

Jeremiah

Leading in a Corrupt World

Chapters 21-26

Week 6

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PSALMS 83:1-18 MKJV

(1) A SONG. A PSALM OF ASAPH. KEEP NOT SILENCE, O GOD; DO NOT BE SPEECHLESS, AND BE NOT STILL, O GOD.

(2) FOR LO, YOUR ENEMIES ROAR; AND THOSE WHO HATE YOU HAVE LIFTED UP THEIR HEAD.

(3) THEY TAKE SHREWD COUNSEL AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE, AND PLOT AGAINST YOUR HIDDEN ONES.

(4) THEY HAVE SAID, COME, AND LET US CUT THEM OFF FROM BEING A NATION, SO THAT THE NAME ISRAEL MAY BE REMEMBERED NO MORE.

(5) FOR WITH ONE HEART THEY HAVE PLOTTED TOGETHER; THEY HAVE MADE A COVENANT AGAINST YOU—



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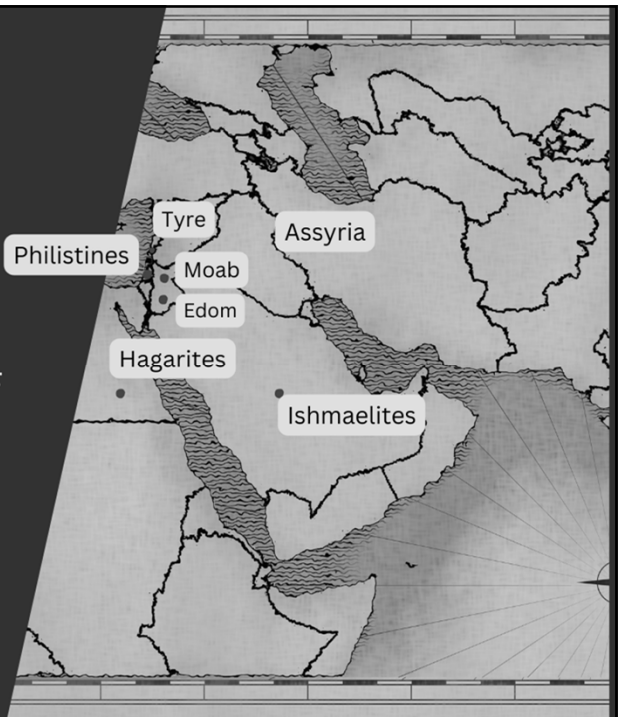
(6) THE TENTS OF **EDOM**, AND THE **ISHMAELITES**; OF **MOAB**, AND THE **HAGARITES**;

(7) GEBAL, AND AMMON, AND AMALEK; THE **PHILISTINES** WITH THE PEOPLE OF **TYRE**;

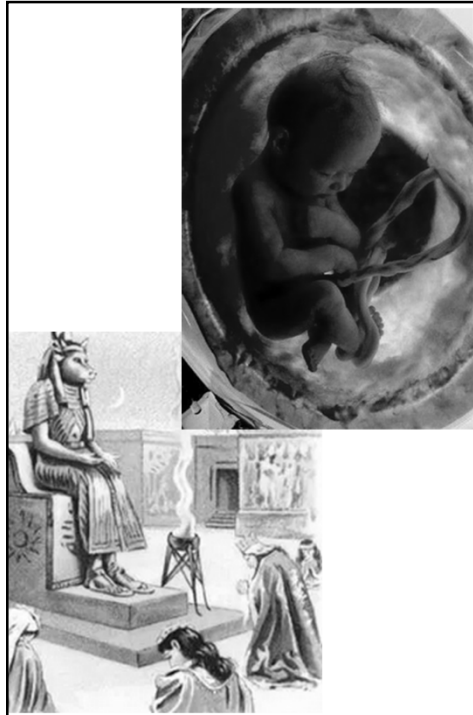
(8) AND **ASSYRIA** HAS JOINED WITH THEM; THEY HAVE HELPED THE SONS OF **LOT**. SELAH.

(12) WHO SAID, LET US TAKE POSSESSION FOR OURSELVES OF THE HOUSES OF GOD.

((18) **SO THAT MEN MAY** KNOW THAT YOUR NAME IS JEHOVAH, THAT YOU ALONE ARE THE MOST HIGH OVER ALL THE EARTH.



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- Summary of Week 1 Class
- Introduction-Jeremiah 1-2
- Jeremiah called as a prophet before he was in the womb
- 20-30-years old Priest from Anathoth
- King Josiah...was 21-years old
- Jeremiah was to oppose the people, priests, kings and officials of land
- He was to proclaim God's WORD to the nation and Judah.
- For the forsaking of the LORD and worshipping of Idols

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- Summary of Week 2 Class
- Chapter 3-7
- God presents the promise of the Kingdom of God in the last days
- The LORD challenges Israel to return...to put away the IDOL and receive His blessing
- Jeremiah is challenged to walk the streets and squares of Jerusalem...find someone
- Jeremiah is told to stand in the gate of the Temple and proclaim the coming Judgment
- Fathers, sons and mothers gather to worship the Queen of Heaven..

