dead;  
nor shall men  
give them the cup of consolation  
to drink for  
their father or their mother. 8

Also you shall not  
go into the house of feasting  
to sit with them,  
to eat and drink.” 9

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

“Behold,  
I will cause to cease from this place,  
before your eyes and  
in your days,  
the voice of mirth [3<sup>rd</sup> of 3] and  
the voice of gladness,  
the voice of the bridegroom and  
the voice of the bride.

10 ¶  
And it shall be, when you show  
this people all these words,  
and they say to you,  
‘Why has YHWH pronounced all this  
great disaster against us?’ Or,  
‘What is our iniquity?’ Or,  
‘What is our sin  
that we have committed  
against YHWH our God?’ 11  
then you shall say to them,  
‘Because your fathers have forsaken Me’,  
says YHWH;  
‘they have walked after other gods and  
have served them and worshiped  
them, and have forsaken Me and not  
kept My law. 12 And you have done  
worse than your fathers, for behold,  
each one follows the dictates of his  
own evil heart, so that no one listens  
to Me. 13 Therefore I will cast you

out of this land into a land that you do not know, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night, where I will not show you favor.’

#### 14 ¶ *Hope Despite the Disaster*

“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says YHWH, “that it shall no more be said, ‘YHWH lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ 15 but, ‘YHWH lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north [i.e., Babylon] and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land, which I gave to their fathers. 16 Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says YHWH, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. 17 For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. 18 And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols.”

#### *Jeremiah's Prayer of Confidence*

O YHWH, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction, The Gentiles shall come to You From the ends of the lands [earth] and say, “Surely our fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable.” 20 Will a man make gods for himself, Which are not gods? 21 [Apparently YHWH's response:] “Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is YHWH.

17:1 ¶ [Audio: S. Gregg [Je 17-20](#)]

#### **Jeremiah 17**

##### *Judah's Sin and Punishment*

“The sin of Judah is written With a pen of iron; With the point of a diamond It is engraved On the tablet of their heart, And On the horns of your altars, 2 While their children remember Their altars and their wooden images By the green trees on the high hills. 3 O My mountain in the field, I will give as plunder your wealth, all your treasures, And your high places of sin within all your borders. 4 And you, even yourself, Shall let go of your heritage, which I gave you; And I will cause you to serve your enemies In the land that you do not know;

For you have kindled a fire in My anger that shall burn forever.” [4:4; Jude 7]

#### 5 ¶ *Wisdom from YHWH*

Thus says YHWH: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from YHWH. 6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land that is not inhabited. 7

Blessed is the man who trusts in YHWH, and whose hope is YHWH. 8

For he [Ps 1:1-3] shall be like a tree planted by the waters, that spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit. 9

The heart [of Jeremiah's people] is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, YHWH, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

As a partridge that broods but does not hatch, So is he who gets riches, but not by right; It will leave him in the midst of his days, And at his end He will be a fool.”

#### 12 ¶ *Jeremiah's Trust in YHWH*

A glorious high throne from the beginning Is the place of our sanctuary. 13 O YHWH, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. “Those who depart from Me shall be written in the land [earth], Because they have forsaken YHWH, The fountain of living waters.” 14 [“living waters”: 2:13; SoS 4:15; Zec 14:8; Jn 4:10, 7:38]

Heal me, O YHWH, and I shall be healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, For You are my praise. 15 Indeed they say to me, “Where is the word of YHWH? Let it come now!” 16

As for me, I have not hurried away from being a shepherd who follows You, Nor have I desired the woeful day; You know what came out of my lips; It was right there before You. 17 Do not be a terror to me; You are my hope in the day of doom. 18 Let them be ashamed who persecute me, but do not let me be put to shame; Let them be dismayed, but do not let me be dismayed. Bring on them the day of doom, and Destroy them with double destruction!



## Observing the Sabbath

19 ¶ Thus YHWH said to me:

“Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; 20 and say to them,

‘Hear the word of YHWH, you kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, who enter by these gates. 21

Thus says YHWH:

“Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 nor carry a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, nor do any work, but hallow the Sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23

But they did not obey nor incline their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear nor receive instruction. 24

And it shall be, if you heed Me carefully,” says YHWH,

“to bring no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but hallow the Sabbath day, to do no work in it, 25 then shall enter the gates of this city kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their princes, accompanied by the men of Judah and

the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and this city shall remain forever. 26

And they shall come from the cities of Judah and from the places around Jerusalem, from the land of Benjamin and from the lowland, from the mountains and from the South,

bringing burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain offerings and incense,

bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of YHWH. 27

But if you will not heed Me to hallow the Sabbath day, such as not carrying a burden when entering the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I will kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.””

18:1 ¶

## Jeremiah 18

### The Potter and the Clay

The word that came to Jeremiah from YHWH, saying: 2

“Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.” 3

Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. 4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make. 5 Then the word of YHWH came to me, saying: 6

“O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?”

says YHWH.

“Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel! 7 The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, 8

if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. 9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, 10

if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

11 ¶

Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

Thus says YHWH:

“Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.”” 12

And they said,

“That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart.” 13

Therefore thus says YHWH:

“Ask now among the Gentiles, ‘Who has heard such things?’

The virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing. 14

Will a man leave the snow water of Lebanon, Which comes from the rock of the field?

Will the cold flowing waters be forsaken for strange waters? 15 Because My people have forgotten Me, They have burned incense to worthless idols. And They have caused themselves to stumble in their ways, From the ancient paths,

To walk in pathways and not on a highway, 16

To make their land desolate and a perpetual hissing;

Everyone who passes by it will be astonished And shake his head. 17

I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy;

I will show them the back and not the face In the day of their calamity.”

## A Plot Against Jeremiah

18 ¶ Then they said,

“Come and let us devise plans against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and let us attack him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.” 19

Give heed to me, O YHWH, And Listen to the voice of those

who contend with me! 20 Shall evil be repaid for good?

For they have dug a pit for my life. Remember that I stood before You

To speak good for them, To turn away

Your wrath from them. 21

Therefore  
 Deliver up their children  
 to the famine, And  
 Pour out their **blood**  
 By the force of the sword;  
 Let their wives *become* widows  
 And bereaved of their children.  
 Let their men be put to death,  
 Their young men *be* slain  
 By the sword in battle. 22  
 Let a cry be heard from their houses,  
**When You** bring a troop  
 suddenly upon them;  
 For they have dug a pit to take me,  
 And hidden snares for my feet. 23  
 Yet, **YHWH**,  
**You** know all their counsel,  
 Which is against me,  
 to slay me.  
 Provide no **atonement**  
 for their iniquity,  
 Nor blot out their sin from **Your sight**;  
 But  
 Let them be **overthrown before You**.  
 Deal *thus* with them  
**In the time of Your anger**.

[[Jeremiah 19-20 follow 25, Aug 6](#)]  
[\[Jeremiah 21 delayed to Aug 23\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 22:1-23 moved to Aug 4\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 22:24-30 & 23, Aug 11\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 24 moved to Aug 12\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 25 follows 46, on Aug 5\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 26 follow 22:23, Aug 4\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 27-28 are on Aug 15\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 29-31 start on Aug 12\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 32 delayed to Aug 23\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 33 delayed to Aug 24\]](#)  
[\[Jeremiah 34 delayed to Aug 23\]](#)

## August 11

[*Chronological, not canonical, order:*]

### Jeremiah 35, 49

[*Audio: S. Gregg Je 33-36*]

#### Jeremiah 35

##### *The Faithful Recabites*

35:1 ¶ The word **that** came to Jeremiah from **YHWH** in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2  
**“Go to the house of the Rechabites, speak to them, and [2Ki 10:15] bring them into the house of YHWH, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.”** 3  
**Then** I took Jaazaniah [**“YHWH hears”**] the son of Jeremiah [**“whom YHWH has appointed”**], the son of Habazziniah [**“light of YHWH”**], his brothers and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites, 4 and I brought them into the house of **YHWH**, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan [**“he is merciful”**] the son of Igdaliah [**“YHWH is great”**], a **man of God**, which was by the chamber of the princes, above the chamber of Maaseiah [**“work of YHWH”**] the son of Shallum [**“retribution”**], the keeper of the door. 5  
**Then** I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said to them, **“Drink wine.”** 6  
 But they said, [*Nazirite vow: Nu 6:1-21*] **“We will drink no wine, for Jonadab [“YHWH is willing”] the son of Rechab**

[**“rider”**], our father, commanded us, saying,

**“You shall drink no wine, you nor your sons, forever.** 7 You shall not build a house, sow seed, plant a vineyard, nor have *any of these*; but **all your days** you shall dwell in tents, that you may live **many days** in the **land** where you are sojourners.’ 8  
 Thus we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he charged us, to drink no wine **all our days**, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters, 9 nor to build ourselves houses to dwell in; nor do we have vineyard, field, or seed. 10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. 11 But it came to pass, **when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land**, that we said,

**“Come, let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and for fear of the army of the Syrians.” [2Ki 24:1-2]**  
 So we dwell at **Jerusalem**.”

12 ¶ **Then** came the word of **YHWH** to Jeremiah, saying, 13

**“Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel:**  
**“Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,**  
**“Will you not receive instruction to obey My words?”**  
**says YHWH.** 14  
**“The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; for to this day they drink none, and obey**

their father’s commandment. But although I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, you did not obey Me. 15 I have also sent to you all **My servants the prophets**, rising up early and sending them, saying,  
**“Turn now everyone from his evil way, amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will dwell in the land that I have given you and your fathers.”**  
 But you have not inclined your ear, nor obeyed Me. 16 Surely the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father **that** he commanded them, but **this people has not obeyed Me.”** 17

Therefore **thus says YHWH God of hosts, the God of Israel:**  
**“Behold, I will bring on Judah and on all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the doom that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken to them but they have not heard, and I have called to them but they have not answered.”** 18

And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rechabites,  
**“Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel:**

**“Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts and done according to all that he commanded you, 19 therefore thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel:**  
**“Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me forever.””**

[Jeremiah 36 follows 20, Aug 6]  
 [Jeremiah 37 delayed to Aug 23]  
 [Jeremiah 38 delayed to Aug 24]  
 [Jeremiah 39:1 moved to Aug 22]  
 [Jeremiah 39:2-14 to Aug 26]  
 [Jeremiah 39:15-18 to Aug 24]  
 [Jeremiah 40:1-6 to Aug 26]  
 [Jeremiah 40:7-44:30 to Aug 28-29]  
 [Jeremiah 45 follows 36:8, Aug 6]  
 [Jeremiah 46 precedes 25, Aug 5]  
 [Jeremiah 47-48 moved to Aug 3]  
 [49:1-33 may have been spoken by Jeremiah shortly after Nebuchadnezzar attacked Kedar and Hazor (49:28) in 599 BC<sup>10</sup>]

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 45-49]

[Chronological, not canonical, order:]

## Jeremiah 49

### A Message Against Ammon

49:1 ¶ Against the Ammonites.

Thus says YHWH:

“Has Israel no sons?

Has he no heir?

Why then does

Milcom [aka Molech] inherit Gad,  
 And his people dwell in its cities? 2

Therefore behold,

the days are coming”,

says YHWH,

“That I will cause to be heard

an alarm of war

In Rabbah [“great”]

of the Ammonites;

It shall be a desolate mound, And her

villages shall be burned with fire.

Then Israel shall take

possession of his inheritance”,

says YHWH. 3

“Wail, O Heshbon,

For Ai<sup>11</sup> is plundered!

Cry, you daughters of Rabbah,

Gird yourselves with sackcloth!

Lament and run to and fro by the walls;

For Milcom shall go into captivity

With his priests and  
 his princes together. 4

Why do you boast in the valleys,

Your flowing valley,

O backsliding daughter?

Who trusted in her treasures,

saying,

“Who will come against me?” 5

Behold,

I will bring fear upon you,”

says the Lord YHWH

[Adonai YHWH] of hosts,

“From all those who are around you; “Behold, those whose judgment was

You shall be driven out,

everyone headlong, And

No one will gather those

who wander off. 6

But afterward I will bring back

The captives

of the people of Ammon”,

says YHWH.

### A Message Against Edom

7 ¶ Against Edom.

Thus says YHWH of hosts:

“Is wisdom no more in Teman [“south”]?

Has counsel perished from the prudent?

Has their wisdom vanished? 8

Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths,

O inhabitants of Dedan! [^]

For I will bring [profound ^]

the calamity of Esau upon him,

the time that I will punish him. 9

If grape-gatherers came to you,

Would they not

leave some gleaning grapes?

If thieves by night,

Would they not

destroy until they have enough? 10

But

I have made Esau bare;

I have uncovered his secret places, and

He shall not be able to hide himself.

His descendants are plundered,

His brethren and his neighbors, and

He is no more. 11

Leave your fatherless children,

I will preserve them alive; and

Let your widows trust in Me.” 12

For thus says YHWH:

“Behold, those whose judgment was

not to drink of the cup

have assuredly drunk.

And are you the one

who will altogether go unpunished?

You shall not go unpunished,

but you shall surely drink of it. 13

For I have sworn by Myself”,

says YHWH,

“that Bozrah [“sheepfold” or “fortress”]

shall become

a desolation,

a reproach,

a waste, and

a curse;

and all its cities shall be

perpetual wastes.” 14

I have heard a message from YHWH,

And an ambassador has been sent to

the nations:

“Gather together,

Come against her, And

Rise up to battle! 15

For indeed,

I will make you small among nations,

Despised among men. 16

Your fierceness has deceived you,

The pride of your heart, O you

Who dwell in the clefts of the rock,

Who hold the height of the hill!

Though you make your nest

as high as the eagle,

I will bring you down from there”,

says YHWH. 17

“Edom also shall be an astonishment;

Everyone who goes by it

will be astonished And

will hiss at all its plagues. 18

As in the overthrow of

Sodom and Gomorrah And

their neighbors”,

says YHWH,

“No one shall remain there,

Nor shall a son of man dwell in it. 19

Behold, he shall come up

like a lion

from the floodplain of the Jordan

Against the dwelling place of the strong;

But I will suddenly make him run

away from her.

And who is a chosen man that I may

appoint over her?

For

Who is like Me?

