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**Violet Highlights Miraculous Signs of the Lord’s Anointing.**

### **Preface**

This is a study of the lives and ministries of the Lord’s Anointed Prophets as revealed in the Historical and Prophetic Books of the Old Testament.

A Prophet is anointed to speak forth the Word of the Lord, and so this study includes many quotes spoken by the Lord’s Prophets relevant to this study.

**ANOINTED PROPHET**  
**PART I – OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS**

**A. Office of Prophet**

1. Anointed Offices in Lord's Kingdom
  - a. Prophet = Speaks Forth God's Word
  - b. Priest = Intercedes for Man by Atoning Sacrifice
  - c. King = Ruler of Israel/Judah (Lord's Chosen People)
  
2. This is a Study of Office of Prophet
  - a. As Revealed & Formulated in Old Testament
  - b. Prophet is Person Chosen & Anointed by the Lord to be His Spokesman on Earth.
    - 1) The Lord God Reveals His Word to His Prophets.
    - 2) Prophets Speak Forth God's Word to People
      - a) To Proclaim the Word of God
      - b) To Instruct People in Ways of God
      - c) To Verify & Confirm Lord's Laws
      - d) To Rebuke Erring Officials (Religious & Governmental)
        - Pronouncing Lord's Judgment/Chastisement
      - e) To Encourage & Build Up Lord's People
      - f) To Admonish, Exhort & Correct Lord's People
      - g) To Announce/Effect the Lord's Intervention in the Affairs of Man
      - h) To Warn of Lord's Judgments
      - i) To Predict Future Events
        - Conditional (Subject to Man's Obedience)
        - Preordained (God's Unchangeable Plans)
      - j) To Point to Coming Messiah (Lord's Holy Anointed One)
    - 3) Prophets are Lord's Advisors to Kings
  
3. Lord Establishes Office of Prophet through Moses Deut. 18:9-22
  - a. Israel Forbidden to Listen to or Follow False Prophets Deut. 18:9-14
    - 1) Sorcerers, Fortune Tellers, Astrologers, Mediums, etc.
    - 2) Abominations to the Lord
    - 3) Lord will Dispose False Prophets & Practices from Promise Land
  - b. The Lord's Prophet Deut. 18:15-20
    - 1) The Lord will Raise Up a Prophet Like Moses
      - a) "A prophet like me (*Moses*) will the LORD (*Yahweh*), your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen; to him you shall listen."
      - b) "This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.'" (*Deut. 18:15-16*)
      - c) A Prophet Like Moses:
        - Lord's Anointed Spokesman
          - God Revealed His Presence to Moses
          - God Spoke Directly to Moses
        - Israel's Deliverer from Bondage

- Empowered to Perform Works (Miracles) by the Lord
  - Israel's Anointed Judge
  - Intercessor between Israel & Lord
  - Author of Lord's Covenant of Laws with Israel
  - Author of Holy Scripture (Books of Moses)
  - Appointed to Ordain the Office of Israel's Priesthood
- 2) The Lord Will Speak Through His Prophet
- a) "I (*Lord*) will raise up for them a prophet like you (*Moses*) from among their kinsmen (*Israelites*), and will put my (*Lord's*) words into his mouth; he (*Lord's Anointed Prophet*) shall tell them all that I command him." (*Deut. 18:13*)
- b) The Lord's Anointed Prophet:
- Possess All Attributes, Capabilities, Revelations & Authority of Moses
  - Chosen from Among the Tribes of Israel
  - Anointed with the Word of God in His Mouth
    - Uncompromisingly Declares Lord's Word to People
    - Accurately Declares Lord's Word to People
- 3) Israel Required to Listen to Lord's Prophet
- a) "If any man will not listen to my (*Lord's*) words which he (*Prophet*) speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it." (*Deut. 18:19*)
- Lord God Himself will Judge those Who Reject or Ignore His Prophet
- 4) Prophet Required to Speak the Lord's Words
- a) "But if a prophet presumes to speak in my (*Lord's*) name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die." (*Deut. 18:20*)
- Penalty of False Prophets is Death *Deut. 13:2-6*
- c. Verification of Prophet's Words *Deut. 18:21-22*
- 1) Prophet's Words are Always Fulfilled or Verified
- a) "... How can we recognize an oracle which the LORD has spoken?", know that, even though a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if his oracle is not fulfilled or verified, it is an oracle which the LORD did not speak. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously, and you shall have no fear of him."
- b) Israel Required to Discern Words of Prophets:
- Consistent with Word of God (Mosaic Law)?
  - According to Will/Nature of God (As Revealed in Books of Moses)?
  - Accurate & True?
4. Prophets are Lord's Advisors to Kings of Israel/Judah
- a. Office of King *Deut. 17:14-20*
- 1) "..... you (*Israel*) shall set that man over you as your king whom the LORD, your God, chooses." (*Deut. 17:15a*)
- a) Israel's / Judah's Kings are to be Appointed by the Lord
- Prophets are the Lord's Spokesmen
  - Prophets Responsible for Announcing Lord's Chosen Kings to Israel/Judah
- 2) "When he (*King*) is enthroned in his kingdom, he shall have a copy of this law (*Mosaic Law*) made from the scroll that is in the custody of the levitical priests.

He shall keep it with him and read it all the days of his life that he may learn to fear the LORD, his God, and to heed and fulfill all the words of this law and these statutes.” (Deut. 17:18-19)

- a) Law Written by Moses – Lord’s Anointed Prophet
- b) Prophets are to be the Lord’s Representative in Royal Courts

## **B. Overview of Prophets in the Historical Books**

1. “Man of God” 1 Sam. 2:27-36  
*This Unnamed Prophet, Known Only as “Man of God”, Prophesied to Priest Eli before Samuel takes His Office as the Lord's Anointed Prophet.*  
*“Man of God” Prophesies that a Faithful & Eternal High Priest from Another Tribe will Replace House of Aaron - Tribe of Levi - as Lord's Ordained Priesthood.*
  - a. Man of God Reminds Eli of His Priestly Heritage (*House of Aaron - Tribe of Levi*)
    - 1) Called & Ordained to be Lord's Priests
  - b. Man of God Rebukes Eli (*Priest & Judge*)
    - 1) Tolerated His Sons Irreverence, Disobedience & Misuse of Priestly Office
    - 2) Predicts Untimely & Violent Death of Eli's Family (*Fulfilled 1 Sam. 4*)
  - c. Man of God Delivers Lord's Oracle
    - 1) House of Aaron will Not Continue in Perpetuity
    - 2) Lord will Choose a Faithful & Eternal High Priest from Another Tribe
    - 3) House of Aaron will be Subject to Lord's Faithful High Priest
  
2. Samuel Anointed Prophet & Judge 1 Sam. 1 – 16, 19, 21, 25, & 28  
*Samuel is the Lord’s First Official Prophet*  
*Samuel Establishes Israel’s Monarchy*  
*Samuel Judges Israel During the Transition Period from Judges to Monarchy*
  - a. Samuel’s Birth & Dedication to Lord 1 Sam. 1:1 – 2:11
    - 1) Elkanah's Pilgrimage to Tabernacle at Shiloh  
 (*Elkanah a Levite Who Lived in the Land of Ephraim. 1 Chron. 6:1-12*)
      - a) Wife Hannah is Barren
        - She Prays to Lord for a Son at Tabernacle
        - Vows to Give Him to Lord as Nazirite (Order Dedicated to Lord)
      - b) Priest Eli Hears Her, Agrees & Blesses Her
    - 2) Hannah Conceives & Bears a Son
      - a) Names Son “Samuel” (Meaning “Name of God”)
    - 3) Hannah Offers Samuel to Lord at Tabernacle - Fulfilling Her Vow
      - a) Brings Offerings of 3 Year Old Bull, Flour & Wine
        - Husband Sacrifices Bull
      - b) Samuel Presented to Priest Eli
        - Eli Raises Samuel to Serve the Lord
    - 4) Hannah Worships the Lord in a Canticle 1 Sam. 2:1-10
  - b. Samuel Appointed as Prophet
    - 1) Wickedness of Eli’s Sons 1 Sam. 2:12-17
    - 2) Samuel Raised in House of Lord 1 Sam. 2:18-21  
 (*Symbolically Replacing Eli’s Sons*)  
 (*Not as a Priest, Since Samuel was Not from the House of Aaron*)
      - a) Samuel Serves in Presence of Lord

- Girt with Linen Apron (Ephod) (*Symbol of Priestly Service*)
- b) Eli Blesses Elkanah & Hannah
  - Lord Favors Samuel's Parents with 3 Sons & 2 Daughters
- 3) Eli's Futile Rebuke of His Sons 1 Sam. 2:22-26
- 4) Lord's Revelation to Samuel 1 Sam. 3:1-18
  - a) Samuel Sleeping in Temple Where Ark of God Was
    - Lamp of God (Menorah) Burning
  - b) Lord Calls Samuel 3 Times
    - Samuel Asks Eli if He Called
    - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Times Eli Tells Samuel He Did Not Call
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Time Eli Realizes it's the Lord & Advises Samuel to Answer
  - c) Lord Calls & Reveals His Presence to Samuel
    - Lord Condemns Eli's Family for their Crimes  
(*Confirming "Man of God's" Prophecy. 1 Sam. 2:27-36*)
  - d) Samuel Reveals Word of the Lord to Eli
    - Eli Accepts Lord's Judgment
- 5) Samuel the Lord's Prophet in Israel 1 Sam. 3:19-21
  - a) Samuel Grew Up & Lord was with Him
    - All His Words Verified & Fulfilled (*Sign of Lord's Anointed Prophet*)
  - b) All Israel Acknowledges Samuel as Lord's Prophet
- c. Lord's Judgments of House of Eli 1 Sam. 4 – 6  
*Lord Judges & Condemns Eli's House – Priestly Judges of Israel.*
  - 1) Philistines Attack Israel & Capture Ark of Covenant 1 Sam. 4
    - a) Eli's Sons Killed (*Prophecies Fulfilled*)
    - b) Eli Dies Learning Ark Captured & Sons Killed (*Prophecies Fulfilled*)
      - Judged Israel 40 Years
    - c) Eli's Daughter-in-law Gives Birth & Dies (*Prophecies Fulfilled*)
  - 2) Philistines Cursed because of Ark 1 Sam. 5
  - 3) Philistines Return Ark of Covenant to Israel 1 Sam. 6
- d. Samuel Appointed as Judge in Israel 1 Sam. 7  
*Lord Replaces House of Eli as Israel's Priestly Judges, with Samuel as Israel's Prophet Judge.*
  - 1) Ark of Covenant taken to House of Adinadab
  - 2) Samuel Calls Israel to Repentance
    - a) Israel Repents & Returns to Lord
    - b) Israel Obeys Lord's Prophet
  - 3) Samuel Becomes a Judge of Israel
  - 4) Samuel Rallies Israel to Stop Philistine Invasion
    - a) Samuel Implores Lord
      - Sacrifices Unweaned Lamb
      - Lord Sends Loud Thunder, Throwing Philistines into Confusion
      - Israel Routs & Pursues Philistines
    - b) Samuel Sets Up Border Stone between Israel & Philistia
      - Philistine Invasions Cease
  - 5) Samuel Judges Israel Remainder of His Life
- e. Israel Asks for a King 1 Sam. 8  
*Israel was a Theocracy with the Lord their God Ruling Over them as King. Israel Asks for a Human King to Rule Over them like the Gentile Nations.*

- 1) Elders Request Samuel to Appoint a King
- 2) Samuel Displeased with Israel's Request
  - a) Prays to Lord
  - b) Lord Answers Samuel:
    - "Grant the people's every request. It is not you (*Samuel - Prophet & Judge*) they reject, they are rejecting me (*Lord God*) as their King." (*1 Sam. 8:7*)
    - Cites Israel's Many Rejections
    - Warn them of the Rights of a King
- 3) Samuel Warns the People
- 4) People Disregard Samuel's Warning & Insist on a King
  - a) Desire to be Like Other (Gentile/Pagan) Nations
- f. Samuel Anoints Saul as King 1 Sam. 9 – 10  
*Samuel, as the Lord's Anointed Prophet, Follows the Lord's Word Precisely as He Appoints, Anoints, Confirms and Instructs the 1<sup>st</sup> King of Israel.*  
*(See Section Entitled "Saul First King of Israel" in "Anointed King - Part I")*
  - 1) Lord Reveals His Chosen King to Samuel - Saul from Tribe of Benjamin
  - 2) Samuel Privately Anoints Saul as King
    - a) Prophesies Signs of Lord's Anointing to Saul
  - 3) Samuel's Prophesied Signs are Fulfilled
    - a) Lord Gives Saul a New Heart
    - b) Spirit of Lord Falls on Saul
    - c) Saul Enters into Prophetic State
  - 4) Samuel Publicly Selects Saul from Among People
    - a) Announces Saul as King
    - b) People Agree: "Long live the king!" (*1 Sam. 10:24c*)
  - 5) Samuel Explains Law of Royalty (*Deut. 17:14-20*)
    - a) Writes it in Book
    - b) Places Book in Presence of Lord
- g. Saul Confirmed & Established as King of Israel 1 Sam. 11 – 12
  - 1) Saul Leads Israel to Victory Over Ammonites
  - 2) People Accept Saul as King
  - 3) Samuel Inaugurates the Kingdom  
*Samuel, as Ruling Judge of Israel, Establishes Israel's Monarchy Transferring All Governing Authority to the King.*
    - a) Calls an Assembly in Presence of the Lord
    - b) Turns Governing Authority Over to King
  - 4) Samuel Addresses the People
    - a) Granted Israel's Request for a King
    - b) Samuel Judged Israel Honestly with Integrity
    - c) Reminds People of Lord's Faithfulness & Mercy
      - Yet they Asked for a King
    - d) Samuel's Advice & Warning to People & King
      - Fear (Reverence) & Worship the Lord
      - Obey Lord's Commands
      - Remain Faithful to Lord - All Will Go Well & Good
      - Disobey & Rebel Against Lord - Lord will Judge & Destroy You
    - e) Samuel Confirms the Lord's Displeasure



*With Israel for Rejecting Him & Asking for a King*

- **Sudden Unseasonable Storm Occurs at Samuel's Command**

- f) Samuel Offers His Assistance as Advisor & Intercessor to People & King  
*Retaining His Office of Prophet*
- h. Samuel & King Saul (First King of Israel) 1 Sam. 13 – 15  
*Samuel Takes Prophet's Position as the Lord's Spokesman to the King.*  
*The Lord is the King of Israel's Commander.*
- 1) Samuel's First Rebuke of King Saul 1 Sam. 13
- a) Saul Disobeys Samuel by Offering a Presumptuous Sacrifice
- To Determine Lord's War Counsel - Without Lord's Spokesman
- b) Samuel Reproves King Saul:
- “You have been foolish! Had you kept the command the LORD your God gave you, the LORD would now establish your kingship in Israel as lasting; but as things are, your kingdom shall not endure.”
  - “The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and has appointed him commander of his people, because you broke the LORD’S command.” *(1 Sam. 13:13-14)*
- 2) King Saul's Presumptuous Oath 1 Sam. 14  
*King Makes an Oath Without Consulting the Lord or His Prophet*
- a) Saul Attempts to Obtain Lord's Counsel to Enforce His Oath  
*Circumventing Lord's Prophet/Spokesmen*
- Through Priests
  - Lord Does Not Answer
- b) Saul's Son Jonathan Unknowingly Violates Oath
- Penalty of Death *(Saul Condemns His Royal Successor)*
  - Saul’s Soldiers Rescue Jonathan
- 3) Samuel's Second Rebuke of King Saul 1 Sam. 15
- a) King Saul Disobeys Lord's Command to Purge Amalek
- Fails to Kill Amalek King
- b) Samuel Reproves King Saul:
- Lord Regrets Making Saul King
  - Rebukes Saul for Not Purging Amalek
  - Saul Disobedient & Rebellious Against Lord’s Command
    - “... obedience is better than sacrifice ...” *(1 Sam. 15:22)*
    - “For a sin like divination is rebellion, and presumption is the crime of idolatry.” *(1 Sam. 15:23a)*  
*(Divination & Idolatry are Abominations to Lord)*
  - “Because you *(Saul)* have rejected the command of the Lord, He *(Lord)*, too, has rejected you a ruler.” *(1 Sam. 15:23b)*
- c) King Saul Tears Samuel's Mantle *(Symbol of Prophet's Anointing)*
- Samuel's Response: “The Lord has torn the Kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, better than you.” *(1 Sam. 15:28)*
- d) Samuel Kills Amalek King *(Completing Lord's Command)*
- 4) Samuel Departs from Saul - Never See Each Other Again
- i. Samuel Anoints a New Dynasty to Rule Israel 1 Sam. 16:1-13
- 1) Lord Commands Samuel to Anoint a New King
- a) Samuel Grieves Over King Saul

- b) Lord Chooses a Son of Jesse from Bethlehem
  - Samuel Fearful of King Saul's Reaction
- c) Lord Instructs Samuel:
  - Take a Heifer to Sacrifice
  - Invite Jesse to Sacrifice
  - Anoint the One I (*Lord*) Point Out
- 2) Samuel Goes to Bethlehem
  - a) Invites Jesse & Sons to Cleanse Themselves & Join Sacrifice
  - b) Jesse Presents His Sons to Samuel
    - Lord Chooses David
- 3) Samuel Anoints David to be King of Israel
  - a) Spirit of Lord Rushes Upon David
- j. Spirit of Lord Protects His Anointed - Samuel & David 1 Sam. 19:1-24
  - 1) King Saul Attempts to Kill David
  - 2) David Escapes & Visits Samuel
    - a) David Informs Samuel about Saul's Threats
    - b) Samuel & David Hide in Sheds  
(*Sheds = "Naioth" are Dwellings of College of Prophets Under Samuel.*)
    - c) King Saul Sends Messengers 3 Times to Arrest David
      - Witness Band of Prophets - Presided Over by Samuel
      - Fall into Prophetic State
    - d) King Saul Personally Goes to Arrest David
      - Spirit of Lord Falls on Saul
      - Saul Falls into Prophetic State
- k. Samuel Dies 1 Sam. 25:1
- l. King Saul Seeks Samuel's Counsel from Grave 1 Sam. 28
  - 1) Philistines Muster a Superior Military Force & Advance on Israel
  - 2) King Saul Consults the Lord, but Lord Does Not Answer
    - a) Not through Dreams (*Revelation to King*)
    - b) Not by Urim (*Representing Priesthood*)
    - c) Not through Prophets (*Lord's Spokesmen*)
  - 3) Saul Visits Witch of Endor (*To Consult the Dead - Samuel*)  
(*King Saul Commits an Abominable Sin, Forbidden by Lord, Under Penalty of Death. Lev. 19:31; Lev. 20:6 & Deut. 18:9-14*)  
(*King Saul Disobeys His Own Ban. 1 Sam. 28:3*)
    - a) Requests Woman to Tell His Fortune & Conjure Up Samuel
    - b) Woman Conjures Up Samuel's Spirit
    - c) Samuel Condemns King Saul
      - "But why do you ask me, if the LORD has abandoned you and is with your neighbor (*David*)?"
      - "The LORD has done to you what he foretold through me: he has torn the kingdom from your grasp and has given it to your neighbor David."
      - "Because you disobeyed the LORD'S directive and would not carry out his fierce anger against Amalek, the LORD has done this to you today."
      - "Moreover, the LORD will deliver Israel, and you as well, into the clutches of the Philistines. By tomorrow you and your sons will be

with me (*i.e. Dead*), and the LORD will have delivered the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.” (1 Sam. 28:16-19)

- 4) King Saul Goes into Despair  
(*Samuel's Prophecies Fulfilled: Philistines Defeat Israeli Troops. King Saul & His Sons are Killed, Ending Saul's Dynasty. 1 Sam. 31*)
3. Prophet Gad 1 Sam. 22; 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chron. 21; 2 Chron. 29  
*Prophet to King David (Ca. 1011 – 971 BC)*
    - a. Gad Advises David Before He Ascends to the Throne 1 Sam. 22:1-5
      - 1) King Saul Persecutes David
      - 2) David & Followers Flee Israel - Refugees in Foreign Country
      - 3) Gad Advises David to Return to Judah (*David's Tribal Land & Heritage*)
    - b. David King of Israel & Judah (2 Sam.)  
(*See Section Entitled "David Lord's Anointed King" in "Anointed King - Part I"*)
    - c. Gad Declares the Site for Lord's House (Temple) 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chron. 21  
(*To be Built by King David's Successor. Confirms Nathan's Prophecy. 2 Sam. 7*)
      - 1) King David Disobediently Orders Registration & Census of People
      - 2) David Repents & Asks Lord's Forgiveness
      - 3) Gad Presents the Lord's 3 Alternative Chastisements to King David
        - a) David Chooses Pestilence
      - 4) Lord Sends Pestilence on Israel – Killing 70,000 Men
      - 5) Angel Stretches Sword Toward Jerusalem to Destroy it.
        - a) Lord Regrets the Calamity & Stays Angel's Hand
      - 6) Site of Israel's Future Temple (House of the Lord)
        - a) Angel Standing on Threshing Floor of Ornan (Arunah) the Jebusite
        - b) David Sees Angel & Prays for Mercy (*Accepting Full Responsibility*)
        - c) Gad Instructs David to Build Altar on Ornan's Threshing Floor
        - d) David Purchases Threshing Floor & Oxen from Ornan
        - e) David Builds Altar on Threshing Floor
        - f) David Offers Sacrifices & Holocausts
          - The Lord Sends Fire from Heaven upon Holocausts
          - David Decrees Temple Site: “This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar of holocausts for Israel.” (1 Chron. 22:1)  
(*Effecting Gad's Prophecy*)
      - 7) Lord Stops the Plague on Israel
    - d. Perpetuity of Praise Prescribed by King David & Prophet Gad
      - 1) Invoked Over 300 Years Later by King Hezekiah 2 Chron. 29:25-29
4. Prophet Nathan 2 Sam. 7 & 12; 1 Kings 1; 1 Chron. 17; 2 Chron. 29  
*Prophet to King David (Ca. 1011 – 971 BC)*
    - a. Nathan Proclaims Lord's Royal Covenant 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chron. 17
      - 1) King David Desires to Build a House for Ark  
(*Permanent Temple for Ark of the Covenant - Lord's Palace on Earth*)
        - a) David Expresses His Desire to Prophet Nathan
        - b) Nathan Agrees with David
      - 2) Lord Speaks to Nathan that Night
        - a) Lord Does Not Need a House
        - b) Lord Has Not Asked for a House
        - c) Lord Elevated David from Shepherd to King

- d) Lord Destroyed David's Enemies
  - e) Lord Established Israel as Nation
  - f) Lord Protects & Gives Israel Peace
  - g) Lord Will Build a House for David (*Lord's Covenant with King David*)
    - David's Heir Will Build Lord's House (Temple) (*To be Fulfilled by David's Son & Heir King Solomon ~ 960 BC. 1 Kings 6 - 8*)
    - Lord Will Establish David's Throne Forever
    - "I (*Lord*) will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me ....." (*2 Sam. 7:14*)
    - David's House & Kingdom Will Last Forever
- 3) Nathan Delivers Lord's Word to King David
- a) David Humbly Accepts Nathan's Prophecy
- b. Nathan Pronounces Lord's Judgment on King 2 Sam. 12:1-25
- 1) King David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba (2 Sam. 11)
- a) Bathsheba Pregnant with David's Child
  - b) David Kills Bathsheba's Husband Uriah & Marries Her
  - c) David Attempts to Cover-up His Sin
- 2) Prophet Nathan Confronts David with Analogous Story
- a) Asks David to Judge Case
  - b) David's Judgment: "..... the man who has done this merits death! ....." (*2 Sam. 12:5*)
  - c) Nathan Retorts: "You are the man!"
- 3) Nathan Pronounces Lord's Judgment:
- a) For Murder: "..... The sword shall never depart from your house ....." (*2 Sam. 12:10*)  
(*Fulfilled: Israel at War or Insurrection Throughout David's Reign. Kingdom Secured after David's Death by King Solomon. 2 Kings 2*)
  - b) For Adultery & Cover-Up: "..... I will take your wives while you live to see it, and I will give them to your neighbor. He shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. You have done this deed in secret, but I will bring it about in the presence of all Israel ....." (*2 Sam. 12:11-12*)  
(*Fulfilled: David's Son Absalom Rebels & Publicly Defiles David's Concubines. 2 Sam. 16:20-22*)
- 4) David Repents: "I have sinned against the Lord." (*2 Sam. 12:13a*)
- 5) Nathan: "The Lord ..... has forgiven your sin: you shall not die. But since you have utterly spurned the Lord by this deed, the child born to you must surely die." (*2 Sam. 12:13b-14*)  
(*Fulfilled David & Bathsheba's Child Dies. 2 Sam. 12:15-23*)
- 6) David Accepts Lord's Judgment & Worships Him
- 7) Bathsheba Conceives & Bears Another Son - Solomon
- c. Nathan Anoints King David's Successor 1 Kings 1
- 1) King David is Old & Bed-Ridden
- 2) David's Son Adonijah Attempts to Seize Throne
- a) Excludes Nathan (*Lord's Advisor to King*)
- 3) Nathan Warns & Advises Bathsheba (Solomon's Mother)
- a) Adonijah has become King - Without David's Knowledge
    - Solomon in Danger
  - b) Tells Bathsheba to Visit King David & Say: "Did you not, lord king,

- swear to your handmaid: Your son Solomon shall be king after me and shall sit upon my throne? Why, then, has Adonijah become king?"
- c) "And while you are still there speaking to the king, I will come in after you and confirm what you have said." (*1 Kings 1:13-14*)
- 4) Bathsheba Pleas with Her Husband
- a) Reminds David of His Oath that Solomon will Reign After Him
- b) Nathan Confronts David - Confirming Bathsheba's Claim
- "Have you decided, my lord king, that Adonijah is to reign after you and sit on your throne?"
  - "He went down today and slaughtered oxen..... in great numbers"
  - "he invited all the king's sons, the commanders of the army, and Abiathar the priest, and they are eating and drinking in his company and saying, 'Long live King Adonijah!'"
  - "But me, your servant (*Lord's Advisor to King*), he did not invite; nor Zadok the priest, nor ..... Solomon (*David's Intended Successor*)."
  - "Was this done by my royal master's order without my being told who was to succeed to your majesty's royal throne?" (*1 Kings 1:24-27*)  
(*Prophet's Prerogative to Announce Lord's Choice for King. Deut. 17:14-15*)
- 5) David Decrees Solomon King of Israel & Judah - Fulfilling His Oath
- 6) David Orders Priest Zadok & Prophet Nathan to Anoint Solomon King
- 7) Zadok & Nathan Anoint & Install Solomon as King
- d. Nathan's Son Zabud - Priest & Personal Advisor to King Solomon 1 Kings 4:5b
- e. Perpetuity of Praise Prescribed by King David & Prophet Nathan
- 1) Invoked Over 300 Years Later by King Hezekiah 2 Chron. 29:25-29
5. Prophet Ahijah *Prophet to King Jeroboam (931 – 910 BC) of Israel*  
1 Kings 11:26-40; 1 Kings 12:1-20; 1 Kings 14:1-20; 1 Kings 15:25-30; 2 Chron. 10
- a. King Solomon's Sins (1 Kings 11:1-25)
- 1) King Solomon Marries Many Foreign (Pagan) Wives
- a) Forbidden by Lord (Ex. 34:16)
- b) Wives Entice Solomon to Build Altars to their Pagan Gods
- Breaking Lord's Commandments (Ex. 20:1-6)
  - Disobeying His Father's (King David's) Instructions (1 Kings 2:1-4)
  - Breaking Lord's Covenant with David (2 Sam. 7:6-16)
  - Waiving Lord's Promises (1 Kings 9:1-5)
  - Disregarding Lord's Warnings (1 Kings 9:6-9)
- 2) Lord Pronounces His Judgment to King Solomon (1 Kings 11:11-13)
- a) Kingdom will be Split After His Death
- Tribe of Judah Will Be Ruled by Solomon's Son(s)
  - 10 Tribes Will Be Given to His Servant
- b. Ahijah Prophecies Over Jeroboam (from ½ Tribe of Ephraim) 1 Kings 11:26-40
- 1) Jeroboam Rebels Against King Solomon
- a) Jeroboam Leaves Jerusalem (*Solomon's Presence*)
- b) Prophet Ahijah Meets Jeroboam on Road
- c) Ahijah Tears His New Cloak into 12 Pieces, Prophesying:
- "Take ten pieces for yourself; the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I will tear away the kingdom from Solomon's grasp and will give you

ten of the tribes. (*Separating 10 Tribes from Idolatry Imposed by Solomon*)

- “One tribe shall remain to him for the sake of David my servant, and of Jerusalem, the city I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel.
    - *Lord will Fulfill His Royal Promise to Judah. (Gen. 49:8-12)*
    - *Lord will Honor His Royal Covenant with David (2 Sam. 7:8-17)*
    - *Lord has Chosen Jerusalem (Land of Judah) as His City (Earthly Dwelling Place) (2 Sam. 6; 1 Kings 6:11-13; 1 Kings 8:1-21)*
  - “The ten I will give you because he (*King Solomon*) has forsaken me and has worshiped Astarte, goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh, god of Moab, and Milcom, god of the Ammonites (*Subjugating His Rule to Demonic Authority*); he has not followed my ways or done what is pleasing to me according to my statutes and my decrees, as his father David did (*Who Remained Loyal & Repentant before the Lord*).
  - “Yet I will not take any of the kingdom from Solomon himself, but will keep him a prince as long as he lives for the sake of my servant David, whom I chose, who kept my commandments and statutes. (*Lord had Confirmed His Covenant with David’s Son Solomon. 1 Kings 9:3-9*)
  - “But I will take the kingdom from his son and will give it to you—that is, the ten tribes. (*Transferring Israel’s Ruling Authority to Jeroboam.*)
  - “I will give his son one tribe, that my servant David may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city in which I choose to be honored. (*Lord’s Messianic Promises will Continue through David’s Lineage*)
  - “I will take you; you shall reign over all that you desire and shall become king of Israel. If, then, you heed all that I command you, follow my ways, and please me by keeping my statutes and my commandments like my servant David, I will be with you. I will establish for you, as I did for David, a lasting dynasty; I will give Israel to you. (*Lord Offers to Establish House of Jeroboam as Israel’s Royal Line, as long as they Remain Faithful to Lord - Under His Authority.*)
  - “I will punish David’s line for this, but not forever.”” (*1 Kings 11:31-39*)  
(*The Promised Messiah – King will Eventually Come from House of David to Restore & Rule a Universal Kingdom*)
- 2) King Solomon Orders Jeroboam’s Death
- a) Jeroboam Flees to Egypt
- c. Israel Divided into Two Kingdoms 1 Kings 12:1-20; 2 Chron. 10  
(*See Section Entitled "Split Kingdoms" in "Anointed King - Part I"*)  
(*Fulfilling Ahijah's Prophecy*)
- 1) King Rehoboam (931 – 913 BC) Succeeds His Father Solomon
  - 2) Israel Rebels Against Rehoboam
  - 3) Jeroboam Returns from Egypt
    - a) People Make Him King of Israel (10 Tribes)
    - b) Judah Remains Loyal to King Rehoboam (House of David)

- d. Jeroboam Rules Israel as King (931 – 910 BC)
- e. King Jeroboam Institutes Idolatry as Israel's State Religion (1 Kings 12:26-33)
- f. Ahijah Prophesies Lord's Judgment Against King Jeroboam 1 Kings 14:1-20
  - 1) King Jeroboam's Son, Abijah, Becomes Ill
    - a) Jeroboam Sends His Wife to Ahijah to Inquire About Boy's Fate
      - Disguised So Ahijah Won't Recognized Her
    - b) Lord Tells Ahijah that King's Wife will Visit to Consult About Her Ill Son
      - Lord Gives Ahijah a Word for King's Wife
    - c) Jeroboam's Wife Enters Ahijah's House
      - Ahijah Old & Dim Sighted Says: "Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why are you in disguise? I have been commissioned to give you bitter news."
    - d) Ahijah Prophesies Against House of Jeroboam:
      - "Go, tell Jeroboam, 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I exalted you from among the people and made you ruler of my people Israel.
      - 'I deprived the house of David of the kingdom and gave it to you. Yet you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commandments and followed me with his whole heart, doing only what pleased me.
      - 'You have done worse than all who preceded you (*i.e. King Solomon whose Kingdom was Divided*): you have gone and made for yourself strange gods and molten images to provoke me; but me you have cast behind your back (*Insulting & Provoking the Lord*).
      - 'Therefore, I am bringing evil upon the house of Jeroboam: I will cut off every male in Jeroboam's line, whether slave or freeman in Israel, and will burn up the house of Jeroboam completely, as though dung were being burned. When one of Jeroboam's line dies in the city, dogs will devour him; when one of them dies in the field, he will be devoured by the birds of the sky. For the LORD has spoken!'"
 

(1 Kings 14:7-11)

(*Lord Sets a Precedent for His Judgments of Subsequent Israeli Dynasties who Practice Idolatry as King Jeroboam; to be Pronounced by Future Prophets.*)
  - e) Ahijah Addresses Jeroboam's Wife - Prophesying Fate of King's Son
    - "So leave; go home! As you step inside the city, the child will die, and all Israel will mourn him and bury him, for he alone of Jeroboam's line will be laid in the grave, since in him alone of Jeroboam's house has something pleasing to the LORD, the God of Israel, been found."
 