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- Summary of Week 3
- Chapter 8-10
- God prepares the nation for the coming judgment (Chapter 8)
- Death of Josiah , Battle of Megiddo 609 BC
- God will refine the nation through judgment
- Boast in the LORD (Chapter 9)
- The God of Judah is contrasted to the Idols of the nations
- He is the CAUSE of the Universe and Creation (Chapter 10)

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- Summary of Week 4
- Chapter 11-15
- God activates the “Covenant” Provisions...judgment is coming
- Jeremiah is told about the “Conspiracy” against him.
- God promises to one day Restore the nation....Kingdom of God (12)
- Jeremiah takes a loincloth to the Euphrates as an example (13)
- Drought in the land (14)
- Not even Moses or Samuel could avert God’s judgment (15)

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- Summary of Week 5
- Chapter 16-20
- God tells Jeremiah to not marry (16)
- Judah would be blessed if they kept the Sabbath (Hobby Lobby, Chick fill a (17)
- Jeremiah visits the Potter house...remake bad pottery (18)
- Jeremiah takes the leaders to valley of the Son of Hinnom..declares God's judgment (19)
- Pashur the priest has Jeremiah beaten...Jeremiah prophesies (20)

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Zehut's Feiglin says he wants to build Third Temple right away

Chairman of far-right party, which is enjoying growing popularity, is a longtime advocate of Jews' rights on Temple Mount and has called for increased Israeli control over site

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Channel 13 Poll (Last Poll before Election aired last night): Likud 28, Blue & White 28, Labor 11, URL 7, 4 tied at 6; Right-Religious Bloc 66

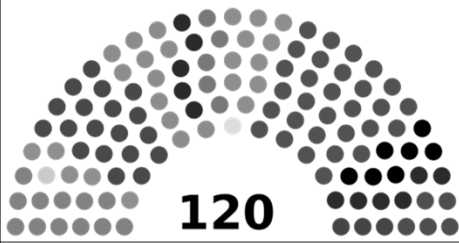
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Panel Project HaMidgam conducted a poll of 858 people with a 3.4% margin of error that was broadcast by Channel 13 on April 5 2019.

Current Knesset seats in [brackets]

- 28 [29] Likud (Netanyahu)
- 28 [11] Blue & White (Gantz, Lapid, Yaalon & Ashkenazi)
- 11 [18] Labor (Gabbai)
- 07 [05] United Right List (Peretz, Smotrich & Ben Gvir)
- 06 [06] United Torah Judaism (Litzman)
- 06 [05] Hadash-Taal (Odeh & Tibi)
- 06 [03] Hayamin Hehadash (Bennett & Shaked)
- 06 [-] Zehut (Feiglin)
- 05 [07] Shas (Deri)
- 05 [05] Meretz (Zandberg)
- 04 [10] Kulanu (Kahlon)
- 04 [08] Raam-Balad (Abbas)
- 04 [05] Yisrael Beitenu (Lieberman)



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Summary of Chapter 21



- Jeremiah is asked by Zedekiah if God will send back Babylon.. God vows to fight against Judah Himself
- Way of life vs. Way of death
- House of David is told what they need to do

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Jer 21:1-4

(1) This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, when King Zedekiah sent to him Pashhur the son of Malchiah and Zephaniah the priest, the son of Maaseiah, saying,

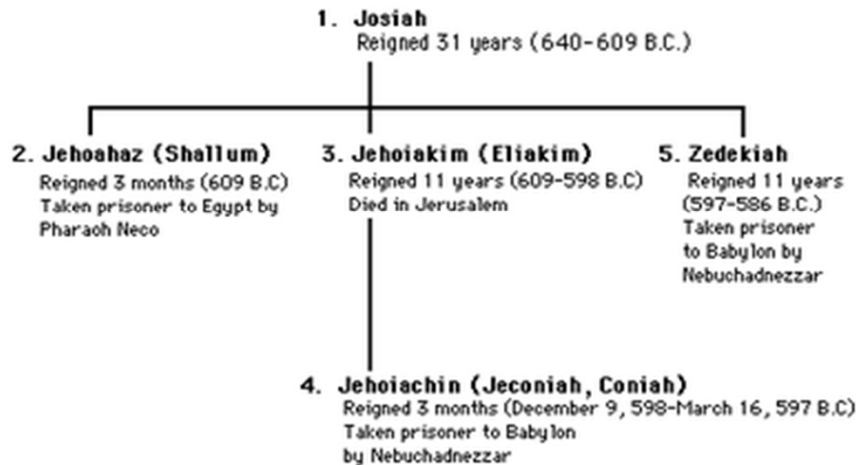
(2) "Inquire of the LORD for us, for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is making war against us. Perhaps the LORD will deal with us according to all his wonderful deeds and will make him withdraw from us."