Who will arraign Me? And

Who is that shepherd

Who will withstand Me?” 20

Therefore hear the counsel of YHWH

that He has taken against Edom, And

His purposes that He has proposed

against the inhabitants of Teman:

Surely the least of the flock shall draw

them out;

Surely He shall make their dwelling

places desolate with them. 21

<sup>10</sup> Approximately the birth date of Cyrus, king of Persia, who later defeated Babylon.

The land [earth] shakes  
 At the noise of their fall;  
 At the cry  
 Its noise is heard at the Red Sea. 22  
 Behold, He shall  
 come up and fly like the eagle, And  
 spread His wings over Bozrah;  
 The heart of the mighty men of Edom  
 in that day shall be Like the heart  
 of a woman in birth pangs.

#### A Message Against Damascus

23 ¶ Against Damascus  
 ["silent is the sackcloth weaver"].

“Hamath [“fortress”] and  
 Arpad [“I shall be spread out  
 (or supported)”]

are shamed,

For they have heard bad news.

They are fainthearted;

There is trouble on the sea;

It cannot be quiet. 24

Damascus has grown feeble;

She turns to flee, And

Fear has seized her.

Anguish and sorrows have taken her

like a woman in labor. 25

Why is the city of praise not deserted,

the city of My joy? 26

Therefore

Her young men shall fall

in her streets, And

All the men of war shall be cut off

in that day”,

says YHWH of hosts. 27

“I will kindle a fire

in the wall of Damascus, And

It shall consume the palaces of

Ben-Hadad [“son of (the false god)

Hadad” (Cf. Am 1:3-5)].”

#### A Message Against Kedar and Hazor

28 ¶ Against Kedar [“dark”] and

Against the kingdoms of Hazor,

which Nebuchadnezzar [“castle”]  
 king of Babylon shall strike.

Thus says YHWH:

“Arise, go up to Kedar, And

Devastate the men of the East! 29

Their tents and their flocks

they shall take away.

They shall take for themselves

Their curtains,

All their vessels and

Their camels; And

They shall cry out to them,

‘Fear is on every side!’ 30

Flee, get far away!

Dwell in the depths [profundity],

O inhabitants of Hazor!”

says YHWH.

“For Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon

has taken counsel against you, And

has conceived a plan against you. 31

Arise, go up to the wealthy nation

that dwells securely”,

says YHWH,

“Which has neither gates nor bars,

Dwelling alone. 32

Their camels shall be for booty, And

The multitude of their cattle for plunder.

I will scatter to all winds

those in the farthest corners, And

I will bring their calamity

from all its sides”,

says YHWH. 33

“Hazor shall be [ ↓ dinosaurs]

A dwelling for dragons [jackals],

A desolation forever;

No one shall reside there,

Nor son of man dwell in it.”

[Jeremiah 49:34-39 is on Aug 13]

#### SUMMARY OF CAPTIVITIES

##### 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 6<sup>th</sup>  
 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]

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

##### The Indignation (Eze 24:1-14)

589BC, epoch of the boiling pot  
 began when Zedekiah rebelled  
 against Nebuchadnezzar[588?]  
 519BC, ended in Darius I’s 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 390<sup>th</sup> year as a  
 separate kingdom from Israel;  
 Zedekiah’s 11<sup>th</sup> and last year,  
 Judah’s last king [Jer 52:1]  
 516BC, ended in Darius I’s 6<sup>th</sup> year  
 (Ezra 6:15)

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Ki 23-24]

2 Kings 24:1-4 601-598 BC

#### Jehoiakim Rebels Against Babylon

24:1 ¶ In his [Jehoiakim’s] days  
 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon  
 came up [had come up], and  
 Jehoiakim became [had become]  
 his vassal for three [3] years  
 [years 6-8 (?) of Jehoakim’s reign].  
 Then he [Jehoakim]  
 turned and

rebelled against him. 2

And YHWH sent against him raiding  
 bands of Chaldeans [Babylonians],  
 bands of Syrians,  
 bands of Moabites, and  
 bands of the people of Ammon;

He sent them

against Judah to destroy it,

according to the word of YHWH

that He had spoken

by His servants the prophets

[e.g., 22:1-23]. 3

Surely at the commandment of YHWH

this came upon Judah,

to remove them from His sight

because of the sins of Manasseh,

according to all that he had done, 4

and also

because of the innocent blood

that he had shed; for he had filled

Jerusalem with innocent blood,

which YHWH would not pardon.

#### ↖ The Servitude (Je 25:11)

609BC, when Nebuchadnezzar  
 defeated Assyria, so “these na-  
 tions” began to serve Babylon  
 539BC, when Cyrus defeated Belshaz-  
 zar of Babylon (Da 5:30)



[This column ~parallels the next:]

2 Kings 24:5-9 ~||

End of Jehoiakim's Reign in Judah

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all \_\_\_\_\_ that he did,

\_\_\_\_\_ are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of \_\_\_\_\_ Judah? 6 So Jehoiakim rested with his fathers. Then Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

7 And the king of Egypt did not come out of his land anymore, for the king of Babylon had taken all [land] that [had] belonged to the king of Egypt from the Brook of Egypt to the River Euphrates.

Jehoiachin's Short Reign in Judah

8 ¶ Jehoiachin ["YHWH establishes"] was eighteen [18] years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three [3] months.

[J'chin-Reign: 1=JudahYear:379, so 3408 AB = 597 BC, per Jones]

His mother's name was Nehushta ["brass"] the daughter of Elnathan ["God has given"] of Jerusalem. 9 And he did evil in the sight of YHWH, according to all that his father [Jehoiakim: 1Ch 3:16 & above] had done. [2Ki 24:10-17 follows Je 23:40]

2 Chronicles 36:6-9 early 597 BC

End of Jehoiakim's Reign in Judah

6 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against him, and bound him in bronze fetters to carry him off to Babylon. 7 Nebuchadnezzar also carried off some of the articles from the house of YHWH to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, the abominations that he did, and what was found against him, indeed they are written in the Book of \_\_\_\_\_ the Kings of Israel and Judah.

Then Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.

[← the original Land of Israel]

597 BC

Jehoiachin's Short Reign in Judah

9 Jehoiachin ["YHWH establishes"] was eight [8] years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem three [3] months and ten [10] days.

[Jones believes Josiah adopted Jehoiachin when he was 8, to make him king, but the people did otherwise: 2Ki 23:30b || 2Ch 36:1 + footnote 4.]

And he did evil in the sight of YHWH. [Jeremiah 22:1-23 is on August 4]

**Jeremiah 22:24 – 23:**

[Chronological, not canonical, order:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg Je 21-23]

Jeremiah 22:24-30

A Message for Jehoiachin

24 "As I live,"

says YHWH,

"though Coniah ["YHWH will establish"]; aka Jeconiah, aka Jehoiachin] the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off; 25 and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of those whose face you fear — the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of the Chaldeans. 26 So I will cast you out, and your mother [Nehushta: 2Ki 24:8b] who bore you, into another country where you were not born; and there you shall die. 27 But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return. 28

Is this man Coniah

A despised, broken idol —

A vessel in which is no pleasure?

Why are they

cast out, he and his descendants, and cast into a land

that they do not know? 29

O land [earth], [meaning the people]

land [earth],

land [earth],

Hear the word of YHWH! 30

Thus says YHWH:

"Write this man down as

childless, A man

Who shall not prosper in his days;

For

None of his descendants shall prosper,

Sitting on the throne of David, And

Ruling anymore in Judah."

Jeremiah 23

The Righteous Branch

23:1 ¶

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!"

says YHWH. 2 Therefore

thus says YHWH God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people:

"You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings",

says YHWH. 3

"But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking",

says YHWH. 5

"Behold, the days are coming [AD 26],"

says YHWH,

"That I will raise to David [Jesus:]

A Branch of righteousness;

A King shall

reign and prosper, And

execute judgment [justice]

And righteousness

in the land [earth]. 6

In His days [the remnant of]

Judah will be saved, And

Israel will dwell safely;

Now this is His name

by which He will be called:

YHWH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7

Therefore, behold, [i.e., God]

The days are coming",

says YHWH,

"that they shall no longer say,

‘As **YHWH** lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ [“Exodus 1”] 8

but,  
‘As **YHWH** lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country [context: Babylon] and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ [“Exodus 2”]

And they shall dwell in their own land.”

### 9 ¶ Judgment on Profane Prophets

My heart within me is broken  
Because of the [false] prophets;  
All my bones shake.

I am  
like a drunken man, And  
like a man  
whom wine has overcome,  
Because of **YHWH**, And  
Because of **His holy words**. 10  
For the land is full of adulterers;  
For because of a curse  
the land mourns.  
The pleasant places of the wilderness  
are dried up.

Their course of life is evil, And  
Their might is not right. 11  
“For both prophet and priest are profane;  
Yes, in **My house**  
I have found their wickedness”,  
says **YHWH**. 12

“Therefore  
Their way shall be to them  
Like slippery ways;  
In **the darkness**  
They shall be driven on  
And fall in them;  
For I will bring disaster on them,  
**The year of their punishment**”,  
says **YHWH**. 13

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“And I have seen folly  
in the prophets of Samaria:  
They

prophesied by Baal And  
caused **My people Israel** to err. 14  
Also I have seen a horrible thing  
in the prophets of Jerusalem:

They  
commit adultery and  
walk in lies;

They also  
strengthen the hands of evildoers,  
So that no one turns back  
from his wickedness.

All of them are  
like Sodom to Me,  
And her inhabitants  
like Gomorrah.” 15

Therefore **thus says YHWH of hosts**  
concerning the prophets:  
Behold, I will [9:15, Re 8:10-11]  
feed them with wormwood, And  
make them drink the water of gall;  
For from the prophets of Jerusalem  
Profaneness has gone out  
into all the land [people].” 16

**Thus says YHWH of hosts:**  
“Do not listen  
to the words of the prophets  
who prophesy to you.  
They make you worthless;  
They speak a vision of their own heart,  
Not from the mouth of **YHWH**. 17

They continually say  
to those who despise Me,  
“**YHWH** has said,  
“You shall have peace”;  
And to everyone who walks accord-  
ing to the dictates of his own heart,  
they say,  
“No evil shall come upon you.” 18

For Who  
has stood  
in the counsel of **YHWH**, And  
has perceived and heard **His word**?

Who  
has marked **His word** and heard it? 19  
Behold,

A whirlwind of **YHWH**  
has gone forth in fury —  
A violent whirlwind!  
It will fall violently  
on the head of the wicked. 20  
The anger of **YHWH**  
will not turn back Until He has  
executed and performed  
the thoughts of **His heart**.

In the latter days [the future]  
you will understand it perfectly. 21

“I have not sent these prophets,  
yet they ran.  
I have not spoken to them,  
yet they prophesied. 22  
But if they  
had stood in **My counsel**, And  
had caused **My people**  
to hear **My words**,  
Then they would have turned them  
from their evil way and  
from the evil of their doings. 23

Am I a **God** near at hand”,  
says **YHWH**,

“And not a **God** afar off? 24  
Can anyone hide himself  
in secret places,  
So I shall not see him?”

says **YHWH**;  
“Do I not fill heaven and land [earth]?”  
says **YHWH**. 25

“I have heard  
what the prophets have said  
who prophesy lies in **My name**,

saying,  
‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ 26

How long will this be in the heart  
of the prophets who prophesy lies?  
Indeed they are prophets of the deceit  
of their own heart, 27 who try to make  
**My people** forget **My name** by their  
dreams, which everyone tells his  
neighbor, as their fathers forgot  
**My name** for Baal. 28

The prophet who has a dream,  
let him tell a dream;  
And he who has **My word**,  
let him speak **My word faithfully**.  
What is the chaff to the wheat?”

says **YHWH**. 29  
“Is not **My word** like a fire?”  
says **YHWH**,

“And like a hammer  
that breaks the rock in pieces? 30  
Therefore

Behold, I am against the prophets”,  
says **YHWH**,  
“who steal **My words**  
every one from his neighbor. 31  
Behold, I am against the prophets”,  
says **YHWH**,

“who use their tongues and say,  
‘He says.’ 32

Behold, I am against those  
who prophesy false dreams,”  
says **YHWH**,

“and tell them,  
and cause **My people** to err  
by their lies and  
by their recklessness.

Yet I did not send them or command  
them; therefore they shall not profit  
this people at all.”,

says **YHWH**.

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# August 12

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Je 21-23](#)]

**Jeremiah 23:33-40 ¶**

## False Prophecies & False Prophets

“So when these people or the prophet or the priest ask you, saying,

‘What is the oracle [literally, burden] of Y<sup>HWH</sup>?’

you shall then say to them, ‘What oracle?’

[LXX: ‘You are the burden!’]

I will even forsake you,”

says Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 34

“And as for the prophet and the priest and the people who say,

‘The oracle of Y<sup>HWH</sup>!’

I will even punish that man and his house. 35 Thus every one of you shall say to his neighbor, and every one to his brother,

‘What has Y<sup>HWH</sup> answered?’ and,

‘What has Y<sup>HWH</sup> spoken?’ 36

And the oracle of Y<sup>HWH</sup> you shall mention no more. For every man’s word will be his oracle, for you have perverted the words of the living God, Y<sup>HWH</sup> of hosts, our God. 37

Thus you shall say to the prophet,

‘What has Y<sup>HWH</sup> answered you?’ and,

‘What has Y<sup>HWH</sup> spoken?’ 38

But since you say,

‘The oracle of Y<sup>HWH</sup>!’

therefore thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>:

‘Because you say this word,

‘The oracle of Y<sup>HWH</sup>!’”

and I have sent to you, saying,

‘Do not say,

‘The oracle of Y<sup>HWH</sup>!’” 39

therefore behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you and forsake you, and the

city that I gave you and your fathers, and will cast you out of My presence.

40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.”