(1 Kings 14:12-13)
  - f) Ahijah Prophesies Fate of Israel
    - "Today, at this very moment, the LORD will raise up for himself a king of Israel who will destroy the house of Jeroboam.
    - "The LORD will strike Israel like a reed tossed about in the water and will pluck out Israel from this good land which he gave their fathers, scattering them beyond the River (*Jordan*), because they made sacred poles for themselves and thus provoked the LORD. (*Predicting Israel's Eventual Destruction & Dispersion by Assyria in 722 BC*)

- “He will give up Israel because of the sins Jeroboam has committed and caused Israel to commit.” (*1 Kings 14:14-16*)  
(*Israel Loses Lord’s Protection.*)
- 2) Jeroboam’s Wife Returns Home
  - a) Son Dies as She Crosses the Threshold (*Ahijah’s Prophecy Fulfilled*)
- g. House of Jeroboam Destroyed (*Ahijah’s Prophecy Fulfilled*) 1 Kings 15:25-30
  - 1) Nadab (910 – 909 BC) Succeeds Father Jeroboam as King of Israel
  - 2) Baasha Assassinates King Nadab & Becomes King of Israel (909 - 886 BC)
    - a) Annihilates House of Jeroboam
- 6. Prophet Shemaiah 1 Kings 12:21-24; 2 Chron. 11:1-4; 2 Chron. 12  
*Prophet to King Rehoboam (931 – 913 BC) of Judah*
  - a. Shemaiah Averts Civil War - Judah & Israel 1 Kings 12:21-24; 2 Chron. 11:1-4
    - 1) King Rehoboam Gathers Army to Attack Israel (10 Tribes)
      - a) To Quell Jeroboam's Secession
      - b) To Restore His Father's (King Solomon's) Kingdom
    - 2) Lord Speaks to Shemaiah
      - a) “Say to Rehoboam, son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to the house of Judah and to Benjamin, and to the rest of the people:
      - b) “Thus says the LORD: You must not march out to fight against your brother Israelites. Let every man return home, for I have brought this about.....” (*1 Kings 12:23-24*)  
(*Confirming Ahijah’s Prophecy to Jeroboam. 1 Kings 11:26-40*)
    - 3) Rehoboam Accepts Word of Lord & Cancels Military Campaign
  - b. Shemaiah Averts Destruction of Jerusalem 2 Chron. 12
    - 1) King Rehoboam Abandons Law of the Lord
    - 2) Pharaoh Shishak Invades Judah (*Lord’s Chastisement*)
      - a) Captures Fortified Cities - Approaching Jerusalem (Capital)
    - 3) Shemaiah Convicts King Rehoboam & His Commanders
      - a) “Thus says the LORD: ‘You have abandoned me, and therefore I have abandoned you to the power of Shishak.’” (*2 Chron. 12:5b*)
      - b) King & Commanders Humble Themselves before Lord
      - c) Word of the Lord Came to Shemaiah:
        - “Because they have humbled themselves, I will not destroy them; I will give them some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem through Shishak.
        - “But they shall be his servants, that they may know what it is to serve me and what it is to serve earthly kingdoms.” (*2 Chron. 12:7b-8*)
    - 4) Pharaoh Shishak Attacks Jerusalem (*Fulfilling Word of Lord to Shemaiah*)
      - a) Subjugates Kingdom of Judah
      - b) Plunders Treasures from Temple & King’s Palace
      - c) Lord Keeps Shishak from Destroying Jerusalem
- 7. “Man of God from Judah” 1 Kings 13:1-32  
*Prophet to King Jeroboam (931 – 910 BC) of Israel*
  - a. King Jeroboam Institutes Idolatry as Israel’s State Religion (1 Kings 12:26-33)
    - 1) Keep People from Making Pilgrimages to Jerusalem
      - a) To Worship & Sacrifice at Temple



- 2) Sets Up 2 Golden Calves (*Egyptian Gods*) in Dan & Bethel
  - a) Attributes Israel's Exodus from Egypt to Golden Calves  
(*Abomination to Lord. Ex. 32*)
- 3) Builds Pagan Temples & Altars - Establishing Priesthood & Holy Days  
(*Replacing Mosaic Law & Insulting Lord God Almighty.*)
- b. "Man of God" from Judah Confronts Jeroboam
  - 1) Jeroboam Stands at Pagan Altar to Offer Sacrifice  
(*Lord's Death Penalty for Sacrificing to Pagan Gods. Ex. 22:19*)
  - 2) Man of God Cries Out Against Altar:
    - a) "O altar, altar, the LORD says, 'A child shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name, who shall slaughter upon you the priests of the high places who offer sacrifice upon you, and he shall burn human bones upon you.'" (*1 Kings 13:2*)  
(*Prophecy Fulfilled by King Josiah Who Reigned in Jerusalem about 300 Years after this Prophecy was Spoken to Jeroboam, and over 80 Years after the Destruction of Samaria. Josiah Destroyed Idolatry in Judah, Cleansed the Temple and Reinstating Mosaic Law.*)
    - b) This is the sign that the LORD has spoken: The altar shall break up and the ashes (*Sacrifice*) on it shall be strewn about." (*1 Kings 13:3*)
  - 3) Jeroboam Stretches Out His Hand - Ordering Man of God Seized
    - a) King's Hand Withers & Can Not be Drawn Back
    - b) Altar Breaks Up & Ashes Strewn About
  - 4) Jeroboam Asks Man of God to Intercede to Lord for His Hand
    - a) Man of God Entreats Lord & King's Hand Healed
  - 5) Jeroboam Invites Man of God Home to Dine, Offering Him a Gift
    - a) Man of God Refuses
    - b) Instructed by Lord Not to Eat, Drink nor Return by Same Route
- c. Man of God's Journey Back to Judah
  - 1) Old Prophet from Bethel Intercepts Man of God
    - a) Invites Him Home to Dine
  - 2) Man of God Refuses
    - a) Lord Told Him Not to Eat, Drink nor Return by Same Route
  - 3) Old Prophet Lies to Man of God  
(*Old Prophet's Message was Inconsistent with Word of the Lord Given to Man of God. He Should have Listened to the Lord, Not to Man*)
    - a) Angel of Lord Told Him to Bring Man of God Home to Dine
  - 4) Man of God Goes to Old Prophet's Home
    - a) Eats & Drinks with Old Prophet
    - b) Old Prophet Prophesies to Man of God: "The LORD says, 'Because you rebelled against the command of the LORD and did not keep the command which the LORD, your God, gave you, but returned and ate bread and drank water in the place where he told you to do neither, your corpse shall not be brought to the grave of your ancestors.'" (*1 Kings 13:21-22*)
- d. Man of God Continues on His Journey
  - 1) Lion Attacks & Kills Him
- e. Old Prophet Retrieves Man of God's Body
  - 1) Brings Body Back to City (*in Israel*) & Buries it in His Grave
  - 2) Instructs His Sons to Bury Him Beside Man of God when He Dies

- a) “For the word of the LORD which he proclaimed against the altar in Bethel and against all the shrines on the high places in the cities of Samaria shall certainly come to pass.” (1 Kings 13:32)  
(*Confirming Man of God’s Prophecy*)
8. Seer/Prophet Iddo 2 Chron. 9:29-30; 2 Chron. 12:15; 2 Chron. 13:22  
*Chronicler Contemporary with Prophets Abijah & Shemaiah.*  
*There are No Other Events in Iddo’s Ministry Recorded in Scripture.*
9. Prophet Oded & His Son Azariah 2 Chron. 15  
*Prophets to King Asa (911 - 870 BC) of Judah*
- a. King Asa Pleas Lord Like His Forefather David (1 Kings 15:9-15; 2 Chron. 14)
- 1) Conducted Religious Reform
  - 2) Commanded Judah to Seek Lord & Observe Law
- b. Ethiopia Invades Judah with Vastly Superior Forces
- 1) Asa Calls Upon the Lord
  - 2) Lord Totally Defeats Ethiopian Army
- c. Spirit of Lord Comes Upon Azariah - Son of Prophet Oded 2 Chron. 15
- 1) Encourage King Asa:
    - a) “Hear me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin! The LORD is with you when you are with him, and if you seek him he will be present to you; but if you abandon him, he will abandon you.” (2 Chron. 15:1-2)
    - b) Lord Reminds Asa of the Mercy He Showed Israel/Judah in Past
    - c) “But as for you, be strong and do not relax, for your work shall be rewarded.” (2 Chron. 15:7)
  - 2) Asa Accepts Lord's Word & Oded’s Prophecy (*Not Recorded in Scripture*)
    - a) Removes Idols from His Kingdom
    - b) Restores Altar & Offers Sacrifices to Lord
    - c) Judah Enters into a Covenant to Seek Lord with their Whole Heart (*15<sup>th</sup> Year of Asa’s Reign*)
      - Asa Disposes His Queen Mother for Idolatry
      - Lord Gives Judah Peace on Every Side
10. Prophet Hanani 2 Chron. 16  
*Prophet to King Asa (911 - 870 BC) of Judah*
- a. King Asa’s Alliance with Aram (Syria) (1 Kings 16:16-22) 2 Chron. 16:1-6
- 1) Baasha, King of Israel, Attacks Judah (*36<sup>th</sup> Year of Asa’s Reign*)
  - 2) Asa Bribes King Benhadad of Aram with Temple Treasuries (*Temple Treasuries are Consecrated to Lord*)
    - a) To Break Aram’s Treaty with Israel & Ally with Judah (*Trusting in Man Instead of God*)
  - 3) Benhadad Attacks Israel - Baasha Retreats & Returns Home
- b. Prophet Hanani Prophesies to King Asa 2 Chron. 16:7-10
- 1) “Because you relied on the king of Aram and did not rely on the LORD, your God, the army of the king of Aram has escaped your hand.
    - a) “Were not the Ethiopians and Libyans a vast army, with great numbers of chariots and drivers? And yet, because you relied on the LORD, he delivered them into your power.
    - b) “The eyes of the LORD roam over the whole earth, to encourage those

who are devoted to him wholeheartedly. You have acted foolishly in this matter, for from now on you will have wars.” (2 Chron. 16:7-9)

- 2) Asa Becomes Angry & Imprisons Hanani
- 3) Judah at War Remainder of Asa’s Reign (1 Kings 15:16)  
(*Fulfilling Hanani’s Prophecy*)
- c. Asa Contracts Serious Disease & Dies (1 Kings 15:23-24) 2 Chron. 16:11-14  
(*Asa’s Last Battle*)

## 11. Prophet Jehu

*Prophet to King Baasha (909 – 886 BC) of Israel* 1 Kings 16:1-13

*Prophet to King Jehoshaphat (873 – 848 BC) of Judah* 2 Chron. 19:1-3

- a. Israel’s King Baasha Continues in Idolatry like Jeroboam 1 Kings 16:1-13  
(*Baasha was Lord’s Avenger Who Annihilated House of Jeroboam*)
  - 1) Lord’s Word to Jehu - Condemning King Baasha
    - a) “Inasmuch as I lifted you up from the dust and made you ruler of my people Israel, but you have imitated the conduct of Jeroboam and have caused my people Israel to sin, provoking me to anger by their sins,
    - b) “I will destroy you, Baasha, and your house;
    - c) “I will make your house like that of Jeroboam, son of Nebat. If anyone of Baasha’s line dies in the city, dogs shall devour him; if he dies in the field, he shall be devoured by the birds of the sky.” (1 Kings 16:1-4)  
(*Applies Curse of Jeroboam on House of Baasha*)
  - 2) House of Baasha Destroyed (*Fulfilling Jehu’s Prophecy*)
    - a) Elah (886 - 885 BC) Succeeds Father Baasha as King of Israel
    - b) Zimri Assassinates Elah & Becomes King of Israel (885 BC)
      - Annihilates House of Baasha
- b. King Jehoshaphat Allies Judah with Israel’s King Ahab 2 Chron. 19:1-3
  - 1) Unholy Alliance Against Aram (1 Kings 22:1-40; 2 Chron. 18)  
(*Can Not Yoke Good with Evil. Can Not Equally Serve God & Man.*)
    - a) Jehoshaphat Faithful to Lord
    - b) Ahab Responsible for Unprecedented Idolatry in Israel
  - 2) Israel-Judah Alliance Defeated by Aram
    - a) King Ahab Killed in Battle
    - b) King Jehoshaphat Returns to Jerusalem
  - 3) Lord’s Word to Jehu - Scolding King Jehoshaphat
    - a) “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? For this reason, wrath is upon you from the LORD.
    - b) “Yet some good things are to be found in you, since you have removed the sacred poles from the land and have been determined to seek God.”  
(2 Chron. 19:2-3)
- c. Jehu Chronicles King Jehoshaphat’s Reign 2 Chron. 20:34

## 12. Prophet Elijah

1 Kings 17 – 19 & 21; 2 Kings 1 – 2; 2 Chron. 21

*Prophet to King Ahab (874 – 853 BC) of Israel*

*Prophet to King Ahaziah (853 – 852 BC) of Israel*

*Prophet to King Jehoram (853 – 841 BC) of Judah*

- a. Lord Chastises Israel with Drought 1 Kings 17 - 18
  - 1) King Ahab Responsible for Unprecedented Idolatry in Israel (1 Kings 16:29-33)
    - a) Marries Jezebel - Daughter of Sidonian King (*Unholy Alliance*)

- b) Worships Baal - Erecting Altar & Temple
- c) Enforces Worship of Baal throughout Israel
- 2) Prophet Elijah Pronounces a Drought to King Ahab 1 Kings 17:1-6
  - a) “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, during these years there shall be no dew or rain except at my word.” (*1 Kings 17:1*)
    - Elijah Given Authority Over Drought (*To Impose Lord’s Chastisement*)
  - b) Lord Provides a Haven for Elijah: “Leave here, go east and hide in the Wadi Cherith (*In Israel*), east of the Jordan. You shall drink of the stream, and I have commanded ravens to feed you there.” (*1 Kings 17:3-4*)
  - c) Elijah Goes to Wadi Cherith
    - Ravens Bring Him Bread & Meat Every Morning & Evening
    - Elijah Drinks from Stream
- 3) Elijah and the Widow 1 Kings 17:7-24
  - a) Stream Eventually Runs Dry (*Israel Spiritually Dry*)
  - b) Lord Instructs Elijah to Go to Zarephath of Sidon (*Lord Sends Elijah to Jezebel’s Native Country where Baal is Worshipped*) (*Lord Reveals His Sovereignty & Authority to Elijah in Pagan Land*)
    - “...I have designated a widow there to provide for you.” (*1 Kings 17:9*)
  - c) Elijah Goes to Zarephath
    - Sees Widow Gathering Sticks (*Presumably Gentile Woman*)
    - Asks Widow for Cup of Water & Piece of Bread
    - Widow Confesses She only has Handful of Flour & Little Oil
      - For Her & Son to Eat, then Die (*Last Meal*)
    - **Elijah Multiplies Widow’s Food (*Lord - Provider*)**
      - “..... first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son.”
      - “For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, ‘The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” (*1 Kings 17:13-14*)
    - **Widow Obeys Lord’s Prophet - She & Son Eat for a Year**
      - Jar of Flour Did Not Empty & Jug of Oil Did Not Run Dry
  - d) Widow’s Son Falls Sick & Dies
    - Woman Blames Elijah: “..... Have you come to me to call attention to my guilt and to kill my son?” (*1 Kings 17:18*) (*Recognizing She’s a Sinner*)
    - **Elijah Brings Dead Boy Back to Life (*Lord Healer & Giver of Life*)**
      - Lays Dead Boy’s Body on His Bed
      - Stretches Himself on Body 3 Times, Calling to Lord: “O LORD, my God, let the life breath return to the body of this child.”
      - Lord Revives Boy
    - Elijah Returns Boy to His Mother
    - Woman’s Confession of Faith: “Now indeed I know that you are a man of God, the word of the LORD comes truly from your mouth.” (*1 Kings 17:24*) (*Accepting Elijah as Lord’s Prophet*)
- 4) Elijah Confronts Prophets of Baal (*Third Year of Drought*) 1 Kings 18
  - a) Lord Instructs Elijah: “Go, present yourself to Ahab, that I may send rain

- upon the earth.” (*1 Kings 18:1*)
- b) Elijah Goes to Present Himself to King Ahab
- Meets Obadiah (King’s Vizier) on Way
  - Elijah: “Go tell your master (*King Ahab*), Elijah is here!” (*1 Kings 18:8*)
  - Obadiah Afraid for His Life
    - King Searched Israel & Nations for Elijah (*To Kill Him*)
    - Jezebel Killed Lord’s Prophets
    - Obadiah Secretly Hid & Fed 100 Prophets
- c) Obadiah Informs Ahab of Elijah’s Return
- d) King Ahab Meets Elijah
- Ahab Blames Lord’s Prophet for the Drought
  - Elijah Rightfully Places Blame on Ahab’s Idolatry
  - Elijah Instructs Ahab to Summon People & False Prophets to Mount Carmel
- e) Ahab Calls an Assembly at Mount Carmel
- f) Elijah Confronts People of Israel
- (1) “How long will you straddle the issue? If the LORD is God, follow him; if Baal, follow him.”
- (2) Offers Proposition to People
- 450 Prophets of Baal: Prepare Sacrifice to Baal & Place on Altar
    - Call Upon Baal to Send Fire to Consume Sacrifice
  - Elijah Lord’s Prophet: Prepare Sacrifice to Lord & Place on Altar
    - Call Upon Lord to Send Fire to Consume Sacrifice
  - People Agree
- g) Prophets of Baal Prepare Sacrifice & Lay it on Wood of Altar
- Call Upon Baal from Morning to Noon
    - No Sound / No Answer
  - Elijah Taunts False Prophets
  - Baal’s Prophets Cry Louder, Cut Themselves, etc.
    - No Sound / No Answer
- h) Elijah Repairs Lord’s Altar (*Apparently Destroyed During Persecution*)
- 12 Stones for 12 Tribes of Israel - Honoring the Lord (*Reminding the Lord of His Covenants with Israel*)
  - Digs Trench Around Altar & Arranges Wood
- i) Elijah Prepares Sacrifice to Lord & Lays it on Wood of Altar
- Pours Water Over Sacrifice & Wood - Uses 4 Jugs & Pours 3 Times (*12 Pourings, Cleansing, for Tribes of Israel*)
    - Water Flows Around Altar & Fills Trenches
  - **Elijah Calls Down Fire from Heaven**
    - “**LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel**, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things by your command.”
    - “Answer me, LORD! Answer me, that this people may know that you, LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to their senses.” (*1 Kings 18:36-37*)
  - **Fire Descends from Heaven**
    - Consumes Elijah’s Sacrifice

- Consumes Wood, Stones & Dust
- Laps Up Water in Trenches
- j) People Fall Prostrate: “The LORD is God! The LORD is God!”  
(*1 Kings 18:39b*)
- k) Elijah Kills Prophets of Baal (*Obeying the Law. Deut. 18:9-14 & 20*)
- 5) Drought Ends
  - a) Elijah Informs Ahab Drought is Over
  - b) Ahab Mounts Chariot & Departs for Jezreel
  - c) Elijah (*Empowered by Lord*) Runs before King’s Chariot
- b. Elijah’s Visitation from the Lord (Yahweh) 1 Kings 19
  - 1) Elijah Flees Jezebel’s Wrath – Escapes to Beer-sheba in Judah
    - a) Goes into Desert & Sits Under Broom Tree
    - b) Prays for Death
    - c) Lays Down & Falls Asleep
    - d) Angel Awakens Elijah Ordering Him to Get Up & Eat
      - Cake & Jug of Water at His Head
      - He Eats, Drinks & Lays Down
    - e) Angel Awakens Elijah Again
      - “Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!”
      - Elijah Eats, Drinks and is Strengthened
    - f) Elijah Walks 40 Days & Nights to Mountain of God (Horeb)
  - 2) Elijah at Mount Horeb
    - a) Takes Shelter in Cave
    - b) Word of Lord Comes to Elijah: “Why are you here, Elijah?”
      - Elijah Answers: “I have been most zealous for the LORD..... Israelites have forsaken your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to the sword. I alone am left, and they seek to take my life.” (*1 Kings 19:10*)
      - Lord Orders Elijah: “Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by.” (*1 Kings 19:11a*)
    - c) The Lord’s Visitation
      - There’s a Strong Heavy Wind - Lord Not in Wind
      - There’s an Earthquake - Lord Not in Earthquake
      - There’s Fire - Lord Not in Fire
      - Then a Still Small Voice - It is the Voice of the Lord
        - Elijah Hides Face in His Cloak (*Symbol of His Anointed Office*)
    - d) Elijah Stands at Cave Entrance & Listens
      - Lord Asks: “Elijah, why are you here?” (*1 Kings 19:13b*)
      - Elijah Gives Lord the Same Answer
    - e) Lord Commands Elijah
      - Go to Desert Near Damascus & Anoint Hazael King of Aram  
(*Lord Anoints a Gentile King to be His Chastening Rod*)  
(Hazael Anointed & Becomes King of Aram 841 BC. 2 Kings 8:7-15)
      - Anoint Jehu King of Israel  
(*Jehu will Annihilate the House of Ahab Ending His Dynasty*)  
(Jehu Anointed & Becomes King of Israel 841 BC. 2 Kings 9)
      - Anoint Elisha as Your Prophet Successor  
(*Elisha Anointed & Succeeds Elijah as the Lord’s Anointed Prophet. 1*

*Kings 19:19-21, 2 Kings 2:9-18)*

- f) Lord Pronounces Judgment on Rebellious (*Lord will Purify Israel.*)
  - “If anyone escapes the sword of Hazeal, Jehu will kill him. If he escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill him.” (*1 Kings 19:17*)
- g) Lord’s Faithful Remnant: “Yet I will leave seven thousand men in Israel—all those who have not knelt to Baal or kissed him” (*1 Kings 19:18*)  
(*Elijah is Not the Only Faithful Israelite*)
- 3) Call of Elisha
  - a) Elijah Comes Upon Elisha
  - b) Elisha Plowing with 12 Oxen (*Symbolizing 12 Tribes of Israel*)
  - c) Elijah Throws His Cloak Over Elisha  
(*Cloak is Symbol of Elijah’s Prophetic Office*)  
(*Throwing on Elisha Shoulders Symbolizes Sharing that Office*)
  - d) Elisha Slaughters Oxen
    - Cooks Oxen Using Plow as Fuel & Serves Meat to People
  - e) Elisha Follows Prophet Elijah as His Attendant
- c. Ahab’s Seizure of Naboth’s Vineyard 1 Kings 21
  - 1) Ahab Covets Naboth’s Vineyard
    - a) Offers to Purchase Vineyard
      - Naboth Refuses – Vineyard Ancestral Heritage
    - b) Jezebel Plots Death of Naboth
      - Naboth Killed in His Vineyard
    - c) Ahab Takes Possession of Vineyard
  - 2) Lord’s Judgment of King Ahab
    - a) Lord Instructs Elijah to Pronounce His Judgment
      - Meet Ahab in Naboth’s Vineyard
      - Tell Ahab: “After murdering, do you also take possession? For this, the LORD says: In the place where the dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, the dogs shall lick up your blood, too.” (*1 Kings 21:19*)  
(*Prophecy Fulfilled. 1 Kings 22:29-38*)
    - b) Elijah Pronounces Lord’s Judgment to King Ahab
      - Lord will Destroy House of Ahab
        - Cut Off Every Male in His Line Bringing an End to His Dynasty  
(*Prophecy Fulfilled. 2 Kings 9:14-28*)
      - Lord’s Word Against Jezebel
        - “The dogs shall devour Jezebel in the district of Jezreel.”  
(*1 Kings 21:23*) (*Prophecy Fulfilled. 2 Kings 9:30-37*)
      - Annihilation of Ahab’s Descendants
        - “When one of Ahab’s line dies in the city, dogs will devour him; when one of them dies in the field, the birds of the sky will devour him.” (*1 Kings 21:24*)  
(*Prophecy Fulfilled. 2 Kings 10:1-17*)
  - 3) Ahab Mourns Lord’s Judgment – Fasting & Sleeping in Sackcloth
    - a) Lord’s Response to Elijah
      - Ahab Humbled Himself before Lord
      - Lord will Not Bring Evil in His Lifetime, but During Reign of His Son
- d. Elijah Rebukes Ahaziah King of Israel (853 – 852 BC) 2 Kings 1
  - 1) Ahaziah Succeeds Father King Ahab



- 2) Ahaziah Falls & Injured
    - a) Sends Messengers to Inquire of Baalzebub (Satanic) God of Ekron if He will Recover
  - 3) Angel (Lord's Messenger) Instructs Elijah
 

*(Lord – Israel's True King – Sends His Messenger to His Prophet to Judge & Answer King Ahaziah's Inquiry.)*

    - a) Intercept King's Messengers
    - b) Ask Them: "Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron?" *(2 Kings 1:3b)*
    - c) Answer Ahaziah's Inquiry: "For this, You shall not leave the bed upon which you lie; instead, you shall die." *(2 Kings 1:4)*
  - 4) Elijah Obeys Word from the Lord
  - 5) Messengers Return to King & Repeat Elijah's Prophecy
    - a) King Asks Man's Appearance
      - He Wore Hairy Garment with Leather Girdle
    - b) King Exclaims: "It is Elijah"
  - 6) King Dispatches Troops to Fetch Elijah
    - a) First & Second Times the King Sends a Captain with 50 Soldiers
      - Prophet Sitting on Hill Top
      - Captain Mockingly Refers to Elijah as "Man of God"
        - Orders Him to Come Down from Hill Top
      - **Elijah Answers: "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men."**
        - **Fire Descends from Heaven & Consumes Them**
    - b) Third Time King Sends Captain with 50 Soldiers
      - Captain Falls on Knees & Pleas with Elijah for Mercy *(Showing Respect & Submission to Lord & His Prophet)*
      - Angel of Lord Speaks to Elijah: "Go down with him; you need not be afraid of him."
  - 7) Elijah Appears Before King Ahaziah
    - a) Elijah Repeats Prophecy: "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you sent messengers to inquire of Baalzebub, the god of Ekron, you shall not leave the bed upon which you lie; instead you shall die.'" *(2 Kings 1:16)*
    - b) King Ahaziah Dies *(Elijah's Prophecy Fulfilled)*
      - Succeeded by Brother Joram *(Son of Ahab)*
- e. Elijah Rebukes Jehoram King of Judah *(Lineage of David)* (853 – 841 BC)  
2 Chron. 21
- 1) Jehoram Attempts to Pollute House of David
    - a) Murdered His Brothers
    - b) Married Daughter of Israel's King Ahab & Jezebel
    - c) Practiced Idolatry - Seducing Judah
  - 2) Lord Would Not Destroy House of David because of His Covenant
  - 3) Elijah Sends Letter to King Jehoram
    - a) "Thus says the LORD, the God of your ancestor David: 'Because you have not followed the path of your father ....., but instead have walked in the way of the kings of Israel and have led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem into idolatry, as did the house of Ahab,'
    - b) "and also because you have murdered your brothers of your father's house



- who were better than you,
- c) “the LORD will strike your people, your children, your wives, and all that is yours with a great plague; and you shall have severe pains from a disease in your bowels, while your bowels issue forth because of the disease, day after day.” (2 Chron. 21:12-15)
  - 4) Lord Entices Philistines & Arabs to Execute His Judgment
    - a) Invade Judah & Plunder King’s Palace
    - b) King’s Family (Except Youngest Son) Taken Captive
  - 5) Lord Afflicts Jehoram as Prophesied
    - a) Suffers 2 Years & Dies Unloved
  - f. Elijah Taken Up Into Heaven 2 Kings 2:1-12
    - 1) Elijah Journeys to Place where He will be Taken into Heaven
      - a) Urges Elisha Not to Accompany Him
      - b) Elisha Refuses & Follows Elijah
        - From Gilgal to Bethel
        - From Bethel to Jericho
        - From Jericho to River Jordan
        - Guild Prophets Confirm Elijah’s Pending Ascension

*Note. Elisha Follows Elijah on His Journey toward Heaven:*

- 1) *First is Gilgal the Site of Israel’s First Encampment in Promise Land, where Israel:*
  - Set up 12 Memorial Stones Representing 12 Tribes of Israel (Josh. 4),
  - Circumcised All Males Born in Wilderness (Josh. 5:1-9) Securing them Under Lord’s Covenant with Abraham, and
  - Celebrated First Passover in Promise Land (Josh. 5:10-12) Securing them Under Mosaic Covenant.
- 2) *Second is Bethel (“House of God”) Site where:*
  - Abram Built First Altar in Promise Land Invoking the Name of the Lord (Gen. 13:1-4),
  - Jacob Dreamt of a Ladder Ascending to Heaven where Lord Confirmed His Covenant with Abraham and Isaac to Jacob and His Descendants (Gen. 28:10-22), and
  - Jacob Forsook All Foreign Gods & Built an Altar to Lord Who Changed His Name from Jacob to Israel (Gen. 35:1-15).
- 3) *Third is Jericho the First City in Promise Land Conquered by Joshua (Josh. 5:13 – 6:27).*
- 4) *Finally the River Jordan that was Parted by the Lord Allowing Israel to Cross into the Promise Land (Josh. 3).*
  - c) Elijah & Elisha Stop at River Jordan
    - Followed by 50 Guild Prophets
    - **Elijah Strikes Water with His Mantle**  
- **River Jordan Divides**
    - **Elijah & Elisha Cross the Jordan on Dry Land**
  - 2) Elisha Asks for Double Portion of Elijah Anointing
    - a) Elijah Asks Elisha: “Ask for whatever I may do for you, before I am taken from you.”
    - b) Elisha Answers: “May I receive a double portion of your spirit.”
    - c) Elijah’s Reply: “You have asked something that is not easy, Still, if you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not.” (2 Kings 2:9-10)
  - 3) **Flaming Chariot & Horses Came Between Elijah & Elisha** 2 Kings 2:11-14
    - a) **Elijah Taken into Heaven in Whirlwind**

- b) Elisha Cries Out: “My father! my father! Israel’s chariots and drivers!”  
(2 Kings 2:12)
  - **Elijah Taken Out of His Sight**
  - Elisha Tears His Garment in Two
- c) Elijah’s Mantle Falls to Earth  
(Symbolizing that Lord’s Prophetic Anointing Remains on Earth)  
(Elisha Picks Up Elijah’s Mantle – Succeeding Him as Lord’s Anointed Prophet. 2 Kings 2:13-18)

13. “Other (Unnamed) Prophets”

1 Kings 20

*Prophets Contemporary with Elijah - Prophesied to King Ahab (874 – 853 BC) of Israel  
Lord Delivers King Ahab from Destruction Giving Ahab an Opportunity to Repent from  
Idolatry & Follow Him as Lord.*

- a. King Benhadad of Aram Besieges Samaria 1 Kings 20:1-12
  - 1) Leads Coalition of 32 Kings
  - 2) Demands Tribute of Ahab - All His Personal Possessions
    - a) King Ahab Accepts Benhadad’s Terms
  - 3) Benhadad Raises the Conditions – Despoil Wealth/Posterity of Israel
  - 4) Elders Advise Ahab to Refuse Benhadad’s Demands
  - 5) Ahab Refuses Benhadad’s Demand
    - a) Benhadad Prepares an Assault on Samaria
- b. Unnamed Prophet Addresses King Ahab 1 Kings 20:13-14
  - 1) “The LORD says, ‘Do you see all this huge army? When I deliver it up to you today, you will know that I am the LORD.’”  
(Lord will Give King Ahab Victory to Reveal Himself – Yahweh – as Lord)
  - 2) Ahab Asks: “Through whom will it be delivered up?”
  - 3) Prophet Answers: “....Through the retainers of the governors of the provinces.”  
(Lord will Deliver Israel through its Provincial Governors; so that the Lord, Not Any Man – Like King Ahab – will be Given the Glory.)
  - 4) Ahab asks: “Who is to attack?”
  - 5) Prophet Answers: “You are.” (Take the Battle to Aram)
- c. Israelites Attack Benhadad’s Superior Forces (Obeying Lord’s Prophet)
  - 1) Led by Israel’s Provincial Governors (Not King Himself)
  - 2) Defeat & Rout Aramean Troops (Prophecy Fulfilled)
  - 3) King Benhadad Escapes
- d. Advisors to the Kings
  - 1) Unnamed Prophet Advises King Ahab 1 Kings 20:22-25
    - a) “Go, regroup your forces. Mark well what you do, for at the beginning of the year the king of Aram will attack you.” (1 Kings 20:22)  
(Lord Prepares Israel for Enemy’s Counter Offensive.)
  - 2) Servants Advise King Benhadad
    - a) “Their (Israel’s) gods are gods of mountains. That is why they defeated us. But if we fight them on level ground, we shall be sure to defeat them.”  
(1 Kings 20:23)
    - b) Gather Kings, Mobilize & Organize a Large Army
    - c) Fight Israel on Level Ground “..... we shall surely defeat them”
- e. Israeli & Aram Armies Regroup at Beginning of Year 1 Kings 20:26-34
  - 1) Armies Camp Opposite Each Other at Aphek (Level Ground)