- (3) Then Jeremiah said to them: "Thus you shall say to Zedekiah,
- (4) 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands and with which you are fighting against the king of Babylon and against the Chaldeans who are besieging you outside the walls. And I will bring them together into the midst of this city.


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The Last Five Kings of Judah



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- Jer 21:5-9
- (5) I myself will fight against you with outstretched hand and strong arm, in anger and in fury and in great wrath.
- (6) And I will strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast. They shall die of a great pestilence.
- (7) Afterward, declares the LORD, I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people in this city who survive the pestilence, sword, and famine into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of their enemies, into the hand of those who seek their lives. He shall strike them down with the edge of the sword. He shall not pity them or spare them or have compassion.
- (8) "And to this people you shall say: 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.'
- (9) He who stays in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, but he who goes out and surrenders to the Chaldeans who are besieging you shall live and shall have his life as a prize of war.


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Small ivory statue of a woman (Egyptian style)



- Jer 21:10-13
- (10) For I have set my face against this city for harm and not for good, declares the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.'
- (11) "And to the house of the king of Judah say, 'Hear the word of the LORD,
- (12) O house of David! Thus says the LORD: "Execute justice in the morning, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of your evil deeds."

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- Jer 21:10-13
- (13) "Behold, I am against you, O inhabitant of the valley, O rock of the plain, declares the LORD; you who say, 'Who shall come down against us, or who shall enter our habitations?'"
- Jer 21:14
- (14) I will punish you according to the fruit of your deeds, declares the LORD; I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is around her."

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Summary of Chapter 22



- Jeremiah addresses David's Throne
- Jehoiachin (Coniah) is promised to not have a descendent on David's Throne
- Jehoiachin's ration's document was found in Babylon

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The Formula for Blessing



- Jer 22:1-5
- (1) Thus says the LORD: "Go down to the house of the king of Judah and speak there this word,
- (2) and say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who sits on the throne of David, you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates.
- (3) Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.
- (4) For if you will indeed obey this word, then there shall enter the gates of this house kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they and their servants and their people.
- (5) But if you will not obey these words, I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation.

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Jer 22:6-10

(6) For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah: "'You are like Gilead to me, like the summit of Lebanon, yet surely I will make you a desert, an uninhabited city.

(7) I will prepare destroyers against you, each with his weapons, and they shall cut down your choicest cedars and cast them into the fire.

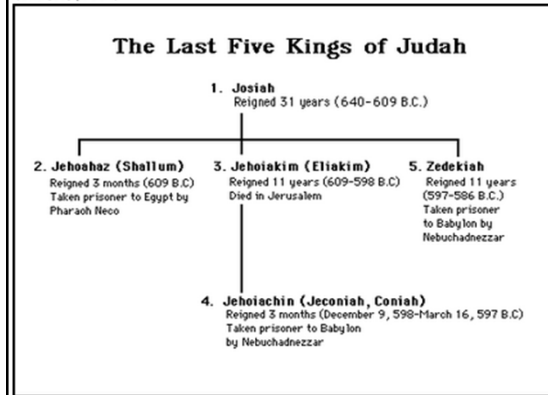
Forsaken the Covenant of the LORD



- (8) "'And many nations will pass by this city, and every man will say to his neighbor, "Why has the LORD dealt thus with this great city?"
- (9) And they will answer, "Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God and worshiped other gods and served them."''
- (10) Weep not for him who is dead, nor grieve for him, but weep bitterly for him who goes away, for he shall return no more to see his native land.

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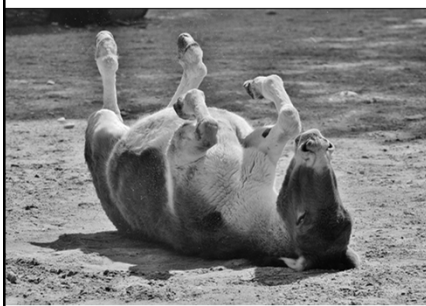


• Jer 22:11-15

- (11) For thus says the LORD concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went away from this place: "He shall return here no more,
- (12) but in the place where they have carried him captive, there shall he die, and he shall never see this land again."
- (13) "Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice, who makes his neighbor serve him for nothing and does not give him his wages,
- (14) who says, 'I will build myself a great house with spacious upper rooms,' who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar and painting it with vermilion.
- (15) Do you think you are a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him.