[Contempt: [Da 12:2](#); [Is 66:24](#)]

[[Jeremiah 24](#) moved to [Aug 12](#)]

## Jeremiah 52:28 [Duplicated here]

**Summary: The Captives** 598 BC

These are the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive

[Part of (?) [Second Captivity](#):]

in the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] year [of Nebuchadnezzar (v29), so [Neb-07](#)]:

[[J'kim-Reign: 11=JudahYear:378](#), so 3407 AB = 598 BC, per [Jones](#)]

three thousand and twenty-three [3,023] Jews;

## Babylonian reckoning (cf. [Da 1:1](#)).

| AB   | JY  | BC      | Jkm            | Neb | Dan |
|------|-----|---------|----------------|-----|-----|
| 3399 | 370 | 606     | 3              | --  | 1   |
| 3400 | 371 | 605     | 4              | AC  | 2   |
| 3401 | 372 | 604     | 5              | 1   | 3   |
| ...  | +6  | -6      | +6             | +6  | +6  |
| 3407 | 378 | 598     | 11             | 7   | 9   |
| 3408 | 379 | 597     | Je'chin: 3+mo. | 8   | 10  |
| "    | "   | "AC:Zed | "              | "   | "   |

## Josiah's Sons and Grandsons

Josiah [KAJ: “king after Josiah”]

Johanan

Jehoiakim/Eliakim [2<sup>nd</sup> KAJ: 11 yr]

Jeconiah/Coniah/Jehoiachin  
Zedekiah

Zedekiah/Mattaniah [3<sup>rd</sup> KAJ: 11 yr]

Shallum/Jehoahaz [1<sup>st</sup> KAJ: 3 mo]

[See footnote 4. If Jones is correct, → Zedekiah was both Jehoichin's uncle by birth) and his brother (by adoption).]

[This column parallels the next:]

**2 Kings 24:10-17 ||**

## Nebuchadnezzar Captures Jerusalem

10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. 11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, as his servants were besieging it. 12

Then Jehoiachin king of Judah, his mother, his servants, his princes, and his officers went out to the king of Babylon; and the king of Babylon, in the eighth [8<sup>th</sup>] year of his reign, took him prisoner. 13 And he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup> and the treasures of the king's house, and he cut in pieces all the articles of gold that Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, as Y<sup>HWH</sup> had said. 14 Also he carried into captivity all Jerusalem: all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand [10,000] captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land. 15 And he carried Jehoiachin captive to Babylon. The king's mother, the king's wives, his officers, and the mighty of the land he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. 16 All the valiant men, seven thousand [7,000], and craftsmen and smiths, one thousand [1,000], all who were strong and fit for war, these the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. 17 Then the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Ki 23-24](#)]

**2 Chronicles 36:10** 597 BC

## Nebuchadnezzar Captures Jerusalem

10 At the turn of the year

[[Neb-07 to Neb-08 \(2Ki 24:12\)](#), so 598 to 597BC]

[← [Second Siege \(First: \[Da 1:1\]\(#\)\)](#)]

King Nebuchadnezzar summoned him and

[← [Neb-08 = Jehoiachin's Captivity](#)] took him to Babylon.

[[J'chin-Cap:1=JudahYear:380](#), so 3409 AB = 597 BC, per [Jones](#)]

with the costly articles

from the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, and

[← [Second Captivity \(3<sup>rd</sup>: \[Je 52:4-27\]\(#\)\)](#)]

[← 3,023? [Je 52:28 \(prior year???\)](#)]

[← plus the 3,023 in 598 [Je 52:28](#)]

[← accession]

[← AC year 597; first year 596 BC]

made Zedekiah, Jehoiakim's brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem.

[Hence, Mattaniah = Zedekiah.]

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[Three-column parallel: ]

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

### Jeremiah 52:1-3 || Zedekiah Reigns in Judah

52:1 ¶ Zedekiah was **twenty-one [21]** years old when he became king, and he reigned **eleven [11]** years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:380-390, so 3409-3419 AB: [2Ki 23:36](#) || [2Ch 36:5](#) = 596-586 BC, per Jones]

His mother's name was Hamutal ["father-in-law is protection"] the daughter of Jeremiah ["whom Y<sup>HWH</sup> has appointed"] of Libnah ["pavement"] [cf. [2Ki 23:31b](#)]

2 He also did evil in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 3

For because of **the anger of Y<sup>HWH</sup>** this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, **till He** finally cast them out from **His presence**. **Then** Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

[Jeremiah 52 continues in Ezekiel]

### 2 Kings 24:18-20 ||

#### Zedekiah Reigns in Judah

18 Zedekiah was **twenty-one [21]** years old when he became king, and he reigned **eleven [11]** years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:380-390, so 3409-3419AB: [2Ki 23:36](#) || [2Ch 36:5](#) = 596-586BC, per Jones]

His mother's name was Hamutal ["father-in-law is protection"] the daughter of Jeremiah ["whom Y<sup>HWH</sup> has appointed"] of Libnah ["pavement"] [cf. [2Ki 23:31b](#)].

19 He also did evil in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20

For because of **the anger of Y<sup>HWH</sup>** this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, **that He** finally cast them out from **His presence**. **Then** Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

[2Ki 25 is found in Ezekiel]

### 2 Chronicles 36:11-14 596-586 BC

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[← cf. [2Ki 23:31b](#)]

#### 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](#))

12 He \_\_\_ did evil in the sight of Y<sup>HWH</sup> his God,

and did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 13

And he also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear an oath by God; but he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to Y<sup>HWH</sup> God of Israel. 14 Moreover all the leaders of the priests and the people transgressed more and more, according to all the abominations of the nations, and defiled the house of Y<sup>HWH</sup>, which He had consecrated in Jerusalem.

[2Ch 36:15-21 is found in Ezekiel]

## SUMMARY OF CAPTIVITIES

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](#)]

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### The Indignation ([Eze 24:1-14](#))

589BC, epoch of the boiling pot began when Zedekiah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar[588?]  
519BC, ended in Darius I's 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 390<sup>th</sup> year as a separate kingdom from Israel; Zedekiah's 11<sup>th</sup> and last year, Judah's last king [[Jer 52:1](#)]  
516BC, ended in Darius I's 6<sup>th</sup> year ([Ezra 6:15](#))



# Jeremiah 24, 29-31

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Je 24-28](#)]

## Jeremiah 24

### Good and Bad Figs

24:1 ¶ **YHWH** showed me, and there were two [2] baskets of figs set before the temple of **YHWH**, after Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah [aka Jehoiachin] the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought [taken] them to Babylon [second captivity (Deportation)]. 2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3 Then **YHWH** said to me, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” And I said, “Figs, the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad.” 4 Again the word of **YHWH** came to me, saying, 5

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

### Good Figs

‘Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are [have been] carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for their own good, into the land of the Chaldeans. 6 For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land; I will build them and not pull them down, and I will plant them and not pluck them up. 7 Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that

I am **YHWH**; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.’ 8 And

### Bad Figs

‘As the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad [cf. 29:17], surely thus says **YHWH**, ‘So will I give up Zedekiah [“**YHWH** is righteous”]; aka Mattaniah] the king of Judah, his princes, the residue of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt. 9 I will deliver them to trouble into all the kingdoms of the lands [earth], for their harm, to be a reproach and a byword, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them. 10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence [De 28:21] among them, till they are consumed from the land that I gave to them and their fathers.’”

[Jeremiah 25 follows 46, on Aug. 5]

[Jeremiah 26 follow 22:23, Aug. 4]

[Jeremiah 27-28 are on Aug 15]

[Audio: S. Gregg [Je 29-31:22](#)]

## Jeremiah 29

### A Letter to the Captives in Babylon

29:1 ¶ Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remainder of the elders who were carried away captive — to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. 2 (This happened after Jeconiah [aka Jehoiachin] the

king, the queen mother, the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. [Cf. 2Ki 24:10-17]) 3 The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah [“made by God”] the son of Shaphan [“rock badger/coney/hyrax”], and Gemariah [“**YHWH** has accomplished”] the son of Hilkiah [“my portion is **YHWH**”], whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon, to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying, 4

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

‘To all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruit. 6 Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters — that you may be increased there, and not diminished. 7 And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to **YHWH** for it; for in its peace you will have peace.’ [1Tim 2:2 peaceable]

8 ¶

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

‘Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams that you cause to be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them,’

says **YHWH**. 10 For thus says **YHWH**:

**Seventy Years in Captivity at Babylon** ‘After seventy [70] years are completed at Babylon [cf. Je 25], I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you’,

says **YHWH**,

‘thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart, 14 I will be found by you,’

says **YHWH**,

‘and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you’,

says **YHWH**,

‘and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.’

15 ¶

Because you have said,

“**YHWH** has raised up prophets for us in Babylon” — 16

therefore thus says **YHWH** concerning the king

who sits on the throne of David, concerning all the people who dwell in this city, and concerning your brethren who have not gone out

with you into captivity — 17

thus says **YHWH** of hosts:

‘Behold, I will send on them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence,

and will make them like rotten figs that cannot be eaten, they are so bad [cf. 24:8]. 18 And I will pursue them

with the sword,  
with famine, and  
with pestilence;  
and I will deliver them to trouble  
among all the kingdoms of the lands  
[earth] — to be

a curse,  
an astonishment,  
a hissing, and  
a reproach

among all the nations where I have  
driven them, 19 because they have not  
heeded My words,

says YHWH,  
‘that I sent to them by My servants the  
prophets, rising up early and sending  
them; neither would you heed.’,

says YHWH. 20  
‘Therefore hear the word of YHWH, all  
you of the captivity, whom I have sent  
from Jerusalem to Babylon. 21

Thus says YHWH of hosts,  
the God of Israel,  
concerning

Ahab [“father’s brother”] the son of  
Kolaiah [“voice of YHWH”], and  
Zedekiah [“YHWH is righteous” (not  
the king, of course, who is in Jeru-  
salem, not Babylon)] the son of  
Maaseiah [“work of YHWH”],

who prophesy a lie to you in My name:  
‘Behold, I will deliver them into the  
hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Baby-  
lon, and he shall slay them before your  
eyes. 22 And because of them a curse  
shall be taken up by all the captivity  
of Judah who are in Babylon, saying,

“YHWH make you like Zedekiah and  
Ahab, whom the king of Babylon  
roasted in the fire [Da 3]”; 23

because they have done disgraceful  
things in Israel, have committed adul-  
tery with their neighbors’ wives, and  
have spoken lying words in My name,  
which I have not commanded them.  
Indeed I know, and am a witness.’,

says YHWH.

#### A Message for Shemaiah

24 ¶ You shall also speak to Shemaiah  
[“heard by YHWH”] the Nehelamite  
[“he of the dream”], saying, 25

“Thus speaks YHWH of hosts,  
the God of Israel, saying:

‘You have sent letters in your name  
to all the people who are at Jerusalem,  
to Zephaniah [“YHWH has treasured”]  
the son of Maaseiah [“work of  
YHWH”] the priest, and

to all the priests, saying, 26

“YHWH has made you priest instead of  
Jehoiada the priest, so that there  
should be officers in the house of  
YHWH over every man who is dement-  
ed and considers himself a prophet,  
that you should put him in prison and  
in the stocks. 27 Now therefore, why  
have you not reproved Jeremiah of  
Anathoth who makes himself a proph-  
et to you? 28 For he has sent to us in  
Babylon, saying,

‘This captivity is long; build houses  
and dwell in them, and plant gardens  
and eat their fruit.’” 29

Now Zephaniah the priest [had] read  
this letter in the hearing of Jeremiah  
the prophet. 30 Then the word of YHWH  
came to Jeremiah, saying: 31

“Send to all those in captivity, saying,  
‘Thus says YHWH concerning  
Shemaiah the Nehelamite:

‘Because Shemaiah has prophesied to  
you, and I have not sent him, and he  
has caused you to trust in a lie’ — 32  
therefore thus says YHWH:

“Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the  
Nehelamite and his family:

he shall not have anyone to dwell  
among this people,  
nor shall he see the good that I will  
do for My people”,

says YHWH,  
“because he has taught rebellion  
against YHWH.””

#### Jeremiah 30

##### Promises of Deliverance

30:1 ¶ The word that came to Jeremiah  
from YHWH, saying, 2

“Thus speaks YHWH God of Israel, say-  
ing:

‘Write in a book for yourself all the  
words that I have spoken to you. 3  
For behold, the days are coming’,

says YHWH,  
‘that I will bring back from captivity  
My people Israel and Judah’,  
says YHWH,

‘And I will cause them to return [in  
536 BC] to the land that I gave to their  
fathers, and they shall possess it.’” 4

Now these are the words that YHWH  
spoke concerning Israel and Judah. 5

“For thus says YHWH:  
‘We have heard a voice of trembling,  
Of fear, and not of peace. 6

Ask now, and see,  
Whether a man is ever  
in labor with child?’

So why do I see every man  
with his hands on his loins  
Like a woman in labor,

And all faces turned pale? 7  
Alas! For that day is great,  
So that none is like it; And  
It is the time of Jacob’s trouble,

But he shall be saved out of it. 8  
For it shall come to pass in that day’,  
says YHWH of hosts,  
‘That I

will break his [context: Nebuchad-  
nezzar’s/Babylon’s]  
yoke from your neck, And  
will burst your bonds;

Foreigners  
shall no more enslave them. 9  
But they

shall serve [Ho 3:5, Eze 34:23]  
YHWH their God, And  
David their king  
[i.e., his successor, Messiah],  
Whom I will raise up for them.