- a) Aram's Army Considerably Larger than Israel's
- 2) "Man of God" Addresses King Ahab 1 Kings 20:28
  - a) "The LORD says, 'Because Aram has said the LORD is a god of mountains, not a god of plains, I will deliver up to you all this large army, that you may know I am the LORD.'" (*1 Kings 20:28*)  
(*Lord will Give Israel a Second & Decisive Victory Over Aram, Confirming that He – Yahweh – is Lord.*)
- 3) Battle Joined on 7<sup>th</sup> Day (*Lord's Day*)
  - a) Israel Defeats Arameans
  - b) King Benhadad Flees & Hides
- 4) Aram's Officials Plea with King Ahab for Benhadad's Life
  - a) Ahab Shows Mercy – Calling Benhadad (*Gentile/Pagan*) "Brother"
  - b) Ahab Taken to Benhadad
  - c) Ahab Accepts Benhadad Peace Terms & Releases Him
- f. Unnamed Prophet Pronounces Lord's Judgment on Ahab 1 Kings 20:35-43
  - 1) Prophet Prompted by Lord Asks a Companion to Strike Him
    - a) Companion Refuses
    - b) Prophet Pronounces Sentence on Companion: "Since you did not obey the voice of the LORD, a lion will kill you when you leave me."  
(*1 Kings 20:36*)
      - Lion Kills Man
  - 2) Prophet Asks Another Man to Strike Him
    - a) Man Strikes & Wounds Him
  - 3) Prophet Disguises Himself with Eyes Bandaged & Waits for King Ahab
  - 4) Prophet Confronts King Ahab
    - a) "Your servant went into the thick of the battle, and suddenly someone turned and brought me a man and said, 'Guard this man. If he is missing, you shall have to pay for his life with your life or pay out a talent of silver.' But while your servant was looking here and there, the man disappeared." (*1 Kings 20:39-40a*)  
(*Giving an Analogy of Ahab's Capture & Release of Benhadad.*)
    - b) King Answers: "That is your sentence. You have decided it yourself."  
(*1 Kings 20:40b*)  
(*Ahab Pronounces Judgment on Himself*)
    - c) Prophet Removes Bandage Revealing Himself
      - Pronounces Lord's Judgment on Ahab: "The LORD says, 'Because you have set free the man I doomed to destruction, your life shall pay for his life, your people for his people.'" (*1 Kings 20:42*)
    - e) Ahab Returns to Samaria Angry & Disturbed  
(*Prophecy Fulfilled. The Lord will Send a Seducing Spirit to Ill Advise Ahab. Ahab will be Mortally Wounded in a Subsequent Battle with Aram. 1 Kings 22:1-38*)

14. Prophet Micaiah 1 Kings 22:1-38; 2 Chron. 18  
*Contemporary with Elijah – Prophesied to King Ahab (874 – 853 BC) of Israel*

- a. Israel & Judah Allied Against Aram (Syria)
  - 1) Judah's King Jehoshaphat Visits Israel's King Ahab
  - 2) Jehoshaphat Agrees to Help Ahab Recapture Ramoth-gilead from Aram
  - 3) Jehoshaphat Wants to Determine the Lord's Will before Attacking Aram

- b. King Ahab Gathers His Prophets (*King's Prophets – Not the Lord's*)
- 1) About 400 Prophets Appear before the Kings  
(*Ahab was an Idolater, these are Probably His Pagan Soothsayers*)
  - 2) Ahab Asks His Prophets if they Should Attack Ramoth-gilead
  - 3) Prophets Reply: “Go up, The LORD will deliver it over to the king.”  
(*1 Kings 22:6b*)  
(*Presuming to Speak in the Name of the Lord*)
  - 4) Jehoshaphat Not Convinced - Wants a Prophet Anointed by the Lord
    - a) Ahab Reluctantly Summons Prophet Micaiah
      - “... I hate him because he prophesies not good but evil about me.”  
(*1 Kings 22:8b*)
    - b) Messenger Fetching Micaiah Warns Him to Predict Good for King
      - Micaiah: “As the LORD lives, I shall say whatever the LORD tells me.” (*1 Kings 22:14*)
- c. Micaiah Appears before Kings Ahab & Jehoshaphat
- 1) King Asks Micaiah if they Should Fight against Ramoth-gilead
  - 2) Micaiah Tells Ahab What He Wants to Hear
  - 3) King Presses Micaiah to Tell the Truth in the Name of the Lord
  - 4) Micaiah's Prophecy: “I see all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep without a shepherd, and the LORD saying, ‘These have no master (*Alluding the King is Dead*)! Let each of them go back home in peace.’” (*1 Kings 22:17*)
  - 5) Ahab Interrupts Prophecy Complaining About Micaiah to Jehoshaphat
  - 6) Micaiah Continues His Prophecy:
    - a) “..... hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD seated on his throne, with the whole host of heaven standing by to his right and to his left.
    - b) “The LORD asked, ‘Who will deceive Ahab, king of Israel, so that he will go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one said this, another that, until a spirit came forward and presented himself to the LORD, saying, ‘I will deceive him.’
    - c) “The LORD asked, ‘How?’
    - d) “He answered, ‘I will go forth and become a lying spirit in the mouths of all his (*Ahab's*) prophets.’
    - e) “The LORD agreed: ‘You shall succeed in deceiving him. Go forth and do this.’ (*Lord Allows Ahab to be Duped to Bring About His Judgment*)
    - f) “So now the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths of these your (*Ahab's*) prophets, but the LORD himself has decreed evil against you.”  
(*1 Kings 22:19-23*)  
(*Referring to Prior Prophecies Against Ahab*)
  - 7) Ahab Orders Micaiah Arrested & Imprisoned
- d. Israel's & Judah's Campaign Against Ramoth-gilead
- 1) Ahab Reveals His Plan to Jehoshaphat (*A Deception to Protect Himself from Micaiah's Prophecy; and Fool the Arameans into Thinking that they are Only Engaging Israel, Instead of the Combined Forces of Israel & Judah*)
    - a) Ahab will Disguise Himself & Go into Battle
    - b) Jehoshaphat will Dress in Kingly Garb for Battle
  - 2) Armies Engage in Battle
  - 3) Lord Protects King Jehoshaphat
  - 4) King Ahab Mortally Wounded (*Fulfilling Micaiah's Prophecy*)  
(*Fulfilling Unnamed Prophet's Prophecy. 1 King 20:35-43*)

- a) Aram Archer Randomly Hits Ahab between Joints of His Breastplate
- b) Ahab Taken Out of Battle & Propped Up in Chariot Facing Arameans
- c) Ahab Dies that Evening
  - Blood Flows to Bottom of His Chariot
- 5) Israeli & Judean Troops Retreat at Sunset
  - a) King Ahab Taken to Samaria & Buried
    - Dogs Lick Up Ahab's Blood

*(Fulfilling Elijah's Prophecy. 1 Kings 21:17-19)*

15. Prophet Jahaziel 2 Chron. 20:13-30

*Prophet to King Jehoshaphat (873 – 848 BC) of Judah*

- a. Moab & Ammon Gathering Large Armies in Edom to Invade Judah  
(2 Chron. 20:1-12)
  - 1) King Jehoshaphat becomes Fearful
    - a) Proclaims Fast in Judah
    - b) Calls an Assembly in Jerusalem to Seek the Lord
    - c) Prays to Lord at the Temple
- b. Jahaziel Prophecies: 2 Chron. 20:13-19
  - 1) "Listen, all of Judah, inhabitants of Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat! The LORD says to you:
    - a) 'Do not fear or lose heart at the sight of this vast multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's.'
    - b) 'Go down against them tomorrow. You will see them coming .....
    - c) 'You will not have to fight in this encounter. Take your places, stand firm, and see how the LORD will be with you to deliver you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear or lose heart. Tomorrow go out to meet them, and the LORD will be with you.'" (2 Chron. 20:15-17)
  - 2) Jehoshaphat & People Prostrate Themselves before Lord
  - 3) Levites Sing Praises to Lord
- c. Jehoshaphat Leads Judah Out to Engage Invading Armies 2 Chron. 20:20-30
  - 1) Instructs Judah to Trust in Lord
    - a) Appoints Singers to Praise the Lord
  - 2) Holy Appearance Goes before Judah's Army
  - 3) Lord Lays an Ambush Against Invading Armies (Prophecy Fulfilled)
    - a) Ammonites & Moabites Attack Edomites
      - Fight & Destroy Each Other
  - 4) Judah Finds its Enemies Exterminated
    - a) Plunder Enemies' Goods for 3 Days
    - b) Holds an Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Day to Bless Lord
  - 5) Jehoshaphat Leads Judah Home
    - a) Celebrating their Victory on the Way
    - b) Rejoice & Praise Lord at Temple in Jerusalem

16. Prophet Eliezer 2 Chron. 20:35-37

*Prophet to King Jehoshaphat (873 – 848 BC) of Judah*

- a. King Jehoshaphat Allies Himself with Ahaziah King of Israel  
(*Unholy Alliance with Son of King Ahab*)
  - 1) Ship Building Program to Sail to Tarshish

- b. Eliezer Prophecies Against Jehoshaphat: “Because you have joined with Ahaziah, the LORD will shatter your work.” (2 Chron. 20:37)
- c. All Ships Wrecked & Unable to Sail to Tarshish (*Prophecy Fulfilled*)

17. Prophet Elisha 2 Kings 2 – 9 & 13  
*Prophet to King Joram (852 – 841 BC) of Israel*  
*Prophet to King Jehu (841 – 814 BC) of Israel*  
*Prophet to King Jehoash (798 – 782 BC) of Israel*
- a. Elisha Succeeds Elijah as Lord’s Anointed Prophet 2 Kings 2:13-18  
*(Elisha Receives a Double Portion of Elijah’s Anointing, as He Requested [2 Kings 2:9-12]; Evidenced by Performing Twice as Many Miracles.)*
    - 1) Elisha Picks Up Elijah’s Mantle (*Symbol of Elijah’s Anointing*)
    - 2) **Elisha Strikes Jordan River with Mantle**
      - a) **Declaring His Anointing:** “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?”  
*(2 Kings 2:14)*
      - b) **River Jordan Divides**
      - c) **Elisha Crosses Over on Dry Land**
    - 3) Guild Prophets’ Witness
      - a) Bow Before Elisha Saying: “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.”  
*(2 Kings 2:15)*
    - 4) Guild Prophets’ Search for Elijah (*Did Not Witness Elijah Ascend to Heaven*)
      - a) Guild Prophets Ask to Search for Elijah
      - b) Elisha Refuses to Send Them
      - c) Prophets Keep Urging Elisha
        - Elisha Reluctantly Allows Them to Go
      - d) Prophets Search 3 Days without Finding Elijah
      - e) Prophets Return to Jericho & Report to Elisha
        - Elisha’s Reply: “Did I not tell you not to go?” *(2 Kings 2:18)*  
*(Confirming His Anointing & Authority Over Guild Prophets)*
  - b. Elisha Purifies Water 2 Kings 2:19-22
    - 1) City Inhabitants Complain - Water Bad & Land Unfruitful
    - 2) **Elisha Asks for a New Bowl Filled with Salt**
      - a) **Goes to Spring & Throws Salt into Water**
      - b) **Proclaims:** “Thus says the LORD, ‘I have purified this water. Never again shall death or miscarriage spring from it.’” *(2 Kings 2:21)*
    - 3) **Water Became & Remained Pure**
  - c. Prophet’s Curse 2 Kings 2:23-24
    - 1) Elisha Goes to Bethel
      - a) Small Boys Tease Him (*Mock the Lord’s Anointed*)
      - b) **Elisha Curses Boys in Name of Lord**
      - c) **42 She-Bears Came Out Woods & Killed 42 Children**
  - d. Elisha Goes to Mount Carmel 2 Kings 2:25  
*(Site where Elijah Spiritually Confronted Prophets of Baal. 1 Kings 18)*
    - 1) Proceeds to Samaria (Capital of Israel)
  - e. Elisha’s Intervention in Israel’s Wars – First Episode 2 Kings 3
    - 1) Moab Rebels Against Israel’s Subjugation
    - 2) Israel’s King Joram Allies with Judah & Edom  
*(Descendants of Abraham & Isaac)*
      - a) Plan to Attack Moab by Edom’s Desert

- b) 3 Armies in Desert 7 Days – Run Out of Water
- 3) Seek Spiritual Advice
  - a) King of Judah Inquirers: “Is there no prophet of the LORD (*Yahweh*) here through whom we may inquire of the LORD?”
  - b) Israeli Officer Replies: “Elisha .... who poured water on the hands of Elijah is here.” (*2 Kings 3:12a*)
  - c) King of Judah Agrees: “He has the word of the LORD”
- 4) Kings of Israel, Judah & Edom Meet with Elisha
  - a) Elisha Confronts King Joram: “.... Go to the prophets of your father (*King Ahab*) and to the prophets of your mother (*Jezebel*)” (*i.e. Prophets of Baal*) (*2 Kings 3:13*)
  - b) King Joram Appeals to Elisha
  - c) Elisha Will Inquire of Lord because of the King of Judah
- 5) **Elisha Produces Water in Desert & Proclaims Victory**
  - a) Calls for a Minstrel (*Means of Praise*)
    - Minstrel Plays & Power of Lord Comes on Elisha
  - b) Elisha Prophesies:
    - Instructs Kings: “..... Provide many catch basins in this wadi. Though you will see neither wind nor rain, yet this wadi will be filled with water for you, your livestock, and your pack animals to drink.”
    - Predicts Victory: “And since the LORD does not consider this enough, he will also deliver Moab into your grasp. You shall destroy every fortified city, fell every fruit tree, stop up all the springs, and ruin every fertile field with stones.” (*2 Kings 3:16-19*)
- 6) **Elisha’s Prophecy Fulfilled (*Lord Not Only Provides Water Strengthening Israel & their Allies Quenching their Thirst, But Also Provides the Victory*)**
  - a) **Water Comes from Direction of Edom (*Desert*) at Morning Sacrifice**
    - Wadi (*Dry River Bed*) Filled with Water (*Lord Provides Water*)
  - b) **Moab Troops See Morning Sun Shining on Water**
    - Looks Red Like Blood (*Confusion Among Enemy*)
    - Presumes 3 Kings Fought Among Themselves
    - Orders an Attack for Spoils
  - c) **Israeli Coalition Engages Moab in Battle**
    - Routs Moab Army - Despoils their Cities, Fields & Springs
  - d) **Moab Retreats to Last Remaining City**
    - Israel Coalition Surround City
    - Moab’s Attempt to Contact & Ally with Aram (*Against Israel*) Fail
    - Moab King Sacrifices His First-Born Son (*Heir Apparent*) on City Wall
    - Israel Breaks Off Siege & Returns Home
- f. Elisha Sustains a Guild Prophet’s Widow 2 Kings 4:1-7
  - 1) Widow Complains to Elisha
    - a) Husband Died & Left Debts
    - b) Creditor Came to Take Her Children as Slaves
  - 2) Elisha Asks: “..... Tell me what you have in the house.”
  - 3) Widow Answers: “..... nothing in the house but a jug of oil,” (*2 Kings 4:2*)
  - 4) **Elisha Multiplies Woman’s Oil**
    - a) “Go out, borrow vessels from all your neighbors—as many empty vessels



- as you can.
- b) “Then come back and close the door on yourself and your children; pour the oil into all the vessels, and as each is filled, set it aside” (2 Kings 4:3-4)
- 5) Widow Follows Prophet’s Instructions
- a) All Vessels Fill with Oil
- 6) Prophet Instructs Her: “Go and sell the oil to pay off your creditor; with what remains, you and your children can live.” (2 Kings 4:7)
- a) Debts Paid & Income Provided for Woman & Her Children
- g. Elisha & Shunammite Woman 2 Kings 4:8-37
- 1) Elisha Periodically Visits Shunem
- a) Open Invitation to Dine at Woman’s Home
- b) Woman & Husband Provide Room for Him to Lodge
- 2) Elisha Wants to Thank Family
- a) Instructs Servant Gehazi to Ask Woman What He Can Do for Her
- b) Woman Does Not Ask for Anything
- c) Elisha Later Asks Gehazi if there’s Something that Can be Done for Woman
- d) Gehazi Says She has No Son & Husband Getting Old
- 3) Elisha Calls for the Woman
- a) Prophecies Life into Woman: “This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.”
- Woman Protests: “Please, my lord, you are a man of God; do not deceive your servant.” (2 Kings 4:16) (*Don’t Give Her False Hope*)
- b) Woman Conceives & Bears a Son - Same Time Following Year
- 4) Woman’s Son Dies
- a) Son Grows Old Enough to be with Father in Fields
- Son Complains of a Headache
  - Father Orders Son Taken to His Mother
- b) Son Dies in Mother’s Lap
- Mother Lies Boy on Elisha’s Bed & Closes the Door
- c) Mother Goes to Elisha at Mount Carmel
- Woman Falls at Elisha’s Feet
    - Gehazi Goes to Push Her Away
    - Elisha Says: “Let her alone, she is in bitter anguish; the LORD hid it from me and did not let me know.” (2 Kings 4:27)
    - Woman Cries: “Did I ask my lord for a son? Did I not beg you not to deceive me?” (2 Kings 4:28)
  - Elisha Orders Gehazi to Take His Staff & Lay it on Boy (*Delegating His Authority*)
  - Woman Objects: “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not release you.” (2 Kings 4:30) (*She’s Saying: You Prophesied His Life – You Deal with his Death*)
  - Elisha Returns with Woman
- d) Gehazi Arrives at Woman’s Home First
- Lays Elisha’s Staff on Boy Without Effect
  - Gehazi Returns to Elisha & Reports Boy Did Not Wake Up
- 5) Elisha Resuscitates Dead Boy
- a) Elisha Enters His Room



- Finds Boy Lying Dead
- Closes the Door & Prays to Lord
- b) Elisha Lays on Boy Twice
  - Mouth to Mouth, Eyes to Eyes & Hands to Hands
  - Boy's Body Becoming Warmer
- c) Boy Sneezes 7 Times & Opens His Eyes
- d) Elisha Summons Woman: "Take your son" (2 Kings 4:36c)
- e) Woman Falls at Elisha's Feet in Gratitude
- h. Elisha Purifies Poisoned Stew 2 Kings 4:38-41
  - 1) Elisha Returns to Gilgal During Famine
  - 2) Elisha Gathers Guild Prophets (*Feed His Flock*)
    - a) "Put the large pot on, and make some vegetable stew for the guild prophets." (2 Kings 4:38c)
  - 3) Vegetables Gathered from Field
    - a) Someone Picked Wild Gourds & Put them into Pot
  - 4) Poisoned Stew Served - Men Could Not Eat it
  - 5) Elisha Asks for Some Meal
    - a) Threw Meal in Pot, Saying: "Serve it to the people to eat." (2 Kings 4:41c)
    - b) Stew Purified - Served & Eaten Without Any Ill Effect
- i. Elisha Multiplies Bread 2 Kings 4:42-44
  - 1) Man Brings 20 Barley Loaves to Elisha
    - a) Loaves Made from Grain of First Fruits
  - 2) Elisha Says: "Give it to the people to eat"
    - a) Servant Objects: "How can I set this before a hundred men?"
  - 3) Elisha Insists & Prophesies: "Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" (2 Kings 4:42b-43)
  - 4) Everyone Ate with Bread Left Over
- j. Elisha Cures Naaman of Leprosy (Incurable Disease) 2 Kings 5
  - 1) Naaman an Army Commander in Aram (Syria)
    - a) Highly Esteemed by King of Aram (Probably Benhadad I)
    - b) Afflicted with Leprosy
  - 2) Israelite Servant Girl of Naaman's Wife
    - a) Witnesses to Her Mistress: "If only my master would present himself to the prophet in Samaria, he would cure him of his leprosy." (2 Kings 5:3)
  - 3) King Releases Naaman to Go to Israel
    - a) Writes Letter to King of Israel
      - Requesting the King to Heal Naaman of Leprosy (*Presuming Prophet is Under King of Israel's Authority*)
  - 4) Naaman Goes to King of Israel (Probably Joram)
    - a) Carrying Gifts & Letter from King of Aram
  - 5) King of Israel Receives Naaman
    - a) Reads Letter & Tears His Garments (*Sign of Blasphemy*)
      - "Am I a god with power over life and death, that this man should send someone to me to be cured of leprosy?"
      - "Take note! You can see he is only looking for a quarrel with me!" (2 Kings 5:7)
  - 6) Elisha Hears King of Israel Torn His Garments
    - a) Sends Word to King of Israel (*Sovereignly Offers His Services, Showing*

*Equality of the Offices of Prophet & King)*

- “Why have you torn your garments?”
- “Let him come to me and find out that there is a prophet in Israel.”  
(2 Kings 5:8)

- 7) Naaman Goes to Elisha’s House
  - a) With His Entourage, Horses & Chariots (*Showing His Position*)
  - b) Stops at Elisha’s Door
  - c) **Prophet Sends Message to Naaman**  
(*Elisha, a Prophet Consecrated to Lord, Keeps Himself Separated from a Leper as Prescribed by Law. Lev. 13:45-46; Num. 5:1-4*)  
(*Prophet Does Not Meet Naaman Face to Face, Showing Position of Prophet is Superior to Pagan Commander*)
    - “Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean.” (2 Kings 5:10)
  - d) Naaman Rejects Prophet’s Word & Leaves His House
- 8) Naaman Reconsiders
  - a) **Goes to Jordan River & Plunges in Water 7 Times**
    - **Flesh Cleansed & Renewed (Healed of Leprosy)**
- 9) Naaman Returns to Elisha with His Entourage
  - a) Confesses to Elisha
    - “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel.  
(*Recognizing Supremacy of God of Israel*)
    - “Please accept a gift from your servant.” (2 Kings 5:15)  
(*Accepting Supremacy of Lord’s Prophet*)
  - b) Elisha Refuses Naaman’s Gifts (*It is the Lord Who Healed Naaman*)
  - c) Naaman Vows to Sacrifice to the God of Israel & Asks Forgiveness
  - d) Elisha Blesses Naaman: “Go in peace” (2 Kings 5:19)  
(*By Bestowing a Blessing on Naaman, Elisha Confirms Supremacy of Lord’s Prophet*)
- 10) Elisha’s Servant Gehazi Covets Naaman’s Gifts
  - a) Runs After Naaman
  - b) Naaman Stops Chariot & Asks Gehazi if Everything is All Right
  - c) Gehazi Replies: “Yes, but my master sent me to say, ‘Two young men have just come to me, guild prophets from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two festal garments.’” (2 Kings 5:22)  
(*Misrepresenting the Lord’s Prophet – The Word of the Lord*)
  - d) Naaman Gives Gehazi’s Servants Gifts
  - e) Gehazi Later Takes Gifts from His Servants
- 11) Elisha Rebukes Gehazi (2 Kings 5:25-27)
  - a) Prophet Asks His Servant: “Where have you been, Gehazi?”
  - b) Gehazi Lies to Prophet: “Your servant has not gone anywhere.”
  - c) **Elisha Confronts & Curses Gehazi**
    - “Was I not present in spirit when the man alighted from his chariot to wait for you? (*Word of Knowledge*)
    - “Is this a time to take money or to take garments, .....?”
    - “The leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever.”
  - d) **Gehazi Leaves Elisha’s Presence Afflicted with Leprosy**

- k. Elisha Recovers a Lost Ax 2 Kings 6:1-7
- 1) Guild Prophet's Need to Expand Living Accommodations
    - a) To Continue Living with Elisha
    - b) Go to Jordan to Fell Trees for Lumber
    - c) Elisha Accompanies Them
  - 2) One of Guild Prophet's Axhead Falls into Water
    - a) Tells Elisha Ax was Borrowed
    - b) Shows Elisha Where it Fell
    - c) Elisha Cuts Off a Stick
      - Throws it into Water Where Axhead Fell
      - Iron Axhead Floats to Surface
      - Man Recovers Axhead
- l. Elisha's Intervention in Israel's Wars – Second Episode 2 Kings 6:8-23
- 1) Elisha Predicts Aram's Military Raids on Israel (*Word of Knowledge*)
    - a) Informs Israel's King of Aram's Specific Plans of Attack
      - King Alerts Troops to Thwart Aram
  - 2) King of Aram Calls His Officers to Find Out Whose Spying for Israel
    - a) One Officer Replies: "No one, my lord king, The Israelite prophet Elisha can tell the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."  
(2 Kings 6:12)
  - 3) King of Aram Orders Elisha Captured
    - a) Aram Sends Strong Forces with Horses & Chariots
      - Arrive at Night & Surround City where Elisha is Residing
    - b) Elisha's Servant Sees Aramean Forces Next Morning & Reports to Elisha
    - c) Elisha's Reply to Servant "Do not be afraid, Our side outnumbered theirs."  
(2 Kings 6:16) (*Discerning of Spirits*)
      - Prays Lord will Open Servant's Eyes
      - Servant Sees Mountainside Filled with Horses & Fiery Chariots
  - 4) Elisha Captures Aramean Troops
    - a) Elisha Prays to Lord: "Strike this people blind, ....." (2 Kings 6:18b)
      - Lord Strikes Soldiers Blind
    - b) Elisha Leads Aramean Troops into Samaria (Capital of Israel)
  - 5) Aramean Forces Surrounded by Israel
    - a) Elisha Prays: "O LORD, open their eyes that they may see."
      - Lord Opens their Eyes - Saw they were Inside Samaria
    - b) King of Israel Asks Elisha: "Shall I kill them, my father?" (2 Kings 6:21b)  
(*Aramean Troops are Elisha's Captives*)
    - c) Elisha's Reply of Mercy: "You must not kill them,"
      - "Do you slay those whom you have taken captive ....."?
      - "Serve them bread and water. Let them eat and drink, and then go back to their master." (2 Kings 6:20-22)
  - 6) King of Israel Spreads Feast for Aramean Soldiers
    - a) Releases Them After They Dine
    - b) Aramean Troops Return Home
  - 7) Aramean Raids on Israel End
- m. Elisha's Intervention in Israel's Wars – Third Episode 2 Kings 6:24 – 7:20
- 1) Benhadad (King of Aram) Lays Siege to Samaria with Full Strength of His Army

- a) Causing Severe Famine & Inflation in Samaria
    - King of Israel Blames Elisha – Threatening to Behead Him
  - b) Elisha Confers with Elders (*Word of Knowledge*)
    - “Do you know that this son of a murderer (*Referring to King of Israel’s Father Ahab*) is sending someone to cut off my head?
    - “When the messenger comes, see that you close the door and hold it fast against him. His master’s footsteps are echoing behind him.”  
(*2 Kings 6:32*)
  - c) King Confronts Elisha: “This evil is from the LORD. Why should I trust in the LORD any longer?” (*2 Kings 6:33*)
  - d) Elisha Predicts Lord’s Deliverance of Israel: “Hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the LORD, ‘At this time tomorrow a seah of fine flour will sell for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, in the market of Samaria.’” (*2 Kings 7:1*)  
(*Indicating that Siege, Famine & Inflation will be Over*)
  - e) King’s Adjutant Mocks Elisha’s Prophecy (*Word of the Lord*)
  - f) Elisha’s Response: “You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it.” (*2 Kings 7:2b*)
- 2) Initiative of 4 Lepers at Samarian Gate
    - a) Lepers Go to Aramean Camp to Survive Famine
    - b) Aramean Troops Hear Sound of Large Approaching Army
      - Assume Israel has Allied with Hittites
      - Flee Camp for their Lives - Abandon Provisions & Possessions
    - c) Lepers Reach Aramean Camp & Find it Abandoned
      - Eat Aramean Provisions & Hide Spoils
    - d) Lepers Return to Samaria & Inform Gatekeepers
    - e) Gatekeepers Report to Palace
  - 3) King of Israel Skeptical of Report
    - a) Servant Suggest They Investigate
    - b) King Dispatches Squad to Reconnoiter Aram Army
      - Follow Arameans to Jordan - Route Strewn with their Possessions
      - Report to King
  - 4) Elisha’s Prophecies Fulfilled
    - a) Israelis Plunder Aramean Camp
      - Seah of Fine Flour Sells for Shekel
      - 2 Seahs of Barley Sells for Shekel
      - Word of the Lord Fulfilled
    - b) King’s Adjutant Trampled to Death at Gate
      - Sees Israel’s Deliverance – But Does Not Partake of it
      - Same Adjutant that Mocked Elisha’s Prophecy
- n. Elisha Predicts a Famine 2 Kings 8:1-6
- 1) Elisha Advises Woman of Coming Drought
    - a) Woman whose Son He Restored to Life (*2 Kings 4:18-37*)
    - b) “Get ready! Leave with your family and settle wherever you can, because the LORD has decreed a seven-year famine which is coming upon the land.” (*2 Kings 8:1*)
    - c) Woman Obeys Settling in Philistia 7 Years
  - 2) Woman Returns to Israel After 7 Year Period

- 3) King of Israel Restores Woman's Property (*Her Inheritance*)
  - a) Asks Gehazi about Elisha's Exploits
    - Gehazi Tells King How Elisha Restored Dead Boy to Life
  - b) Woman Enters King's Presence to Claim Her House & Fields
    - Gehazi Testifies: "My lord king, this is the woman, and this is that son of hers whom Elisha restored to life." (*2 Kings 8:5b*)
  - c) King Questions Woman & She Confirms Gehazi's Testimony
  - d) King Places an Official at Woman's Disposal
    - "Restore all her property to her, with all that the field produced from the day she left the land until now." (*2 Kings 8:6b*)
- o. Elisha Predicts King Benhadad's Death & Hazael's Ascent to Throne  
*2 Kings 8:7-15*
  - 1) Benhadad (King of Aram) Lays Ill
    - a) Learns Elisha is in Damascus (Capital of Aram)
    - b) King Orders Hazael
      - Take Gifts to Elisha & Inquire if He will Recover
  - 2) Hazael Visits Elisha
    - a) Asks Elisha if King Benhadad will Recover
    - b) Elisha Answers:
      - "Go and tell him, that he will surely recover.
      - "However, the LORD has showed me that he will in fact die."  
(*2 Kings 8:10*)
    - c) Elisha Stares at Hazael & Weeps
    - d) Hazael Asks Elisha Why He is Weeping
    - e) Elisha Answers: "Because I know the evil that you will inflict upon the Israelites. You will burn their fortresses, you will slay their youth with the sword, you will dash their little children to pieces, you will rip open their pregnant women." (*2 Kings 8:12b*)  
(*Elisha Understood that the Lord had Instructed Elijah to Anoint Hazael King of Aram to Execute His Judgment on Israel & House of Ahab. 1 Kings 19:15-18*)
    - f) Hazael Asks How this Can Happen
    - g) Elisha Prophesies: "The LORD has showed you to me as king over Aram"  
(*2 Kings 8:13b*)
  - 3) Hazael Returns to King Benhadad
    - a) King Asks: "What did Elisha tell you?"
    - b) Hazael Replies "He told me that you would surely recover" (*2 Kings 8:14*)
  - 4) Hazael Assassinate King Benhadad Next Day
  - 5) Hazael Becomes King of Aram (841 – 801 BC)
    - a) *Fulfilling Elisha's Prophecy*
    - b) *Fulfilling Word of Lord to Prophet Elijah* (*1 Kings 19:15-18*)
- p. Elisha Orders Jehu Anointed King of Israel (841 – 814 BC) *2 Kings 9:1-13*  
(*Jehu is Anointed to be the Lord's Avenger Fulfilling the Word of the Lord Given to the Prophet Elijah. 1 Kings 19:15-18*)  
(*Jehu Fulfills the Lord's Judgment of House of Ahab Pronounced by the Prophet Elijah. 1 Kings 21:17-26*)
  - 1) Elisha Appoints a Guild Prophet & Orders Him to Anoint Jehu King of Israel
    - a) Giving Him Specific Instructions

- 2) Guild Prophet Obeys Elisha
  - a) Finds Jehu in Session with King's Commanders
    - Separates Jehu from Other Commanders
  - b) Pours Oil Over Jehu's Head: "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'I anoint you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel."
  - c) Commissions Jehu: "You shall destroy the house of Ahab your master; thus will I avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the other servants of the LORD shed by Jezebel, and by all the rest of the family of Ahab. I will cut off every male in Ahab's line, whether slave or freeman in Israel." (2 Kings 9:6-8)
  - d) Repeats Prophecy Given to Prophet Elijah (1 Kings 21:22-23)
- 3) Jehu Rejoins King's Servants
  - a) Servants Ask What Prophet Wanted
  - b) Jehu Testifies of His Anointing
  - c) Servants Proclaim Jehu King of Israel
- 4) Jehu Assassinates Joram King of Israel (*King Ahab's Son*) 2 Kings 9:14-26
  - a) Joram's Body Thrown in Naboth's Field  
(Fulfilling Elijah's Prophecy Against House of Ahab. 1 Kings 21:17-29)
- 5) Jehu Assassinates King Ahaziah of Judah 2 Kings 9:27-28  
(*Grandson of King Ahab*)  
(Fulfilling Elijah's Prophecy Against House of Ahab. 1 Kings 21:17-29)
- 6) Jezebel Killed 2 Kings 9:30-37
  - a) Jezebel's Body Devoured by Dogs  
(Fulfilling Elijah's Prophecy Against Jezebel. 1 Kings 21:23)
- 7) Ahab's Descendants Annihilated 2 Kings 10:1-17  
(Fulfilling Elijah's Prophecy Against House of Ahab. 1 Kings 21:17-29)
- q. Elisha's Last Days 2 Kings 13:10-21
  - 1) Aram Oppressing Israel (*King Hazael was Chosen by the Lord to Chastise Israel for Idolatry. Israeli Cites He Captured Remained in Aramean Hands.* 1 Kings 19:15-18; 2 Kings 8:7-15; 2 Kings 8:28-29; 2 Kings 10:32-33; 2 Kings 12:18-19; 2 Kings 13:22)
  - 2) Elisha Sick & Dying
  - 3) King Jehoash of Israel (798 – 782 BC) (Jehu's Grandson) Visits Elisha
    - a) King Weeps: "My father, my father! Israel's chariots and horsemen!" (*Where is Israel's Deliverance?*) (Kings 13:14b)
    - b) Elisha Prophesies Israel's Victory Over Aram (2 Kings 13:15-17)
      - "Take a bow and some arrows,"
        - King Obeys
      - "Put your hand on the bow."
        - King Holds the Bow - Elisha Places His Hands Over King's
      - "Open the window toward the east (*Direction of Aram*). "Shoot"
        - King Opens Window & Shoots Arrow
      - "The LORD'S arrow of victory! The arrow of victory over Aram! You will completely conquer Aram at Aphec."
    - c) Elisha's Prophesies the Extent of Israel's Victory (2 Kings 13:18-19)
      - "Take the arrows," "Strike the ground!"
        - King Strikes Ground 3 Times & Stops
      - Elisha Angry: "You should have struck five or six times; you would

have defeated Aram completely. Now, you will defeat Aram only three times.”