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Josiah vs Jehoiakim



• Jer 22:16-20

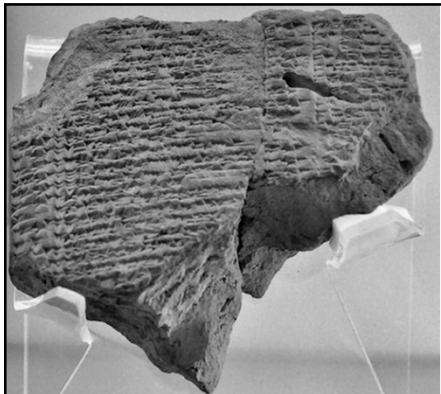
- (16) He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares the LORD.
- (17) But you have eyes and heart only for your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence."
- (18) Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: "They shall not lament for him, saying, 'Ah, my brother!' or 'Ah, sister!' They shall not lament for him, saying, 'Ah, lord!' or 'Ah, his majesty!'"
- (19) With the burial of a donkey he shall be buried, dragged and dumped beyond the gates of Jerusalem."
- (20) "Go up to Lebanon, and cry out, and lift up your voice in Bashan; cry out from Abarim, for all your lovers are destroyed.

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- Jer 22:21-24
- (21) I spoke to you in your prosperity, but you said, 'I will not listen.' This has been your way from your youth, that you have not obeyed my voice.
- (22) The wind shall shepherd all your shepherds, and your lovers shall go into captivity; then you will be ashamed and confounded because of all your evil.
- (23) O inhabitant of Lebanon, nested among the cedars, how you will be pitied when pangs come upon you, pain as of a woman in labor!"
- (24) "As I live, declares the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet ring on my right hand, yet I would tear you off

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Excavation

The tablets were excavated from Babylon during 1899-1917 by Robert Koldewey and were stored in a barrel-vaulted underground building consisting of rows of rooms near the Ishtar Gate.

Translation

The tablets' text states:

Babylon 28122: "...t[o] Ia-'u-kin, king..." Babylon 28178: "10 (sila of oil) to ...Ia-'-kin, king of Ia[...]" 21/2 sila to [...so]ne of the king of Ia-a-hu-du" Babylon 28186: "10 (sila) to Ia-ku-ki-nu, the son of the king of Ia-ku-du, 21/2 sila for the 5 sons of the king of Ia-ku-du"

Another tablet reads:

11/2 sila (oil) for three carpenters from Arvad, 1/2 apiece, 111/2 sila for eight woodworkers from Byblus, . . . 31/2 sila for seven Greek craftsmen, 1/2 sila apiece, 1/2 sila to the carpenter, Nabuetir 10 sila to Ia-ku-u-ki-nu, the king of Judah's son, 21/2 sila for the five sons of the Judean king.

Jehoiachin's Rations Tablet⁽¹⁾



Tablet listing ration for King Jehoiachin and his sons, captives in Babylon

Material	Clay
Size	9.2 cm high, 10.5 wide
Writing	Akkadian language in cuneiform script
Created	Neo-Babylonian period (ca. 595-570 B.C.E.)
Discovered	within 1899 to 1917, near the Ishtar Gate
Present location	Museum of the Ancient Near East, Pergamon Museum, Berlin, room 6
Identification	VAT 16378

Jer 22:25-27

(25) and give you into the hand of those who seek your life, into the hand of those of whom you are afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

(26) I will hurl you and the mother who bore you into another country, where you were not born, and there you shall die.

- (27) But to the land to which they will long to return, there they shall not return."

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- Jesus is the adopted son of Joseph,
- Joseph is the Physical Descendent of "Coniah"
- Jesus is the son of David through Nathan (Luke 3;23-38)
- Jesus had legal title to the Throne of David (Through Joseph)
- Jesus had legal pedigree through Mary

- Jer 22:28-30
- (28) Is this man Coniah a despised, broken pot, a vessel no one cares for? Why are he and his children hurled and cast into a land that they do not know?
- (29) O land, land, land, hear the word of the LORD!
- (30) Thus says the LORD: "Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not succeed in his days, for none of his offspring shall succeed in sitting on the throne of David and ruling again in Judah."



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Summary of Chapter 23




- The bad shepherds are warned
- The promise of regathering
- The promise of good shepherds
- The promise of the "The Branch" the Messiah
- Warning to false prophets

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- Jer 23:1-4
- (1) "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD.
- (2) Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD.
- (3) Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.
- (4) I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

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- Jer 23:5-8
- (5) "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- (6) In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'
- (7) "Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,'
- (8) but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."