10 ¶ [double ↑ entendre]  
Therefore do not fear,  
O My servant Jacob’,  
says YHWH,

‘Nor be dismayed, O Israel;  
For behold, I will save you from afar,  
And your seed

from the land of their captivity.  
Jacob shall

return,  
have rest, and  
be quiet,

And no one shall make him afraid. 11  
For I am with you’,  
says YHWH,

‘to save you;  
Though I make  
a full end of all nations  
where I have scattered you,

Yet I will not make  
a complete end of you.  
But I will correct you in justice, And  
will not let you go  
altogether unpunished.’ 12  
For thus says YHWH:  
‘Your affliction is [humanly] incurable,  
Your wound is severe. 13 [v17]  
There is no one to plead your cause,  
That you may be bound up;  
You have no healing medicines. 14  
All your lovers have forgotten you;  
They do not seek you;  
For I have wounded you  
With the wound of an enemy,  
With the chastisement of a cruel one,  
For the multitude of your iniquities,  
Because your sins have increased. 15  
Why do you cry about your affliction?  
Your sorrow is [humanly] incurable.  
Because of  
the multitude of your iniquities,  
Because your sins have increased,  
I have done these things to you. 16  
Therefore all those who devour you  
shall be devoured; And  
all your adversaries,  
every one of them,  
shall go into captivity;  
Those who plunder you  
shall become plunder, And  
all who prey upon you  
I will make a prey. 17  
For I will  
restore health to you And  
heal you of your wounds’,  
says YHWH,  
‘Because they called you an outcast,  
saying:  
“This is Zion; No one seeks her.”’  
18 ¶

Thus says YHWH:  
‘Behold,  
I will  
bring back the captivity [captives]  
of Jacob’s tents, And  
have mercy on his dwelling places;  
The city shall be built  
upon its own mound, And  
The palace shall remain  
according to its own plan. 19  
Then out of them shall proceed  
thanksgiving And  
the voice of those who make merry;  
I will multiply them,  
and they shall not diminish;  
I will also glorify them,  
and they shall not be small. 20  
Their children also shall be as before,  
And their congregation shall be  
established before Me; And  
I will punish all who oppress them. 21  
Their nobles shall be  
from among them, [1Ch 3:19a]  
And their governor shall come  
from their midst; Then  
I will cause him to draw near, And  
He [Israel] shall approach Me;  
For who is this who pledged his heart  
to approach Me?’  
says YHWH. 22 [↓ 31:33]  
‘You shall be My people, [wed. vow]  
And I will be your God.’” 23  
Behold,  
The whirlwind of YHWH  
Goes forth with fury,  
A continuing whirlwind;  
It will fall violently  
on the head of the wicked. 24  
The fierce anger of YHWH  
will not return  
until He has done it, And

until He has performed  
the intents of His heart.  
In the latter days you will consider it.  
[23:20; 1Pe 1:12 ... angels desire]  
[Hence, these latter days: Kingdom Age]

## August 13

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 29-31:22]

### Jeremiah 31 Hope for Restoration

31:1 ¶  
“‘At the same time,”  
says YHWH,  
“I will be the God of all the families of  
Israel, and they shall be My people.” 2  
Thus says YHWH:  
“The people who survived the sword  
Found grace in the wilderness  
— Israel,  
when I went to give him rest.” 3  
YHWH has appeared of old  
[RSV: from afar] to me, saying:  
“‘Yes,  
I have loved you  
with an everlasting love; Therefore  
with lovingkindness  
I have drawn you. 4 [Ho 11:4]  
Again  
I will build you,  
and you shall be rebuilt,  
O virgin of Israel!  
You  
shall again be adorned  
with your tambourines, And  
shall go forth in the dances  
of those who rejoice. 5  
You  
shall yet plant vines  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
The planters shall plant and eat  
[from] them as ordinary food. 6

For there shall be a day  
When the watchmen will cry  
on Mount Ephraim,  
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,  
To YHWH our God.’” 7  
For thus says YHWH:  
“Sing with gladness for Jacob, And  
Shout among the chief of the nations;  
Proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘O YHWH, save Your people,  
The remnant of Israel!’ 8  
Behold, I will  
bring them from  
the north country [Babylon], And  
gather them from  
the ends of the lands [earth],  
Among them  
the blind and the lame,  
The woman with child And  
the one who labors with child,  
together;  
A great throng shall return there. 9  
They shall come  
with weeping, And  
with supplications  
I will lead them.  
I will cause them to walk  
by the rivers of waters,  
In a straight way in which  
They shall not stumble;  
For I am a Father to  
Israel, And  
Ephraim  
is My firstborn.  
10 ¶  
Hear the word of YHWH,  
O nations, And  
Declare it in the isles afar off, and say,  
‘He who scattered Israel will  
gather him, And  
keep him  
as a shepherd does his flock.’ 11  
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For YHWH has redeemed Jacob, And ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he. 12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, Streaming to the goodness of YHWH — For wheat and new wine and oil, For the young of the flock and the herd; Their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, And They shall sorrow no more at all. 13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, And the young men and the old, together; For I will Turn their mourning to joy, Will comfort them, And Make them rejoice rather than sorrow; 14 [And] I will Sate the soul of the priests with abundance, And My people shall be satisfied with My goodness”, says YHWH.

15  
**Rachel's Sadness Turns to Joy**  
Thus says YHWH:

[Quoted by Jesus in Mt 2:18]  
“A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more.” 16

Thus says YHWH:  
“Refrain your voice from weeping, And your eyes from tears; For your work shall be rewarded”, says YHWH,  
“And they shall come back from the land of the enemy. 17 There is hope in your future”, says YHWH,  
“That your children shall come back to their own border. 18 ¶ I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself: ‘You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained bull; Restore me, and I will return, For You are YHWH my God. 19 Surely, after my turning, I repented; And after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, Because I bore the reproach of my youth.’ 20 Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; Therefore My heart yearns for him; ‘I will surely have mercy on him.’, says YHWH. 21  
“Set up signposts, Make landmarks; Set your heart toward the highway, the way in which you went. Turn back, O virgin of Israel, Turn back to these your cities. 22

How long will you gad about, O you backsliding daughter? For YHWH has created a new thing in the land [earth] — A woman shall encompass a man.” 23 [NLT: “Israel will embrace her God”] [Audio: S. Gregg Je 31:23-ch.32]  
Thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel:  
“They shall again use this speech in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I bring back their captivity [captives]: ‘YHWH bless you, O home of justice, and mountain of holiness!’ 24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all its cities together, farmers and those going out with flocks. 25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.” 26 After this I awoke and looked around, and my sleep was sweet to me. 27 ¶ “Behold, the days are coming”, says YHWH,  
“that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come to pass, that as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to throw down, to destroy, and to afflict,

so I will watch over them to build and to plant”, says YHWH. 29  
“In those days they shall say no more: ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ 30 But [↑ Eze 18:1-2] every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. 31 [vv31-34 quoted in He 8:8b-12] Behold, the days are coming”, says YHWH, [Lu 22:20 & //s] “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt — My covenant that they broke, though I was a husband to them”, says YHWH. 33  
“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days [of the old covenant]”, says YHWH: [Eze 36:26; new heart] “I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, [30:22: wed. vow] and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall [1Jn 2:27; Nu 11:26] every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know YHWH,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them



to the greatest of them”,  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>.  
“For I will forgive their iniquity, and  
their sin I will remember no more.”

35 ¶  
Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
Who gives [cf. Ge 1:16]  
the sun [the greater light]  
for a light by day,  
The ordinances of  
the moon [the lesser light] and  
the stars  
for a light by night,  
Who disturbs the sea,  
And its waves roar —  
Y<sup>HWH</sup> of hosts is His name: 36  
“If those ordinances depart  
[NLT: “the laws of nature”]  
From before Me”,  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
“Then the seed of Israel shall also cease  
From being a nation [IPe 2:9]  
before Me forever.” 37

Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup>:  
“If heaven above can be measured, and  
the foundations of the land [earth]  
searched out beneath,  
I will also cast off all the seed of Israel  
For all that they have done”,  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 38  
“Behold, the days are coming”,  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
“that the city shall be built for Y<sup>HWH</sup>  
from the Tower of Hananel  
[“God has favored”]  
to the Corner Gate. 39 [Bigger:]  
The surveyor’s line shall again extend  
straight forward over the hill Gareb  
[“scabby”]; then it shall turn toward  
Goath [“bellowing”]. 40 And the  
whole valley of the dead bodies and of

the ashes, and all the fields as far as  
the Brook Kidron [“dark”], to the  
corner of the Horse Gate toward the  
east, shall be holy to Y<sup>HWH</sup>.  
It shall not be  
plucked up or  
thrown down  
anymore forever.”

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## Jeremiah 49:34-39, 50-51, 27-28

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 45-49]

Jeremiah 49:34-39 596 BC

A Message Against Elam (Persia)

34 ¶ The word of Y<sup>HWH</sup> that came to  
Jeremiah the prophet against Elam, in  
the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah  
king of Judah, saying, 35

“Thus says Y<sup>HWH</sup> of hosts:  
‘Behold,  
I will break the bow of Elam,  
The foremost of their might. 36

Against Elam [re Greece in 334 BC?]  
I will bring the four winds  
From the four quarters of heaven,  
And scatter them toward all those winds;  
There shall be no nations where the  
outcasts of Elam will not go. 37  
For  
I will cause Elam to be dismayed  
before their enemies And  
before those who seek their life.  
I will bring disaster upon them,  
My fierce anger’,  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
‘And I will send the sword after them  
Until I have consumed them. 38  
I will set My throne in Elam, And  
will destroy from there  
the king and the princes’,  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>. 39  
‘But it shall come to pass  
in the latter days: [indef. future]  
I will bring back the captives of Elam’,  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>.”

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 50-52]

### Jeremiah 50

A Message Against Babylon

50:1 ¶ The word that Y<sup>HWH</sup> spoke  
against Babylon and  
against the land of the Chaldeans  
by Jeremiah the prophet. 2  
“Declare among the nations,  
Proclaim, and set up a standard;  
Proclaim — do not conceal it — Say,  
‘Babylon is taken,  
Bel [“lord”; a diety/idol] is shamed.  
Merodach [“your rebellion”; chief  
diety/idol] is broken in pieces;  
Her idols are humiliated,  
Her images are broken in pieces.’ 3  
For out of the north a nation comes up

against her [Elam (Persia, now Iran)  
is north of Chaldea (now Iraq)],  
Which shall make her land desolate,  
And no one shall dwell therein.  
They shall move,  
They shall depart,  
Both man and beast.” [Done: 539 BC]

4  
**Hope for Israel and Judah**  
“In those days and in that time”, [51:20]  
says Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
“The children of Israel shall come,  
They and  
The children of Judah together;  
With continual weeping  
They shall come,  
And seek Y<sup>HWH</sup> their God. 5  
They shall ask the way to Zion,  
With their faces toward it, saying,  
‘Come and  
Let us join ourselves to Y<sup>HWH</sup>  
In a perpetual covenant  
That will not be forgotten.’ 6  
My people have been lost sheep.  
Their shepherds have led them astray;  
They have turned them away  
on the mountains.

They have gone from mountain to hill;  
They have forgotten their resting place. 7  
All who found them have devoured them;  
And their adversaries said,  
‘We have not offended,  
Because they have sinned  
against Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
the habitation of justice,  
Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
the hope of their fathers.’ 8  
Move from the midst of Babylon,  
Go out of the land of the Chaldeans;  
and [↓ leaders]  
Be like the rams before the flocks.

9 ¶  
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For behold,  
I will raise and cause to come up  
against **Babylon**  
An assembly of great nations  
from **the north country**  
[Medo-Persia (then-coming  
world empire)], And  
They shall array themselves  
against her; [Done: **539 BC**]  
From there she shall be captured.  
Their arrows shall be  
like those of an expert warrior;  
None shall return in vain. 10  
And **Chaldea** shall become plunder;  
All who plunder her shall be satisfied”,  
says **YHWH**.

11  
**Babylon's Sure Fall**  
“Because you were glad,  
Because you rejoiced,  
You destroyers of **My heritage**,  
Because  
you have grown fat  
like a heifer threshing grain, and  
you bellow like bulls, 12  
Your mother shall be deeply ashamed;  
She who bore you shall be ashamed.  
Behold,  
The least of the nations shall be  
A wilderness,  
A dry land and a desert. 13  
Because of **the wrath of YHWH**  
She shall not be inhabited, But  
She shall be **wholly desolate**.  
Everyone who goes by **Babylon** shall  
be horrified And  
hiss at all her **plagues**. 14  
Put yourselves in array  
against **Babylon** all around,  
All you who bend the bow;  
Shoot at her, spare no arrows,  
For she has sinned against **YHWH**. 15

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Shout against her all around;  
She has given her hand,  
Her foundations have fallen,  
Her walls are thrown down;  
For it is **the vengeance of YHWH**.  
Take **vengeance** on her.  
As she has done, so do to her. 16  
Cut off  
the sower from **Babylon**, And  
him who handles the sickle  
at harvest **time**.  
For fear of the oppressing sword  
Everyone shall turn to his own people,  
And  
Everyone shall flee to **his own land**.”

17

### **Hope for God's People**

“Israel is like scattered sheep;  
The lions have driven *him* away.  
**First** the king of **Assyria** devoured him;  
**Now** at last this **Nebuchadnezzar**,  
king of **Babylon**, [A: **722**; B: **606**]  
has broken his bones.” 18  
Therefore **thus says YHWH of hosts,**  
**the God of Israel:**  
“Behold,  
I will punish  
the king of **Babylon** and **his land**,  
As I have punished [in **609 BC**]  
the king of **Assyria**. 19 But  
I will bring back Israel to his home,  
And he shall feed  
on **Carmel and Bashan**;  
His soul shall be **satisfied**  
on **Mount Ephraim and Gilead**. 20  
**In those days and in that time**.”, [v4]  
says **YHWH**,  
“The iniquity of Israel shall be sought,  
but *there shall be none*; and  
The **sins** of Judah,  
but they shall not be found;  
For I will pardon those whom I preserve.

## August 14

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

### **Jeremiah 50:21 ¶** **YHWH's Judgment on Babylon**

“Go up against  
the land of **Merathaim** [“double rebel-  
lion”; a name used for Babylon],  
against it, And against  
the inhabitants of **Pekod** [“visitation”;  
a people in the Babylonian army  
and a tribe in southeast Babylon  
near Elam (Persia)].  
Waste and utterly destroy them”,  
says **YHWH**,  
“And do according to all  
that I have commanded you. 22  
A sound  
of battle is in the land, And  
of great destruction. 23  
How the hammer of  
the whole land [earth]  
has been cut apart and broken!  
How **Babylon**  
has become a desolation  
among the nations! 24  
I have laid a snare for you;  
You have indeed been trapped,  
O **Babylon**, And  
You were not aware;  
You have been found and also caught,  
Because you have contended  
against **YHWH**. 25  
**YHWH**  
has opened **His armory**, And  
has brought out  
**the weapons of His indignation**;  
For this is the work of  
the **Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]**  
of hosts  
In the land of the Chaldeans. 26

Come against her  
from the farthest border;  
Open her storehouses;  
Cast her up as heaps of ruins, And  
Destroy her utterly;  
Let nothing of her be left. 27  
Slay all her bulls,  
Let them go down to the slaughter.  
Woe to them!  
For **their day has come,**  
**the time of their punishment**. 28  
The voice of those  
who flee and escape  
from the land of **Babylon**  
Declares in **Zion**  
**The vengeance of YHWH our God,**  
**The vengeance of His temple**. 29  
Call together the archers  
against **Babylon**.  
All you who bend the bow, encamp  
against it all around;  
Let none of them escape.  
Repay her  
according to her work;  
according to all she has done,  
Do to her;  
For she has been proud  
against **YHWH**,  
against **the Holy One of Israel**. 30  
Therefore  
Her young men  
shall fall in the streets, And  
All her men of war  
shall be cut off **in that day**.”  
says **YHWH**. 31  
“Behold, I am against you,  
O most haughty one!”  
says **the Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]**  
of hosts;  
“For **your day has come,**  
**The time that I will punish you**. 32

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The most proud shall stumble and fall,  
And no one will raise him up;  
I will kindle a fire in his cities,  
And it will devour all around him.”