- 4) Elisha Died & Buried 2 Kings 13:20
  - 5) **Dead Man Restored to Life** 2 Kings 13:21
    - a) **People Throw Dead Man into Elisha’s Grave**
    - b) **Man Resuscitated when Body Makes Contact with Elisha’s Bones**
      - **Man Rises to His Feet Alive**
  - 6) Lord’s Mercy on Israel
    - a) Remembers His Covenant with Abraham, Isaac & Jacob (Israel)
      - Won’t Allow Israel’s Total Destruction (*Opportunity to Repent*)
    - b) King Hazael Dead (*Lord’s Chastisement Fulfilled*)
      - Succeeded by Son Benhadad II as King of Aram
    - c) King Jehoash Defeats Benhadad II 3 Times
      - Recovering Cities Captured by King Hazael  
(*Fulfilling Elisha’s Prophecy to King Jehoash as He Shot Arrow Out the Window Toward Aram & Struck Ground 3 Times with Arrows.*)
18. Prophet Zechariah I 2 Chron. 24:17-22; 2 Chron. 26:3-5  
*Prophet to King Joash (835 - 796 BC) of Judah*  
*Prophet to Prince Uzziah who became King of Judah (790 – 739 BC)*
- a. Temple Restored by King Joash (2 Chron. 24:7-16)
    - 1) Under Direction of Priest Jehoiada
    - 2) Joash Remained Faithful to Lord During Jehoiada’s Life
  - b. Judah Returned to Idolatry After Jehoiada’s Death 2 Chron. 24:17-22
    - 1) Jehoiada’s Son Zechariah Prophesies Against Judah: “God says, ‘Why are you transgressing the LORD’S commands, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have abandoned the LORD, he has abandoned you.’” (2 Chron. 24:20)
    - 2) Judah’s Princes Conspire Against Prophet Zechariah
      - a) Stone Zechariah to Death in Temple Court at King’s Command
      - b) Zechariah’s Dying Words: “May the LORD see and avenge.”  
(2 Chron. 24:22b)
    - 3) The Lord’s Retribution (*Prophecy Fulfilled*) (2 Chron. 24:23-27)
      - a) Arameans Invade Judah & Jerusalem
        - Killed Princes (Conspirators) & Despoiled Judah
      - b) King Joash Assassinated by His Servants
        - Because He Murdered Zechariah, Son of Priest Jehoiada
  - c. Zechariah Taught Uzziah to Seek the Lord 2 Chron. 26:3-5  
(*Presumably when Uzziah was Young Prince in Judah*)
    - 1) Uzziah Prospered as long as He Sought the Lord (*Became King in 790 BC*)
19. “Unnamed Prophets” 2 Chron. 25:1-24  
*Prophets to King Amaziah (796 – 767 BC) of Judah*
- a. King Amaziah’s Early Reign 2 Chron. 25:1-4
    - 1) Pleases the Lord, but Doesn’t Trust Him Wholeheartedly
  - b. King Amaziah’s Campaign Against Edom 2 Chron. 25:5-13
    - 1) Mustered Army from Judah & Benjamin (*His Kingdom*)
      - a) Hired Mercenaries from Israel
    - 2) Unnamed Prophet (“Man of God”) Confronts Amaziah



- a) “O king, let not the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD is not with Israel, with any Ephraimite. Instead, go on your own, strongly prepared for the conflict; otherwise the LORD will defeat you in the face of the enemy. It is God who has the power to reinforce or to defeat.” (2 Chron. 25:7-8) (*Trust in the Lord - Not in Man*)
- b) Amaziah Concerned About Money Already Paid to Mercenaries
- c) Man of God Replies: “The LORD can give you much more than that.” (2 Chron. 25:9b) (*Trust in the Lord as Provider*)
- d) Amaziah Disbands Mercenaries
- 3) Judah Engages & Defeats Edomites
- 4) Mercenaries Raid Judean Cities (*Result of Trusting in Man*)
- c. King Amaziah’s Idolatry 2 Chron. 25:14-16
- 1) Amaziah Brings Edomite Gods (*Idols*) Back from His Conquest
- a) Sets Up Pagan Idols in Judah (*Abomination unto the Lord*)
- 2) Lord’s Anger Blazes Against King Amaziah
- a) Sends an Unnamed Prophet to King: “Why have you had recourse to this people’s gods that could not save their own people from your hand?” (2 Chron. 25:15)
- b) King Rejects Prophet’s Counsel
- c) Prophet Replies: “...God has let you take counsel to your own destruction, because you have done this thing and have refused to hear my counsel.” (2 Chron. 25:16e) (*Preferring Man’s Counsel Over God’s*)
- d. Unnamed Prophet’s Prophecy Fulfilled 2 Chron. 25:17-24
- 1) King Amaziah Accepts Human Counsel
- a) Sends Message to King Joash of Israel - Requesting a Meeting
- b) King Joash Refuses – Admonishing King of Judah for His Pride
- c) Amaziah Refuses to Listen
- 2) King Joash Invades Judah (*Result of Trusting in Godless Counsel*)
- a) Defeats & Scatters Judean Army
- b) Captures King Amaziah
- Takes Amaziah Back to Jerusalem
  - Tears Down Walls of Jerusalem
  - Plunders Palace & Temple Treasuries, and Takes Hostages
- c) King Joash Returns to Samaria
20. Prophet Jonah 2 Kings 14:23-27  
*Prophet to King Jeroboam II (793 – 753 BC) of Israel*
- a. King Jeroboam II Continued Practice of Idolatry in Israel
- 1) Lord Saw Israel’s Bitter Affliction with No One to Help
- a) Shows Mercy on Israel
- b) Saves Israel from Destruction through Jeroboam II
- 2) Jeroboam II Restores Israel’s Boundaries as Prophesied by Jonah  
(*No Record in Scriptures of this Prophecy or When Jonah Gave it.*)
21. Prophet Oded II 2 Chron. 28:1-15  
*Prophet in Samaria During Reign of King Pekah (740 – 732 BC) of Israel*
- a. Lord Chastises King Ahaz (735 – 715 BC) of Judah
- 1) King Ahaz Displeased the Lord



- a) Worshiped & Sacrificed to Idols
- b) Immolated His Sons in Fire (*Human Sacrifice – Abomination to Lord*)
- 2) Lord Delivers Judah into Hands of Aram
  - a) Defeats Ahaz in Battle & Deports Many Captives to Damascus
- 3) Lord Delivers Judah into Hands of King Pekah of Israel
  - a) Defeats Ahaz in Battle
  - b) Slaughters Great Number of Judean Troops in Single Day
  - c) Takes Large Number of Captives, with Booty, to Samaria
- b. Lord's Prophet in Samaria
  - 1) Prophet Oded Rebukes Israel's Returning Army
    - a) "It was because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah that he delivered them into your hands. (*Victory was Lord's – Not Israel's*)
    - b) "You, however, have slaughtered them (*Judah - Israel's Kinsmen*) with a fury that has reached up to heaven. And now you are planning to make the children of Judah and Jerusalem your slaves and bondwomen.
    - c) Are not you yourselves, therefore, guilty of a crime against the LORD, your God? (*Judeans Belong to Lord*) (*Law Kinsmen Slaves Lev. 25:39-48*)
    - d) "Now listen to me: send back the captives you have carried off from among your brethren, for the burning anger of the LORD is upon you." (*2 Chron. 28:9-11*)
  - 2) Some Ephraimite Leaders Oppose Israel's Returning Troops (*Confirming Prophet's Word*)
    - a) Concerned They May Incur God's Wrath because of Judean Captives
  - 3) Soldiers Leave their Judean Captives & Booty
  - 4) Ephraimites Tend to Captives' Needs
    - a) Take Captives to Jericho (In Judah) & Release Them

## 22. Every Prophet & Seer the Lord Sent to Israel

2 Kings 17

### *Lord's Judgment of Israel*

- a. King Hosea (732 – 722 BC) of Israel
  - 1) Israel Continues in Idolatry (*From King Jeroboam I to Hosea ~ 210 Years*)
  - 2) Lord Sent Many Prophets to Israel
- b. King Shalmaneser of Assyria Subjugates Israel (*Lord's Authority to Chastise Israel*)
  - 1) Assyria Invades Israel, Makes it a Vassal State & Imposes Tribute
  - 2) Hosea Conspires Against Assyria (*Disobedient to the Authority the Lord Placed Over Israel*)
- c. King Shalmaneser Destroys Israel (*Lord's Arm to Effect His Judgment*)
  - 1) Arrests & Imprisons King Hosea
  - 2) Occupies Whole Land of Israel & Deports its People
- d. Lord Warned Israel by Every Prophet & Seer
  - 1) "Give up your evil ways and keep my commandments and statutes, in accordance with the entire law which I enjoined on your fathers and which I sent you by my servants the prophets," (*2 Kings 17:13*)
  - 2) Israel Refused to Listen to Word of Lord
    - a) Rejecting the Lord's Covenant with Israel
    - b) Continued in their Abominable Practices
  - 3) "Finally, the LORD put Israel away out of his sight as he had foretold through all his servants, the prophets; and Israel went into exile from their native soil to

Assyria, .....” (2 Kings 17:23)

(*Fulfilling Many Prophecies Spoken by Lord’s Prophets & Seers.*)

- e. Land of Israel Inhabited by Gentile Peoples
  - 1) Lord Chastises Gentiles for Not Venerating Him in His Land

23. Prophet Isaiah 2 Kings 18 – 20; 2 Chron. 26:22; 2 Chron. 32

*Prophet to King Uzziah (790 – 739 BC) of Judah*

*Prophet to King Hezekiah (715 – 686 BC) of Judah*

- a. Isaiah Chronicled the Reign of King Uzziah 2 Chron. 26:22
- b. King Hezekiah Pleas'd the Lord like His Forefather David
  - 2 Kings 18:1-12; 2 Chron. 29 – 31
  - 1) Conducted Major Religious Reforms throughout Judah
  - 2) Rebelled Against King of Assyria
- c. Sennacherib King of Assyria Invades Judah
  - 2 Kings 18:13–19:37; 2 Chron. 32:1-23; Isa. 36 & 37
  - 1) Sennacherib Captures Judah’s Fortified Cities – Except Jerusalem
    - a) Occupies City of Lachish
    - b) Hezekiah Pays Tribute from Temple & Palace Treasuries
  - 2) Hezekiah Prepares for Assyrian Assault on Jerusalem
    - a) Fortifies Jerusalem & Diverts Water Supplies
    - b) Encourages His Commanders & People to Trust in the Lord
  - 3) Sennacherib Sends His Commander (Lord Chamberlain) to Jerusalem
    - a) Leads a Large Army that Camps Outside Jerusalem
    - b) Commander Calls for an Audience with King Hezekiah
      - Hezekiah Sends an Envoy
    - c) Commander’s Message to King Hezekiah
      - Insults King Hezekiah (*The Lord’s Anointed*)
      - Insults Hezekiah’s Human Alliances
      - Insults Hezekiah’s Reliance on Lord God of Israel
        - Equates the Lord with Pagan Idols
        - Presumes & Proclaims that the Lord’s Favor is on Assyria
      - Insults Judah’s Military
      - Insults & Blasphemes Lord God of Israel/Judah
        - Mocks Hezekiah’s Trust in the Lord
        - Equates the Lord God Almighty with Pagan Gods of the Nations
      - Gives Judah an Ultimatum to Surrender
    - d) Envoy Reports Assyrian Commander’s Words to King Hezekiah
      - Hezekiah Mourns & Tears His Clothes (*Sign of Blasphemy*)
        - Goes to Temple of the Lord
      - Hezekiah Sends Envoy to Consult Prophet Isaiah
      - Isaiah’s Message to King Hezekiah
        - “Thus says the LORD: Do not be frightened by the words you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.
        - “I am about to put in him such a spirit that, when he hears a certain report, he will return to his own land, and there I will cause him to fall by the sword.” (2 Kings 18:6-7)

- e) Assyrian Commander Returns to Lachish
    - Finds Sennacherib Gone to Engage Ethiopians in Response to a Report
    - Commander Sends Message to King Hezekiah
      - Claims Jerusalem will be Conquered by Assyria  
*(Infers that Lord God Lies & Deceives His People)*
      - Cites Gods of Pagan Nations that Assyria Conquered  
*(Again Blaspheming Lord God Almighty)*
  - f) King Hezekiah Takes Assyrian Letter & Goes to Temple
    - Opens Letter & Prays Before Lord's Presence
      - Confesses Lord God of Israel as the Most High God & Creator
      - Reminds Lord of Sennacherib's Blasphemy
      - Confesses that Gods of Other Nations Conquered by Assyria are Man Made Idols
      - Appeals to Lord God of Israel as the Only Living & True God
- 4) The Lord Delivers Jerusalem from Assyria
- a) Prophet Isaiah Pronounces Lord's Word of Victory
    - "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, in answer to your prayer for help against Sennacherib, king of Assyria: I have listened!
    - "This is the word the LORD has spoken concerning him  
*(Sennacherib)*:
      - 'She *(Jerusalem – Lord's Bride)* despises you, laughs you to scorn *(Because She Relies on the Lord)*, the virgin daughter Zion! Behind you she wags her head, daughter Jerusalem.
      - 'Whom have you insulted and blasphemed, against whom have you raised your voice And lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel! Through your servants you have insulted the LORD.....'
      - 'Have you not heard? Long ago I prepared it, From days of old I planned it. Now I have brought it to pass: That you should reduce fortified cities into heaps of ruins, While their inhabitants, shorn of power, are dismayed and ashamed .....'  
*(The Lord God Destined Assyria's Conquests)*
      - 'I am aware whether you stand or sit; I know whether you come or go, and also your rage against me. *(Lord is Omniscient God)*
      - 'Because of your rage against me and your fury which has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth, and make you return the way you came.  
*(2 Kings 19:20-28)*
    - Sign to Hezekiah. "This shall be a sign for you this year you shall eat the aftergrowth, next year, what grows of itself; But in the third year, sow and reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit! The remaining survivors of the house of Judah shall again strike root below and bear fruit above.
      - "For out of Jerusalem shall come a remnant, and from Mount Zion, survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.'  
*(2 Kings 19:29-31)*
    - Judgment of Sennacherib. "Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria:

- 'He shall not reach this city *Jerusalem*), nor shoot an arrow at it, nor come before it with a shield, nor cast up siege-works against it.
- 'He shall return by the same way he came, without entering the city, says the LORD.
- 'I will shield and save this city for my own sake, and for the sake of my servant David" (*2 Kings 19:32-34*)
- b) That Night an Angel of Lord Kills 185,000 Assyrian Soldiers
- c) Sennacherib Returns to Nineveh (*Isaiah's Prophecies Fulfilled*)
  - Assassinated by 2 of His Sons while Worshiping in His Pagan Temple
- d) People Bring Gifts to Lord & His King in Jerusalem
- d. Lord Heals King Hezekiah                      *2 Kings 20:1-11; 2 Chron. 32:24-26; Isa. 38*
  - 1) King Hezekiah Becomes Mortally Ill
    - a) Word from Prophet Isaiah: "Thus says the LORD: 'Put your house in order, for you are about to die; you shall not recover.'" (*2 Kings 20:1*)
    - b) Hezekiah Faces the Wall, Weeps & Prays to Lord
    - c) Lord Gives Isaiah Another Word for Hezekiah
      - "Go back and tell Hezekiah, the leader of my people: 'Thus says the LORD, the God of your forefather David: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears.
      - "I will heal you. In three days you shall go up to the LORD'S temple; I will add fifteen years to your life. ...." (*2 Kings 20:5-6*)
    - d) Isaiah Applies Poultice of Figs to Hezekiah's Boil
    - e) Hezekiah Asks for a Sign that He will be Healed
    - f) Lord's Sign to Hezekiah
      - Isaiah: "This will be the sign for you from the LORD that he will do what he has promised: Shall the shadow go forward or back ten steps?" (*2 Kings 20:9*)
      - Hezekiah Asks for the Shadow to Go Back 10 Steps
      - Prophet Invokes the Lord & Shadow Retreats 10 Steps
    - g) King Hezekiah is Cured (*Fulfilling Isaiah's Prophecy*)
- e. Envoys from Babylon Visit King Hezekiah  
*2 Kings 20:12-21; 2 Chron. 32:27-33; Isa. 39*
  - 1) Bringing Gifts to Hezekiah because of His Illness & Recovery
  - 2) Hezekiah Shows Babylonians All His Possessions (*Wealth from Lord*)
  - 3) Isaiah Inquires About Visitors
    - a) "What did these men say to you? Where did they come from?" (*2 Kings 20:14a*)
    - b) Hezekiah Replies They Came from Babylon
    - c) Isaiah Asks: "What did they see in your house?" (*2 Kings 20:15b*)
    - d) Hezekiah Answers They Saw Everything in His House & Storerooms
  - 4) Isaiah's Prophecy: (*Fulfilled 586 BC. 2 Kings 25; 2 Chron. 36:15-21*)
    - a) "Hear the word of the LORD: The time is coming when all that is in your house, and everything that your fathers have stored up until this day, shall be carried off to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the LORD. (*Result of Hezekiah's Pride & Man's Greed*)
    - b) "Some of your own bodily descendants shall be taken and made servants in the palace of the king of Babylon." (*2 Kings 20:16-18*)

- c) Hezekiah Humbles Himself - Accepting the Word of the Lord
    - Thinking: “There will be peace and security in my lifetime.”  
(2 Kings 20:19)
  - 5) King Hezekiah Lives as Prophesied, then Dies
    - a) Isaiah Chronicles Works of King Hezekiah 2 Chron. 32:32
24. “Unnamed Prophets” 2 Kings 21:10-15  
*Prophets to King Manasseh (696 – 642 BC) of Judah*
- a. King Manasseh Rebuilt Pagan Altars & Reinstated Idolatry in Judah  
(2 Kings 21:1-18; 2 Chron. 33:1-20)
    - 1) Desecrated Temple with Idols
    - 2) Practiced Occult & Immolated Children in Fire
    - 3) Shed Innocent Blood throughout Judah
  - b. Unnamed Prophets’ Oracle Against King Manasseh
    - 1) Lord’s Judgment: “Because Manasseh, king of Judah, has practiced these abominations and has done greater evil than all that was done by the Amorites before him, and has led Judah into sin by his idols, therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:
      - a) ‘I will bring such evil on Jerusalem and Judah that, whenever anyone hears of it, his ears shall ring.
      - b) ‘I will measure Jerusalem with the same cord as I did Samaria, and with the plummet I used for the house of Ahab. I will wipe Jerusalem clean as one wipes a dish, wiping it inside and out.
      - c) ‘I will cast off the survivors of my inheritance and deliver them into enemy hands, to become a prey and a booty for all their enemies, because they have done evil in my sight and provoked me from the day their fathers came forth from Egypt until today.’” (2 Kings 21:11-15)
  - c. Lord Chastises King Manasseh
    - 1) Assyria Invades & Subdues Judah
    - 2) King Manasseh Captured & Imprisoned in Babylon (Occupied by Assyria)
    - 3) Manasseh Repents, Returns to Judah & Institutes Religious Reform
25. Prophetess Huldah 2 Kings 22; 2 Chron. 34  
*Prophet to King Josiah (640 – 609 BC) of Judah*
- a. King Josiah Pleas'd the Lord Like His Forefather David
    - 1) Purged Idolatry from Judah & Jerusalem
    - 2) Cleansed & Restored the Temple
      - a) High Priest Hilki'ah Finds Book of Law (*Books of Moses*) in Temple
      - b) Hilki'ah Gives Book to Scribe Shaphan to Present to King
  - b. King Josiah & Book of Law
    - 1) Shaphan Reads Book of Law to King Josiah
    - 2) King Josiah Repents for All of Judah
    - 3) King Commands Priest Hilki'ah: “Go, consult the LORD for me, for the people, for all Judah, about the stipulations of this book that has been found, for the anger of the LORD has been set furiously ablaze against us, because our fathers did not obey the stipulations of this book, nor fulfill our written obligations.” (2 Kings 22:13)
  - c. High Priest Hilki'ah Consults Prophetess Huldah (*High Priest Properly Seeks the Word of the Lord from the Lord’s Prophet, as Prescribed in the Law*)

- 1) Prophetess Huldah Pronounces the Word of the Lord: “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: ‘Say to the man (*King Josiah*) who sent you to me,
  - a) Judgment Against Judah. “Thus says the LORD: I will bring upon this place and upon its inhabitants all the evil that is threatened in the book which the king of Judah has read. Because they have forsaken me and have burned incense to other gods, provoking me by everything to which they turn their hands, my anger is ablaze against this place and it cannot be extinguished.’ (2 Kings 22:16-17)  
(Prophecy Fulfilled with the Destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC. 2 Kings 25; 2 Chron. 36:15-21)
  - b) Mercy to King Josiah. “But to the king of Judah who sent you to consult the LORD, give this response: ‘Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: As for the threats you have heard, because you were heartsick and have humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard my threats that this place and its inhabitants would become a desolation and a curse; because you tore your garments and wept before me; I in turn have listened, says the LORD. I will therefore gather you to your ancestors; you shall go to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the evil I will bring upon this place.’” (2 Kings 22:18-20)
- 2) Prophetess’ Word Given to King Josiah
- d. King Josiah Renews Mosaic Law (Covenant)
  - 1) King Calls an Assembly at Temple & Reads Entire Book of Law Out Loud
  - 2) King Makes a Covenant with Lord
    - a) To Keep Lord’s Commandments & Observe Terms of Book of Law
  - 3) King Commits All Judah to His Covenant
  - 4) King Cleanses All Judah of Idolatry (Fulfilling Prophecy of "Man of God from Judah" to King Jeroboam [931 - 910 BC] of Israel. 1 Kings 13:1-6)
  - 5) Discovers & Honors Grave of "Man of God from Judah" who Prophesied Josiah's Reformation to King Jeroboam (2 Kings 23:16-18)

26. Seer Jeduthun 2 Chron. 35:15  
*Seer to King Josiah(640 – 609 BC) of Judah*  
*There are No Other Events in Jeduthun’s Ministry Recorded in Scripture.*

27. Prophet Jeremiah 2 Chron. 35 - 36

- Prophet at the Death of King Josiah (609 BC) of Judah*  
*Prophet During Reign of King Jehoiakim (609 – 597 BC) of Judah*  
*Prophet During Reign of King Jehoiakin (Jehoiachin) (597 BC) of Judah*  
*Prophet to King Zedekiah (597 – 586 BC) of Judah*
- a. Jeremiah Laments King Josiah’s Death 2 Chron. 35:25
    - 1) *King Josiah was Judah’s Last Spiritual Reformer*
    - 2) *Josiah Dies before Dissolution of Judah*  
(Fulfilling Huldah’s Prophecy. 2 Chron. 34:22-28)
  - b. Lord’s Judgment of Judah  
*(Judah Continued to Commit the Abominable Sin of Idolatry, from King Solomon’s Reign to Destruction of Jerusalem [~ 385 Years], in Spite of Many Reformers Sent by the Lord – Violating the Lord’s First Commandments [Ex. 20:1-6])*
    - 1) Results of King Jehoiakim’s Ungodly Reign  
(2 Kings 23:36 – 24:7); 2 Chron. 36:5-8

- a) Babylon Invades Judah
  - b) First Deportation of Judeans into Babylon (606 BC) (Dan. 1:1-7)
  - c) Judah Becomes Vassal State of Babylon
  - d) King Arrested & Taken to Babylon
- 2) Results of King Jehoiakin's (Jehoiachin's) Ungodly Reign (2 Kings 24:8-17); 2 Chron. 36:9-10
    - a) Babylon Attacks Jerusalem, Occupies Judah & Plunders Temple Treasuries
    - b) King, His Family, Officials, Army & 10,000 Men Deported to Babylon
    - c) Jehoiakin (Jehoiachin) Released from Prison after 37 Years in Exile, and Honored in Babylon Jer. 52:31-34
  - 3) Evil Ungodly Reign of King Zedekiah (*Judah's Last King*) (2 Kings 24:18 – 25:5); 2 Chron. 36:11-14
    - a) Refuses to Humble Himself before Jeremiah (*Lord's Prophet*)
    - b) Rebels Against King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon (*Disobedient to the Authority the Lord Placed Over Judah*)
      - Dishonors Oath He Sworn in Lord's Name (*Violating Commandment that Forbids Taking the Lord's Name in Vain. Ex. 20:7*)
  - 4) Dissolution of Judah 2 Chron. 36:15-21; Jer. 39:1-10; Jer. 52:1-30
    - a) Reason for Judah's Destruction
      - "Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers (*Lord's Prophets*) to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place (*Temple*)." (*Lord Sent Many Prophets [from Samuel to Jeremiah] to Israel/Judah to Warn & Correct them.*)
      - "But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets (*Judah's Kings & People Rejected Lord's Prophets & His Word*), until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy."
      - "Then he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans (*Babylon*), who slew their young men in their own sanctuary building, sparing neither young man nor maiden, neither the aged nor the decrepit; he delivered all of them over into his grip." (*2 Chron. 36:15-17*)
    - b) Babylonian Destruction of Judah (2 Kings 25:6-26)
      - (*Fulfilling Isaiah's Prophecy to King Hezekiah. 2 Kings 20:16-18*)
      - (*Fulfilling Prophecy Given to King Manasseh. 2 Kings 21:10-15*)
      - (*Fulfilling Huldah's Prophecy to King Josiah. 2 Chron. 34:22-28*)
      - (*Fulfilling Jeremiah's Prophetic Warnings. e.g. Jer. 20:1-6; Jer. 21 - 22*)
      - King Zedekiah's Sons Killed before His Eyes
      - Zedekiah Blinded & Imprisoned in Babylon
      - Jerusalem & Temple Destroyed (586 BC)
        - Sacred Temple Vessels/Utensils Taken to Babylon (2 Kings 24:13, 25:13-17; 2 Chron. 36:7,10,18)
      - People Taken Into Captivity (Exiled to Babylon)
    - c) Jeremiah Prophesies Judah's Time of Dissolution: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." (*2 Chron. 36:21*)

- 5) Jeremiah Preserves Remnants of the Law before the Temple was Destroyed & Final Deportation of Judeans (*Archival Record Mentioned in Letter by Judas Maccabees, et. al. [164 BC]. 2 Macc. 1:10b – 2:18, Verses 2:1-8*)
  - a) Jeremiah Orders Deportees to Take Sacred Fire
  - b) Jeremiah Gives Deportees the Law & Admonishes them to Remember Lord's Commandments
  - c) Jeremiah Hides Tabernacle Tent, Ark of the Covenant & Altar of Incense
    - “The place is to remain unknown until God gathers his people together again and shows them mercy.
    - “Then the Lord will disclose these things, and the glory of the Lord will be seen in the cloud, just as it appeared in the time of Moses and when Solomon prayed that the Place might be gloriously sanctified.” (*2 Macc. 2:7-8*)

Observation/Comment.

- *There is no Scriptural Record that the Shekinah Glory, spoken of in this prophecy, ever filled the Second Temple. After the Jews returned to the promise land, Jerusalem (except for tenuous times of Israel's Hasmonean Rulers 166 – 63 BC) was under the domination by foreign/pagan nations . The Lord God Almighty will not share nor compromise His Sovereign & Supreme Rule.*
- *This prophecy probably speaks about Messiah's Presence entering the Temple during the Messianic Kingdom (Ezek. 43:1-9).*

- c. Restoration of God's Chosen People (*Fulfillment of Jeremiah's Prophecy*)
  - 1) Israelites Exiled by Assyria in 722 BC
    - a) Assyria and its Territories Assimilated into Babylonian Empire
  - 2) Judeans Exiled to Babylon from 606 BC to 586 BC (e.g. Psa. 137)
  - 3) Medo-Persians Invade & Conquer Babylon in 539 BC (Dan. 5:1 – 6:1)
    - a) King of Babylon Disrespectfully Used Sacred Vessels/Utensils Plundered from Temple in Jerusalem (Dan. 5:1-4)
  - 4) King Cyrus of Persia Issues a Decree (536 BC) 2 Chron. 36:22-23; Ezra 1
    - a) “Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: ‘All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!’” (*2 Chron. 36:23*)
      - King Cyrus Refers to a Prophecy by Isaiah Naming Him as Lord's Anointed Liberator of Israel (Isa. 44:24 – 45:3), Written About 150 Years before Cyrus' Birth:
        - “I (*Lord God of Israel*) say of Cyrus: My shepherd, who fulfills my every wish; He shall say of Jerusalem, ‘Let her be rebuilt,’ and of the temple, ‘Let its foundations be laid.’” (*Isa. 44:28*)
    - b) Releases Jews to Return to Jerusalem to Rebuild Temple
      - Giving them the Sacred Vessels/Utensils Plundered by Babylon
  - 5) Jews Rebuild Temple in Jerusalem (536 – 516 BC) Ezra 3 - 6

Observation/Comment

- *Israel/Judah were conquered and their people taken into Assyrian/Babylonian Captivity because of their persistent and unrepentant idolatry. Babylon (which Includes Assyria) is the beginning, center and source of the World's Idolatrous Religions (e.g. Gen. 11:1-9; Isa. 13:1 – 14:23; Dan. 2; Dan. 3:1-97; Rev. 17).*



- *There is No Scriptural Reference that the Jews ever practiced idolatry after returning to the Promise Land from their Babylonian Captivity.*

- d. Judas Maccabees' Vision of Prophet Jeremiah 2 Macc. 15
  - 1) Nicanor's (Seleucid) Plan to Attack & Destroy Jews on Sabbath
    - a) Blasphemes the Lord God of Heaven
  - 2) Judas' Vision:
    - a) Deceased High Priest Onias in Heaven
      - Praying for Whole Jewish Community
      - Introduces Prophet Jeremiah to Judas
    - b) Prophet Jeremiah in Heaven
      - Praying for Jews & Jerusalem
      - Presents Judas with Gold Sword: "Accept this holy sword as a gift from God; with it you shall crush your adversaries."
  - 3) Jews Defeat Seleucid Troops & Kill Nicanor

28. Prophets Haggai and Zechariah Ezra 5 – 6  
*Post-Exilic Prophets in Jerusalem During Building of Second Temple (536 – 516 BC)*
- a. Jews Rebuild Temple in Jerusalem Ezra 5 - 6
    - 1) Samaritans Interfere with Jews Rebuilding their Temple (Ezra 4:1-5)  
 (*"Samaritans" are Inhabitants in that Area - Descendants of Gentiles Brought there by Assyrians/Babylonians & Surviving Israelites Who Inbred with them.*)
      - a) Samaritans Ask to Participate in Building Temple
      - b) Jewish Elders Refuse - Responsibility of Jews (*Salvation from Jews*)
      - c) Samaritans Stop Jews from Building Temple (Ezra 4:24)
    - 2) Prophets Haggai & Zechariah Prophecy to Jews Hag. 1; Zech. 1:1-6
      - a) Temple Building Resumes with Prophets' Support
        - Led by Elders Zerubbabel (*Descendant of Kings of Judah*) & Jeshua (*Anointed High Priest*)
      - b) Persian Governor & Officials Confront Jews  
 (*Judea & Jerusalem Territory of Persian Empire*)
        - Question Authorization to Build Temple
      - c) Jews Claim they are Authorized by King Cyrus' Decree
    - 3) Persian Governor & Officials Report to King Darius
      - a) Citing Jewish Claim that King Cyrus Decreed Temple be Rebuilt
      - b) Jews Continue Building While Waiting for King Darius' Response
        - Protected by the Lord God of Israel
      - c) King Darius Investigates & Confirms Jewish Claim
    - 4) King Darius Issues a Decree for Jews to Continue Building Temple
      - a) Repays their Expenses from Royal Revenues
      - b) Provides Animals to be Sacrificed to Lord
      - c) Imposes Death Penalty on Anyone Violating His Edict
    - 5) Jews Complete Building Temple (3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Adar – 6<sup>th</sup> Year Darius' Reign)
      - a) Israel's Priesthood Reestablished
      - b) Temple Dedicated (516 BC)
      - c) Sacrifices & Holocausts Offered to Lord
  - b. Jews Celebrate Passover (*Delivered from Captivity*)

C. **Literary Prophets** (Wrote Prophetic Books of Bible.)

*This is a Study of the Literary Prophets in the Order they Appear in Scripture:*