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Branch of King David
Called
Jehovah Righteous



- Isa 11:1
- (1) There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- Jer 33:14-17
- (14) "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.
- (15) In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- Zec 3:8
- (8) Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch.
- Zec 6:12
- (12) And say to him, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD.

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Jer 23:9-13

(9) Concerning the prophets: My heart is broken within me; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, like a man overcome by wine, because of the LORD and because of his holy words.

(10) For the land is full of adulterers; because of the curse the land mourns, and the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. Their course is evil, and their might is not right.

• (11) "Both prophet and priest are ungodly; even in my house I have found their evil, declares the LORD.

(12) Therefore their way shall be to them like slippery paths in the darkness, into which they shall be driven and fall, for I will bring disaster upon them in the year of their punishment, declares the LORD.

(13) In the prophets of Samaria I saw an unsavory thing: they prophesied by Baal and led my people Israel astray.

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Weeping for Tammuz



Tammuz

tam´uz, tam´mōōz (תַּמְמוּז, *tammūz*; Θαμμουζ, *Thammōúz*):

(1) The name of a Phoenician deity, the Adonis of the Greeks. He was originally a Sumerian or Babylonian sun-god, called Dumuzu, the husband of Ishtar, who corresponds to Aphrodite of the Greeks. The worship of these deities was introduced into Syria in very early times under the designation of Tammuz and Astarte, and appears among the Greeks in the myth of Adonis and Aphrodite, who are identified with Osiris and Isis of the Egyptian pantheon, showing how widespread the cult became. The Babylonian myth represents Dumuzu, or Tammuz, as a beautiful shepherd slain by a wild boar, the symbol of winter. Ishtar long mourned for him and descended into the underworld to deliver him from the embrace of death (Frazer, *Adonis, Attis and Osiris*). This mourning for Tammuz was celebrated in Babylonia by women on the 2nd day of the 4th month, which thus acquired the name of Tammuz (see CALENDAR). This custom of weeping for Tammuz is referred to in the Bible in the only passage where the name occurs (**Eze 8:14**). The chief seat of the cult in Syria was Gebal (modern *Gebail*, Greek *Bublos*)

- Eze 8:12-15
- (12) Then he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, each in his room of pictures? For they say, 'The LORD does not see us, the LORD has forsaken the land.'"
- (13) He said also to me, "You will see still greater abominations that they commit."
- (14) Then he brought me to the entrance of the north gate of the house of the LORD, and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.
- (15) Then he said to me, "Have you seen this, O son of man? You will see still greater abominations than these."

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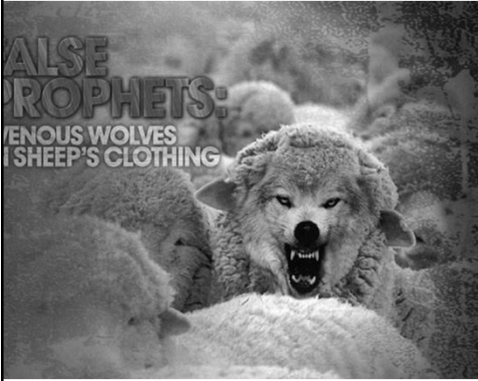
Jer 23:14-16

(14) But in the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his evil; all of them have become like Sodom to me, and its inhabitants like Gomorrah."

(15) Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets: "Behold, I will feed them with bitter food and give them poisoned water to drink, for from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has gone out into all the land."

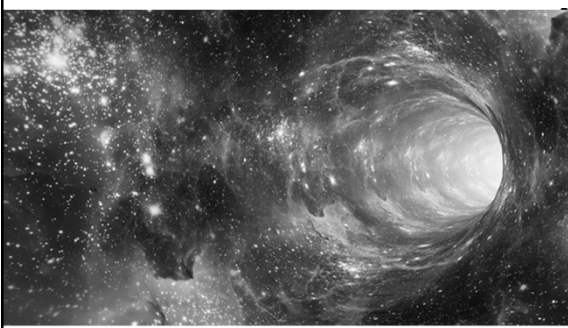
- (16) Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

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- Jer 23:17-22
- (17) They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'
- (18) For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
- (19) Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
- (20) The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.
- (21) "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.
- (22) But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

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Jer 23:22-26


(22) But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

(23) "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away?"


(24) Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.

(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 shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart,




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- Jer 23:27-31
- (27) who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal?
- (28) Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD.
- (29) Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?
- (30) Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who steal my words from one another.
- (31) Behold, I am against the prophets, declares the LORD, who use their tongues and declare, 'declares the LORD.'

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- Jer 23:32-35
- (32) Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, declares the LORD, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them. So they do not profit this people at all, declares the LORD.
- (33) "When one of this people, or a prophet or a priest asks you, 'What is the burden of the LORD?' you shall say to them, 'You are the burden, and I will cast you off, declares the LORD.'
- (34) And as for the prophet, priest, or one of the people who says, 'The burden of the LORD,' I will punish that man and his household.
- (35) Thus shall you say, every one to his neighbor and every one to his brother, 'What has the LORD answered?' or 'What has the LORD spoken?'