33 ¶

Thus says YHWH of hosts:

“The children of Israel  
were oppressed, Along with  
The children of Judah;  
All who took them captive  
have held them fast; They  
have refused to let them go. 34

Their Redeemer is strong;

YHWH of hosts is His name.

He will thoroughly plead their case,

That He may

give rest to the land, And  
disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. 35

A sword is  
against the Chaldeans,”

says YHWH,

“ against the inhabitants of Babylon,

And  
against her princes and her wise men. 36

A sword is  
against the soothsayers,  
and they will be fools.

A sword is  
against her mighty men,  
and they will be dismayed. 37

A sword is  
against their horses,  
against their chariots, And  
against all the mixed peoples  
who are in her midst; And  
they will become like women.

A sword is  
against her treasures,  
and they will be robbed. 38

A drought is  
against her waters,  
and they will be dried up.

For it is the land of carved images,  
And they are insane with their idols. 39  
Therefore

the wild desert beasts shall dwell  
there with the jackals, And  
the ostriches shall dwell in it.

It shall be inhabited no more  
forever,

Nor shall it be dwelt in  
from generation to generation. 40

As God overthrew  
Sodom and Gomorrah  
And their neighbors,”

says YHWH,

“So no one shall reside there,  
Nor son of man dwell in it. 41

Behold, [51:11: Persia ,]

A people shall come from the north,  
and [Medes & Persians:]

A great nation and many kings  
shall be raised up from  
the ends of the lands [earth]. 42

They shall hold the bow and the lance;  
They are cruel and shall not show mercy.

Their voice shall roar like the sea;  
They shall

ride on horses,  
Set in array, like a man for the battle,  
Against you,

O daughter of Babylon. 43

The king of Babylon  
has heard the report about them, and  
His hands grow feeble;  
Anguish has taken hold of him,  
Pangs as of a woman in childbirth. 44

Behold,  
He shall come up like a lion  
from the floodplain of the Jordan  
Against the dwelling place  
of the strong; But

I will make them suddenly run away  
from her.

And who is a chosen man  
that I may appoint over her?

For  
Who is like Me?

Who will arraign Me? And  
who is that shepherd

Who will withstand Me?” 45

Therefore hear  
the counsel of YHWH  
that He has taken  
against Babylon, And

His purposes  
that He has proposed  
against the land  
of the Chaldeans:

Surely the least of the flock  
shall draw them out;

Surely He  
will make their dwelling place  
desolate with them. 46

At the noise of the taking of Babylon  
The land [earth] trembles, And  
The cry is heard among the nations.

**Jeremiah 51:1-58**

51:1 ¶ Thus says YHWH:

“Behold,

I will raise up  
Against Babylon,  
Against those who dwell in  
Leb Kamai [a code word for  
Babylon: “the midst of those  
who rise up against me”],  
A destroying wind. 2 And  
I will send winnowers to Babylon,  
Who shall  
winnow her and empty her land.

For in the day of doom They shall be  
Against her all around. 3  
Against her

Let the archer  
bend his bow, And  
lift himself up  
Against her in his armor.

Do not spare her young men;  
Utterly destroy all her army. 4

Thus the slain shall fall  
in the land of the Chaldeans,  
And those thrust through  
in her streets. 5

For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah,  
By his God, YHWH of hosts,  
Though their land was filled with sin  
Against the Holy One of Israel.” 6

Flee from the midst of Babylon,  
And every one save his life!

Do not be cut off in her iniquity,  
For this is

the time of YHWH’s vengeance;  
He shall recompense her. 7

Babylon was  
A golden cup in YHWH’s hand,  
That made all the land [earth] drunk.

The nations drank her wine;  
Therefore the nations are deranged. 8

Babylon has  
suddenly fallen and been destroyed.

Wail for her!  
Take balm for her pain;  
Perhaps she may be healed. 9

We would have healed Babylon,  
But she is not healed.  
Forsake her, and let us go everyone  
to his own country;

For her judgment reaches to heaven  
and is lifted up to the skies. 10

YHWH has revealed  
our righteousness.

Come and let us declare in Zion  
the work of **YHWH our God**. 11  
Make the arrows bright!  
Gather the shields!  
**YHWH** has raised up  
the spirit of **the kings of the Medes**.  
For **His plan is**  
Against Babylon to **destroy it**,  
Because it is  
**The vengeance of YHWH**,  
**The vengeance** for **His temple**. 12  
Set up the standard  
on the walls of **Babylon**;  
Make the guard strong,  
Set up the watchmen,  
Prepare the ambushes.  
For **YHWH** has both devised and done  
What **He** spoke  
against the inhabitants of **Babylon**. 13  
O you who dwell by **many waters**,  
Abundant in treasures,  
**Your end** has come,  
The measure of your **covetousness**. 14  
**YHWH of hosts**  
has sworn by **Himself**:  
“Surely I will fill you with men,  
as with locusts,  
And they shall lift up a shout  
against you.”  
15  
**A Hymn of Praise to YHWH**  
[51:15-19 is almost identical to [10:12-16](#)]  
**He** has made the land [earth]  
by **His power**;  
**He** has established the world  
by **His wisdom**,  
and **\_\_\_\_\_** stretched out the heaven  
by **His understanding**. 16  
**When He** utters **His** voice,  
**There is** a multitude of waters  
in the heavens [[Ge 1:1-2](#)]: **\_\_\_\_\_**

**He** causes **the vapors** to ascend  
from the ends of the land [earth];  
**He** makes lightnings  
for the rain;  
**He** brings the wind  
out of **His treasuries**. 17  
Everyone is dull-hearted,  
without knowledge;  
Every metalsmith is put to shame  
by **the carved image**;  
For his molded image is falsehood,  
And **there is** no breath in them. 18  
They are futile, a work of errors;  
**In the time of their punishment**  
**they shall perish**. 19  
**The Portion of Jacob**  
is not like them, For **He is**  
**The Maker of all things**;  
And **Israel is** the tribe of  
**His inheritance**.  
**YHWH of hosts is His name**.  
20  
**Babylon’s Great Punishment**  
“**You [Persia] are My battle-ax**  
**and weapons of war**: For  
With you I will break in pieces  
the nation [*Babylon: v24*];  
With you I will destroy kingdoms; 21  
With you I will break in pieces  
the horse and its rider;  
With you I will break in pieces  
the chariot and its rider; 22  
With you **also** I will break in pieces  
man and woman;  
With you I will break in pieces  
old and young;  
With you I will break in pieces  
the young man and the maiden; 23  
With you **also** I will break in pieces  
the shepherd and his flock;  
With you I will break in pieces  
the farmer and his yoke of oxen; and

With you I will break in pieces  
governors and rulers. 24  
And **\_\_\_\_\_** I will repay  
**Babylon** And  
all the inhabitants of **Chaldea**  
For all the evil they have done  
**In Zion in your sight.**”  
**says YHWH**. 25  
“Behold, **I am against you**,  
**O destroying mountain**,  
**Who destroys all the land [earth].**”  
**says YHWH**.  
“**And I will**  
**Stretch out My hand against you**,  
**Roll you down from the rocks**, And  
**Make you a burnt mountain**. 26  
They shall not take from you  
A stone for a corner Nor  
A stone for a foundation,  
**But you shall be desolate forever.**”  
**says YHWH**. 27  
Set up a banner in the land,  
Blow the trumpet among the nations!  
Prepare the nations against her,  
Call the kingdoms together against her:  
**Ararat** [*“the curse reversed:  
precipitation of curse”*],  
**Minni** [*“division”*], and  
**Ashkenaz** [*“a man as sprinkled:  
fire as scattered”*].  
[Three names for Ararat,  
in reference to the **Medes**.]  
Appoint a general against her;  
Cause the horses to come up  
like the bristling locusts. 28  
Prepare against her the nations,  
With the kings of the **Medes**  
[*“middle land”*;  
aka **Media** and **Madai**],  
Its governors and all its rulers,  
All the land of his dominion. 29

And the land will tremble and sorrow;  
For every purpose of **YHWH**  
shall be performed  
against **Babylon**,  
To make the land of **Babylon**  
a desolation without inhabitant. 30  
The mighty men of **Babylon**  
have ceased fighting, They  
have remained in their strongholds;  
Their might has failed,  
They became *like* women;  
They have burned her dwelling places,  
The bars of her *gate* are broken. 31  
One runner will run to meet another,  
And one messenger to meet another,  
To show the king of **Babylon**  
that his city is taken on *all* sides; 32  
The passages are blocked,  
The reeds they have burned with **fire**,  
And the men of war are terrified. 33  
For **thus says YHWH of hosts**,  
**the God of Israel**:  
“**The daughter of Babylon is**  
**like a threshing floor**  
**When it is time to thresh her**;  
**Yet a little while** And  
**the time of her harvest will come.**” 34  
“Nebuchadnezzar the king of **Babylon**  
Has devoured me,  
He has crushed me;  
He has made me an empty vessel,  
He has swallowed me up  
like a dragon [monster] [*dinosaur*];  
He has filled his stomach  
with my delicacies,  
He has spit me out. 35  
Let the violence  
**done to me and my flesh be**  
**upon Babylon**”,  
the inhabitant of **Zion** will say;



“And my blood be  
upon the inhabitants of Chaldea!”,  
Jerusalem will say.

36

### A Message for the Exiles

Therefore thus says YHWH:

“Behold,

I will

plead your case and  
take vengeance for you.

I will

dry up her sea and  
make her springs dry. 37

Babylon shall become

A heap, [cf. Rev 18:2:]

A dwelling place for dragons  
[jackals] [dinosaurs],

An astonishment and a hissing,  
Without an inhabitant. 38

They shall roar together like lions,  
They shall growl like lions' whelps. 39

In their excitement

I will prepare their feasts;

I will make them drunk,

That they may

rejoice, And

sleep a perpetual sleep

And not awake”,

says YHWH. 40

“I will bring them down

Like lambs to the slaughter,

Like rams with male goats. 41

Oh, how Sheshach [“your fine linen”;  
a code name for Babylon; cf. 25:26]  
is taken!

Oh, how the praise of the whole land  
[earth] is seized!

How Babylon has become desolate  
among the nations! 42

The sea has come up over Babylon;

She is covered

with the multitude of its waves. 43

Her cities are

A desolation,

A dry land and a wilderness,

A land where no one dwells,

Through which no son of man passes. 44

I will punish Bel in Babylon, And

I will bring out of his mouth

what he has swallowed; And

The nations shall not stream to him

anymore.

Yes, the wall of Babylon shall fall.” 45

“My people, go out of the midst of her!

And let everyone deliver himself  
from the fierce anger of YHWH. 46

And lest your heart faint,

And you fear for the rumor

that will be heard in the land

(A rumor will come one year,

And after that, in another year

A rumor will come,

And violence in the land,

Ruler against ruler

), 47

Therefore behold, the days are coming

That I will bring judgment on the

carved images of Babylon;

Her whole land shall be ashamed, And

All her slain shall fall in her midst. 48

Then the heavens and the land [earth]

and all that is in them [Re 18:20]

shall sing joyously over Babylon;

For the plunderers [Medes & Persians]

shall come to her from the north”,

says YHWH. 49

As Babylon has caused the slain of  
Israel to fall,

So at Babylon the slain of all the land

[earth] shall fall. 50

You who have escaped the sword,

Get away!

Do not stand still!

Remember YHWH afar off, And

Let Jerusalem come to your mind. 51

We are ashamed

because we have heard reproach.

Shame has covered our faces,

For strangers have come into the

sanctuaries of YHWH's house. 52

“Therefore behold, the days are coming”,  
says YHWH,

“That I will bring judgment  
on her carved images, And

throughout all her land

The wounded shall groan. 53

Though Babylon were

to mount up to heaven, And

[tower of Babel?]

Though she were

to fortify the height of her strength,

Yet from Me

plunderers would come to her,”

says YHWH.

54

### Babylon's Complete Destruction

The sound of a cry comes

from Babylon,

And great destruction

from the land of the Chaldeans, 55

Because YHWH is

plundering Babylon And

silencing her loud voice,

Though her waves roar

like great waters,

And the noise of their voice

is uttered, 56

Because the plunderer comes

against her,

against Babylon, And

Her mighty men are taken.

Every one of their bows is broken;

For YHWH is the God of recompense,

He will surely repay. 57

“And I will make drunk

her princes and wise men,

her governors,

her deputies, and

her mighty men.

And they shall sleep

a perpetual sleep

and not awake.”,

says the King,

Whose name is YHWH of hosts. 58

Thus says YHWH of hosts:

“The broad walls of Babylon

shall be utterly broken, And

Her high gates

shall be burned with fire;

The people will labor in vain, And

The nations, because of the fire; And

They shall be weary.”

[Jeremiah 51:59-64 follow ch. 27-28  
next]

# August 15

[Jeremiah gave these messages in the fourth year and fifth (lunar) month of Zedekiah's reign in Judah [cf. 28:1; Zed-04/05/xx; so August-September 593 BC] under Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon. (Cf. Ez 1:2, which may be by Babylonian reckoning rather than Jewish, since Ezekiel was then in Chaldea/Babylonia. Otherwise they were prophesying on the same day!)]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [Je 24-28](#)]

## Jeremiah 27

593 BC

### Jeremiah Wears an Ox Yoke

27:1 ¶ In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah<sup>12</sup> [Jehoiakim] the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah [in Jerusalem] from YHWH, saying, 2

“Thus says YHWH to me:

“Make for yourselves bonds and yokes, and put them on your neck, 3 and send them to

the king of Edom,  
the king of Moab,  
the king of the Ammonites,  
the king of Tyre, and  
the king of Sidon,

by the hand of the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah. 4 And command them to say to their [Israelite] masters,

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

thus you shall say to your masters: 5

‘I have made  
the land [earth], [and]  
the man and  
the beast that are  
on the land [ground],  
by My great power and  
by My outstretched arm, and  
have given it to whom  
it seemed proper to Me. 6

And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve him. 7 So all nations shall serve him and his son and his son's son, until the time of his land comes [apparently when Cyrus took over in 539 BC and freed the Jews in 536 BC]; and then many nations and great kings shall make him serve them [i.e., Medo-Persia]. 8 And it shall be, that the nation and kingdom that will not serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I will punish’,

says YHWH,

‘with

the sword,  
the famine, and  
the pestilence,

until I have consumed them by his hand. 9

Therefore do not listen to  
your prophets,  
your diviners,  
your dreamers,  
your soothsayers, or  
your sorcerers,

who speak to you, saying,

“You shall not serve  
the king of Babylon.” 10

For they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land; and I will drive you out, and you will perish. 11 But the nations that bring their necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, I will let them remain in their own land’,

says YHWH,

‘and they shall till it and dwell in it.’”