*Study of the Prophets Themselves, Historical Settings, Events in their Lives and Unusual Methods (Visions, Demonstrational Prophecies, etc.) Used to Reveal the Word of the Lord, as Recorded in the Prophetic Books.*

1. **Prophet Isaiah**

*Isaiah, Son of Amoz, Prophet in Judah During Reigns of Kings: Uzziah (790 – 739 BC), Jotham (750 – 731 BC), Ahaz (735 – 715 BC) & Hezekiah (715 – 686 BC) Isa. 1:1*

- a. Lord Calls Isaiah Isa. 6
  - 1) Isaiah's Heavenly Vision Isa. 6:1-8
    - a) Lord Enthroned in Heaven Attended by Worshiping Seraphim
    - b) Isaiah's Lament: "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" (*Isa. 6:5*)
    - c) A Seraphim Purifies Isaiah's Mouth with Ember from Altar
    - d) Lord Asks: "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" (*Isa. 6:8*)
    - e) Isaiah Replies: "Here I am, send me!"
  - 2) Lord Commissions & Instructs Isaiah Isa. 6:9-13
    - a) "Go and say to this people: Listen carefully, but you shall not understand! Look intently, but you shall know nothing! You are to make the heart of this people sluggish, to dull their ears and close their eyes; Else their eyes will see, their ears hear, their heart understand, and they will turn and be healed." (*Isa. 6:9-10*)
    - b) Isaiah Asks How Long?
    - c) Lord: Until the Time of Dissolution
- b. Historical Account – Prophecy of Coming Immanuel Isa. 7:1 – 8:10
  - 1) Ahaz is King of Judah Isa. 7:1
  - 2) Israel & Aram Allied to Conquer Judah Isa. 7:2-9  
(Aram's King Rezin & Israel's King Pekah, Son of Remaliah)
    - a) Ahaz (House of David) & People Fearful
    - b) Lord Says to Isaiah: "Go out to meet Ahaz, ..... say to him: Take care you remain tranquil and do not fear; let not your courage fail before these two stumps of smoldering brands (*Kings Rezin & Pekah*) .....because of the mischief that Aram ..... plots against you, saying, 'Let us go up and tear Judah asunder, make it our own by force, and appoint the son of Tabeel king there' (*Isa. 7:3-6*)  
(*Plot to Replace the House of David with a Syrian King*)."
    - c) Lord Continues: "This shall not stand, it shall not be!" (*Isa. 7:7*)
      - Prophecies Destruction of Israel (*Fulfilled 722 BC*)
  - 3) Sign of Immanuel Isa. 7:10-25
    - a) Lord Speaks to King Ahaz: "Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the nether world, or high as the sky!" (*Isa. 7:11*)
    - b) Ahaz Answers: "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" (*Isa. 7:12*)
    - c) Lord Replies; "Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary men, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel....." (*Isa. 7:13-14*)
      - Prophecies Virgin Birth of Immanuel ("*God With Us*") from the

## House of David

- Prophecies Events that will Occur Before Immanuel’s Advent
    - Dissolution of Aram & Israel
    - Occupation & Humiliation of Judah
- 4) Prophecy by Demonstration – Assyria the Lord’s Instrument Isa. 8:1-10
- a) Lord Instructs Isaiah: “Take a large cylinder-seal (*Sign of Authority*), and inscribe on it in ordinary letters: ‘Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz’.” (*Isa. 8:1*)  
(*Means: “Quick Spoils, Speedy Plunder” Describing Invasion of Assyria*)
    - Witnessed by Priest Uriah & Zechariah
  - b) Isaiah’s Wife Bears His Son
    - Lord Names Isaiah’s Son: “..... Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz, for before the child knows how to call his father or mother by name, the wealth of Damascus (*Aram’s Capital*) and the spoil of Samaria (*Israel’s Capital*) shall be carried off by the king of Assyria.” (*Isa. 8:3-4*)
    - Lord Confirms Prophecy: “Because this people has rejected the waters of Shiloah that flow gently (*Lord’s Gentle Cleansing*), And melts with fear before the loftiness of Rezin and Remaliah’s son, Therefore the LORD raises against them the waters of the River, great and mighty (*Equates Assyria as a Powerful Overflowing River*).....” (*Isa. 8:6-7*)
      - Subduing Aram & Israel
      - Flooding into Judah: “.....It shall spread its wings the full width of your land, Immanuel!” (*Isa. 8:8*)  
(*Addressing King Ahaz of House of David*)
    - Lord’s Sovereign Plan will be Fulfilled, For “.....With us is God” (*Isa. 8:10*)  
(*Promised Protection & Return of a Remnant from House of David*)
  - c. Isaiah Enacts Prophecy Against Egypt & Ethiopia Isa. 20  
(*Warning for Israelites & Judeans Who Will Flee their Countries to Egypt & Ethiopia to Escape Assyrian Invasion.*)
    - 1) Lord Instructs Isaiah: “Go and take off the sackcloth from your waist, and remove the sandals from your feet.”(*Isa. 20:2b*)
    - 2) Isaiah Obeys the Lord – Walking Naked & Barefoot
    - 3) Word of the Lord: “Just as my servant Isaiah has gone naked and barefoot for three years as a sign and portent against Egypt and Ethiopia, so shall the king of Assyria lead away captives from Egypt, and exiles from Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, with buttocks uncovered (the shame of Egypt).
      - a) “They shall be dismayed and ashamed because of Ethiopia, their hope, and because of Egypt, their boast.
      - b) “The inhabitants of this coastland shall say on that day, ‘Look at our hope! We have fled here for help and deliverance from the king of Assyria; where can we flee now?’” (*Isa. 20:3-6*)
  - d. Historical Narratives (See Section B.23.c-e Above) Isa. 36 – 39
    - 1) Hezekiah King of Judah
    - 2) King Sennacherib of Assyria Threatens Jerusalem Isa. 36
      - a) Lord Miraculously Delivers Jerusalem Isa. 37
    - 3) King Hezekiah’s Illness & Healing Isa. 38

## 4) Babylonian Envoys Visit King Hezekiah

Isa. 39

2. Prophet Jeremiah

*Jeremiah, Son of Hilkiyah, of a Priestly Family in Anathoth in the Land of Benjamin. Prophet in Judah During the Reigns of Kings Josiah (640 - 609 BC), Jehoiakim (609 – 597 BC), Jehoiakin/Jehoiachin (597 BC), and Zedekiah (597 – 586 BC). Jer. 1:1-3 Prophet to Jewish Exiles in Babylon & Refugees in Egypt after the Fall of Jerusalem.*

- a. Lord Calls & Commissions Jeremiah (*Jer. 1:5-13*) Jer. 1:4-19
  - 1) Lord Chooses Jeremiah: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you
    - a) Jeremiah’s Response: “Ah, Lord GOD! I know not how to speak; I am too young.”
    - b) Lord Answers: “Say not, ‘I am too young.’ To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”
  - 2) Lord Touches Jeremiah’s Mouth with His Hand: “See, I place my words in your mouth! This day I set you over nations and over kingdoms, To root up and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant.”
  - 3) Lord Confirms Jeremiah’s Commission
    - a) Lord Asks: “What do you see, Jeremiah?”
      - Jeremiah Answers: “I see a branch of the watching-tree,”
      - Lord: “Well have you seen, for I am watching to fulfill my word.”
    - b) Lord Questions Jeremiah Second Time: “What do you see?”
      - Jeremiah: “I see a boiling cauldron, that appears from the north.”
    - c) Lord’s Prophecy Against Jerusalem
      - Invasion from North
      - Punishment for Judah’s Idolatry
      - Commissions Jeremiah to Fearlessly Proclaim Word of Lord
      - Lord Promises to Deliver Jeremiah
- b. Plot Against Jeremiah in Anathoth (*His Home Town*) Jer. 11:18 – 12:17
  - 1) Lord Reveals Plot to Jeremiah Jer. 11:18-23
    - a) Warns Jeremiah: “Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD; else you shall die by our hand.” (*Jer. 11:21*)
    - b) Lord will Punish Anathoth
  - 2) Jeremiah Complains to Lord Jer. 12:1-4
    - a) “.....Why does the way of the godless prosper, why live all the treacherous in contentment?” (*Jer. 12:1*)
  - 3) Lord Answers Jeremiah Jer. 12:5-6
    - a) “If running against men (*of Anathoth*) has wearied you, how will you race against horses (*i.e. Jerusalem, its Kings & Nobles*)? And if in a land of peace you fall headlong, what will you do in the thickets of the Jordan? For even your own brothers, the members of your father’s house, betray you; they have recruited a force against you. Do not believe them, even if they are friendly to you in their words.”
  - 4) The Lord’s Complaint Jer. 12:7-17
    - a) “I abandon my house, cast off my heritage (*Israel*); The beloved of my soul I deliver into the hand of her foes.” (*Jer. 12:7*)
      - Lord’s People Turned Against Him (*Rejected Lord & Worshiped*)

*Idols)*

- b) “My heritage is a prey for hyenas, is surrounded by vultures (*Neighboring Nations*); Come, gather together, all you beasts of the field, come and eat!” (*Jer. 12:9*) (*Lord Delivers Israel Over to Gentile Nations*)
- Nations Ravaged His Vineyard (*Promise Land*) & Turned into a Desert
- c) Lord’s Judgment & Promise of Redemption
- Lord will Pluck Judah from their Land
  - Lord will Show Pity & Bring Judah Back to their Land
  - Lord will Give Nations Opportunity to Repent & Turn to Him
- c. Prophecy by Demonstration – Rotting Loincloth (*Judah’s Corruption*) *Jer. 13:1-11*
- 1) Lord Instructs Jeremiah: “Go buy yourself a linen loincloth; wear it on your loins, but do not put it in water.” (*Jer. 13:1*)
    - a) Jeremiah Obeys
  - 2) Lord Instructs Jeremiah Second Time: “Take the loincloth which you bought and are wearing, and go now to the Parath; there hide it in a cleft of the rock” (*Jer. 13:4*)
    - a) Jeremiah Obeys
  - 3) Lord Instructs Jeremiah After Long Period of Time: “Go now to the Parath and fetch the loincloth which I told you to hide there.” (*Jer. 13:6*)
    - a) Jeremiah Finds Loincloth Rotten & Useless
  - 4) Message from the Lord:
    - a) “So also I will allow the pride of Judah to rot, the great pride of Jerusalem. This wicked people who refuse to obey my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their hearts, and follow strange gods to serve and adore them, shall be like this loincloth which is good for nothing.
    - b) “For, as close as the loincloth clings to a man’s loins, so had I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me, says the LORD; to be my people, my renown, my praise, my beauty. But they did not listen.” (*Jer. 13:9-11*)
- d. Prophetic Analogy of Clay Pot & Judah *Jer. 18 – 20*
- 1) Lord Instructs Jeremiah to Go to Potter’s House *Jer. 18:1-17*
    - a) Jeremiah Observes Potter Working at Wheel
      - Potter Reworks Clay when His Work Turns Out Badly
    - b) Word of the Lord: “Can I not do to you, house of Israel, as this potter has done? says the LORD. Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, house of Israel.”
      - “Sometimes I threaten to uproot and tear down and destroy a nation or a kingdom. But if that nation which I have threatened turns from its evil, I also repent of the evil which I threatened to do.”
      - “Sometimes, again, I promise to build up and plant a nation or a kingdom. But if that nation does what is evil in my eyes, refusing to obey my voice, I repent of the good with which I promised to bless it.”
      - “And now, tell this to the men of Judah and the citizens of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Take care! I am fashioning evil against you and making a plan. Return, each of you, from his evil way; reform your ways and your deeds.”
        - “But they will say, ‘No use! We will follow our own devices;

each one of us will behave according to the stubbornness of his evil heart!” (Jer. 18:6-12)

- c) Lord Prophecies Dissolution of Judah - Result of their Apostasy
- 2) Authorities Plot Against Jeremiah Jer. 18:18-23
  - a) Won't Loose Priestly Instruction, Wise Counsel or Prophetic Messages
  - b) “..... let us destroy him by his own tongue; let us carefully note his every word” (Jer. 18:18)
  - c) Jeremiah Appeals to Lord – Crying for Vengeance
- 3) Prophecy by Demonstration – Judah a Clay Pot Jer. 19
  - a) Lord Instructs Jeremiah to Buy a Clay Pot
    - Take Elders & Priests to Valley of Ben-hinnom to Potsherd Gate
      - Proclaim the Word of the Lord
    - “Listen to the word of the LORD, kings of Judah and citizens of Jerusalem: ..... : I am going to bring such evil upon this place that all who hear of it will feel their ears tingle.” (Jer. 19:3)
      - Judgment for their Idolatry & Bloodshed of Innocents
      - Cites Judah's Idolatry & Abominable Practices
      - “..... this place will no longer be called Topheth, or the Valley of Ben-hinnom, but rather, the Valley of Slaughter.” (Jer. 19:6)
      - Cites Extent of Coming Destruction of Judah
  - b) Lord Instructs Jeremiah to Break Clay Pot in Sight of Elders & Priests
    - Prophecy: “Thus says the LORD of hosts: Thus will I smash this people and this city, as one smashes a clay pot so that it cannot be repaired....” (Jer. 19:11)
      - Cites Lord's Vengeance on Judah
  - c) Jeremiah Returns from Topheth
    - Stands in Court of House of God (*Temple*)
    - Prophecy: “I (*Lord*) will surely bring upon this city (*Jerusalem*) all the evil with which I threatened it, because they have stiffened their necks and have not obeyed my words” (Jer. 19:15)
- 4) Jeremiah Persecuted by Priest Pashhur Jer. 20:1-6  
(Pashhur Chief Officer in Temple)
  - a) Pashhur Hears Jeremiah's Prophecy (See Above)
    - Has Jeremiah Scourged & Placed in Stocks
    - Releases Jeremiah in Morning
  - b) Jeremiah Confirms His Prophecy & Includes Pashhur
    - “Instead of Pashhur, the LORD will name you ‘Terror on every side.’”
    - “For thus says the LORD: Indeed, I will deliver you to terror, you and all your friends. Your own eyes shall see them fall by the sword of their enemies.....” (Jer. 20:3b-4)
    - Prophecies the Dissolution of Judah by Babylon
    - Prophecies Pashhur's Exile & Death in Babylon
      - “.....because you have prophesied lies to them.”
- 5) Jeremiah's Complaint to Lord Jer. 20:7-18
  - a) “You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; The word of the LORD has brought me derision

- and reproach all the day.”
- b) “I say to myself, I will not mention Him (*Lord God*), I will speak in His name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.”
  - c) “Yes, I hear the whisperings of many: ‘Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!’ All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. ‘Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.’”
  - d) “But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion.”
  - e) “O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause.” (*Jer. 20:7-12*)
  - f) Jeremiah Praises the Lord
  - g) Jeremiah Laments His Birth
- e. Allegory of Two Baskets of Figs Jer. 24
- 1) Lord Shows Jeremiah 2 Baskets of Figs Placed before Temple
    - a) Following Exile of Judah’s King Jeconiah, Princes & Artisans to Babylon
    - b) One Basket of Good Figs & One Basket of Bad Figs
  - 2) Lord Asks Jeremiah What He Sees
    - a) Jeremiah Answers: “Figs, the good ones are very good, but the bad ones very bad, so bad they cannot be eaten.” (*Jer. 24:3*)
  - 3) Lord Prophecies:
    - a) Good Figs Represent Judeans that Went into Captivity with King Jeconiah
      - Promises to Protect & Bless them in Exile
      - Promises to Bring them Back from Captivity
      - “I will give them a heart with which to understand that I am the LORD. They shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.” (*Jer. 24:7*)
    - b) Bad Figs Represent Judeans that Went into Captivity with King Zedekiah, or Remained in Judah, or Migrated into Egypt
      - Lord will Make Them a Reproach to Nations
      - They will be Annihilated
- f. Lord’s Cup of Wrath – Judgment of Nations Jer. 25
- 1) Lord Presents Jeremiah with a Cup: “Take this cup of foaming wine from my hand, and have all the nations to whom I will send you drink it.”
    - a) Pronounces Judgment Against the Nations: “They shall drink, and be convulsed, and go mad, because of the sword I will send among them.” (*Jer. 25:15-16*)
  - 2) Jeremiah Takes Cup from Lord’s Hand
    - a) Gives Cup to Nations the Lord Sends Him
      - List of Israel’s Neighboring Nations  
(*Countries Who Warred Against / Oppressed Israel & Judah*)
      - All the Kingdoms on Face of the Earth
    - b) Lord Orders the Nations:
      - “Drink! become drunk and vomit; fall, never to rise, before the sword that I will send among you!” (*Jer. 25:27*)

- If they Refuse, Say: “..... You must drink!” (*Jer. 25:28*)
  - If Lord Did Not Spare Jerusalem – He Will Not Spare You
- 3) Jeremiah Prophecies Against the Nations
  - a) Yahweh is Lord of Whole Earth
    - Lord Indicts the Nations
    - He Passes Judgment on All Mankind
  - b) Prophecies the Day of Calamity
    - Destruction of Nations & their Leaders
      - No One to Bury or Mourn Them
- g. Jeremiah Threatened with Death Jer. 26
  - 1) Lord’s Call to Repentance
    - a) In the Beginning of King Jehoiakim’s (609 – 597 BC) Reign
      - Son of King Josiah (*Judah’s Great Reformer*)
    - b) Lord Instructs Jeremiah to Stand in Temple Court & Speak to People
      - “Perhaps they will listen and turn back, each from his evil way, so that I may repent of the evil I have planned to inflict upon them for their evil deeds.”
      - Say: “Thus says the LORD: ‘If you disobey me, not living according to the law I placed before you and not listening to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send you constantly though you do not obey them, I will treat this house like Shiloh, and make this the city which all the nations of the earth shall refer to when cursing another.’” (*Jer. 26:3-6*)
  - 2) Priests, Prophets & People Hear Jeremiah’s Words
    - a) Gather Around Jeremiah in Temple Precincts
    - b) Call for His Death
  - 3) Judah’s Princes Hold Court at the New Gate of Temple
    - a) Priests & Prophets Condemn Jeremiah
    - b) Jeremiah Defends Himself
      - The Lord Sent Him to Prophecy
      - Calls on People to Repent
      - “As for me, I am in your hands; do with me what you think good and right.”
      - “But mark well: if you put me to death, it is innocent blood you bring on yourselves, on this city and its citizens. For in truth it was the LORD who sent me to you, to speak all these things for you to hear.” (*Jer. 26:14-15*)
    - c) Princes & People Say to Priests & Prophets: “This man does not deserve death; it is in the name of the LORD, our God, that he speaks to us.” (*Jer. 26:16*)
    - d) Elders Remind Court of Others Who Prophesied Against Jerusalem
      - Micah During Reign of Hezekiah (715 – 686 BC)
        - People Feared Lord & Entreated His Favor
        - Lord Relented & Spared Jerusalem
      - Uriah Prophesied Same as Jeremiah
        - Jehoiakim & Officials Killed Uriah
    - e) Ahikam, Son of Shaphan, Protected Jeremiah from Death



*Note. Shaphan was the Scribe who presented and read the Book of the Law (found in Temple during renovations) to King Josiah. Shaphan, and his son Ahikam, were in the envoy that King Josiah sent to Prophetess Huldah to consult the Lord. (2 Kings 22)*

- h. Prophecy by Demonstration – Jeremiah’s Yoke Jer. 27 – 28  
*(Babylon Chosen to be the Lord’s Instrument of Chastisement)*
- 1) Lord Instructs Jeremiah: “Make for yourself bands and yoke bars and put them over your shoulders.” *(Jer. 27:2) (Symbolizing Servitude) Jer. 27*
    - a) Prophecy to Kings of Edom, Moab, Ammon, Tyre & Sidon through their Ambassadors in Jerusalem Jer. 27:3-11
      - “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘It was I who made the earth, and man and beast on the face of the earth, by my great power, with my outstretched arm; and I can give them to whomever I think fit.’” *(Jer. 27:4-5)*
      - Lord Has Given their Lands to Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon
        - Serve Babylon Until its Time *(Babylon’s Judgment)* Has Come
        - Lord will Punish Any Nation that Doesn’t Serve King of Babylon
      - Do Not Listen to Your Prophets/Soothsayers & Sorcerers Who Say: “You need not serve the king of Babylon.” *(Jer. 27:9)*
    - b) Prophecy to King Zedekiah (597 – 586 BC) of Judah Jer. 27:12-15
      - Repeat Same Prophecy to Judah
      - “Submit your necks to the yoke of the king of Babylon; serve him and his people, so that you may live.” *(Jer. 27:12)*
      - Do Not Listen to Prophets Who Say: “You need not serve the king of Babylon” *(Jer. 27:14)* - The Lord Did Not Send Them
    - c) Prophecy to Priests & People of Judah Jer. 27:16-22
      - Do Not Listen to Prophets Who Say: “The vessels of the house of the LORD will be brought back from Babylon soon” *(Jer. 27:16)* - They Prophecy Lies  
*(Sacred Vessels Taken by Babylon in 1<sup>st</sup> Plunder of Temple 597 BC)*
        - Serve the King of Babylon  
*(It’s the Lord’s Will to Refine His People)*
      - Prophecy Concerning Temple Appurtenances, Remaining Vessels & Palace Treasuries
        - “To Babylon they shall be brought *(Predicting Babylon’s Final Destruction of Temple & Jerusalem – Fulfilled 586 BC)*, and there they shall remain, until the day I look for them, says the LORD; then I will bring them back and restore them to this place” *(Jer. 27:22)*  
*(Fulfilled by Cyrus King of Persia’s Decree 536 BC).”*
  - 2) Jeremiah’s Yoke Broken Jer. 28
    - a) Prophet Hananiah Confronts Jeremiah in Temple Area
      - In Front of Priests & People
      - Hananiah’s Presumptuous Prophecy: “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon .....’” *(Jer. 28:2)*
        - Lord Will Restore All Vessels Taken to Babylon Back to Temple Within 2 Years
        - Lord Will Return King Jeconiah & Exiles from Babylon

- b) Jeremiah Answers Hananiah
- May the Lord Fulfill All You Prophecy
  - Urges Everyone to Listen:
    - “From of old, the prophets who were before you and me prophesied war, woe, and pestilence against many lands and mighty kingdoms.”
    - “But the prophet who prophesies peace is recognized as truly sent by the LORD only when his prophetic prediction is fulfilled.”  
(*Jer. 28:8-9*)  
(*Sign of True Prophet. Deut. 18:21-22*)
- c) Hananiah Takes Yoke from Jeremiah’s Neck & Breaks It
- Repeats His Presumptuous Prophecy
  - Jeremiah Departs
- d) Word of Lord Comes to Jeremiah
- “Go tell Hananiah this: ‘Thus says the LORD: By breaking a wooden yoke, you forge an iron yoke!’”
  - “For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘A yoke of iron I will place on the necks of all these nations serving Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and they shall serve him; .....’” (*Jer. 28:13-14*)
- e) Jeremiah Rebukes Hananiah (*A False Prophet*)
- “Hear this, Hananiah! The LORD has not sent you, and you have raised false confidence in this people. For this, says the LORD, I will dispatch you from the face of the earth; this very year you shall die, because you have preached rebellion against the LORD.”  
(*Jer. 28:15-16*)
  - Hananiah Dies in 7<sup>th</sup> Month that Year (*Fulfilling Jeremiah’s Prophecy*)
- i. Jeremiah’s Letters to Jewish Exiles in Babylon Jer. 29; **Bar. 6**
- 1) Letter After King Jeconiah’s (597 BC) Deportation Jer. 29:1-7 & 10-14
- a) Lord’s Counsel: “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon:
- “Build houses to dwell in; plant gardens, and eat their fruits.”
  - “Take wives and beget sons and daughters; ..... There you must increase in number, not decrease.”
  - “Promote the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you; pray for it to the LORD, for upon its welfare depends your own.” (*Jer. 29:4-7*)
- b) Lord’s Encouragement & Promise:
- “Only after seventy years have elapsed for Babylon will I visit you and fulfill for you my promise to bring you back to this place.”
  - “For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, ..... plans for your welfare, not for woe! plans to give you a future full of hope.”
  - “When you call me, when you go to pray to me, I will listen to you. When you look for me, you will find me.”
  - “Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, you will find me with you, ....., and I will change your lot;”
  - “I will gather you together from all the nations and all the places to which I have banished you, ..... and bring you back to the place from which I have exiled you.” (*Jer. 29:10-15*)

- 2) Prophecy Against King Zedekiah & People Remaining in Jerusalem  
Jer. 29:16-19
  - a) Lord is Sending Sword, Famine & Pestilence
  - b) They Did Not Listen to Lord's Prophets
- 3) Lord Warns Exiles Against False Prophets in Babylon Jer. 29:8-9, 15 & 20-32
  - a) "For they prophesy lies to you in my name; I did not send them....."  
(Jer. 29:9)
  - b) False Prophets Ahab & Zedekiah
    - "..... I am handing them over to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, who will slay them before your eyes." (Jer. 29:21)
  - c) False Prophet Shemaiah
    - Presumptuously Sent Letter to Priests & People in Jerusalem
      - Admonishing Them to Rebuke Jeremiah because of the Message in His Letters to Exiles (e.g. Jer. 29:4-7)
    - Jeremiah Replies with Letter to Exiles - Rebuking Shemaiah
      - "I (Lord) will therefore punish Shemaiah ..... and his offspring. None of them shall survive among this people to see the good I will do to this people, says the LORD, because he preached rebellion against the LORD." (Jer. 29:32)
- 4) Jeremiah's Letter to Jews Exiled to Babylon Bar. 6  
(Recorded by Baruch, Jeremiah's Scribe/Secretary)
  - a) "For the sins you committed before God, you are being led captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, king of the Babylonians." (Bar. 6:1b)
  - b) "When you reach Babylon you will be there many years, .....; after which I (Lord) will bring you back from there in peace." (Bar. 6:2)
  - c) Warning Against Babylonian Idolatry
    - When You Witness Idolatrous Practices/Worship
      - Do Not Imitate or Participate in it
      - "Rather, say in your hearts, 'You, O LORD, are to be worshiped!' for my angel is with you, and he is the custodian of your lives." (Bar. 6:5b-6)
  - d) Jeremiah Exposes Impotence of Idols & their Fraudulent Practitioners
- j. Jeremiah Purchases a Field (As Kinsman Redeemer) Jer. 32
  - 1) King of Babylon Besieging Jerusalem Jer. 32:1-5
    - a) Tenth Year of King Zedekiah's Reign (~ 587 BC)
    - b) Jeremiah Imprisoned by King Zedekiah
      - Prophesied the Destruction of Jerusalem
  - 2) Lord Instructs Jeremiah to Purchase a Field Jer. 32:6-15  
(In a Land Being Conquered & Occupied by Babylon)
    - a) "Hanamel, son of your uncle Shallum, will come to you with the offer: 'Buy for yourself my field in Anathoth, since you, as nearest relative, have the first right of purchase.'" (Jer. 32:7)
      - Anathoth is One of the Levitical Cities Josh. 21 (Verse 18)
        - Assigned by Lord to Descendants of Aaron as a Permanent Inheritance
      - Anathoth is Jeremiah's Home Town Jer. 1:1
        - Jeremiah is a Levite from House of Aaron (Lord's Chosen Priesthood)

- Law of Redemption of Property Lev. 25:23-35
- b) Hanamel (*Jeremiah's Kin*) Asks Jeremiah to Buy His Field  
(*Fulfilling Word of the Lord*)
- c) Jeremiah Purchases the Field
  - Paid Hanamel 17 Silver Shekels
  - Wrote Deed which was Accepted, Sealed & Witnessed
  - Gave Deed to Baruch in Presence of Hanamel & Witnesses
    - Charges Baruch: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both the sealed and the open deed of purchase, and put them in an earthen jar, so that they can be kept there a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land." (*Jer. 32:14-15*)

Comment.

- 1) *The Lord instructs Jeremiah to purchase a land that is being overrun by the Babylonians, in effect appointing Jeremiah as Israel's Kinsman-redeemer, retaining Israel's legitimate right to their land throughout their exile into Babylon and subsequent occupation by Gentile Nations.*
- 2) *According to the Law of Property Redemption (Lev. 25:23-35), the Land belongs to the Lord God of Israel and can not be sold on a permanent basis. Israelites are tenant-possessors of those land allotments they inherited from the Lord (Joshua 13 – 21).*
  - *When an Israelite becomes so impoverished that he has to sell his property, his closest relative has the right to buy and redeem that property (i.e. Kinsman-redeemer), keeping it in the family that originally inherited it from the Lord. The price paid by the Kinsman is pro-rated to the upcoming Year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:15). The Kinsman administers the redeemed land for his own purposes until the Year of Jubilee when it is returned to its original owner (Lev. 25:13 & 28).*
  - *If the original owner does not have a relative who can buy it and must sell to a foreigner, then he, or a kinsman, has the right to purchase it back for an amount that's pro-rated to the upcoming Year of Jubilee when it will automatically revert to that original owner.*
- 3) *Jeremiah executed two counterparts of the Deed. The first scroll was sealed securing its terms and conditions, providing irrefutable evidence of the transaction should anyone contest it, and preventing anyone from tampering with the Deed. The second was an open scroll available for inspection by anyone inquiring or challenging the Deed.*
- 4) *Jeremiah knew that he would be unable to take immediate possession of this property because he was in prison when he purchased it, and that all parties would eventually be exiled from Israel. He; therefore, instructed Baruch to put both scrolls in an earthen jar to archive them until such time as Israel would be restored to the Land.*

- 3) Jeremiah Prays to Lord Jer. 32:16-25
  - a) Acknowledges Lord as Creator, His Omniscience & Benevolence
    - Delivered Israel from Bondage in Egypt with Signs & Wonders
    - Provided Israel a Promise Land
  - b) Recognizes Israel's Disobedience to Lord
  - c) Acknowledges Babylonian Siege of Jerusalem  
(*Fulfilling Prophecies Lord Gave to Jeremiah*)
    - "What you threatened has happened, .....; and yet you tell me, O Lord GOD: 'Buy the field with money, call in witnesses. But the city has already been handed over to the Chaldeans!'" (*Jer. 32:24b-25*)
- 4) Lord Answers Jeremiah: "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind! Is anything impossible to me?" (*Jer. 32:27*) Jer. 32:26-44
  - a) Lord Will Hand Jerusalem Over to Babylonians Attacking it

- They will Enter & Burn the City
  - Where Judeans Burned Incense & Worshiped Idols
- Lord Rebukes Israel & Judah for their Continual Idolatry
  - They Ignored Lord's Correction
  - They Defiled Lord's House
- b) Lord Promises to Restore Israel
  - "I will gather them together from all the lands to which ..... I banish them; I will bring them back to this place and settle them here in safety. They shall be my people, and I will be their God."
  - "One heart and one way I will give them, that they may fear me always, to their own good and that of their children after them."
  - "I will make with them an eternal covenant, never to cease doing good to them; into their hearts I will put the fear of me, that they may never depart from me."
  - "I will take delight in doing good to them: I will replant them firmly in this land, with all my heart and soul." (*Jer. 32:37-41*)
- c) Lord Promises to Bless His People & His Land
  - "..... Just as I brought upon this people all this great evil, so I will bring upon them all the good I promise them."
  - "Fields shall again be bought in this land, which you call a desert, without man or beast, handed over to the Chaldeans."
  - "Fields shall be bought with money, deeds written and sealed, and witnesses shall be used in the land of Benjamin, in the suburbs of Jerusalem, in the cities of Judah and of the hill country, in the cities of the foothills and of the Negeb, when I change their lot, ....." (*Jer. 32:42-44*)
- k. Prophecy by Example – Obedience of Rechabites Jer. 35  
 (*Rechabites were Nomadic Peoples Who Served the Lord as their Ancestors*)
  - 1) Prophecy During Reign of King Jehoiakim (609 – 597 BC)
  - 2) Lord Instructs Jeremiah
    - a) Take Rechabites to House of Lord & Give them Wine to Drink
  - 3) Jeremiah Takes Rechabites to a Room in House of Lord
    - a) Offers Them Wine to Drink
  - 4) Rechabites Refuse to Drink
    - a) "We do not drink wine, Jonadab, Rechab's son, our father, forbade us in these words: 'Neither you nor your children shall ever drink wine.'" (*Jer. 35:6*)
      - Do Not Plant Crops or Vineyards
      - Live a Nomadic Lifestyle
    - b) Remain Obedient to their Forefather
    - c) Living in Jerusalem to Escape Babylonians
  - 5) Word of Lord Comes to Jeremiah
    - a) "..... Go, say to the men of Judah and to the citizens of Jerusalem: Will you not take correction and obey my words? says the LORD." (*Jer. 35:13*)
      - Uses Rechabites as an Example: "The advice of Jonadab, Rechab's son, by which he forbade his children to drink wine, has been followed: to this day they have not drunk it; they obeyed their father's command.