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- Jer 23:36-40
- (36) But 'the burden of the LORD' you shall mention no more, for the burden is every man's own word, and you pervert the words of the living God, the LORD of hosts, our God.
- (37) Thus you shall say to the prophet, 'What has the LORD answered you?' or 'What has the LORD spoken?'
- (38) But if you say, 'The burden of the LORD,' thus says the LORD, 'Because you have said these words, "The burden of the LORD," when I sent to you, saying, "You shall not say, 'The burden of the LORD,'"
- (39) therefore, behold, I will surely lift you up and cast you away from my presence, you and the city that I gave to you and your fathers.
- (40) And I will bring upon you everlasting reproach and perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten."

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Summary of Chapter 24

- 597 BC Nebuchadnezzar removes from Judah...2nd Captivity
- Bad figs vs. Good figs illustration
- Promise of good to the captivity
- Ezekiel is a captive
- Cyrus Cylinder


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First Captivity 605 BC
Daniel, Shadrach, Mischeg and Abendego taken captive

Second Captivity 597 BC
Ezekiel, Jeconiah and 10,000 others taken captive


Third Captivity 587 BC
Jerusalem and the 1st Temple Destroyed...

- Jer 24:1-4
- (1) After Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had taken into exile from Jerusalem Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, together with the officials of Judah, the craftsmen, and the metal workers, and had brought them to Babylon, the LORD showed me this vision: behold, two baskets of figs placed before the temple of the LORD.
- (2) One basket had very good figs, like first-ripe figs, but the other basket had very bad figs, so bad that they could not be eaten.
- (3) And the LORD said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" I said, "Figs, the good figs very good, and the bad figs very bad, so bad that they cannot be eaten."
- (4) Then the word of the LORD came to me:




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Ezekiel Captive of Babylon





30th Year
592 BC
Captive of Babylon

- Eze 1:1-4
- (1) In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.
- (2) On the fifth day of the month (it was the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin),
- (3) the word of the LORD came to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the Chebar canal, and the hand of the LORD was upon him there.
- (4) As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud, with brightness around it, and fire flashing forth continually, and in the midst of the fire, as it were gleaming metal.




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First Temple 970-586 BC	70 Years	Second Temple 516 BC- AD 70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jer 24:5-8 • (5) "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so I will regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I have sent away from this place to the land of the Chaldeans. • (6) I will set my eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land. I will build them up, and not tear them down; I will plant them, and not pluck them up. • (7) I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart. • (8) "But thus says the LORD: Like the bad figs that are so bad they cannot be eaten, so will I treat Zedekiah the king of Judah, his officials, the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zechariah • Haggai • Esther • Ezra • Nehemiah • Malachi • I & II Chronicles 		
 <p style="text-align: center;">Cyrus Cylinder</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyrus Defeats Babylon in 539 BC, • He Allows the Jews to return to Israel • He allows the Jews to rebuild the Temple 			

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Cyrus allows the Jews to Return

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ezr 1:1-5 • (1) In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: • (2) "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. • (3) Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel--he is the God who is in Jerusalem. • (4) And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem." • (5) Then rose up the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up to rebuild the house of the LORD that is in Jerusalem.
	

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- Jer 24:9-10
- (9) I will make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a reproach, a byword, a taunt, and a curse in all the places where I shall drive them.
- (10) And I will send sword, famine, and pestilence upon them, until they shall be utterly destroyed from the land that I gave to them and their fathers."

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Summary of Chapter 25



- Jeremiah proclaims Jerusalem will be captive for 70-years
- Judgment on the nations
- Judgment on the whole earth
- Revelation 17-18
- Babylon expanded to the world in the last day.

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First Year of Nebuchadnezzar = 605 BC

13th Year of Josiah to: 626 BC

4th Year of Jehoiakim: 605 BC ...23-Years

People refuse to listen to God's warning



- Jer 25:1-5
- (1) The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),
- (2) which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem:
- (3) "For twenty-three years, from the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, to this day, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken persistently to you, but you have not listened.
- (4) You have neither listened nor inclined your ears to hear, although the LORD persistently sent to you all his servants the prophets,
- (5) saying, 'Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and evil deeds, and dwell upon the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers from of old and forever.