12 ¶ I also spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying,

“Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live! 13 Why will you die, you and your people,

by the sword,  
by the famine, and  
by the pestilence,

as YHWH has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 14

Therefore do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying,

‘You shall not serve  
the king of Babylon,’

for they prophesy a lie to you. 15

‘For I have not sent them,’

says YHWH,

‘yet they prophesy a lie in My name, that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you.’” 16

Also I spoke to the priests and to all this people, saying,

“Thus says YHWH:

‘Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying,

“Behold, the vessels of YHWH's house will now shortly be brought back from Babylon”;

for they prophesy a lie to you. 17 Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon, and live! Why should this city be laid waste? 18 But if they are prophets, and if the word of YHWH is with them, let them now make intercession to YHWH of hosts, that the vessels that are left

in the house of YHWH,

in the house of the king of Judah,  
and at Jerusalem,

do not go to Babylon.’ 19

For thus says YHWH of hosts

concerning the pillars,  
concerning the Sea,  
concerning the carts, and  
concerning the remainder of the

vessels that remain in this city, 20 which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon did not take, when he carried away captive Jeconiah [aka Jehoiachin] the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah [replaced by Zedekiah: 2Ki 24:10-17], from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem — 21

yes, thus says YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel,

concerning the vessels that remain in the house of YHWH, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem: 22

‘They shall be carried to Babylon, and there they shall be until the day that I visit them,’

says YHWH.

‘Then I will bring them up and restore them to this place.’”

<sup>12</sup> As in some Hebrew manuscripts and the Syriac text. Most Hebrew texts read “Jehoiakim”, but see Je 27:3,12,20.

## Jeremiah 28

593 BC

### Jeremiah Condemns Hananiah

28:1 ¶ And it happened in the same year, at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah [2Ki 24:12-17], in the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] year and in the fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] month [Zed-04/05/xx],

[Zed-Reign:4=JudahYear:383, so 3412 AB =593 BC, per Jones]

that Hananiah [“YHWH has favored”] the son of Azur [“he that assists”] the prophet, who was from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of YHWH in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying [in green text because it is actually not a message from YHWH], 2

“Thus speaks YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel,

saying:

‘I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. 3 Within two [2] full years I will bring back to this place all the vessels of YHWH’s house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. 4 And I will bring back to this place Jeconiah [aka Jehoiachin] the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah who went to Babylon’,

says YHWH,

‘for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.’” 5

[None of those things happened as predicted, hence he was a false prophet.]

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of YHWH, 6 and the prophet Jeremiah said,

“Amen! YHWH do so; YHWH perform your words that you have prophesied, to bring back the vessels of YHWH’s house and all who were carried away captive, from Babylon to this place. 7 Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: 8

The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms — of war and disaster and pestilence. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom YHWH has truly sent.” [De 18:22 proof of a prophet.]

10 ¶ Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke off the prophet Jeremiah’s neck and broke it. 11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying [his words, not YHWH’s],

“Thus says YHWH:

‘Even so I will break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two [2] full years.’”

[Again, did not happen.]

And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 Now the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 13

“Go and tell Hananiah, saying,

‘Thus says YHWH:

“You have broken the yokes of wood, but you have made in their place yokes of iron.” 14

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

“I have put a yoke of iron on the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him. I have given him the beasts of the field also.”” 15

Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet,

“Hear now, Hananiah, YHWH has not sent you, but you make this people trust in a lie. 16

Therefore thus says YHWH:

‘Behold, I will cast you from the face of the land [earth]. This year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against YHWH.’” 17

So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] month.

[Jeremiah 29-31 start on Aug 12]

[Jeremiah 32 delayed to Aug 23]

[Jeremiah 33 delayed to Aug 24]

[Jeremiah 34 delayed to Aug 23]

[Jeremiah 35 follows 18, Aug 11]

[Jeremiah 36 follows 20, Aug 6]

[Jeremiah 37 delayed to Aug 23]

[Jeremiah 38 delayed to Aug 24]

[Jeremiah 39:1 moved to Aug 22]

[Jeremiah 39:2-14 to Aug 26]

[Jeremiah 39:15-18 to Aug 24]

[Jeremiah 40:1-6 to Aug 26]

[Jeremiah 40:7-44:30 to Aug 28-29]

[Jeremiah 45 follows 36:8, Aug 6]

[Jeremiah 46 precedes 25, Aug 5]

[Jeremiah 47-48 moved to Aug 3]

[Jeremiah 49:1-33 is on Aug 11]

[Jeremiah 49:34-51:58

start on Aug 13]

[Audio: S. Gregg Je 50-52]

## Jeremiah 51:59-64

593 BC

### Jeremiah’s Message Sent to Babylon

59 ¶ The word that Jeremiah the prophet commanded [Baruch’s bro.:] Seraiah [“YHWH is ruler”]

the son of Neriah [“YHWH’s lamp”], the son of Mahseiah

[“YHWH is a shelter”],

when he went with

Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] year of his reign.

[Zed-Reign:4=JudahYear:383, so 3412 AB =593 BC, per Jones]

And Seraiah was the quartermaster. 60 So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come upon Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon. 61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah,

“When you arrive in Babylon and see it, and read all these words, 62 then you shall say,

‘O YHWH, You have spoken against this place to cut it off, so that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but it shall be desolate forever.’ 63

Now it shall be, when you have finished reading this book, that you shall tie a stone to it and throw it out into the [River] Euphrates. 64 Then you shall say,

‘Thus Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe that I will bring upon her. And they [the Babylonians] shall be weary.’”

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

# Jeremiah 52

[Jeremiah 52:1-3 after ch 23, Aug 12]  
 [Jeremiah 52:4-5 moved to Aug 22]  
 [Jeremiah 52:6-11 moved to Aug 26]  
 [Jeremiah 52:12-27 to Aug 26]  
 [Jeremiah 52:28-30 to Sep 1]  
 [Jeremiah 52:31-34 to Sep 6]

**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 OF CAPTIVITIES

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](#)]

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### The Indignation ([Eze 24:1-14](#))

589BC, epoch of the boiling pot began when Zedekiah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar[588?]  
 519BC, ended in Darius I’s 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 390<sup>th</sup> year as a separate kingdom from Israel;  
 Zedekiah’s 11<sup>th</sup> and last year, Judah’s last king [[Jer 52:1](#)]  
 516BC, ended in Darius I’s 6<sup>th</sup> year ([Ezra 6:15](#))

# August 16

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## Footnotes:

- \*1 Jehoram reigned 8 years, but the 1st four as co-rex with his father.
- \*2 Ahaziah reigned less than a year during his father's final year.
- \*3 Athaliah began her usurped reign in Jehoram's final year, also.
- \*4 Jehoahaz reigned only 3 mo., but they straddled a year boundary.
- \*5 Jehoiachin reigned only 3mo10da, but they straddled a year bound.
- \*6

# Editor's Notes:

## August 16

### Jeremiah 52

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#### **Third Siege & Captivity [Zed-11]**

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; so January 15, 588 B.C.], [Zed-Reign:9=JudahYear:388, so 3417 AB = 588 BC, per Jones] that Nebuchadnezzar<sup>13</sup> 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: 52:29)].

[Zed-Reign:11=JudahYear:390, so 3419 AB = 586 BC, per Jones]

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6 By the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>] month, on the ninth [9<sup>th</sup>] day of the month<sup>14</sup> [Zed-11/04/09], 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.

### Jeremiah 52

12 ¶ Now in the fifth [5<sup>th</sup>] month, on the tenth [10<sup>th</sup>] day of the month [Zed-11/05/10] (which was the nineteenth [19<sup>th</sup>] year of King Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon)<sup>15</sup>,

[Zed-Reign:11=JudahYear:390, so 3419 AB = 586 BC, per Jones]

Nebuzaradan [“Nebo has given seed”], 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. 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].

24 ¶ The captain of the guard took Seraiah [“YHWH is ruler”] the chief priest, Zephaniah [“YHWH has treas-

ured”] 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 [Duplicated here:]**

##### **Summary: The Captives**

These are the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive in the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] year [of Nebuchadnezzar (v29), so Neb-07]:

[J'kim-Reign:11=JudahYear:378, so 3407 AB = 598 BC, per Jones]

three thousand and twenty-three [3,023] Jews;

### Jeremiah 52

#### **Summary: The Captives**

28 These are the people whom Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive:

[First Captivity: Da 1:1-3]

[Second Captivity:]

in the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] year [of Nebuchadnezzar, as below, so Neb-07],

[J'kim-Reign:11=JudahYear:378, so 3407 AB = 598 BC, per Jones]

three thousand and twenty-three [3,023] Jews; 29

<sup>13</sup> Hebrew Nebuchadrezzar, a variant name for Nebuchadnezzar; also in 52:12, 28, 29, 30.

<sup>14</sup> July 18, 586 BC; cf. 52:4a.

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<sup>15</sup> August 17, 586 B.C.; cf. 52:4a.



[Third Captivity: Jer 52:4-27]  
in the eighteenth [18<sup>th</sup>] year of  
Nebuchadnezzar [Neb-18]  
[Zed-Reign:10=JudahYear:389,  
so 3418 AB = 587 BC, per Jones]  
he carried away captive from Jeru-  
salem eight hundred and thirty-two  
[832] persons; 30

[Fourth Captivity:]  
in the twenty-third [23<sup>rd</sup>] year of  
Nebuchadnezzar [Neb-23],  
[plus 5 years, so 3423AB = 582BC]  
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 [3,023+832+745 = 4,600].

## Jeremiah 52

### Jehoiachin's Life after Prison

31 ¶ Now it came to pass in the thirty-  
seventh [37<sup>th</sup>] year of the captivity of  
Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the  
twelfth [12<sup>th</sup>] month, on the twenty-  
fifth [25<sup>th</sup>] day of the month [Jcn-  
37/12/25],

[J'chin-Cap:37,  
so 3444 AB = 561 BC, per Jones;  
cf. 2Ki 24:12 || 2Ch 36:10]

that Evil-Merodach [or Awil-Marduk:  
"man of Merodach"] king of Baby-  
lon, in the first [or ascension] year of  
his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoi-  
achin king of Judah and brought him  
out of prison. 32 And he spoke kindly  
to him and gave him a more promi-  
nent 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 pro-  
visions, there was a regular ration giv-  
en him by the king of Babylon, a por-  
tion for each day until the day of his  
death, all the [remaining] days of his  
life.

(Jer 1:1-52:34 NKJV)

Relevant to Creating and Making:

Jeremiah 5:22

Do you not fear Me?',  
says YHWH.  
'Will you not tremble at My presence,  
Who have placed the sand [Job]  
as the bound of the sea [38:10],  
By a perpetual decree that  
It cannot pass beyond it? And  
Though its waves toss to and fro,  
Yet they cannot prevail;  
Though they roar,  
Yet they cannot pass over it.' 23

Jeremiah 10:12 (~= 51:15-16,19b)

A Hymn of Praise to YHWH 12  
He has made the land [earth]  
by His power,  
He has established the world  
by His wisdom,  
and has stretched out the heavens  
at His discretion. 13  
When He utters His voice,  
There is a multitude of waters  
in the heavens [Ge 1:1-2]; And  
He causes the vapors to ascend  
from the ends of the land [earth].  
He makes lightning\_  
for the rain,  
He brings the wind  
out of His treasures. 14 ... 16b  
For He is  
The Maker of all things,

Jeremiah 27:4-5

And command them to say to their  
[Israelite] masters,  
"Thus says YHWH of hosts,  
the God of Israel —  
thus you shall say to your masters: 5  
'I have made  
the land [earth], [and]  
the man and  
the beast that are  
on the land [ground],  
by My great power and  
by My outstretched arm, and  
have given it to whom  
it seemed proper to Me. 6

Jeremiah 51:15-16,19b (~=10:12-13)

A Hymn of Praise to YHWH 15  
He has made the land [earth]  
by His power;  
He has established the world  
by His wisdom,  
and \_\_\_ stretched out the heaven\_  
by His understanding. 16  
When He utters His voice,  
There is a multitude of waters in  
the heavens [Ge 1:1-2]: \_\_\_  
He causes the vapors to ascend  
from the ends of the land [earth];  
He makes lightnings  
for the rain;  
He brings the wind  
out of His treasures. 17 ... 19b  
For He is  
He is the Maker of all things; ...

Jeremiah 31:35,37

Thus says YHWH,  
Who gives  
the sun  
for a light by day,  
The ordinances of  
the moon and the stars  
for a light by night,  
Who disturbs the sea,  
And its waves roar —  
YHWH of hosts is His name: 36..37  
Thus says YHWH:  
"If heaven above can be measured, and  
the foundations of the land [earth]  
searched out beneath,  
I will also cast off all the seed of Israel  
For all that they have done",  
says YHWH. 38

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tion, Nahum, Zephaniah, Habakkuk,  
Daniel

Relevant to Land vs. Earth:

Jeremiah 25:26

[context is nations:]  
all the kings of the north, far and near,  
one with another; and  
all the kingdoms of the world that are  
on the face of the lands [earth].  
[Hence, "world" refers to the habita-  
tions, systems, kingdoms, and nations  
of mankind, not to the planet. Instead,  
they are "on the face of the land(s)"].]

Jeremiah 11:19b

Let us cut him off  
from the land of the living,  
[Clearly a surface phenomenon.]