- “Me (*God of Israel*), however, you have not obeyed, although I spoke to you untiringly and insistently.” (*Jer. 35:14*)
  - b) “I kept sending you all my servants the prophets, telling you to turn back, all of you, from your evil way; to reform your conduct, and not follow strange gods or serve them, if you would remain on the land which I gave you and your fathers; but you did not heed me or obey me.”
    - “Yes, the children of Jonadab, Rechab’s son, observed the command which their father laid on them; but this people does not obey me!” (*Jer. 35:15-16*)
  - c) Lord’s Judgment of Judah: “..... I will bring upon Judah and all the citizens of Jerusalem every evil that I threatened; because when I spoke they did not obey, when I called they did not answer.” (*Jer. 35:17*)
  - 6) Lord’s Mercy on Rechabites: “..... Since you have obeyed the command of Jonadab, your father, kept all his commands and done everything he commanded you,..... Never shall there fail to be a descendant of Jonadab, Rechab’s son, standing in my service.” (*Jer. 35:18-19*)
1. Jeremiah’s Prophetic Scrolls Jer. 36
- 1) Lord Instructs Jeremiah
    - a) 4<sup>th</sup> Year of King Jehoiakim’s Reign (606 BC)
    - b) Write Down Word of Lord: “Take a scroll and write on it all the words I have spoken to you against Israel, Judah, and all the nations, from the day I first spoke to you, in the days of Josiah, until today.”
      - “Perhaps, when the house of Judah hears all the evil I have in mind to do to them, they will turn back each from his evil way, so that I may forgive their wickedness and their sin.” (*Jer. 36:2-3*)
  - 2) Jeremiah Dictates to Baruch
    - a) Baruch Writes Prophetic Scrolls
  - 3) A Fast is Proclaimed in Jerusalem to Placate the Lord
    - a) 5<sup>th</sup> Year of King Jehoiakim’s Reign (605 BC)
    - b) Jeremiah Prevented from Attending the Fast
      - Asks Baruch to Go & Publicly Read Scrolls at House of Lord
      - “Perhaps they will lay their supplication before the LORD and will all turn back from their evil way; for great is the fury of anger with which the LORD has threatened this people.” (*Jer. 36:7*)
  - 4) Baruch Goes to House of Lord & Publicly Reads Scrolls
  - 5) Judah’s Princes Order Baruch to Read Scrolls at Palace
    - a) Baruch Reads Scrolls before Princes & Scribes
    - b) Princes Frightened
      - Ask Baruch the Source of the Words He Read
      - Baruch Tells them Jeremiah Dictated Words
    - c) Princes Tell Baruch to Go into Hiding with Jeremiah
    - d) Scrolls Left with Scribe for Safekeeping
  - 6) King Jehoiakim Informed of Events
    - a) Orders Scrolls Brought before Him & Read
      - King Cuts Off Segments as they are Read & Throws them into Fire
      - Disregards Word of the Lord
    - b) Orders Baruch & Jeremiah Arrested
      - Lord Keeps them Hidden

- 7) Word of Lord Comes to Jeremiah
- a) Instructs Jeremiah to Write Another Scroll
  - b) Prophecy Against King Jehoiakim: “Thus says the LORD: You burned that scroll, saying, ‘Why did you write on it: Babylon’s king shall surely come and lay waste this land and empty it of man and beast?’”
    - “The LORD now says of Jehoiakim, king of Judah: No descendant of his shall succeed to David’s throne; his (*Jehoiakim’s*) corpse shall be cast out, exposed to the heat of day, to the cold of night.  
*(The Circumstances of Jehoiakim’s Death are Uncertain. He was Succeeded by Son Jehoiachin Who Only Reigned 3 Months before being Deported to Babylon.)*
    - “I will punish him and his descendants and his ministers for their wickedness; against them and the citizens of Jerusalem and the men of Judah I will fulfill all the threats of evil which went unheeded.”  
*(Jer. 36:29-31)*  
*(Prophecy Fulfilled: Jerusalem Destroyed by Babylon in 586 BC; the King, Descendants and Citizens taken into Captivity.)*
- 8) Jeremiah Dictates Same Words to Baruch
- a) Baruch Writes Another Scroll
    - Replacing Scrolls Destroyed by King Jehoiakim
  - b) Scrolls Expanded with Additional Prophecies
- m. Jeremiah and the Fall of Jerusalem Jer. 37 – 39
- 1) Babylonians Suspend Siege of Jerusalem Jer. 37
    - a) Zedekiah (Jehoiakim’s Brother) King of Judah (597 – 586 BC)
      - Disregards Lord’s Word Spoken through Jeremiah
    - b) Zedekiah Sends a Request to Jeremiah
      - “Pray to the LORD, our God, for us.” *(Jer. 37:3b)*
    - c) Pharaoh Dispatches an Army from Egypt
      - Babylonian Army Leaves Jerusalem to Engage Egyptians
    - d) Jeremiah Answers King Zedekiah
      - “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Give this answer to the king of Judah who sent you to me to consult me: Pharaoh’s army which has set out to help you will return to its own land, Egypt.”
      - “The Chaldeans (*Babylonians*) shall return to the fight against this city (*Jerusalem*); they shall capture it and destroy it with fire.”
      - “..... Do not deceive yourselves with the thought that the Chaldeans will leave you for good, because they shall not leave!” *(Jer. 37:7-9)*
    - e) Jeremiah Attempts to Leave Jerusalem
      - To Handle Family Inheritances in Benjamin
      - Jeremiah Arrested & Accused of Deserting to Babylonians  
- Denies Charge
      - Jeremiah Beaten & Imprisoned in a Scribe’s Dungeon
    - f) King Zedekiah Summons Jeremiah to Palace
      - Secretly Inquires if He has Message from Lord
      - Jeremiah Answers: “Yes! you shall be handed over to the king of Babylon.” *(Jer. 37:17b)*
      - Jeremiah Appeals to King for a Pardon
      - King Orders Jeremiah Confined in Guard’s Quarters

- Given Daily Rations of Bread Until it Runs Out
- 2) Jeremiah Appeals to Judah to Surrender to Babylon Jer. 38
- a) Jeremiah Proclaims Word of Lord
    - “Thus says the LORD: He who remains in this city shall die by sword, or famine, or pestilence; but he who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live; his life shall be spared him as booty, and he shall live.”
    - “Thus says the LORD: This city shall certainly be handed over to the army of the king of Babylon; he shall capture it.” (*Jer. 38:2-3*)
  - b) Princes Appeal to King Zedekiah for Jeremiah’s Death
  - c) King Zedekiah Answers: “He is in your power” (*Jer. 38:5b*)
  - d) Princes Seize Jeremiah & Lower Him into Cistern with Ropes
    - No Water in Cistern – Jeremiah Sinks into Mud
  - e) Ebed-melech a Cushite Courier in King’s Palace
    - Appeals to King in Behalf of Jeremiah
    - King Orders Ebed-melech to Take 3 Men & Rescue Jeremiah
  - f) Ebed-melech Draws Jeremiah Out of Cistern with Ropes
    - Jeremiah Taken to Guard’s Quarters
  - g) King Zedekiah Summons Jeremiah to House of Lord
    - (1) King Says: “I have a question to ask you, hide nothing from me.”
    - (2) Jeremiah Answers: “If I tell you anything, you will have me killed, will you not? If I counsel you, you will not listen to me!”
    - (3) King Secretly Swears to Jeremiah: “As the LORD lives who gave us the breath of life, I will not kill you; nor will I hand you over to these men who seek your life.”
    - (4) Jeremiah Appeals to King to Surrender: “Thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel: If you surrender to the princes of Babylon’s king, you shall save your life; this city shall not be destroyed with fire, and you and your family shall live. But if you do not surrender to the princes of Babylon’s king, this city shall fall into the hands of the Chaldeans, who shall destroy it with fire, and you shall not escape their hands.” (*Jer. 38:14b-18*)
    - (5) King Afraid Judean Deserters will Mistreat Him
    - (6) Jeremiah Answers King’s Fear:
      - “You will not be handed over (*To Judean Deserters*). Please obey the voice of the LORD and do as I tell you (*Surrender*); then it shall go well with you, and your life will be spared.”
      - “But if you refuse to surrender, . . . . . All the women left in the house of Judah’s king shall be brought out to the princes of Babylon’s king, and they shall taunt you thus: ‘They (*Judean Deserters*) betrayed you, outdid you, your good friends! Now that your feet are stuck in the mud, they slink away’” (*Jer. 38:20-22*)
        - King, His Wives & Sons Shall be Captured
        - Jerusalem Shall be Destroyed by Fire
    - (7) King Tells Jeremiah to Keep Conversation Confidential
  - h) Princes Question Jeremiah about His Meeting with King
    - Jeremiah Tells them Nothing
  - i) Jeremiah Remains in Guard’s Quarters Until Fall of Jerusalem



- 3) Babylon's Destruction of Jerusalem Jer. 39
- a) Babylon Besieged Jerusalem from the 10<sup>th</sup> Month of 9<sup>th</sup> Year of King Zedekiah's Reign (588 BC) to the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of 4<sup>th</sup> Month of 11<sup>th</sup> Year of His Reign (9<sup>th</sup> Day of Av 586 BC) When Babylonian Army Entered the City Jer. 39:1-14
- King Zedekiah, Princes & Warriors Fled City by Night
  - Babylonians Pursued & Captured Zedekiah at Desert Near Jericho
  - Zedekiah Brought before King Nebuchadnezzar for Sentencing (*Fulfilling Jeremiah's Prophecies*)
    - Zedekiah's Sons & Nobles Slain before His Eyes
    - Zedekiah Blinded & Taken to Babylon in Chains
  - Babylonian Army Destroys Jerusalem (*Fulfilling Jeremiah's Prophecies*)
    - People Deported to Babylon
    - Poor People (With No Property) Left in Land of Judah & Given Vineyards/Farms
  - Nebuchadnezzar Honors Jeremiah the Lord's Prophet
    - "Take him and look after him; let no harm befall him, but treat him as he himself requests."
  - Jeremiah Freed & Entrusted to Gedaliah
- b) Jeremiah Receives a Word for Ebed-melech Jer. 39:15-28  
(*Man Who Rescued Jeremiah from Cistern. Jer. 38:7-13*)
- "Go, tell this to Ebed-melech the Cushite: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am now fulfilling the words I spoke against this city, for evil and not for good; and this before your very eyes."
  - "But on that day I will rescue you, says the LORD; you shall not be handed over to the men of whom you are afraid."
  - "I will make certain that you escape and do not fall by the sword. Your life shall be spared as booty, because you trusted in me, says the LORD." (*Jer. 39:16-18*)
- n. Aftermath of the Fall of Jerusalem Jer. 40 – 41
- 1) Rescue of Jeremiah Jer. 40:1-6
- a) Nebuzaradan Babylonian Captain of Bodyguard
- Finds Jeremiah Among Captives being Taken to Babylon
  - Frees Jeremiah
  - Recognizes God of Israel Foretold & Allowed Fall of Jerusalem
    - Punishment for Judah's Sins & Disobedience
  - Gives Jeremiah Food/Gifts & Releases Him
- b) Jeremiah Goes to Gedaliah & Stays Among Remaining Jews
- 2) Rule of Governor Gedaliah Jer. 40:7 – 41:18
- a) Babylon Appoints Gedaliah Governor of Judah (Jer. 40:5a)
- b) Judah's Remaining Military Officers & Soldiers Return from Field
- Go to Gedaliah at Mizpah
  - Gedaliah Adjures them to Stay with Him & Submit to Babylon
- c) Jews Scattered throughout Moab, Ammon & Edom Return to Judah
- d) Gedaliah Receives Report that King of Ammon Sent Ishmael (*Judean Nobel of Royal Descent*) to Assassinate Him

- Gedaliah Dismisses Report
- Johanan (*Judean Military Officer*) Offers to Kill Ishmael
  - Gedaliah Won't Allow Him
- e) Ishmael & His Men Assassinate Gedaliah While at Table
  - Kill Jewish Men of Military Age with Gedaliah
  - Kill Babylonian Soldiers with Gedaliah
- f) Ishmael & His Men Kill Pilgrims on their Way to Jerusalem
- g) Ishmael Captures Princesses & People to Deport to Ammon
- h) Johanan & Remaining Soldiers Pursue & Attack Ishmael
  - Rescue Captives
  - Ishmael Escapes to Ammon
- i) Johanan Takes People with Soldiers to Chimham Near Bethlehem
  - Intends to Flee to Egypt
  - Afraid of Babylonians because of Gedaliah's Assassination
- o. Flight into Egypt Jer. 42:1 – 43:7
  - 1) Jeremiah Seeks the Lord's Advice Jer. 42:1-6
    - a) Johanan, Officers & People Ask Jeremiah to Pray for Them
      - Determine Lord's Will for Remnant of Judah
    - b) Jeremiah Agrees: "Very well! I will pray to the LORD, your God, as you desire; whatever the LORD answers you, I will tell you ....." (*Jer. 42:4*)
    - c) Johanan, Officers & Peoples Commit to Obey the Lord
      - "May the LORD be our witness: we will truly and faithfully follow all the instructions the LORD, your God, will send us."
      - "Whether it is pleasant or difficult, we will obey the command of the LORD, our God, to whom we are sending you, so that it will go well with us for obeying the command of the LORD, our God" (*Jer. 42:5-6*)
  - 2) Jeremiah Receives Word from Lord after 10 Days Jer. 42:7-22  
 (*The Lord Wants the Remnant of Judah to Trust in Him – Not Egypt Where the Lord Delivered Israel from Bondage Ca. 1400 BC*)
    - a) Jeremiah Calls an Assembly & Proclaims Lord's Word: "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to offer your prayer:
      - "If you remain quietly in this land (*Judah*) I will build you up, and not tear you down; I will plant you, not uproot you; for I regret the evil I have done you."
      - "Do not fear the king of Babylon, ..... for I am with you to save you, to rescue you from his power. I will grant you mercy, so that he will be sorry for you and let you return to your land."
      - "But if you disobey the voice of the LORD, your God, and decide not to remain in this land..... If you are determined to go to Egypt, when you arrive there to stay, the sword you fear (*Babylon's*) shall reach you in the land of Egypt; the hunger you dread shall cling to you no less in Egypt, and there you shall die."
        - "All those men who determine to go to Egypt to stay, shall die by the sword, famine, and pestilence; not one shall survive or escape the evil that I will bring upon them."
        - "Just as my furious anger was poured out upon the citizens of Jerusalem, so shall my anger be poured out on you when you

reach Egypt. You shall become an example of malediction and horror, a curse and a reproach, and you shall never see this place (*Israel's Promise Land*) again.” (*Jer. 42:9-18*)

(*Prophecy Fulfilled with Babylon's Invasion of Egypt.*)

- b) Jeremiah Confirms Word of Lord & Warns the People
  - Accuses Them of Deceiving Him
  - Predicts They Will Not Obey Lord's Word
- 3) Jewish Leaders Reject Word of Lord & Go into Egypt Jer. 43:1-7
  - a) Accuse Jeremiah of Lying
  - b) Disobey Word of Lord to Stay in Judah
  - c) Migrate to Egypt with Whole Remnant of Judah
    - Take Jeremiah with Them
- p. Jeremiah in Egypt Jer. 43:8 – 44:30
  - 1) Prophecy by Demonstration - Brickyard for Nebuchadnezzar's Throne in Egypt Jer. 43:8-13  
(*Prophecy Fulfilled with Nebuchadnezzar's Invasion of Egypt.*)
    - a) Word of Lord Comes to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, Egypt
      - Lord Instructs Jeremiah
        - Take Large Stones
        - Build a Brickyard at Entrance of Royal Building in Tahpanhes
        - In Front of Men of Judah
      - Say to Judeans: “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I will send for my servant Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and bring him here. He will set his throne upon these stones which I, Jeremiah, have sunk, and stretch his canopy over them.” (*Jer. 43:10*)
        - He Shall Strike Egypt with Death & Exile
        - He Shall Set Fire to Temples of Egypt's Gods, Smash their Obelisks & Destroy or Carry Off their Idols
  - 2) Jeremiah Prophesies Against Jews in Egypt Jer. 44
    - a) Word of Lord Comes to Jeremiah for All Jews in Egypt Jer. 44:1-14
      - Reminds Them that the Lord Destroyed Jerusalem Because of Their Idolatry
      - Reminds Them that They Angered the Lord by Ignoring/Rejecting His Prophets
      - Accuses Them of Continuing to Provoke the Lord by Practicing Idolatry in Egypt
      - Pronounces Lord's Judgment: “Hence, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have determined evil against you; and I will uproot all Judah. I will take away the remnant of Judah who insisted on coming to dwell in Egypt, so that they shall be wholly destroyed. .... Thus will I punish those who live in Egypt, just as I punished Jerusalem .... None shall return to the land of Judah, though they yearn to return and live there. Only scattered refugees shall return.” (*Jer. 44:11-14*)
    - b) Jews Reject Word of the Lord Jer. 44:15-19
      - Continue to Practice Idolatry
      - Continue to Trust in “Queen of Heaven” (Pagan Goddess)

- c) Jeremiah's Reply Jer. 44:20-30
- Reminds Them that Jerusalem & Cities of Judah were Destroyed Because of Their and Their Fathers' Idolatry
    - "The LORD could no longer bear your evil deeds,....."  
(*Jer. 44:22*)
    - They Disobeyed the Lord's Law, Statutes & Decrees
- d) Word of the Lord: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:"
- "You and your wives have stated your intentions, and kept them in fact: 'We will continue to fulfill the vows we have made to burn incense to the queen of heaven and to pour out libations to her.' Very well! keep your vows, carry out your resolutions!"
  - "But listen then to the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah who live in Egypt; I swear by my own great name, says the LORD, in the whole land of Egypt no man of Judah shall henceforth pronounce my name, saying, 'As the Lord GOD lives.'"
 

*(Removing Lord's Relationship, Blessings & Protection)*
  - "I am watching over them to do evil, not good. All the men of Judah in Egypt shall perish by the sword or famine until they are utterly destroyed. Those who escape the sword to return from the land of Egypt to the land of Judah shall be few in number. The whole remnant of Judah who came to settle in Egypt shall know whose word stands, mine (*Yahweh's*) or theirs (*Pagan Gods*)...." (*Jer. 44:25-28*)  
*(Prophecy Fulfilled with Babylon's Invasion & Persia's Subsequent Invasion of Egypt.)*
- q. Jeremiah's Prophecy Against Babylon Jer. 51:59-64
- 1) Jeremiah Writes Prophecy in Scroll
    - a) 4<sup>th</sup> Year of King Zedekiah's Reign (593 BC)  
*(7 Years before Babylon's Destruction of Jerusalem)*
  - 2) Jeremiah Instructs Seraiah to take the Scroll to Babylon
    - a) Read Prophecies Out Loud
    - b) Say: "O LORD, you yourself threatened to destroy this place, so that neither man nor beast should dwell in it, since it would remain an everlasting desert. (*Jer. 51:62*)
    - c) Tie a Stone on Scroll & Throw it into Euphrates River
      - Declaring: "Thus shall Babylon sink. Never shall she rise, because of the evil I am bringing upon her." (*Jer. 51:64*)  
*(Prophecy Fulfilled: Babylon Overthrown by Medo-Persians 539 BC; Never to Rise Again as a Major World Power.)*
- r. Fall of Jerusalem – Historical Appendix Jer. 52:1-30  
[See Sections B.27.b.4) and C.2.m.3) Above]  
(2 Kings 24:18 – 25:26; 2 Chron. 36:11-21; Jer. 39)
- 1) Overview of King Zedekiah's Reign
  - 2) Babylon's Invasions of Judah
  - 3) Babylon's Destruction of Jerusalem
    - a) Execution of King Zedekiah
    - b) Exile of Judeans into Babylon
  - 4) Babylon's Destruction of Temple
    - a) Temple Treasures Taken to Babylon (Itemized List of Booty)

- b) Execution of High Priest, Commanders & Officials  
 5) Jehoiachin Former King of Judah Jer. 52:31-34  
 a) Released from Prison in Babylon after 37 Years & Honored

### 3. Prophet Ezekiel

*Ezekiel, Son of Buzi, Priest & Prophet to Israelites During their Exile in Babylon. Ezekiel's Prophecies Begin 5<sup>th</sup> Year of King Jehoiachin's Exile (597 BC – 5 = 592 BC), and Continue to the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Exile (597 BC – 25 = 572 BC) which is the 14<sup>th</sup> Year After the Fall of Jerusalem (586 BC – 14 = 572 BC). Ezek. 1:1-3 & Ezek. 40:1*

- a. Lord Calls Ezekiel Ezek. 1 – 3  
 1) Ezekiel's Vision of Glory of the Lord Ezek. 1  
 a) Huge Cloud with Flashing Fire  
 • Midst Gleamed like Electrum  
 b) Four Living Creatures within Cloud (*Cherubim: Throne Attendants*)  
 • Torches of Fire & Lightning Among Creatures  
 c) Four Intertwined Wheels Beside Creatures  
 • Sparkling Appearance of Chrysolite  
 • Rims Full of Eyes  
 d) Firmament like Glittering Crystal Over Heads of Creatures  
 • Sound of Creatures Wings like Voice of the Almighty  
 e) Throne like Sapphire Above Firmament  
 f) "One" Enthroned (*Lord God Almighty*)  
 • Appearance of Man (*Son of God*)  
 • Gleamed like Electrum from Waist Up  
 • Fire from Waist Down  
 • Surrounded with Splendor – Like a Rainbow (*Covenant with Nations*)  
 2) Lord Commissions & Instructs Ezekiel Ezek. 2:1 – 3:11  
 a) Ezekiel Hears a Voice & Prostrates Himself  
 • Ordered to Stand Up  
 • Spirit Enters Ezekiel  
 b) Lord's Commission: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; ..... you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist ..... they shall know that a prophet has been among them." (*Ezek. 2:3-5*)  
 c) Ezekiel Given a Scroll to Eat  
 • Written Front & Back: Lamentation, Wailing & Woe  
 • "Son of man, eat what is before you; eat this scroll, then go, speak to the house of Israel." (*Ezek. 3:1*)  
 • Ezekiel Eats Scroll (*Receiving Word of Lord in His Innermost Being*)  
 • "Son of man, go now to the house of Israel, and speak my words to them." (*Ezek. 3:4*)  
 - Warns Ezekiel that Israel Won't Listen to Him  
 - Tells Ezekiel Not to Fear Them  
 • "Son of man, take into your heart all my words that I speak to you; hear them well. Now go to the exiles, to your countrymen, and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!—whether they heed or resist!" (*Ezek. 3:10-11*)

- 3) Ezekiel Transported Ezek. 3:12-16
- a) Ezekiel Lifted Up by the Spirit
  - b) Glory of Lord Rose from its Place
  - c) Hand of Lord Rested Upon Ezekiel
  - d) Ezekiel Taken by Spirit to Tel-abib
    - Remained 7 Days Distraught (*Reflecting on Lord's Glory*)
- 4) Ezekiel Appointed as Israel's Watchman Ezek. 3:17-21
- a) Word of Lord: "Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman for the house of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, you shall warn them for me." (*Ezek. 3:17*)
  - b) Responsibility of Lord's Prophet:
    - "If I say to the wicked man, You shall surely die; and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his wicked conduct so that he may live: that wicked man shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, on the other hand, you have warned the wicked man, yet he has not turned away from his evil nor from his wicked conduct, then he shall die for his sin, but you shall save your life."
    - "If a virtuous man turns away from virtue and does wrong when I place a stumbling block before him, he shall die. He shall die for his sin, and his virtuous deeds shall not be remembered; but I will hold you responsible for his death if you did not warn him. When, on the other hand, you have warned a virtuous man not to sin, and he has in fact not sinned, he shall surely live because of the warning, and you shall save your own life." (*Ezek. 3:18-21*)
- 5) Ezekiel Anointed as Lord's Spokesman Ezek. 3:22-27
- a) Lord's Instruction: "Get up and go out into the plain (*Where He Saw the Vision*), where I will speak with you." (*Ezek. 3:22*)
  - b) Ezekiel Obeys & Goes to the Plain
    - Sees "Glory of the Lord"
    - Spirit Enters Ezekiel
  - c) Lord Instructs Ezekiel: "Go shut yourself up in your house." (*Ezek. 3:24b*)
    - Ezekiel Made Dumb: "I will make your tongue stick to your palate so that you will be dumb and unable to rebuke them for being a rebellious house."
    - Ezekiel Anointed: "Only when I speak with you and open your mouth, shall you say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! Let him heed who will, and let him resist who will, for they are a rebellious house." (*Ezek. 3:26-27*)
- b. Prophecy by Demonstration – Fall of Jerusalem Ezek. 4 & 5
- 1) Symbolic Siege of Jerusalem Ezek. 4:1-8
    - a) Lord Instructs Ezekiel to Draw City (Jerusalem) on Clay Tablet
      - Raise a Siege Against City
      - Set an Iron Griddle Between You & City
        - "Fix your gaze on it: it shall be in the state of siege, and you shall besiege it. This shall be a sign for the house of Israel." (*Ezek. 4:3b*)

- b) Lord Instructs Ezekiel to Bear Sins of Israel
- “Then you shall lie on your left side, while I place the sins of the house of Israel upon you. As many days as you lie thus, you shall bear their sins.” (*Ezek. 4:4*)
  - 390 Days for Israel’s 390 Years of Sin
- c) Lord Instructs Ezekiel to Bear Sins of Judah
- “When you finish this, you are to lie down again, but on your right side, and bear the sins of the house of Judah forty days; one day for each year I have allotted you.” (*Ezek. 4:6*)
- d) Word of Lord: “Fixing your gaze on the siege of Jerusalem, with bared arm you shall prophesy against it.”
- “See, I will bind you with cords so that you cannot turn from one side to the other until you have completed the days of your siege.” (*Ezek. 4:7-8*)
- 2) Symbolic Deprivation & Hunger Ezek. 4:9-17
- a) Lord Instructs Ezekiel to Make a Specific Bread
- Eat 20 Shekels (~ 8 oz.) per Day Laying on Left Side for 390 Days
  - Drink 1/6 Hin (~ 11 oz.) of Water per Day
- b) Word of Lord: “Son of man, I am breaking the staff of bread in Jerusalem. They shall eat bread which they have weighed out anxiously, and they shall drink water which they have measured out fearfully, so that, owing to the scarcity of bread and water, everyone shall be filled with terror and waste away because of his sins.” (*Ezek. 4:16-17*)
- c) Bake Bread Over Excrement before Israelites
- “Thus the Israelites shall eat their food unclean among the nations where I scatter them.” (*Ezek. 4:13*)
- 3) Symbolic Death, Separation & Exile Ezek. 5:1-4
- a) Lord Instructs Ezekiel to Shave His Head & Beard
- Burn 1/3 of the Hair in Fire Within City
  - Place 1/3 of the Hair Around City & Strike with a Sword
  - Strew 1/3 of the Hair in Wind
    - Tie Small Amount to Hem of Your Garment
 (*Remnant Will be Spared*)
- b) Prophecy to Whole House of Israel: “Thus says the Lord GOD: This (*City Drawn on Clay Tablet*) is Jerusalem! In the midst of the nations I placed her, surrounded by foreign countries.” (*Ezek. 5:5*)
- Rebelled Against Lord More Wickedly than Surrounding Nations
  - Disobeyed Lord’s Laws
  - Practiced Idolatry like Surrounding Nations
  - Defiled Lord’s Sanctuary (Temple)
- c) Lord’s Punishment:
- 1/3 of the People will Die from Pestilence or Hunger
  - 1/3 of the People will Fall by Sword
  - 1/3 of the People will be Scattered & Pursued by Enemies
- d) Lord’s Anger Will be Appeased
- “Thus shall my anger spend itself, and I will wreak my fury upon them till I am appeased; they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken in my jealousy when I spend my fury upon them.” (*Ezek. 5:13*)

- c. Ezekiel's Vision of Israel's Abominations Ezek. 8 & 9
- 1) Spirit Takes Ezekiel by Vision to Jerusalem Ezek. 8:3
  - 2) Ezekiel Sees Statue of Jealousy at North Gate Ezek. 8:3-6  
(*Symbol of Yahweh a "Jealous God". Ex. 20:3-6*)
    - a) Sees Altar of Statue of Jealousy
      - Israel Practicing Abominations
    - b) Lord Must Depart His Sanctuary (Temple in Jerusalem)
    - c) Lord Predicts: "But you shall see still greater abominations!"
  - 3) Ezekiel Sees a Hole in Wall at Entrance to Temple Court Ezek. 8:7-13
    - a) Lord Instructs Ezekiel to Dig through Wall & Enter
    - b) Ezekiel Sees Images of Idols on Temple Walls
      - 70 Elders of Israel Worshipping Idols in Secret
    - c) Lord Says: "Do you see, son of man, what each of these elders of the house of Israel is doing in his idol room? They think: The LORD cannot see us; the LORD has forsaken the land." (*Ezek. 8:12*)
    - d) Lord Predicts: "You shall see still greater abominations that they are practicing." (*Ezek. 8:13*)
  - 4) Ezekiel Sees Women Weeping at Temple Gate Ezek. 8:14-15
    - a) Weeping for Tammuz (Pagan God)
    - b) Lord Predicts: "Do you see this, son of man? You shall see other abominations, greater than these!" (*Ezek. 8:15*)
  - 5) Ezekiel Sees Judah Worshipping the Sun Ezek. 8:16-18
    - a) 25 Men Worshipping the Sun in Temple's Inner Court
    - b) Lord Asks Ezekiel: "Do you see, son of man? Is it such a trivial matter for the house of Judah to do the abominable things they have done here—for they have filled the land with violence, and again and again they have provoked me—that now they must also put the branch to my nose?"
    - c) Lord's Judgment: "Therefore I in turn will act furiously: I will not look upon them with pity nor will I show mercy." (*Ezek. 8:17-18*)
  - 6) Lord's Judgment of Idolaters Ezek. 9:1-23
    - a) Lord's Loud Cry: "Come, you scourges of the city!" (*Ezek. 9:1b*)
    - b) Ezekiel Sees 6 Men Enter Temple Precincts with Weapons
      - Man in Linen in their Midst with Writers Case
      - Men Stood by Bronze Altar (Symbol of Sacrifice)
    - c) Lord Calls to Man in Linen: "Pass through the city (through Jerusalem) and mark an X (*Hebrew Tau*) on the foreheads of those who moan and groan over all the abominations that are practiced within it." (*Ezek. 9:4*)
    - d) Lord Calls to Other Men: Pass through the city after him and strike! Do not look on them with pity nor show any mercy! ..... wipe them out! But do not touch any marked with the X (*Hebrew Tau*); begin at my sanctuary" (*Ezek. 9:5-6b*)
    - e) Idolaters Slaughtered as Lord Commanded
      - Starting at Temple & Proceeding into City
    - f) Ezekiel Asks: "Alas, Lord GOD! Will you destroy all that is left of Israel when you pour out your fury on Jerusalem?" (*Ezek. 9:8*)
    - g) Lord Answers: "The sins of the house of Israel are great beyond measure; the land is filled with bloodshed, the city with lawlessness. They think that the LORD has forsaken the land, that he does not see them. I, however,



- will not look upon them with pity, nor show any mercy. I will bring down their conduct upon their heads.” (*Ezek. 9:9-10*)
- h) Man in Linen Reports: “I have done as you ordered.” (*Ezek. 9:11b*)
  - 7) Spirit Takes Ezekiel Back to Babylon Ezek. 9:24-25
    - a) Tells Exiles What the Lord Showed Him
  - d. Ezekiel’s Second Vision of Glory of the Lord Ezek. 10  
*(Escorting Lord’s Presence from Temple Back to Heaven)*
    - 1) Ezekiel Sitting Before Elders of Judah
      - a) Glorified Man Appeared (*Son of God*)
        - Fire from Waist Down
        - Gleamed like Electrum from Waist Up
      - b) Man Seized Ezekiel by Hair
    - 2) Ezekiel Sees Glory of Lord – Like His First Vision (*Ezek. 1*)
      - a) Cherubim – 4 Living Creatures
        - Stationed to Right of Temple
      - b) Four Intertwined Wheels Beside Cherubim
        - Luster of Chrysolite
        - Rims Full of Eyes
        - Given Name: “Wheelwork”
        - Cherubim Spirit in Wheels
      - c) Sapphire Throne in Firmament Above Cherubim
    - 3) Lord Instructs Man: “Go within the wheelwork under the cherubim; fill both your hands with burning coals (*Embers of Purification*) from among the cherubim, then scatter them over the city (*Jerusalem*).” (*Ezek. 10:2*)
      - a) Man Obeys
    - 4) Glory of Lord Went Up from Cherubim to Threshold of Temple
      - a) Man Enters Temple (*Purifying the Way with Coals*)
      - b) Temple Filled with Bright Cloud (*Glory of Lord*)
    - 5) Glory of Lord Leaves Temple & Rests Upon Cherubim
      - a) Cherubim Rises Above City & Departs  
*(Shekinah Glory Departs Holy of Holies)*
  - e. Prophecy Against Princes of Judah Ezek. 11
    - 1) Ezekiel Taken by Spirit to East Gate of Temple Ezek. 11:1-4
      - a) Observes 25 Princes of Judah
      - b) Word of Lord: “Son of man, these are the men who are planning evil and giving wicked counsel in this city. (*Disregarding Lord’s Warnings*) ..... Therefore prophesy against them, son of man, prophesy!” (*Ezek. 11:2-4*)
    - 2) Ezekiel Prophesies Against Princes Ezek. 11:5-13
      - a) One Prince Dies While Ezekiel is Prophesying
      - b) Ezekiel Laments: “Alas, Lord GOD! will you utterly wipe out what remains of Israel?” (*Ezek. 11:13b*)
    - 3) Lord’s Promise to Restore a Remnant of Israel Ezek. 11:14-21
      - a) He Will Gather Them from Nations
        - Restore Them to Land of Israel
      - b) They Shall Cleanse Land of Idolatry
      - c) He Will Give Them a New Heart & Put a New Spirit Within Them
        - They Will Live by Lord’s Laws
        - “..... they shall be my people and I will be their God.” (*Ezek. 11:20b*)