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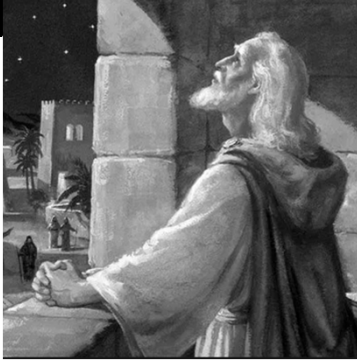
- Jer 25:6-9
- (6) Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.'
- (7) Yet you have not listened to me, declares the LORD, that you might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.
- (8) "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words,
- (9) behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the LORD, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.

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Dan 9:1-2

(1) In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, by descent a Mede, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans--

(2) in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet, must pass before the end of the desolations of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years.



- **Jer 25:10-14**

- (10) Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp.
- (11) This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- (12) Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the LORD, making the land an everlasting waste.
- (13) I will bring upon that land all the words that I have uttered against it, everything written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations.
- (14) For many nations and great kings shall make slaves even of them, and I will recompense them according to their deeds and the work of their hands."

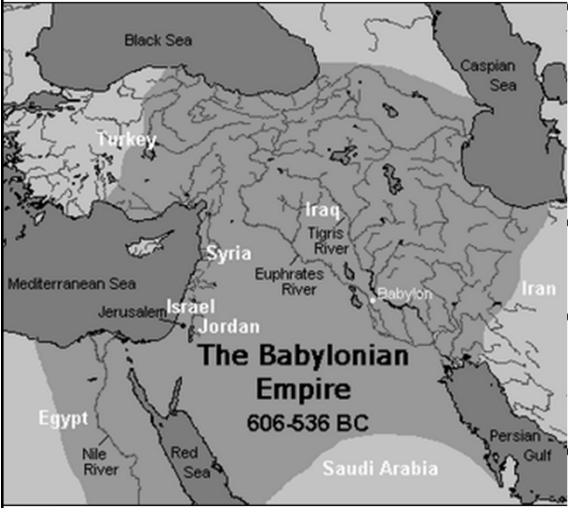
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Judgment on the whole earth

- **Jer 25:15-19**

- (15) Thus the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: "Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it.
- (16) They shall drink and stagger and be crazed because of the sword that I am sending among them."
- (17) So I took the cup from the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to whom the LORD sent me drink it:
- (18) Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its kings and officials, to make them a desolation and a waste, a hissing and a curse, as at this day;
- (19) Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his officials, all his people,

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The map shows the Babylonian Empire (606-536 BC) in a dark grey shade, covering a vast area from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to the Persian Gulf in the east. Key geographical features labeled include the Black Sea, Caspian Sea, Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Israel, Jerusalem, Egypt, Nile River, Red Sea, Saudi Arabia, Euphrates River, Tigris River, Babylon, and Persian Gulf.

- Jer 25:20-24

(20) and all the mixed tribes among them; all the kings of the land of Uz and all the kings of the land of the Philistines (Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod);


(21) Edom, Moab, and the sons of Ammon;

(22) all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the coastland across the sea;

(23) Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all who cut the corners of their hair;

- (24) all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the mixed tribes who dwell in the desert;

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- Jer 25:25-28

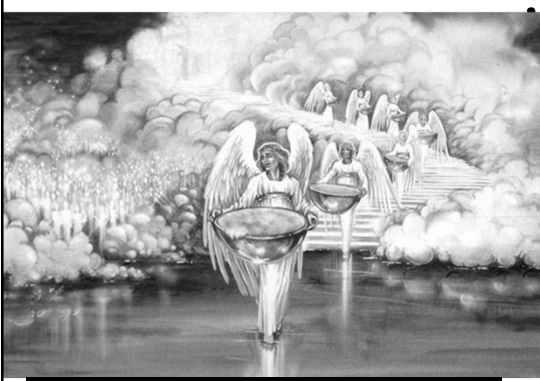
(25) all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of Media;

(26) all the kings of the north, far and near, one after another, and all the kingdoms of the world that are on the face of the earth. And after them the king of Babylon shall drink.

(27) "Then you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, be drunk and vomit, fall and rise no more, because of the sword that I am sending among you.'

(28) "And if they refuse to accept the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: You must drink!'

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Rev 16:1-4

(1) Then I heard a loud voice from the temple telling the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."


(2) So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and harmful and painful sores came upon the people who bore the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

- Jer 25:29-32

(29) For behold, I begin to work disaster at the city that is called by my name, and shall you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth, declares the LORD of hosts.'

(30) "You, therefore, shall prophesy against them all these words, and say to them: "'The LORD will roar from on high, and from his holy habitation utter his voice; he will roar mightily against his fold, and shout, like those who tread grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth.
- (31) The clamor will resound to the ends of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against the nations; he is entering into judgment with all flesh, and the wicked he will put to the sword, declares the LORD.'
- (32) "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, disaster is going forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest is stirring from the farthest parts of the earth!

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- Jer 25:33-35

(33) "And those pierced by the LORD on that day shall extend from one end of the earth to the other. They shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; they shall be dung on the surface of the ground.