## *Introduction to Jeremiah*

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### I. Historical Setting:

- The Assyrians had dominated international politics for 300 years, but were now declining as Babylon and Egypt both sought supremacy.
- The year before Jeremiah received his call (627 BC), Josiah had begun his reforms. Six years later (621 BC), the book of the law (probably Deuteronomy) was found, which may be alluded to in Jeremiah's 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. Josiah's reforms did not succeed in turning Judah permanently from idolatry. After Josiah's death, a succession of evil rulers led Judah into ultimate destruction.
- In 607 BC, Babylon conquered Assyria, and crushed Egypt two years later at the battle of Carchemish. Between these victories, Babylon had partially destroyed Jerusalem (605 BC), taking certain captives (including Daniel and his three friends).
- Babylonian troops returned to further devastate Jerusalem in 597 BC, taking additional captives (including Ezekiel).
- When Zedekiah rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar, Babylonian troops returned in 586 BC, destroying the city and the temple, and leading the rest of the population captive to Babylon.
- Jeremiah lived through all three of these assaults on his homeland, and through the reigns of the last five kings of Judah: *Josiah* (640-609 BC), *Jehoahaz* (609 BC), *Jehoiakim* (609-598 BC), *Jehoiachin* (598-597 BC), *Zedekiah* (597-596 BC), as well as the governor *Gedaliah*.

### II. The Man Jeremiah:

- Seven other men by this name are known in the Old Testament. The Prophet Jeremiah, was a priest (like Ezekiel and Zechariah), from Anathoth, 3 miles NE of Jerusalem, in Benjamin's territory. In addition

to this book, he may have been the author of the Books of Kings (Jewish tradition).

- Called into the prophetic ministry in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of Josiah's reign (626 BC) —about 100 years after Isaiah— and ministered almost 50 years, through the reigns of the last five kings of Judah, beyond the fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC. This period is described in 2 Kings 22-25 and 2 Chron. 34-36.
- “The Weeping Prophet” (9:1/ 13:17/ 14:17) was called to prophesy while still quite young, he was at first very reluctant. He later became quite bold, however. He was sensitive enough to weep over the sins of his people and the disasters that they were bringing upon themselves, but also courageous enough to preach an unpopular message, which led to his imprisonment (32:2) and attempts on his life (ch.26:16, 24). ***In his message and temperament, Jeremiah can be regarded as a type of Christ.***
- In the beginning, he urged the people to repent, but when this failed, he urged them to surrender to Babylon. For this, he was accused of treason and thrown into a dungeon (38:4-6). He seems to have had only two converts, his scribe Baruch and the Ethiopian eunuch, Ebed-melech (38:7-13; 39:15-18).
- According to God's command, Jeremiah never married (16:1-4).
- When Gedaliah, the Babylonian-appointed governor of Judah, was murdered, many of the Jews fled to Egypt, fearing reprisals from Nebuchadnezzar. Jeremiah did not agree with this flight to Egypt, but was forced by his companions to accompany them. In Egypt, he continued his prophetic ministry until, according to tradition, he was killed by one of his countrymen. According to an alternative tradition, Nebuchadnezzar invaded Egypt 20 years after the flight to Egypt, and took Jeremiah captive to Babylon.
- According to certain Jewish traditions, Jeremiah took the Ark of the Covenant with him to Egypt. Some rabbis believed Jeremiah would reappear at the beginning of the messianic age and miraculously feed the people with the manna from the golden pot in the ark (cf. John 6:14/ Matt.16:14/ Rev.2:17).

### III. A “Type” of Christ?

- A) Called before his birth (1:5/ Matt.1:21)
- B) Never married (16:1ff)
- C) Weeping over Jerusalem (9:1, etc./ Luke 19:41)
- D) Yoke-making (27:2/ Matt.11:29)
- E) Warning of *Gehenna* (7:32/Mk.9:33) [But cf. “Tophet” in Isaiah]
- F) Messenger of the New Covenant (31:31ff/ Luke 22:20)

### IV. Prophets contemporary with Jeremiah:

Habakkuk and Zephaniah (in Jerusalem); Daniel and Ezekiel (in Babylon); Urijah, son of Shemaiah (in Kirjath-Jearim—Jer.26:20-23)

### V. The Book of Jeremiah

- The longest of the prophetic books
- Main theme: God’s impending judgment on Judah (e.g., chapters 1-29), and the subsequent Messianic Age (e.g., 23:3-8; chapters 30-33 [“The Little book of Comfort”])
- Reveals more of the author’s personal life and inner struggles than any other prophetic book
- Began to be written down about 20 years after the beginning of the prophet’s oral ministry (36:1-2). Dictated to a friend and scribe, named Baruch (36:4-8, 32; 32:13ff; 45:1). The earliest 21 chapters had to be written twice. The original draft was deliberately destroyed in fire by King Jehoiakim (36:22-25), but was re-written and expanded by the prophet (36:32).
- Quoted seven times in other books (Dan.9:2 [ch. 25]/ Matt.2:18; 27:9/1 [also Zech. x:y (mixed w.Jer?)] Cor.1:31/2 [Jer 9:31] Cor.10:17/ Heb.8:8-12 [Jer xx:yy]; 10:16f)

### VI. Chronological Outline:

- I. Josiah’s reign (639-608 BC)
  - Chapter 1— thirteenth year of Josiah
  - Chapters 2—20 (except for chapter 13)
  - Chapter 11—when the book of the law was found (621 BC)
- II. Jehoiachim’s reign (608-597 BC)
  - Chapter 22—beginning of his reign
  - Chapters 25, 36, 45-49—in the fourth year of his reign
- III. Jehoiachin’s reign (597 BC ...three months)
  - Chapters 13 and 22:24-30 (probably)
- IV. Zedekiah’s reign (597-586 BC)
  - Chapters 23-24; 27-29; 49:34-39 —beginning of his reign
  - Chapters 50 and 51:54-64 —fourth year (593 BC)
  - Chapters 30-31 —between 597 and 588 BC
  - Chapters 21, 34, 37 —ninth year (year of siege, Jeremiah at liberty)
  - Chapters 32-33 —587 BC (Jeremiah in prison)
  - Chapters 38-39 —eleventh year (586 BC, Jerusalem destroyed)
- V. In Jerusalem under Gedaliah — Chapters 40 – 43:7
- VI. In Egypt — Chapters 43:8 – 44

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| II. Condemnation of Judah (chapters 2-29)              | A. Undated, general (chapters 1-20)                      |
| III. The “Little Book of Comfort” (chapters 30-33)     | B. Dated, particular (chapters 21-39, 45)                |
| IV. Calamity on Judah (chapters 34-45)                 | II. Prophecies after fall of Jerusalem (chapters 40-44)  |
| V. Prophecies against heathen nations (chapters 46-51) | III. Prophecies against heathen nations (chapters 46-51) |
| VI. Historical Appendix (chapter 52)                   | IV. Historical Appendix (chapter 52)                     |

### *Chronology of Jeremiah*

| <i>Chapters</i>   | <i>Year</i>                   | <i>Comments</i>                    |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b><i>Reign of Josiah</i></b> <b><i>639-608 BC</i></b>                |                               |                                    |
| 1   | 13 <sup>th</sup> of Josiah    |                                    |
| 2 through 20 (except 13)  | Reign of Josiah               |                                    |
| 11  | 621 BC                        | When the book was found            |
| <b><i>Reign of Jehoiachim</i></b> <b><i>608-597 BC</i></b>            |                               |                                    |
| 22  | Beginning of Jehoiachim’s     |                                    |
| 25; 36; 45-49   | Fourth of Jehoiachim (BC BC)  |                                    |
| <b><i>Reign of Jehoiachin</i></b> <b><i>597 BC (three months)</i></b> |                               |                                    |
| 13 and 22:24-30 (probably)  |                               |                                    |
| <b><i>Reign of Zedekiah</i></b> <b><i>597-586 BC</i></b>              |                               |                                    |
| 23-24; 27-29; 49:34-39  | Beginning of Zedekiah’s       |                                    |
| 50 and 51:59-64   | Fourth of Zedekiah’s (593 BC) |                                    |
| 30-31   | Between 597 and 588 BC        |                                    |
| 21; 34; 37  | Ninth year (588 BC)           | Year of siege; Jeremiah at liberty |
| 32-33   | Tenth year (587 BC)           | Jeremiah in prison                 |
| 38-39   | Eleventh year (586 BC)        | Fall of Jerusalem                  |
| <b><i>Time of Gedaliah</i></b>  |                               |                                    |
| 40—43:7   | 586 BC                        | In Jerusalem, after the fall       |
| <b><i>After the flight to Egypt</i></b>                               |                               |                                    |
| 43:8—ch.44  |                               | In Egypt                           |

### Notes from Steve Gregg Lectures:

1:10 First destruction, then plant and build (restoration), as with Paul and Apollos: [1Co 3](#).

1:11-12 “ready” means “watchful” and “almond” means “watch”. Almond blossoms are early warning of spring. This is an early warning of new things to come.

1:13-19 Tipping point. Babylon ready to come down and conquer. Always attacking from the north due to going around [the Jordan River](#): they were more east of Israel, but described as northern.

2:5 What has changed in God? Why have they cheated on [Him](#)?

2:10-13 Other nations don't leave their gods because those gods don't make moral demands on them. But Israel has a real, living God, and they continually wander. Cisterns: likewise the modern Church has abandoned God and replaced [Him](#) with psychology (Jung, Freud, Rogers, etc.), “science” so called, etc.

2:22 Contrast with [Is 1:18](#).

2:23-24 Adultery. Promiscuous.

2:30 Even a perfect father cannot necessarily get [His](#) children to go the right way.

2:34 Poor innocents sacrificed to Molech. (Modern: abortion — the god of convenience, “women's rights”.)

2:?? Trusting in religious objects (ark, temple,...) rather than [Him](#).

2:36-37 Trust in other nations rather than [Him](#).

3:11ff Hypothetical statement to Israel, as Israel no longer exists, but as a message to Judah to return to God

rather than continuing on the downward path of Israel.

3:22b-25 Jeremiah gives them a model prayer.

4:2 [1Co 1:26](#) not many wise...He who glories let him glory in the Lord. [~quote from Jeremiah 9:24] [2Co 10:17](#) again quotes that verse.

4:3 [Ro 2:28-29](#) Not a Jew outwardly, but of the heart: circumcised there. [Php 3:2?](#) (almost all Gentiles there; not even 10 Jewish men there; first convert was a Jewish woman, Lydia) Matter of the heart.

4:4 “no one” = “no man” can resist God's judgment.

4:10 [1Ki 22:22](#) || [2Ch 18:21](#): Micaiah: false prophet with lying spirit. [2Th 2:9-12](#) They did not receive God's truth, so God sent a deception (via Satan). [De 13:1ff](#) Prophet who delivers on a sign, but message that draws away from God. God sets up tests.

4:23-26 God is hitting the reset button, returning Israel to something like it was before its making.

5:2 They don't even know [YHWH](#).

5:6 [Is 11:6-8](#) same wild animals: emblem of Gentile nations being at peace with (the New) Israel.

5:14 words => fulfillment

5:18 There will remain [a remnant](#).

5:31 “by their *own* power”: institutionalization.

6:30 [Is 60:17](#) worthless metals replaced in New Jerusalem with good metals. [Mal 3:16-17](#) make them my jewels ([AD 70](#): all the worthless burned up, but rescue the valuables, [the remnant](#)) [1Co 3:9](#) Paul laid foundation,

Apollos built on that; testing will come: if built from worthless stuff, it will be destroyed, but if jewels (true believers), then it will stand — about the Church, not individuals.

7:1-15 I didn't spare Shiloh because the tabernacle was there, I will not spare you because of the temple being there.

7:30-34 Jesus probably used gehenna the same way Jer does here, not as hell but as a lace of corpses after God's judgment via another nation (here Babylon in 586 BC; Jesus: Rome in AD 70).

8:7 bird brains smarter than Israel: Is 1:3 dumb ox knows, but not Israel

8:14 – 9:15 Rev'n third trumpet: wormwood, bitterness.

9:4-6 Mic 7:5-6 quoted by Jesus in Mt 10:6 They choose deceit, not knowing [YHWH](#).

9:10b Birds again: as in ch 4, where it has nothing to do with creation.

10:5 De x:yff do not add to or subtract from: don't borrow from pagan religions to worship [YHWH](#).

10:20 God's words?

10:23-25 Prayer of imprecation. 11:20 15:15 17:18 18:21-23 1Co 11:31-32 judge selves so God will not.

11: (Sounds like his audience has recently heard of the discovery of the book of Deuteronomy by Josiah/Hilkiah, esp. ch 28..) De 4:10 iron furnace

12: Ps 73 Why do the wicked prosper?

12:5 Is 40:18?ff29 weary, not faint

12:10 Jesus parable of the vineyard rented to tenants (rulers)

13 sash (Israel) useful for only one purpose and failed at that, so get rid of it (them)

13:12 – 25:15-27ff judgment = drunk w/wine

13:4 Euphrates River is days away from Jerusalem. Did he go in a vision or really? Not known. Other examples likewise.

13:15-19 Pride is preventing proper action (Is 2)

13:22 Habits of evil: not an original condition, Calvinist, but acquired — they have become so accustomed to evil, that they can no longer change. Other people have also done so, but it is does not say that humanity is this way generally. v27: Will you not be made clean? => hope that they could be.

14:1 Droughts: early/latter rains withheld 3:3 showers withheld 5:23f

14:19b a repeat of a phrase from before.

15:1 Moses & Samuel interceded for the people.

16 Jeremiah not to have a wife and family so he would not have to mourn over them during the judgment to come

16:16 Fishermen, as Jesus said.

16:14-21 Kingdom Age.

16:19 unprofitable – 1Pe 1:18 aimless conduct, unprofitable

17:4b “forever” but limited to 70 years

17:11 Partridge broods over the eggs of other birds?

17:13b “written in the land” means what? That your end is to be pure-

ly temporal? In the land, not in heaven?

17:27 Am 1:4 kindle a fire and devour.

18: Is 45:9, 64:xx Potter and clay; Paul in Rom

18:7-10 Applies generally, whether stated or not. All His promises are conditional. In particular, to Israel. And re marriage.

18:18 Jerusalem rejected so God refuses to speak to them via any means. Eze 27:6 & Saul could get no word from YHWH.