- f. Prophecy by Demonstration – Judah’s Exile Ezek. 12
- 1) Lord Instructs Ezekiel – Symbolic Act of Exile Ezek. 12:1-7
    - a) Prepare Your Baggage in Public
      - Migrate to Another Place
        - In Daytime & Again in Evening
    - b) Dig a Hole in City Wall & Go through it Publicly
      - Shoulder a Burden & Set Out in Darkness
      - Cover Your Face
    - c) Ezekiel Obeys the Lord
  - 2) Prophecy Against Israel: Ezek. 12:8-16
    - a) Lord Questions Ezekiel: “Son of man, did not the house of Israel, that rebellious house, ask you what you were doing?” (*Ezek. 12:9*)
    - b) Word of Lord: “Tell them: Thus says the Lord GOD: This oracle concerns Jerusalem and the whole house of Israel within it. I am a sign for you: as I have done, so shall it be done to them; as captives they shall go into exile.” (*Ezek. 12:10-11*)
      - Prince Shall Shoulder His Own Burden & Set Out in Darkness
        - Going Through a Hole He Dug in Wall
        - Covering His Face Lest He be Recognized
      - Lord Will Spread a Net & Snare Him
        - Bring Him to Babylon Where He Will Die
        - His Troops will be Scattered & Pursued by Sword
    - c) Lord Will Rescue a Few as a Witness
  - 3) Lord Instructs Ezekiel – Judah’s Fear Ezek. 12:17-20
    - a) Eat Your Bread Trembling & Drink Water Shaking with Anxiety
    - b) Say to People: “Thus says the Lord GOD of the inhabitants of Jerusalem (to the land of Israel): They shall eat their bread in anxiety and drink their water in horror, that their land may be emptied of the violence of all its inhabitants that now fills it.” (*Ezek. 12:19*)
  - 4) Ezekiel’s Prophecies Ridiculed Ezek. 12:21-28
    - a) Lord Asks Ezekiel: “Son of man, what is this proverb that you have in the land of Israel: ‘The days drag on, and no vision ever comes to anything?’” (*Ezek. 12:22*)
    - b) Word of Lord: “Say to them therefore: Thus says the Lord GOD: I will put an end to this proverb; they shall never quote it again in Israel. Rather, say to them: The days are at hand, and also the fulfillment of every vision.” (*Ezek. 12:23*)
    - c) Imminent Fulfillment of Lord’s Prophecies
      - People Saying: “The vision he sees is a long way off; he prophesies of the distant future!”
      - Word of Lord: “Thus says the Lord GOD: None of my words shall be delayed any longer; whatever I speak is final, and it shall be done, says the Lord GOD.” (*Ezek. 12:27-28*)
- g. The Sword of the Lord Ezek. 21
- 1) Prophecies of the Lord’s Judgment Ezek. 21:1-10
    - a) Fire Against Southern Forest (Judah)
    - b) Sword Against Jerusalem & Land of Israel
  - 2) Prophetic Lament Over the Lord’s Sword Ezek. 21:11-22

- a) Lord Tells Ezekiel to Groan Bitterly
  - People Will Ask: “.... Why are you groaning?....” (*Ezek. 21:12*)
- b) Prophecy with Song of the Lord’s Sword (*Ezek. 21:13-21*)
- 3) Prophecy by Demonstration – Babylon at Crossroads *Ezek. 21:23-32*
  - a) Lord Instructs Ezekiel
    - Make 2 Roads Over which King of Babylon Can Come
    - Put Signpost at Head of Each Road
      - One for Rabbath of Ammon & Other for Jerusalem
  - b) King of Babylon Stands at Fork of Road
    - Divining Which Way to Go
    - Divination Arrow Marked “Jerusalem” in His Right Hand
  - c) Word of Lord: “Because you (*Israelites*) have drawn attention to your guilt, with your crimes laid bare and your sinfulness in all your wicked deeds revealed ....., you shall be taken in hand (*i.e. King of Babylon Decides to Take the Road to Jerusalem*).” (*Ezek. 21:29*)
- h. Death of Ezekiel’s Wife – Symbol of Destruction of Temple *Ezek. 24:15-27*
  - 1) Lord Instructs Ezekiel: “Son of man, by a sudden blow I am taking away from you the delight of your eyes, but do not mourn or weep or shed any tears.” (*Ezek. 24:16*)
    - a) Groan in Silence
    - b) Do Not Lament for Dead
    - c) Do Not Perform Customary Mourning Practices
  - 2) Ezekiel’s Wife Dies that Evening
    - a) People Ask Ezekiel: “Will you not tell us what all these things that you are doing mean for us?” (*Ezek. 24:19*)
  - 3) Ezekiel Prophecies:
    - a) “Thus says the Lord GOD: I will now desecrate my sanctuary (*Temple in Jerusalem*), the stronghold of your pride, the delight of your eyes, the desire of your soul. The sons and daughters you left behind shall fall by the sword.” (*Ezek. 24:21*)
    - b) “Ezekiel shall be a sign for you: all that he did you shall do when it happens. Thus you shall know that I am the LORD.” (*Ezek. 24:24*)
      - You Shall Not Mourn or Weep
      - “..... but you shall rot away because of your sins and groan one to another.” (*Ezek. 24:23*)
  - 4) Ezekiel’s Mouth Opened (Made Dumb. *Ezek. 3:22-27*)
    - a) Day He Hears Fugitive’s Report that Temple is Destroyed
      - “..... Thus you shall be a sign to them, and they shall know that I am the LORD.” (*Ezek. 24:27*)
- i. Ezekiel Appointed as Israel’s Watchman *Ezek. 33:1-20*  
(*Effecting the Lord’s Original Appointment. Ezek. 3:17-21*)
  - 1) Role of Watchman *Ezek. 33:1-6*
    - a) Word of Lord: “Son of man, speak thus to your countrymen: When I bring the sword against a country, and the people of this country select one of their number to be their watchman..... ” (*Ezek. 33:2*)
      - When Watchman Sounds an Alarm Warning the People
        - Anyone Not Heeding Warning is Responsible for His Own Death

- If Watchman Fails to Sound an Alarm
  - “I will hold the watchman responsible for that person’s death, even though that person is taken because of his own sin.”  
(*Ezek. 33:6b*)
- 2) Lord Appoints Ezekiel as Israel’s Watchman Ezek. 33:7-9
  - a) “You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.”
    - “If I tell the wicked man that he shall surely die, and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked man from his way, he (the wicked man) shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death.”
    - “But if you warn the wicked man, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.”
- 3) Personal Accountability Ezek. 33:10-20
  - a) Lord Tells Ezekiel to Sound the Alarm (*Convict People of their Sins*)
    - “You people say, ‘Our crimes and our sins weigh us down; we are rotting away because of them. How can we survive?’” (*Ezek. 33:10*)
  - b) Lord’s Call to Repentance: “As I live, says the Lord GOD, I swear I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked man, but rather in the wicked man’s conversion, that he may live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! Why should you die, O house of Israel?” (*Ezek. 33:11*)
  - c) Lord’s Judgment:
    - Virtuous Man Who Rebels Will Die
    - Wicked Man Who Repents Shall Live
- j. Fall of Jerusalem (*Fulfilling Prophecy in Ezek. 24:15-27*) Ezek. 33:21-29
  - 1) Ezekiel Receives a Report that Jerusalem has Fallen
    - a) Fugitive from Jerusalem Arrives: “The city is taken!” (*Ezek. 33:22b*)
    - b) Lord Confirms Report by Opening Ezekiel’s Mouth
  - 2) Word of Lord Concerning Survivors Remaining in Judah
    - a) Living Among Ruins
    - b) Claim Rights to Abraham’s Possession
    - c) Lord’s Judgment
      - Survivors Doomed for Idolatry & Sin
      - Land Doomed to Desolate Waste
- k. A Prophet’s False Popularity Ezek. 33:30-33
  - 1) People Gather to Hear Lord’s Prophet
  - 2) People Do Not Obey Prophet
  - 3) Lord Will Accomplish/Fulfill Word of His Prophet
    - a) “But when it comes (*Fulfillment of Prophet’s Word*) —and it is surely coming!-they shall know that there was a prophet among them.”  
(*Ezek. 33:33*)
- l. Restoration of Israel Ezek. 37
  - 1) Ezekiel’s Vision of Dry Bones – Restoration of People Ezek. 37:1-14  
(*Restoration of Jewish People After 20<sup>th</sup> Century Holocaust*)
    - a) Ezekiel Led by the Spirit to Plain Full of Bones
      - Walks Among Bones in Every Direction
        - Great Number of Very Dry Bones
      - Lord Asks Ezekiel: “Son of man, can these bones come to life?”

- Ezekiel Answers: “Lord GOD, you alone know that.” (*Ezek. 37:3*)
- b) Ezekiel Prophecies as the Lord Instructs:
- “Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!” (*Ezek. 37:4b*)
    - Bones Came to Together
    - Flesh Came Upon Bones
  - “Thus says the Lord GOD: From the four winds come, O spirit, and breathe into these slain that they may come to life.” (*Ezek. 37:5*)
    - Spirit (Life) Came into Them
    - They Became Alive & Stood Upright
    - They Became a Vast Army
- c) Interpretation of Vision
- Bones are Whole House of Israel
    - “..... Our bones are dried up, our hope is lost, and we are cut off.” (*Ezek. 37:11*)
  - Lord Will Open their Graves
  - Lord will Raise them from the Dead
  - Lord Will Bring them Back to Land of Israel
  - Lord Will Put His Spirit Within Them
  - Lord Will Settle them in Land of Israel
    - “..... thus you (*Bones/Israel*) shall know that I am the LORD.” (*Ezek. 37:14*)
- (Prophecy Fulfilled in 1948 When Israel Became a Nation)*
- 2) Prophecy by Demonstration - Two Sticks Ezek. 37:15-28  
*(Unification of the Nation of Israel)*
- a) Lord Instructs Ezekiel
- Write on a Stick: “Judah and those Israelites who are associated with him.”
  - Write on Another Stick: “Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.” (*Ezek. 37:16*)
  - Join Sticks Together & Hold in One Hand before Israelites
- b) Ezekiel Prophecies as the Lord Instructs:
- “Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and of the tribes of Israel associated with him, and I will join to it the stick of Judah, making them a single stick; they shall be one in my hand.” (*Ezek. 37:19*)
  - Lord Will Gather Israelites from Nations
  - Lord Will Bring them Back to Their Land
  - Lord Will Make them One Nation (*Prophecy Fulfilled in 1967 AD when Israel Regained Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria.*)
  - Lord Will Appoint One Prince Over Them
  - Never Again Divided into Two Kingdoms (*Israel & Judah*)
- c) The Lord’s Holy Nation
- Lord Will Deliver & Cleanse Israelites of Sin
  - Lord’s Servant David Shall be Prince Over Them
  - They Shall Live by Law of Lord
  - They Shall Live in Land the Lord Gave to Jacob (*Israel*)
  - “I (*Lord God*) will make with them a covenant of peace; it shall be an

everlasting covenant with them, and I will multiply them, and put my sanctuary (*Temple*) among them forever.” (*Ezek. 37:26*)

- “..... I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (*Ezek. 37:27*)
- Nations Shall Acknowledge the Lord God of Israel

- m. Israel's Messianic Kingdom Ezek. 40 - 48
- 1) Israel's New Temple Ezek. 40:1 – 44:3
- a) Ezekiel's Vision of Man with a Measure Ezek. 40:1-5
- (1) Ezekiel Brought in Divine Vision to Israel
- 14 Years After Fall of Jerusalem (*586 BC – 14 = 572 BC*)
  - Set on High Mountain (*Temple Mount*)
  - Saw City (Jerusalem) Being Built
- (2) Ezekiel Saw Man Standing at Gate
- Man had Appearance of Bronze
  - Man Held Linen Cord & Measuring Rod
- (3) Man Addresses Ezekiel: “Son of man, look carefully and listen intently, and pay strict attention to all that I will show you, for you have been brought here so that I might show it to you. Tell the house of Israel all that you see.” (*Ezek. 40:4*)
- b) New Temple Revealed to Ezekiel Ezek. 40:6 – 42:20  
(*See Messiah's Temple within "Tabernacle & Temple – Part I" Study for its Configuration.*)
- (1) Man Escorts Ezekiel through Temple
- Ezekiel Describes What He Sees
  - Man Measures Temple's Structures, Furnishings, etc.  
(*New Temple Specifications*)
  - Man Points Out Certain Temple Functions to Ezekiel
    - Chambers of Priests in Charge of Temple & its Altar
    - The “Holy of Holies”
    - The “Table before the Lord”
    - Chambers Where Priests Eat Sacred Meals, and Keep Sacred Offerings & their Holy Vestments
- c) Consecration of New Temple Ezek. 43:1 – 44:3
- (1) Lord's Glory Returns to Temple Ezek. 43:1-9
- Man Leads Ezekiel to East Gate
  - Ezekiel Sees the Glory of the Lord (Yahweh) (*Vision like One He Saw When the Presence Departed Temple. Ezek. 10*)
    - Coming from East (Mount of Olives)
    - Sound of Roaring Waters
    - Earth Shone with His Glory
    - Entered Temple by East Gate
  - Ezekiel Taken by Spirit to Temple's Inner Court
    - Temple Filled with Glory of Lord
  - Ezekiel Heard Voice Coming from Temple
    - Man Standing Beside Ezekiel
    - Voice Said: “Son of man, this is where my (*Lord God's*) throne shall be, this is where I will set the soles of my feet; here I will dwell among the Israelites forever. Never again shall they and their kings profane my holy name .....”

*(Ezek. 43:7)*

- (2) The Law of the Temple Ezek. 43:10-12
- Ezekiel Instructed to Describe Temple, its Design & Measurements to House of Israel
    - That Israel May be Ashamed of their Sins
  - Ezekiel Instructed to Proclaim Temple's Statutes & Laws
    - That Israel May Observe Them
  - The Law of Temple & Surrounding Area are Sacred
- (3) The Altar Revealed to Ezekiel Ezek. 43:13-17
- Its Design & Measurement
- (4) Statutes of Altar Given to Ezekiel Ezek. 43:18-27
- Priests to be Levites from Line of Zadok
  - Purification & Dedication of Altar
    - Priests to Conduct Sin Offerings for 7 Days
    - Atonement of the Altar: "Thus atonement shall be made for the altar, and it shall be purified and dedicated" (*Ezek. 43:26*)
  - Priests to Conduct Continual Peace Offerings & Holocausts
    - Starting on 8<sup>th</sup> Day
  - Word of Lord: "Then I will accept you, says the Lord GOD." (*Ezek. 43:27b*)
- (5) Ezekiel Taken Back to East Gate of Sanctuary Ezek. 44:1-3
- Gate Closed After the Lord has Entered
  - Used Exclusively by Prince
    - By Way of its Vestibule
    - Eat in Presence of Lord
- 2) The New Law Ezek. 44:4 – 46:24
- a) Admission to the Temple Ezek. 44:4-9
- (1) Ezekiel Taken to Temple's Facade
- Sees Glory of the Lord Fill the Temple
- (2) Ezekiel Commanded to be Attentive to Statutes & Laws of Temple
- To Whose Admitted to Temple & Whose Excluded
    - Lord Rebukes Israel for Admitting Foreigners
    - Lord Rebukes Israel for Breaking His Covenant
- (3) Lord Restricts Foreigners from Admission into Temple
- b) The Levites Ezek. 44:10-14
- (1) Levites Unfaithful to Lord in Past
- They Shall Serve in Sanctuary as Gatekeepers & Temple Servants
  - They Shall Slaughter Sacrifices for People
  - They Shall Minister to People
  - They Shall No Longer Serve as Priests
- c) The Priests Ezek. 44:15-31
- (1) Zadokites Remained Faithful to Lord when Israel Strayed  
*(Zadokites are Descendants of House of Aaron who Served as Priests During Reigns of Kings David & Solomon)*
- They Shall Minister to Lord (*Intercession Role of Priest*)
  - They Shall Offer Sacrifices to Lord (*Sacrificial Role of Priests*)
  - They Shall Enter Lord's Sanctuary (*Inner Court*)

- They Shall Approach Lord's Table (*Before the Holy of Holies*)
- (2) Priestly Vestments Prescribed for Inner Court Service
- (3) Priestly Grooming & Behavior Prescribed
- (4) Priests Shall Teach People
  - Distinguish Between Sacred & Profane - Clean & Unclean
- (5) Priests Shall Judge Capital Cases
- (6) Priests Shall Observe Ceremonial Laws, Festivals & Holy Days
- (7) Purity Laws for Priests
- (8) Priests Have No Inheritance (Property) in Israel
  - "..... I (*Lord God*) am their inheritance; ..... I am their property." (*Ezek. 44:28*)
- (9) Dietary Laws for Priests
  - Priests Shall Eat Cereal, Sin & Guilt Offerings
  - Choicest First Fruits Belong to Priests
- d) Sacred Land Inheritances Ezek. 45:1-8
  - (1) Apportioned by Lord
  - (2) Sacred Tract for the Lord
    - For His Sanctuary
    - For His Priests' Home & Pasture Land
      - Levites to Live in Cities
  - (3) The City (*Jerusalem – Messiah's Capital*)
    - Parallel to Sacred Tract
    - Belongs to Whole House of Israel
  - (4) Prince's Inheritance
    - Section Bordering Sacred Tract & City
- e) Weights & Measures Ezek. 45:9-12
  - (1) Honest Scales & Measures Prescribed by Lord
- f) Sacrifices & Offerings Ezek. 45:13-17
  - (1) Regulations for Cereal Offerings & Oil
  - (2) Sacrificial Responsibilities of Israelites
    - One Sheep from Every Flock of 200
    - For Peace Offerings & Atonement Sacrifices
  - (3) Duty of Prince
    - Provide Sacrifices & Offerings on Holy Days
    - Offer Atonement Sacrifices in Behalf of Israel
- g) Sacred Festivals & Feasts Ezek. 45:18-25
  - (1) Passover Festival
    - Purify Sanctuary with Sacrifices on 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Month
    - Celebrate Feast of Passover on 14<sup>th</sup> Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Month
      - Eat Unleavened Bread for 7 Days
      - Prince Offers Sacrifices for 7 Days
  - (2) Feast of Tabernacles/Booths
    - Purify Sanctuary with Sacrifices on 1<sup>st</sup> Day of 7<sup>th</sup> Month
    - Celebrate Feast of Tabernacles Starting on 15<sup>th</sup> Day of 7<sup>th</sup> Month
      - Celebrate for 7 Days
      - Prince Offers Sacrifices for 7 Days
- h) The Sabbath Ezek. 46:1-7
  - (1) East Gate of Inner Court Remains Closed on 6 Working Days



- (2) East Gate Opened on Sabbath & New Moons
  - Prince Enters & Stands at Doorpost
    - Priests Offer Sacrifices
    - Prince Worships at Threshold
  - People Worship at Door of Gate
  - Gate Remains Open Until Evening
- i) Ritual Laws Ezek. 46:8-15
  - (1) Access to the Lord
    - Prince Always Enters & Departs Temple by Vestibule of Gate
    - People Enter Temple to Worship Lord on Festivals
      - Those Entering North Gate Leave by South
      - Those Entering South Gate Leave by North
      - Prince Accompanies People
  - (2) Prince Enters & Leaves East Gate to Offer Sacrifices
    - On Feasts & Festivals
    - Free Will Offerings
    - Daily Holocausts & Cereal Offerings for People
- j) The Prince & His Inheritance Ezek. 46:16-18
  - (1) Property Prince Gives His Sons are Permanent Possessions
  - (2) Property Prince Gives to Servants Reverts Back to Prince at Jubilee
  - (3) Prince Forbidden to Seize Any Part of Peoples' Inheritances
- k) The Temple Kitchens Ezek. 46:19-24
  - (1) Ezekiel Taken to Priests' Kitchen Beside a Priest Chamber
    - Word of Lord: "Here the priests cook the guilt offerings and the sin offerings, and bake the cereal offerings, so that they do not have to take them into the outer court at the risk of transmitting holiness to the people." (*Ezek. 46:20*)
  - (2) Ezekiel Taken to Corners of Outer Court
    - Minor Courts with Hearths at Each Corner
    - Kitchens Where Temple Ministers Cook Sacrifices for People
- 3) Messianic Kingdom (Israel's Golden Age) Ezek. 47 & 48
  - a) The Wonderful Stream Ezek. 47:1-12
    - (1) Ezekiel Taken to Temple Entrance (Inner Court)
    - (2) Ezekiel Sees Water Flowing Under Temple Threshold  
(*Symbolizes Spirit of Lord Pouring Out from His Holy Presence*)
      - Flowed South of Altar
    - (3) Course of the Stream
      - Ezekiel Taken Outside Temple
      - Ezekiel Sees Water Trickling from Southern Side
      - Man Walks Toward East Carrying Measuring Cord
      - Ezekiel Made to Wade in Water as Man Measures it
        - At First Water was Ankle-Deep
        - 1000 Cubits Water was Knee-Deep
        - Another 1000 Cubits Water was Waist-Deep
        - Another 1000 Cubits it was a River Too Deep to Wade
      - Man Asks Ezekiel: "Have you seen this, son of man?"
    - (4) Ezekiel Taken to Bank of River & Seated
    - (5) Ezekiel Sees Both River Banks Full of Trees (*Abundance*)

- Man Says to Ezekiel: “This water flows into the eastern district down upon the Arabah (*Dead Sea*), and empties into the sea, the salt waters, which it makes fresh. Wherever the river flows, every sort of living creature that can multiply shall live, and there shall be abundant fish, for wherever this water comes the sea shall be made fresh. . . . . Only its marshes and swamps shall not be made fresh; they shall be left for salt.” (*Ezek. 47:8-11*)
  - Trees Bear Fruit Every Month
    - Fruit for Food (*Nourishment*)
    - Leaves for Medicine (*Health*)
- b) The New Nation of Israel Ezek. 47:13 – 48:35
- (1) Israel’s Borders & Tribal Land Inheritances
    - Apportioned by the Lord
    - Word of Lord: “All of you (*Tribes of Israel*) shall have a like portion in this land which I swore to give to your fathers, that it might fall to you as your inheritance.” (*Ezek. 47:7*)
  - (2) The Sacred Tract (See Ezek. 45:1-8 Above)
    - Sanctuary of Lord at Center
  - (3) The City
    - 12 Gates Named for 12 Tribes of Israel
    - Name of the City: “The Lord is Here!” (*Ezek. 48:35b*)

#### 4. Prophet Daniel

*Daniel was a Prophet During Israel’s Exile in Babylon, from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Jehoiakim, King of Judah (609 BC – 3 = 606 BC) to the 1<sup>st</sup> Year of Darius, King of Medo-Persia (521 BC).* Dan. 1:1 & Dan. 9:1

- a. Daniel Deported to Babylon & Prepared for King’s Service Dan. 1
- 1) King Nebuchadnezzar’s Successful Siege of Jerusalem
    - a) Subjugated Judah’s King Jehoiakim
    - b) Took Some Temple Vessels to Babylon
    - c) Deported Some of Young Noblemen to Babylon
      - To be Prepared 3 Years for King’s Service
      - Alloted Them Daily Portion of Food & Wine from King’s Table
      - Among Deportees: Daniel [*Beltshazzar*], Hananiah [*Shadrach*], Mishael [*Meshach*], and Azariah [*Abednego*] [*Babylonian Names Given to Hebrew Youth*]
  - 2) Daniel Refuses to Defile Himself by Eating King’s Food & Wine (*Meat Probably Unclean and/or Sacrificed to Pagan Gods*)
    - a) Chief Chamberlain Afraid They will Appear Frail to King
    - b) Daniel Proposes 10 Day Test to Steward
      - “Give us vegetables to eat and water to drink.” (*Dan. 1:12*)
      - Compare Them with Other Youths Who Ate from King’s Table
      - After 10 Days - Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael & Azariah Looked Healthier & Better Fed than Other Youths
    - c) Steward Continued to Serve Them Vegetables
  - 3) Preparation Time Completed
    - a) Lord Gave 4 Youth Knowledge & Proficiency in Literature & Science
    - b) Lord Gave Daniel Understanding of Visions & Dreams

- c) Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael & Azariah Presented to King
  - Found Superior to Other Youths
  - Entered King's Service
- b. King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – The Great Statue Dan. 2
  - 1) King Nebuchadnezzar had a Troublesome Dream Dan. 2:1-23
    - a) Called Magicians, Enchanters, Sorcerers & Chaldeans
      - Ordered Them to Tell Him the Dream & Interpret Its Meaning
      - Chaldeans Insisted that King First Tell Them His Dream
      - King Refused: "..... If you do not tell me the dream, there can be but one decree for you. You have framed a false and deceitful interpretation to present me with till the crisis is past. Tell me the dream, therefore, that I may be sure that you can also give its correct interpretation." (*Dan. 2:9*)
      - Chaldeans Answer King: "There is not a man on earth who can do what you ask, O king; never has any king, however great and mighty, asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or Chaldean. What you demand, O king, is too difficult; there is no one who can tell it to the king except the gods who do not dwell among men." (*Dan. 2:10-11*)
      - King Becomes Angry & Orders All Wise Men in Babylon Executed
        - Daniel & His Companions Sought Out – Belong to Wise Men
    - b) Daniel Asks for Time to Interpret King's Dream
      - Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael & Azariah Implore God for the Mystery
      - Lord Reveals Mystery to Daniel in Night Vision
      - Daniel Praises the Lord
  - 2) Daniel Reveals & Interprets Dream to King Dan. 2:24-45
    - a) Daniel Brought Before King
    - b) King Asks Daniel to Tell Him His Dream & Interpret It.
    - c) Daniel Replies:
      - "The mystery about which the king has inquired, the wise men, enchanters, magicians, and astrologers could not explain to the king. But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what is to happen in days to come; this was the dream you saw as you lay in bed.
      - "To you in your bed there came thoughts about what should happen in the future, and he who reveals mysteries showed you what is to be.
      - "To me also this mystery has been revealed; not that I am wiser than any other living person, but in order that its meaning may be made known to the king, that you may understand the thoughts in your own mind." (*Dan. 2:27-30*)
    - d) Daniel Tells King Nebuchadnezzar His Dream
      - King Saw a Large & Terrifying Statue
        - Head of Gold
        - Chest & Arms of Silver
        - Belly & Thighs of Bronze
        - Legs of Iron
        - Feet Partly Iron & Partly Tile
      - Stone Hewed Without Human Hands from Mountain
        - Struck Iron & Tile Feet Breaking Them into Pieces

- Whole Statue Crumbled & Blew Away by Wind Without a Trace
  - Stone Became Great Mountain that Filled Whole Earth
- e) Daniel Interprets Dream for the King
- Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon is Head of Gold (*Babylon*)
  - Inferior Kingdom (Silver) will Succeed Babylon (*Medo-Persia*)
  - Third Kingdom of Bronze will Rule Over Earth (*Greek*)
  - Fourth Kingdom, Strong as Iron, Subdues Other Kingdoms (*Rome*)
  - Feet & Toes of Iron & Tile will be a Divided Kingdom – Partly Strong & Partly Fragile (*Antichrist's 10 Nation Confederation*)
  - Stone is Kingdom of God of Heaven (*Messiah's Coming Kingdom*)
    - Strikes Kings (Feet & Toes) During their Lifetime
    - Breaks All Kingdom of Earth into Pieces
    - Stone Kingdom Shall Stand Forever
- f) Daniel Concludes: “The great God has revealed to the king what shall be in the future; this is exactly what you dreamed, and its meaning is sure.” (*Dan. 2:45b*)
- 3) King Nebuchadnezzar Worships Daniel & Orders Sacrifice & Incense Offered to Him Dan. 2:45-49
- a) King Says to Daniel: “Truly your God is the God of gods and Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries; that is why you were able to reveal this mystery.” (*Dan. 2:47*)
  - b) King Promotes Daniel as Ruler of Providence of Babylon & Chief Perfect Over Wise Men
  - c) King Honors Daniel’s Request to Promote Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Administrators of Providence of Babylon
- c. Golden Image & Fiery Furnace Dan. 3:1-33 (*Dan. 3:1-100*)
- 1) King Nebuchadnezzar Made Golden Statue
- a) Summoned All Officials to Dedication of Statue
    - Ordered to Worship Statue at Sound of Musical Instruments
    - Anyone Who Refused would be Cast into White-Hot Furnace
  - b) Instruments Sounded & Officials Obeyed
  - c) Chaldeans Reported that Certain Jews Disobeyed King’s Commands
    - Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
- 2) Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Condemned to Furnace
- a) Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Brought Before King
  - b) King Questions Them & Orders Them to Worship Golden Statue
    - Threatens to Cast Them into White-Hot Furnace if they Refuse
  - c) Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Reply: “There is no need for us to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If our God, whom we serve, can save us from the white-hot furnace and from your hands, O king, may he save us! But even if he will not, know, O king, that we will not serve your god or worship the golden statue which you set up.” (*Dan. 3:16-18*)
  - d) King Becomes Enraged
    - Orders Furnace Heated 7 Times Greater than Usual
    - Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Bound & Thrown into Furnace
      - Fire So Hot it Consumes Men Who Threw Them into Furnace

- 3) Lord Rescues Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
  - a) **Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Prayed Aloud & Praised the Lord (Dan. 3:24-90)**
  - b) King Nebuchadnezzar Sees 4 Men Walking in Furnace
    - “.....and the fourth looks like a son of God” (*Dan. 3:25 / 92*)
  - c) King Calls to Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego: “Servants of most high God, come out.” (*Dan. 3:26 / 93*)
  - d) Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego Came Out of Fiery Furnace
    - Fire had No Power Over their Bodies
    - Not a Hair on their Heads was Singed
    - Their Garments were Not Burned
    - No Smell of Fire on Them
- 4) King Nebuchadnezzar Honors God of Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
  - a) Decrees Death Sentence on Anyone Who Blasphemes Lord God
  - b) Promotes Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego
  - c) Honors & Blesses Most High God
- d. King Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream – The Great Tree Dan. 4
  - 1) King had Terrifying Dream Dan. 4:1-15
    - a) King Summoned Magicians, Enchanters, Chaldeans & Astrologers
      - King Tells Them His Dream which They are Unable to Interpret
    - b) King Relates His Dream to Belteshazzar (Daniel)
      - Great Tree at Center of World
        - Top Touched Heavens
        - Leaves Beautiful & Fruit Abundant
        - Wild Beasts Found Shade Under Tree
        - Birds Nested in its Branches
        - All Men Ate from Tree
      - Sentinel Came Down from Heaven & Cried Out:
        - “Cut down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit; let the beasts flee its shade, and the birds its branches.”
        - “But leave in the earth its stump and roots, fettered with iron and bronze, in the grass of the field. Let him be bathed with the dew of heaven; his lot be to eat, among beasts, the grass of the earth.”
        - “Let his mind be changed from the human; let him be given the sense of a beast, till seven years pass over him.”
        - “By decree of the sentinels is this decided, by order of the holy ones, this sentence; That all who live may know that the Most High rules over the kingdom of men: He can give it to whom he will, or set over it the lowliest of men.” (*Dan. 4:11-14*)
      - Asks Daniel to Interpret Dream
  - 2) Daniel’s Interpretation of King’s Dream Dan. 4:16-25
    - a) King Nebuchadnezzar is that Tree
    - b) Sentinel from Heaven Pronounces Most High’s Sentence on King
      - He Will be Cast Out from Among Men & Dwell with Wild Beasts
      - He Will Eat Grass like Ox & Bathed with Dew
      - For 7 Years. “..... until you know that the Most High rules over the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.” (*Dan. 4:22*)

- Remaining Stump & Roots Mean His Kingdom Shall be Preserved
- c) Daniel Advises King to Atonement for His Sins by Good Works
- 3) Dream & Interpretation Fulfilled Dan. 4:26-34
  - a) King's Proud Boast 12 Months Later: "Babylon the great! Was it not I, with my great strength, who built it as a royal residence for my splendor and majesty?" (*Dan. 4:27*)
  - b) Voice Came from Heaven: "It has been decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar, that your kingdom is taken from you!" (*Dan. 4:28*)
    - Relating Daniel's Prophecy
  - c) Nebuchadnezzar's Dream & Interpretation Immediately Fulfilled
    - He was Cast Out from Among Men
    - He Ate Grass like Ox & Bathed with Dew
  - d) Nebuchadnezzar's Reason Restored after 7 Years
    - Praised & Glorified Most High: "His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures through all generations....." (*Dan. 4:31b*)
    - Kingdom Restored to Him
- e. King Belshazzar's Feast & Handwriting on Wall Dan. 5
  - 1) King Belshazzar Gave Great Feast
    - a) Ordered Sacred Gold & Silver Vessels Brought Out
      - Plundered from Temple in Jerusalem by His Father Nebuchadnezzar
    - b) King's Guests Drank from Sacred Vessels
      - Praising Pagan Gods of Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc.
  - 2) Fingers of Human Hand Appear Writing on Palace Wall
    - a) King Sees Hand & Becomes Terrified
    - b) Calls Enchanters, Chaldeans & Astrologers to Read & Interpret Writing
      - Unable to Read Writing or Interpret its Meaning
  - 3) Queen Recommends Daniel to King
    - a) King Asks Daniel to Read & Interpret Writing
  - 4) Daniel Translates Writing on Wall
    - a) Reminds King that God Humbled His Father Nebuchadnezzar (*Dan. 4*)
      - Cast Him Out from Among Men to Live with Beasts
      - Ate Grass like Ox & Bathed with Dew
      - "..... until he learned that the Most High God rules over the kingdom of men and appoints over it whom he will." (*Dan. 5:21*)
    - b) Rebukes King for His Pride & Rebellion Against Lord of Heaven
      - Took Sacred Vessels of Lord for Common Use
        - Praised Inept Gods of Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc.
      - "But the God in whose hand is your life breath and the whole course of your life, you did not glorify." (*Dan. 5:23c*)
        - Hand & Writing Sent by that God
    - c) "This is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, TEKEL, and PERES. These words mean:
      - "MENE, God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it;
      - "TEKEL, you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting;
      - "PERES, your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians." (*Dan. 5:25-28*)

- 5) Interpretation Fulfilled Babylon Invaded & King Belshazzar Slain that Night  
(*Babylon Overthrown by Medo-Persians 539 BC*)
- f. Daniel in the Lions' Den Dan. 6
- 1) Administration of King Darius the Mede (*Ruler of Babylon*)
    - a) Appointed 120 Satraps throughout Kingdom
      - Accountable to 3 Supervisors
        - Daniel One of the Supervisors
    - b) Daniel Outperformed All Supervisors & Satraps
      - King Considered Giving Daniel Authority Over Entire Kingdom
    - c) Supervisors & Satraps Attempt to Discredit Daniel
      - Find No Wrongdoing, Neglect or Misconduct
      - "We shall find no grounds for accusation against this Daniel unless by way of the law of his God." (*Dan. 6:6*)
  - 2) Satraps & Supervisors Conspire Against Daniel
    - a) Convince King to Decree a Prohibition
      - No One Allowed to Petition God or Man for 30 Days, Except King
      - Penalty: Cast into Den of Lions
    - b) King Darius Signs Prohibition into Law
      - Royal Decree Immutable & Irrevocable by Mede & Persian Law
  - 3) Daniel's Faithfulness to Lord
    - a) Continues to Pray to Lord 3 Times a Day
    - b) Conspirators Catch Daniel Praying & Petitioning Lord
  - 4) Satraps & Supervisors Accuse Daniel of Disobeying King's Prohibition
    - a) King Deeply Grieved & Tries to Acquit Daniel
    - b) Accusers Insist Royal Decree be Enforced
    - c) King Reluctantly Orders Daniel Cast into Lions' Den
      - "May your God, whom you serve so constantly, save you."  
(*Dan. 6:17*)
    - d) Stone Blocking Den Opening Sealed with King's & Nobles' Rings
  - 5) The Lord Rescues Daniel
    - a) That Night the King Anguishes Over Daniel
    - b) King Hastens to Den Early Next Morning
      - Cries Out: "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has the God whom you serve so constantly been able to save you from the lions?"  
(*Dan. 6:21*)
    - c) Daniel Answers: "O king, live forever! My God has sent his angel and closed the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me. For I have been found innocent before him; neither to you have I done any harm, O king!"  
(*Dan. 6:22-23*)
    - d) King Orders Daniel Removed from Lions' Den
    - e) King Orders Daniel's Accusers, their Wives & Children Cast into Den
      - Lions Kill Them Before They Reach Bottom of Den
  - 6) King Darius' Decree to Everyone in His Domain
    - a) God of Daniel to be Reverenced & Feared
      - "For he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be without end."
      - "He is a deliverer and savior, working signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, and he delivered Daniel from the lions' power."