(34) "Wail, you shepherds, and cry out, and roll in ashes, you lords of the flock, for the days of your slaughter and dispersion have come, and you shall fall like a choice vessel.
- (35) No refuge will remain for the shepherds, nor escape for the lords of the flock.

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Babylon in Revelation



- Rev 17:4-5
- (4) The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.
- (5) And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "**Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations.**"

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Babylon in Revelation



- Rev 18:1-4
- (1) After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory.
- (2) And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.
- (3) For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living."
- (4) Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues;

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- Jer 25:36-38
- (36) A voice--the cry of the shepherds, and the wail of the lords of the flock! For the LORD is laying waste their pasture,
- (37) and the peaceful folds are devastated because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
- (38) Like a lion he has left his lair, for their land has become a waste because of the sword of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger."

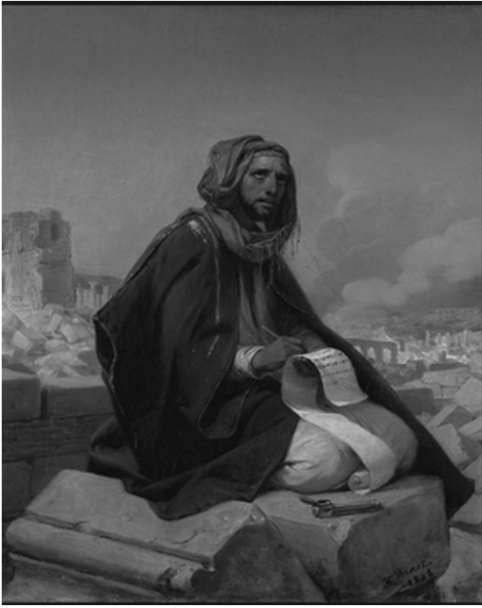
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Summary of Chapter 26



- Jeremiah at the start of the reign of Jehoiakim spoke to the king of Judah (609 BC)
- They threatened to kill Jeremiah because he spoke against the city
- Uriah the prophet is killed by Jehoiakim
- Jeremiah is sparred by Ahikim

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- Jer 26:1-5
- (1) In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD:
- (2) "Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word.
- (3) It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds.
- (4) You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you,
- (5) and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened,

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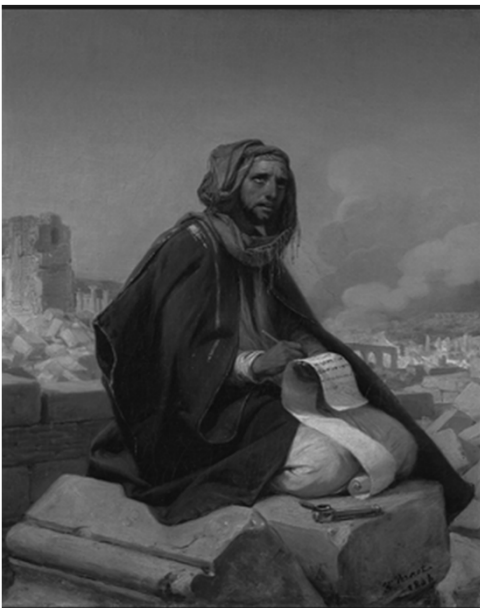
- Jer 26:6-9
- (6) then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth."
- (7) The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.
- (8) And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die!
- (9) Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

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- Jer 26:10-13
- (10) When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD.
- (11) Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."
- (12) Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard.
- (13) Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you.

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- Jer 26:14-17
- (14) But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you.
- (15) Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."
- (16) Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, "This man does not deserve the sentence of death, for he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God."
- (17) And certain of the elders of the land arose and spoke to all the assembled people, saying,

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Mic 1:1-2

(1) The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

(2) Hear, you peoples, all of you; pay attention, O earth, and all that is in it, and let the Lord GOD be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.



- **Jer 26:18-20**

- (18) "Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and said to all the people of Judah: 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.'
- (19) Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and did not the LORD relent of the disaster that he had pronounced against them? But we are about to bring great disaster upon ourselves."
- (20) There was another man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah from Kiriath-jearim. He prophesied against this city and against this land in words like those of Jeremiah.

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- **Jer 26:21-24**

- (21) And when King Jehoiakim, with all his warriors and all the officials, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death. But when Uriah heard of it, he was afraid and fled and escaped to Egypt.
- (22) Then King Jehoiakim sent to Egypt certain men, Elnathan the son of Achbor and others with him,
- (23) and they took Uriah from Egypt and brought him to King Jehoiakim, who struck him down with the sword and dumped his dead body into the burial place of the common people.
- (24) But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah so that he was not given over to the people to be put to death.



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