18:21-23 Harshesht imprecation: of things that he already knows are going to happen, because he has prophesied so.

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19 More Gehenna.Tophet.

20 ...

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21-23 are in the Eze document.

22:30 (23:5) Mt 1:11 genealogy of Joseph, descendant of Jeconiah – but Jesus was not a descendant of Joseph but was adopted by him. So Jesus was adopted into the kingly line, but not a descendant of Jeconiah.

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24 Good figs (people) went to captivity, e.g. Ezekiel.

25:1 seems at odds with [Da 1:1](#), but Daniel knew this (Da 9 he refers to this chapter).

25:15 Cup Ge 15:16 cup of the iniquity is not yet full. Mt 23:29 Woe ... fill up, then, the cup of your fathers wrath. ... Let this cup pass from me. ... The cup of the world's sin that Jesus had to drink. Jer's was a vision, not reality: he did not visit

all those nations, and the message was really to Jerusalem (v29).

Lots of language that sounds global, but may be the realm of Babylon.

Ac 2: "tongues from every nation under heaven" – 15 nations listed, but just Roman world meant.

26 repeat prophecy from ch 7 re Shiloh. Here it almost got Jer. killed.

27 ...

30-33 The Little Book of Comfort (but split at 32 for chronology). Roughly middle of Jeremiah.

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46-51(?) About other countries.

48 Against Edom – long.

49:7-22 (or just 16-22?) Point by point parallel to Obadiah.

51:9 – Re 15:5

51:45 – Re 18:4

Re 11:8 Jerusalem called Egypt & Babylon (Fall in Re 18)

Resemblances:

Come out

Flee

51:7 B a gold cup in Y's hand

Re 17:4 Woman w/gold cup

Re 18:5 – 51:?? reach heaven

51:63 – Re 18:21 sink like a stone vs thrown down

Hence, J = B

6:22-24 = 51:41-43 but for whom.

51:25 mountain: Re second trumpet: burning mt thrown in sea (J =B)

# *Introduction to Daniel*

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## I. Historical background: The Babylonian Captivity

- A. *Three waves of the conquest of Jerusalem and deportation*
  1. 605 BC [[606: Jones](#)] Daniel and others of noble and royal blood taken
  2. 597 BC Ezekiel goes into captivity with Jeconiah and others
  3. 586 BC Destruction of the temple & general deportation
- B. *Four pagan kings under whom Daniel served:*
  1. Babylonian: Nebuchadnezzar ([ch. 1-4](#)); Belshazzar ([ch. 5, 7, 8](#))
  2. Persian: Darius ([ch. 6, 9](#)); Cyrus ([ch. 10](#)); [Darius \(ch. 11-12\)](#)
- C. *Godly influences on Daniel*
  1. Probably born of royal blood around the time of Josiah's reforms
  2. May have heard Jeremiah, and read Jeremiah's book ([Dan. 9:2](#))
  3. May have known Ezekiel, a fellow captive in Babylon; Ezekiel knew of Daniel ([Eze. 14:14, 20/28:3](#))

## II. Biographical sketch

- A. *Born of the king's seed or nobility around the time of Josiah's reforms*
- B. *As a youth, carried away captive to Babylon (605 BC [[606: Jones](#)])*
- C. *Trained 3 years in the language of the Chaldeans*
- D. *Like Joseph, elevated to high rank because of ability to interpret dreams*
- E. *Served as a statesman under kings of Babylon and Persia until at least 536 BC (the third year of Cyrus ([Dan. 10:1](#)). [[534: Jones](#)])*
- F. *Was also a prophet ([Matt. 24:15](#); defined in [Num. 12:6](#)), though not, as others, as God's spokesman to Israel*

## III. Daniel in the critics' den

- A. *Assigned a late date by critics, sometime in the Maccabean period: 170-160 BC*
  1. Greek/Persian loan words
  2. Not included with the prophets in Masoretic Canon 6th or 7th cent. AD (included with "the writings" instead)
  3. Alleged historical inaccuracies
    - a. Date of Nebuchadnezzar's invasion (alleged contradiction [Jer. 25:1](#) vs. [Dan. 1:1](#))

- b. In the writer's day, "Chaldeans" were thought to have been a group of soothsayer-priests ([Dan. 2/4:7/5:7, 11](#))
- c. Nebuchadnezzar's madness ([ch. 4](#)) allegedly never happened: Cartledge wrote: "History knows nothing of the madness of Nebuchadnezzar reported in Daniel."
- d. Belshazzar the king  
Herodotus (400 BC), Xenophon, Brosus, Abydenus, and contemporary Cuneiform writings name Nabonidas, not Belshazzar, as last king of Babylon. [[But see Jones](#)]
- e. Darius the Mede  
This man is unknown from extrabiblical historical records.

## B. Evidence of earlier date

1. Answers to the above objections
  - a. Dates of Nebuchadnezzar's invasion: Daniel used Babylonian reckoning, while Jeremiah used Jewish reckoning. Babylonians use "accession year", Jews used "non-accession year" methods. [[But see Jones](#)]

| <a href="#">Jeremiah 25:1</a> |        | <a href="#">Daniel 1:1</a>   |
|-------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| "The 4th year of Jehoiachim"  |        | "The 3rd year of Jehoiachim" |
| Jewish reckoning              |        | Babylonian reckoning         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> year          | 608 BC | accession year               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> year          | 607 BC | 1 <sup>st</sup> year         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> year          | 606 BC | 2 <sup>nd</sup> year         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> year          | 605 BC | 3 <sup>rd</sup> year         |

- b. Chaldeans also known as ethnic designation ([Dan. 3:8/5:30](#))
- c. Nebuchadnezzar's madness
  1. Babylonian history records no governmental activity by Nebuchadnezzar from 582 to 575 BC.
  2. Sir Henry Rawlinson discovered a damaged tablet from the period of Nebuchadnezzar, which reads:  
"For four years...in all my dominions I did not build a high place of honor, the precious treasures of my kingdom I did not lay out. In the worship of Merodach...I did not sing his praises...I did not clear out canals."



3. In *Praeparatio Evangelica* (ix.41), Eusebius quotes Abydenus as saying that, in Nebuchadnezzar's later years, "being possessed by some god or other," the king went up to his palace and announced the coming of the Persian mule (Cyrus) who would bring the people into slavery. Abydenus continues: "He, when he had uttered this prediction, immediately disappeared."
- d. Belshazzar the king
1. In 1854, in Ur, a cornerstone of a temple built by Nabonidas, was found, which read:  
"May I, Nabonidas, King of Babylon, not sin against thee. And may reverence for thee dwell in the heart of Belshazzar, my firstborn, favorite son."
  2. Since 1854, many other references to Belshazzar have been found, showing that Nabonidas had committed the kingship to his son and had retired to Tema, North Arabia, at the time Babylon fell.
- e. Darius the Mede
1. "Darius" may be a title, rather than a name.
  2. Some identify with Gubaru (called Gobryas by Greek historians), Cyrus' general, who subdued Babylon and ruled there for two years until Cyrus arrived. [\[Yes, see Jones\]](#)
  3. Some identify Darius with Cyrus, whom Daniel mentions in [Dan. 10:1](#). [\[But see Jones\]](#)
2. Incidental points of historical accuracy
    - a. Knowledge of Belshazzar
    - b. Knowledge of the Babylonian kings' power to enact and modify legislation ([Dan. 2:12f, 46](#)), but of the Persian kings' not having such powers ([Dan. 6:8ff](#))
    - c. Knowledge of the change of modes of execution from burning, under the Babylonians ([ch. 3](#)) to the den of lions, under the Persians ([ch. 6](#)).
  3. The testimony of Jesus ([Matt. 24:15](#))

#### IV. The Book of Daniel

- A. Theme: God's sovereignty over the nations ([2:21](#)/ [4:17,25,32](#)/ [5:21](#))
- B. Author: Daniel ([8:1](#)/ [9:2](#)/ [10:2](#)/ [12:5-8](#))
- C. Prophetic accuracy
- D. Apocalyptic genre
- E. Divisions:
  1. *Historical* (ch. 1-6) and *Prophetic* (ch. 7-12) sections
  2. *Hebrew* (ch. 1, 8-12) and *Aramaic* (ch. 2-7) sections  
Expansion on Aramaic section: ABC CBA structure (chiasm):
    - A. Four empires and God's kingdom (ch. [2, 7](#))
    - B. God's supernatural preservation of His people (ch. [3, 6](#))
    - C. Punishment of proud kings (ch. [4, 5](#))
- F. Progressive Prophetic Parallelism: (See chart below.)

### *Daniel's Progressive Prophetic Parallelism*

| Empires       | Chapter 2     | Chapter 7    | Chapter 8 | Chapter 9         | Chs. 10-11      |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Babylonian    | Gold          | Lion         | —         | —                 | —               |
| Media-Persian | Silver        | Bear         | Ram       | Decree to Rebuild | 4 Persian kings |
| Grecian       | Bronze        | Leopard      | He-goat   | 70 "weeks"        | N & S kings     |
| Roman         | Iron          | Unique Beast | —         | Prince to come    | Ships of Kittim |
| God's Kingdom | Growing Stone | A Son of Man | —         | Messiah           | —               |

# Three Men Who Walked in Fire

([Daniel 3](#) for children)

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One day in old Jerusalem  
three little boys ran fast.  
They hid and watched as soldiers armed  
with swords and spears marched past.  
“Burn down the houses! Steal the gold!”  
they heard the soldiers shout.  
The boys crouched very quietly,  
not daring to look out.

But soon a soldier saw them there;  
he quickly caught all three.  
“You boys will make good slaves”, he said,  
“I’ll take you home with me.”  
Thought they were slaves for many years,  
the boys did not despair.  
“Dear God, we know You’re by our side”,  
they said each day in prayer.

The oldest was the smartest one —  
they called him wise Shadrack.  
The youngest was the strongest one —  
no one could beat Meshach.  
The third was liked the best of all —  
no matter where he went,  
Abednego brought fun and grins  
and laughing merriment.

One day the king of this strange land  
was feeling very proud.  
He thought about how great he was  
until he said out loud,  
“There’s really nothing in the world  
I cannot do or say,  
Why, I could even make a god!  
I’ll do it right away.”

“Go out”, the king called to his men,  
“and gather all the gold.”  
The soldiers quickly hurried off  
to do as they were told.

One morning near the city walls  
the people saw a sight  
so horrible to look upon  
it made them shake with fright.  
An ugly statue made of gold  
stood high above the town.  
Its monstrous mouth was open wide,  
its evil eyes glared down.

Then messengers rode everywhere  
to read the king’s new law.  
“Hear ye! Hear ye!”, they cried aloud  
to everyone they saw.  
“Whenever people in this land  
hear music being played,  
they must fall down and pray before  
the god our king has made,  
or else the king will have you thrown  
into a fiery pen.”  
These words sent shivers up the spines  
of even bravest men.

It wasn’t long before the sound  
of music filled the air,  
and all the frightened people fell  
upon the ground in prayer.  
But suddenly the soldiers cried,  
“Why can’t we see Meshach?  
What’s happened to Abednego?  
And where is wise Shadrach?”  
No one could find them anywhere,  
for they had stayed away;  
they stayed at home and prayed to God  
just as they did each day.

When he found out, the king became  
as mad as he could be.  
“How dare you disobey my law?”,  
he asked them angrily.  
“Fall down upon your knees at once,  
or you will soon be dead!”

But Shadrach stepped up to the king  
and slowly shook his head.  
“O King”, he said, “your silly gold  
is not a god at all.  
It’s just a hunk of ugly junk  
outside the city wall.  
Our God is very powerful;  
He’s wise and strong and true.  
And we will pray to Himm each day  
no matter what you do.”

The king was furious at this —  
his face turned white, then red.  
“I’ll show you I am stronger than  
you’re foolish god”, he said.

“Put on their coats! Now tie them up!  
And make the fire burn high!”  
The red-hot fire grew hotter still;  
it reached far in the sky.  
Its flames were making roars and howls  
so horrible to hear,  
the soldiers holding Shadrach and  
his friends were filled with fear.  
“Now throw them in!”, the king called out,  
and while they held their breath,  
the three brave men fell down,  
down,  
down,  
down to a fiery death.

The flames rose higher now and killed  
the soldiers near the pit.  
The king and all the people moved  
far back away from it.  
The fire began to fade away,  
and when the smoke had cleared,  
the king could not believe his eyes  
at what had now appeared.

There in the middle of the flames  
*four* men instead of three  
were walking all around the fire  
alive as they could be.  
The fourth man was an angel sent  
by God into the pit;  
he guarded so the men had not  
been burned a little bit.  
The king was so surprised that he  
could hardly move or speak;  
instead of feeling proud right now;  
he felt a little weak.

At last he called, “Abednego,  
Shadrach, Meshach, come out.  
Why, not one hair is burned!”, he said,  
as they turned round about.  
“You truly must be men of God,  
for He has set you free.  
From this day on you’ll be my friends  
and rule along with me.  
How wonderful your God is!  
Today I do command  
that all my people honor **Him**  
throughout my mighty land.”

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## [The Valley of Hinnom](#)

<sup>i</sup> was near the walls of Jerusalem, "by the entry of the gate Harsith" ([Jeremiah 19:2](#)); the Valley Gate opened into it ([Nehemiah 2:13](#); [Nehemiah 3:13](#)). The boundary between Judah and Benjamin ran along it ([Joshua 15:8](#); [Joshua 18:16](#)). It was the scene of idolatrous practices in the days of Ahaz ([2 Chronicles 28:3](#)) and of Manasseh, who "made his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom" ([2 Chronicles 33:6](#)), but Josiah in the course of his reforms "defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children (margin "son") of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech" ([2 Kings 23:10](#)). It was on account of these evil practices that Jeremiah ([7:32](#); [19:6](#)) announced the change of name. Into this valley dead bodies were probably cast to be consumed by the dogs [*with gnashing teeth*], as is done in the Wady er-Rababi today, and fires were here kept burning to consume the rubbish of the city. Such associations led to the Gehinnom (New Testament "Gehenna") becoming the "type of Hell" (Milton, *Paradise Lost*, i, 405).

<sup>ii</sup> As the dregs in wine are allowed to settle out, then the wine is carefully poured into another vessel for another round of settling and pouring.