(Dan. 6:27-28)

- 7) Daniel Fared Well During Reigns of Darius & Cyrus
- g. Daniel's Vision of 4 Beasts Dan. 7  
*Received During 1<sup>st</sup> Year of Belshazzar King of Babylon (556 BC) Dan. 7:1a*
- 1) Daniel's Terrifying Night Vision Dan. 7:1-14  
*(Vision of Gentile Empires that will Rule Over the Nation of Israel)*
- a) Daniel Saw 4 Immense Beasts Emerge from Great Sea (*Gentile Nations*)
- (1) First Beast like a Lion with Eagle's Wings (*Babylon*)
    - Wings were Plucked
    - Stood Upright like a Man
    - Given a Human Mind
  - (2) Second Beast like a Bear (*Medo-Persia*)
    - Raised Up on One Side
    - Had 3 Tusks Among its Teeth
    - Ordered to Devour Much Flesh
  - (3) Third Beast like a Leopard (*Greek*)
    - Had 4 Wings on its Back & 4 Heads  
*(4 Rulers Who Succeeded Alexander)*
    - Given Dominion
  - (4) Fourth Beast was Terrifying, Horrible, Extraordinary Strength (*Rome*)
    - Had Great Iron Teeth to Crush & Devour
    - Trampled with its Feet
  - (5) Daniel Considered 10 Horns on 4<sup>th</sup> Beast (*Horn Symbolizes Authority*)  
*(10 Horns Represent Kingdoms Arising Out of the Roman Empire)*
    - Saw a Little Horn (*Antichrist*) that Sprang Up from their Midst  
 - Tears Away & Replaces 3 Previous Horns
    - Little Horn had Eyes of Man & Mouth that Spoke Arrogantly
- b) Daniel Saw Thrones being Set Up
- (1) Ancient One Took His Throne (*God Enthroned*)
    - His Clothing was Snow Bright (*Pure*)
    - His Hair White as Wool (*Eternal*)
    - His Throne were Flames of Fire with Wheels of Burning Fire
    - Steam of Fire Flowed Out from where He Sat
    - Multitudes Upon Multitudes Attended & Ministered to Him
  - (2) Court was Convened & Books were Opened (*Lord's Judgment*)
    - Beast with Little Horn Judged  
 - Slain & Body Thrown into Fire (*Eternal Condemnation*)
    - Other Beasts Judged & Lost their Dominions  
 - Granted Prolongation of Life for a Season
- c) Daniel Sees Son of Man (*Jewish Messiah*)
- (1) Coming on Clouds of Heaven (*Coming of Messiah*)
  - (2) Presented before Ancient One (*Godhead*)
  - (3) Received Dominion, Glory & Kingship Over All Nations & Peoples
    - Everlasting Kingship & Dominion (*Messiah King of Kings*)
- 2) Interpretation of Daniel's Vision Dan. 7:15-27
- a) Daniel Asks Meaning of Vision
- (1) Answer: "These four great beasts stand for four kingdoms which shall



arise on the earth. But the holy ones (*Israel – God’s Chosen People*) of the Most High shall receive the kingship, to possess it forever and ever.” (*Dan. 7:17-18*)

- b) Daniel Asks Specifically About 4<sup>th</sup> Beast, 10 Horns & Little Horn
- (1) “For as I watched, that horn made war against the holy ones and was victorious until the Ancient One arrived; judgment was pronounced in favor of the holy ones of the Most High, and the time came when the holy ones possessed the kingdom.” (*Dan. 7:21-22*)
- (2) Answer:
- 4<sup>th</sup> Beast is 4<sup>th</sup> Kingdom on Earth Who will Devour Whole Earth
  - 10 Horns are 10 Kings that Arise from that Kingdom
  - Little Horn Shall Rise Up & Dispose 3 Kings
    - Speak Against Most High (*Blaspheming Lord God Almighty*)
    - Oppress Holy Ones of Most High, Planning to Change Feast Days & Law
    - Holy Ones Handed Over to Him 3½ Years
    - When Court is Convened (*Lord’s Judgment*), His Power Shall be Taken Away by Final & Absolute Destruction
  - “Then the kingship and dominion and majesty of all the kingdoms under the heavens shall be given to the holy people of the Most High, Whose kingdom shall be everlasting: all dominions shall serve and obey him.” (*Dan. 7:27*)  
(*Messiah Establishes His Kingdom*)

3) Daniel Terrified Tells No One

Dan. 7:28

Comments & Interpretation.

*This remarkable prophetic vision of the kingdoms who would rule over Israel was given to Daniel in 556 BC, while he was exiled in Babylon. Babylon first subjugated Israel/Judah in 606 BC, finally destroying Jerusalem in 586 BC. Babylon is the 1<sup>st</sup> Beast.*

*Babylon was overthrown by Medo-Persia in 539 BC, resulting in Persia’s occupation of those countries “West-of-Euphrates” (e.g. Ezra 4:17-21) which included Israel, fulfilling the prophecy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beast.*

*Alexander the Great conquered Persia and occupied Israel in 333 BC, fulfilling the prophecy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Beast. His empire was divided among 4 Generals after his death in 323 BC.*

*Rome invaded the middle east conquering Jerusalem in 63 BC, fulfilling the prophecy of the 4<sup>th</sup> Beast. Rome eventually destroyed Jerusalem and dispersed the Jews in 70 AD, beginning a period of time referred to as the “time of the gentiles” which continued until Israel regained Jerusalem in 1967 AD.*

*I believe the 10 Horns represent a 10 Nation Confederation that will be ruled by Antichrist (Little Horn) in the End-Time. Antichrist apparently arises from one of the nations that made up the Roman Empire.*

*Antichrist and his kingdom will be destroyed by the Holy One of Israel (Messiah). Messiah will establish a World Wide Kingdom which He will rule from Jerusalem. (See “Messianic Kingdom” Study.)*

- h. Daniel’s Vision of Ram & He-Goat Dan. 8  
*Received During 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Belshazzar King of Babylon (553 BC)* Dan. 8:1
- 1) Daniel’s Vision Dan. 8:2-14
- a) Daniel Saw a Ram with 2 Great Horns (*Medo-Persia*)
- (1) Butting Toward West, North & South
- (2) No Beast Could Withstand It

- (3) It Became Very Powerful
- b) Daniel Saw a He-Goat (*Greek*)
  - (1) Had Prominent Horn on Forehead (*Alexander the Great*)
  - (2) Came Swiftly from West
    - Attacked Ram Breaking its Horns
    - Threw Ram to Ground & Trampled it
  - (3) He-Goat Became Very Powerful
    - Its Great Horn was Shattered at Height of its Power (*Alexander Died at Height of His Power*)
      - Replaced by 4 Lesser Horns Facing 4 Winds (*Kingdom Divided Among 4 Generals*)
- c) Daniel Saw Little Horn Rises Out of One of the 4 Horns
  - (1) Grew Toward South, East & Glorious Country (*Israel*)
  - (2) Power Extended to Host of Heaven (*Denoting Spiritual Warfare*)
    - Cast Some of Host & Stars to Earth Trampling Them
    - Boasted Against Prince of Hosts (*Blaspheming God*)
      - Removes Daily Sacrifice from Sanctuary Replacing with Sin
      - Casts Truth to Ground
- d) Daniel Heard Holy One Speaking
  - (1) Another One Asks: “How long shall the events of this vision last concerning the daily sacrifice, the desolating sin which is placed there, the sanctuary, and the trampled host?”
  - (2) He Answered: “For two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary shall be purified.” (*Dan. 8:13-14*)
- 2) Interpretation of Vision Dan. 8:15-26
  - a) Daniel Seeks Meaning of Vision
  - b) Manlike Figure Stood Before Daniel
    - (1) Daniel Hears a Voice: “Gabriel, explain the vision to this man.” (*Dan. 8:16*)
    - (2) Daniel Prostrates Himself in Terror
    - (3) Angel Gabriel Raises Daniel to His Feet, Saying:
      - “Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the end time.”
      - “I will show you, what is to happen later in the period of wrath; for at the appointed time, there will be an end.” (*Dan. 8:17b-19*)
  - c) Gabriel Interprets Vision
    - (1) Two-Horned Ram is Kings of Medes & Persians (*Conquered Babylon 539 BC*)
    - (2) He-Goat is King of Greeks (*Conquered Persia 333 BC*)
      - Great Horn on Forehead is 1<sup>st</sup> King (*Alexander*)
      - 4 Horns are 4 Lesser Kings that will Replace 1<sup>st</sup> King (*Secession of Alexander’s Kingdom to His 4 Generals*)
    - (3) Skillful & Imprudent King (“Little Horn”) Shall Arise After Reigns of 4 Kings
      - Strong & Powerful Bringing Ruin
      - Destroys Powerful Peoples
      - Turns Against Holy Ones (*Israelites*) with Cunning & Treachery
      - Proud Heart Destroying Many by Stealth

- “But when he rises against the prince of princes (Messiah), he shall be broken without a hand being raised.” (Dan. 8:25c)
- d) Gabriel Assures & Instructs Daniel
  - (1) “The vision of the evenings and the mornings is true, as spoken;”
  - (2) “Do you, however, keep this vision undisclosed, because the days are to be many.” (Dan. 8:26)
- 3) Daniel Weak & Ill for Days After the Vision Dan. 8:27

Comments & Interpretation.

*Daniel was given this second prophetic vision in 553 BC, while he was exiled in Babylon.*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Beast was fulfilled by Medo-Persia’s conquest of Babylon in 539 BC, which included occupied Israel. For the most part, Persia treated Jews kindly, allowing them to migrate back to their homeland, and supporting their rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple (Re: Books of Ezra & Nehemiah).*

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Beast was fulfilled by Alexander the Great, who invaded the middle east and conquered Persia in 333 BC. When Alexander died in 323 BC, his empire was divided among 4 of his Generals after much infighting, fulfilling this prophecy:*

- Lysimachus Ruled Thrace, Macedonia & Greece.
- Antigonus Ruled Asia Minor.
- Ptolemy Ruled Egypt, Cyrene, Cyprus & Land of Israel.
- Seleucus Ruled Babylon. In 301 BC Seleucus seized Syria and later Asia Minor.

*The land of Israel became a battlefield between Ptolemaic and Seleucid Empires in a series of wars. Israel was eventually ceded to Seleucid King Antiochus III – The Great in 200/199 BC. One of his successors, Antiochus IV – Epiphanes (175 – 163 BC) severely persecuted the Jews, desecrating the Temple in Jerusalem, blaspheming the Lord God of Israel, enforcing pagan worship, etc., fulfilling this prophecy of the “Little Horn”. The Jews revolted under the leadership of Maccabees, freeing Jerusalem and rededicating the Temple in 165 BC (Re: Books of 1 Maccabees & 2 Maccabees).*

*I believe that Antiochus IV – Epiphanes (Little Horn) is a prophetic foreshadow of Antichrist, who will persecute Israel in the End-Time, as alluded to in this prophecy. Antichrist apparently arises from one of the nations that made up Alexander’s Empire, probably within the Seleucid Realm. Antichrist and his kingdom will be destroyed by “Prince of Princes” (Messiah) “without a hand being raised”, fulfilling this End-Time Prophecy.*

- i. Daniel’s Vision of Gabriel & Prophecy of 70 Weeks Dan. 9  
*Received During 1<sup>st</sup> Year of Darius King of Persia (521 BC)* Dan. 9:1
  - 1) Daniel Prays for National Forgiveness & Restoration Dan. 9:2-19  
 (See Part I in “Comments & Interpretation” Below)
    - a) Daniel Ponders Jeremiah’s Prophecy of Judah’s Destruction Jer. 25:1-14
      - Counting of 70 Years for Judah to be in Captivity. “This whole land (Judah) shall be a ruin and a desert. Seventy years these nations shall be enslaved to the king of Babylon; but when the seventy years have elapsed, I will punish the king of Babylon and the nation and the land of the Chaldeans for their guilt, says the LORD.....” (Jer. 25:11-12)
    - b) Daniel Intercedes for Israel
      - Prays & Fasts in Sackcloth & Ashes
      - Confesses Lord’s Greatness, Mercy & Faithfulness
      - Confesses Israel/Judah’s Sins, Rebellion & Disobedience
      - Acknowledges Lord’s Justice in Israel/Judah’s Shame in Captivity
      - Confesses Israel/Judah’s Continual Rebellion in Spite of Lord’s

- Compassion & Forgiveness
- Acknowledges Lord's Justice in Carrying Out His Threats Spoken by His Prophets & Written in the Law
  - Confesses Israel/Judah's Failure to Repent & Advert Disaster
- c) Daniel Pleads with Lord for Mercy & Forgiveness
- Reminds Lord of His Deliverance of Israel from Egyptian Bondage to Establish His Nation
  - Petitions Lord to Turn Away His Anger & Wrath from Jerusalem & His Holy Mountain (*Temple Mount*)
  - Appeals to the Lord's Mercy
  - Petitions Lord to Pardon His People for His Name's Sake
- 2) Angel Gabriel Appears to Daniel in a Vision Dan. 9:20-27  
*(See Part 2 in "Comments & Interpretation" Below)*
- a) Gabriel Greets Daniel. "Daniel, I have now come to give you understanding. When you began your petition, an answer was given which I have come to announce, because you are beloved." (*Dan. 9:22-23a*)
- b) Gabriel Reveals Lord's Timing. "Therefore, mark the answer and understand the vision. Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and for your holy city: Then transgression will stop and sin will end, guilt will be expiated, Everlasting justice will be introduced, vision and prophecy ratified, and a most holy will be anointed." (*Dan. 9:23b-24*)
- "..... From the utterance of the word that Jerusalem was to be rebuilt Until one who is anointed and a leader, there shall be seven weeks. During sixty-two weeks it shall be rebuilt, With streets and trenches, in time of affliction." (*Dan. 9:25*)
  - "After the sixty-two weeks an anointed shall be cut down when he does not possess the city; And the people of a leader who will come shall destroy the sanctuary. Then the end shall come like a torrent; until the end there shall be war, the desolation that is decreed." (*Dan. 9:26*)
  - "For one week he shall make a firm compact with the many; Half the week he shall abolish sacrifice and oblation; On the temple wing shall be the horrible abomination until the ruin that is decreed is poured out upon the horror." (*Dan. 9:27*)

Comments & Interpretation.

*Daniel was given this vision in 521 BC. He had been in exile in Babylon for 85 years, having been taken there in 606 BC when he was a youth. Babylon had subsequently been overthrown by Medo-Persia in 539 BC, resulting in the Kings of the Medes & Persians sitting on Babylon's Throne.*

1. Jeremiah's Prophecy that Judah will be in captivity for 70 years was fulfilled as follows:

- *The first group of Jews were taken into Babylon in 606 BC. In 536 BC, Persian King Cyrus issued a Proclamation for the Temple to be rebuilt in Jerusalem, and released Jews giving them the right to return to their homeland, 70 years after that first exile (2 Chron. 36:22-23; Ezra 1). Apparently Daniel was looking for a complete restoration of Israel/Judah as a sovereign nation.*
- *The last group of Jews were exiled to Babylon in 586 BC, when Babylonian Troops destroyed Jerusalem and Israel's Temple. The Temple was later rebuilt, under the direction of Zerubbabel, and was dedicated in 516 BC, 70 years after that final exile (Ezra 3 - 6).*
- *Israel/Judah remained under Persian authority for hundreds of years.*

2. *Gabriel reveals to Daniel the Lord's Timetable of "70 Weeks" for total restoration of Israel/Judah under the sovereign authority and righteous rule of Messiah. (It appears that the Lord's Timetable of "70 Weeks" are Prophetic Weeks with each week equaling 7 years of 360 days per year.) Gabriel reveals the following milestones:*

- *Dan. 9:25. The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given to Nehemiah by Persian King Artaxerxes I in his 20<sup>th</sup> year (445 BC) (Neh. 2). The rebuilding of Jerusalem was completed in 396 BC, 7 Prophetic Weeks following that decree. After being rebuilt, Jerusalem experienced 62 Prophetic Weeks of affliction, being occupied by Persians, Greeks and Rome, before the Lord's Anointed appears.*
- *Dan. 9:26. The prophecy that the Lord's Anointed is cut down when he does not possess the city (Jerusalem), is fulfilled by Messiah who triumphantly enters Jerusalem in about 30 AD and is executed. The sanctuary is destroyed by Rome in 70 AD, and the Jews are dispersed among the nations. This begins the "Time of the Gentiles", an unspecified length of time not included within the Lord's Timetable for Israel.*
- *Dan. 9:27. I believe that the 70<sup>th</sup> week is an End-Time Prophecy referring to Antichrist who will make a Treaty with Israel, break that Treaty, persecute the Jews and desecrate their Temple. Antichrist and his kingdom are destroyed by the returning Messiah who will establish His Kingdom in Jerusalem, completing the Lord's Timetable.*

- j. Daniel's Vision of Man Dressed in Linen & Wars Dan. 10 - 12  
 Received During 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Cyrus King of Persia (536 BC) Dan. 10:1a
- 1) Daniel Receives Revelation of Great War from a Vision Dan. 10:1-3
    - a) Daniel Mourned for 3 Weeks (21 Days)
      - (1) Ate No Meat & Drank No Wine
      - (2) Did Not Anoint Himself
  - 2) Daniel's Vision of Man Dressed in Linen Dan. 10:4 – 5:1
    - a) Daniel Standing on Bank of Tigris River
    - b) Daniel Saw Man Dressed in Linen
      - (1) Golden Belt Around His Waist
      - (2) Body like Chrysolite
      - (3) Face Shone like Lightning
      - (4) Eyes like Fiery Torches
      - (5) Arms & Feet like Burnished Bronze
      - (6) Voice like Roar of a Multitude
    - c) Men with Daniel Seized with Fear Without Seeing Vision
      - (1) Fled & Hid Themselves
    - d) Daniel Left Alone
      - (1) Turned Pale like Death & Became Powerless
      - (2) Fell Forward in a Faint When Man Spoke
    - e) Man Addressed Daniel
      - (1) Touched Daniel Raising Him to His Hands & Knees
      - (2) "Daniel, beloved, understand the words which I am speaking to you; stand up, for my mission now is to you." (Dan. 10:11)
        - Daniel Stood Up Trembling
      - (3) "Fear not, Daniel, from the first day you made up your mind to acquire understanding and humble yourself before God, your prayer was heard. Because of it I started out, but the prince of the kingdom of Persia stood in my way for twenty-one days, until finally Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me. I left him there with the prince of the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what

shall happen to your people in the days to come; for there is yet a vision concerning those days.” (*Dan. 10:12-14*)

- Daniel Fell Forward & Kept Silent
- (4) Man Touched Daniel’s Lips
- Daniel Speaks to Man: “My lord, I was seized with pangs at the vision and I was powerless. How can my lord’s servant speak with you, my lord? For now no strength or even breath is left in me.” (*Dan. 10:16-17*)
- (5) Man Touched Daniel Strengthening Him. “Fear not, beloved, you are safe; take courage and be strong.” (*Dan. 10:19*)
- (6) Man Asked Daniel: “Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I must fight the prince of Persia again. When I leave, the prince of Greece will come; but I shall tell you what is written in the truthful book. No one supports me against all these except Michael, your prince, standing as a reinforcement and a bulwark for me.” (*Dan. 10:20 – 11:1*)
- 3) Man Prophecies Wars & Persecution Dan. 11:2-45
- a) Prophecy of Coming Persian Kings. “..... Three kings of Persia are yet to come; and a fourth shall acquire the greatest riches of all. Strengthened by his riches, he shall rouse all the kingdom of Greece.” (*Dan. 11:2*)
- b) Prophecy of Powerful King (*Alexander the Great*). “But a powerful king shall appear and rule with great might, doing as he pleases.” (*Dan. 11:3*)
- (1) “No sooner shall he appear than his kingdom shall be broken and divided in four directions under heaven; but not among his descendants or in keeping with his mighty rule, for his kingdom shall be torn to pieces and belong to others than they.” (*Dan. 11:4*)  
(*Prophecy of the Break Up of Alexander’s Kingdom After His Death.*)  
[See “2<sup>nd</sup> Beast” in “Comments & Interpretations” Following *Dan. 8*]
- c) Prophecies of King of the South & King of the North  
(*Prophecies of Wars & Intrigues Between Kings of the South – Ptolemaic Kings, and Kings of the North – Seleucid Kings.*)  
[See 4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph in “Comments & Interpretations” Following *Dan. 8*]
- (1) Prophecy of Despicable King of North’s Persecution of Jews  
(*Prophecy of Seleucid King Antiochus IV – Epiphanes’ Persecution of the Jews.*)
- Overwhelms “Prince of Covenant” (*Jewish Authorities*)
  - Directs His Rage Against “Holy Covenant”  
(*Lord’s Covenant/Law with Israel*)
    - “Defile the Sanctuary” (*Desecration of the Temple*)
    - “Abolishing the Daily Sacrifice” & “Setting Up the Horrible Abomination” (*Unclean Sacrifices on the Lord’s Altar*)
  - Forces People to Apostatize Under Penalty of Torture & Death
  - “Of the wise men, some shall fall (*Executed Because of their Faith*), so that the rest may be tested, refined, and purified (*Continuing Persecution Beyond that Era*), until the end time which is still appointed to come.” (*Dan. 11:35*)
- (2) End-Time Prophecy of Willful King of the North  
(*Prophecy of End-Time Antichrist. Future Prophecies that Were Not*

*Fulfilled by Any of the Seleucid Kings of the North) [See 5<sup>th</sup> Paragraph in “Comments & Interpretations” Following Dan. 8.]*

- Exalts Himself Greater than Any God
  - Blasphemes Against “God of gods” (*Lord God Almighty*)
    - Prospers Until Divine Wrath is Ready  
(*God’s Appointed Judgment*)
  - No Regard for “gods of his ancestry”
  - No Regard for Women
  - Gives Glory to “god of strongholds” (*Satanic Forces*)
    - God Unknown to His Fathers
    - Glorifies Gold, Silver, Precious Stones & Treasures  
(*Materialism & Idolatry*)
  - “To defend the strongholds he shall station a people of a foreign god. Whoever acknowledges him (*Worships Antichrist*) he shall provide with abundant honor; he shall make them rule over the many and distribute the land as a reward.” (*Dan. 11:39*)
  - King of North’s Conquests
    - Swiftly Conquers King of South (*Egypt/UAR*)
    - Invades “Glorious Land” (*Israel*)
    - Extends His Power Over Many Countries
    - Controls Wealth of Egypt, Libya & Ethiopia
  - Battle of Armageddon. “He shall pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the (*Mediterranean*) sea and the glorious holy mountain (*Jerusalem*), but he shall come to his end with none to help him (*Antichrist Destroyed*).” (*Dan. 11:45*)
- 4) End Time Prophecy Dan. 12
- a) Man in Linen Prophecies:
- (1) Time of Tribulation. “At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. (*Dan. 12:1*)
  - (2) Resurrection of Dead & Judgment. “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. (*Dan. 12:2*)
  - (3) Followers of the Lord. “But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, And those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.” (*Dan. 12:3*)
- b) Man in Linen Instructs Daniel: “As for you, Daniel, keep secret the message and seal the book until the end time; many shall fall away and evil shall increase.” (*Dan. 12:4*)
- c) Daniel Saw 2 Others Standing on Either Bank of River
- (1) One Asks the Man in Linen
    - “How long shall it be to the end of these appalling things?”  
(*Dan. 12:6*)
    - Man in Linen Lifts Hands to Heaven
      - Daniel Hears Man: “.....swear by him who lives forever that it should be for a year, two years, a half-year (*3½ Years*); and that, when the power of the destroyer of the holy people was

brought to an end, all these things should end.” (*Dan. 12:7*)

(2) Daniel Asked Man: “My lord, what follows this?” (*Dan. 12:8*)

- Man Answers: “Go, Daniel, because the words are to be kept secret and sealed until the end time.” (*Dan. 12:9*)
  - “Many shall be refined, purified, and tested, but the wicked shall prove wicked; none of them shall have understanding, but the wise shall have it. (*Dan. 12:10*)
  - “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the horrible abomination is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days (*1290 Days*). (*Dan. 12:11*)
  - “Blessed is the man who has patience and perseveres until the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days (*1335 Days*). (*Dan. 12:12*)
  - “Go, take your rest, you shall rise for your reward at the end of days.” (*Dan. 12:13*)

k. Susanna’s Virtue

Dan. 13

*Setting: Babylon in Early Years of Daniel’s Exile*

- 1) Jewess Susanna Married to Joakim
- 2) Two Newly Appointed Judges Frequent Joakim’s Home
  - a) Saw & Lusted After Susanna
  - b) Approached Susanna in Garden to Seduce Her
    - Threatened to Accuse Her of Adultery if She Refused
    - Susanna: “..... it is better for me to fall into your power without guilt than to sin before the Lord.” (*Dan. 13:23*)
- 3) Two Judges Publicly Accused Susanna of Adultery with a Young Man
  - a) Assembly Believed Judges & Condemned Susanna to Death
  - b) Susanna Appealed to Lord in Prayer
- 4) Daniel’s Intervention
  - a) Susanna Being Led to Execution
  - b) Holy Spirit Stirred Young Boy Daniel
    - “I will have no part in the death of this woman.” (*Dan. 13:46b*)
    - Rebuked People for Condemning Susanna Without Examination or Evidence
  - c) Susanna Returned to Court
  - d) Daniel Interrogated Two Judges Separately
    - Judges’ Testimonies Inconsistent
- 5) Daniel Convicts Two Judges of Perjury
  - a) Judges Condemned to Death According to Law of Moses
- 6) Susanna Found Innocent
  - a) Her Parents, Husband & Relatives Praise Daniel
  - b) Daniel Greatly Esteemed by People

l. Bel and the Dragon

Dan. 14

*Babylon When Cyrus King of Persia Ascended to Throne (538 BC)* Dan.14:1

- 1) Daniel Exposes False God Bel Dan. 14:2-22
  - a) Daniel is Favorite Friend of King
  - b) Babylonians had Idol Called Bel
    - Provided Bel Daily Offerings of Food & Wine
  - c) King Worshiped Bel



- d) King Asked Daniel Why He Didn't Adore Bel
    - Daniel Replied: "Because I worship not idols made with hands, but only the living God who made heaven and earth and has dominion over all mankind." (*Dan. 14:5b*)
    - King Claims Bel is Living God
      - Eats & Drinks Daily Offerings
    - Daniel Laughed & Told King Not to be Deceived
      - Bel is Clay & Bronze that Can Not Eat
  - e) King Became Enraged & Summoned Priests of Bel
    - 70 Priests of Bel plus Wives & Children
    - King Demands to Know Who Eats the Offerings
      - If Bel Does Not Consume Offerings Priests will Die
      - If Bel Consumes Offerings Daniel will Die for Blasphemy
  - f) King, Daniel & Priests Went to Temple of Bel
    - Priests Instruct King to Set Out Offering Before Bel
      - Shut & Seal Door with His Ring
      - If Food is Consumed in Morning – Daniel Must Die
      - Unbeknownst to King, the Priests had Secret Entrance Where They & Their Families Entered Temple & Ate Food
    - King & Daniel Enter Temple After Priests Leave
      - King Sets Out Offering Before Bel
      - Daniel has Ashes Scattered throughout Temple
      - Daniel & King Leave Temple & Seal Door
    - Priests & Families Secretly Entered Temple & Ate Food
  - g) King & Daniel Return to Temple Next Day
    - Door Closed & Seal Unbroken
    - They Opened Door & Found Offering Consumed
    - Daniel Laughed & Asked King Whose Footprints are on Floor
    - King Arrests Priests & Their Families
      - They Showed Him Secret Entrance
      - King has Them Executed
    - King Hands Temple of Bel Over to Daniel
      - Daniel Destroys Idol & its Temple
- 2) Daniel Destroys False God & Dragon Dan. 14:23-42  
*(Dragon is a Symbol of Satan)*
- a) Babylonians Worshiped Great Dragon  
*(Probably a Fearsome Animal Being Worshiped as a God)*
  - b) King Adjures Daniel to Adore Dragon as a God
    - Daniel Replied: "I adore the Lord, my God, for he is the living God." (*Dan. 14:25*)
      - Asks Permission to Kill Dragon Without Using a Weapon
    - King Grants His Permission
  - c) Daniel Made Cakes of Pitch, Fat & Hair that He Put into Dragon's Mouth
    - Dragon Ate Cakes & Burst Asunder
    - Daniel Exclaims: "This is what you worshipped"
  - d) Babylonians Became Angry & Turn Against King
    - Accused Him of Becoming a Jew

- He Destroyed Bel, Killed Dragon & Executed Priests
- Threaten to Kill King if He Doesn't Hand Daniel Over to Them
- e) King Hands Daniel Over to Babylonians
- f) Babylonians Throw Daniel into Lions' Den
  - Daniel in Den 6 Days
  - 7 Lions in Den are Not Fed
- g) Lord Instructs Habakkuk a Prophet in Judah to Feed Daniel in Lions' Den
  - Habakkuk Never Seen Babylon & Doesn't Know the Den
  - Angel of Lord Transports Habakkuk to Lions' Den in Babylon
    - Daniel Fed & Praises the Lord
  - Angel of Lord Transports Habakkuk Back to Judah
- h) King Goes to Lions' Den on 7<sup>th</sup> Day to Mourn for Daniel
  - Looked into Den & Saw Daniel Alive
  - King Praised Lord God of Daniel
  - King Released Daniel & Threw Persecutors into Den
    - Lions Devoured Them Immediately

## 5. Prophet Hosea

*Hosea, Son of Beeri, Prophet in Israel During the Reigns of Uzziah (790 – 739 BC), Jotham (750 – 731 BC), Ahaz (735 – 715 BC) & Hezekiah (715 – 686 BC) Kings of Judah, and Jeroboam II (793 – 753 BC) King of Israel.* Hos. 1:1

- a. Prophecy by Demonstration – Hosea's Wife & Children Hos. 1
- 1) Lord Instructs Hosea to Marry a Harlot
    - a) “..... for the land gives itself to harlotry, turning away from the LORD.”  
(*Hos 1:2*)
  - 2) Hosea Marries Gomer
    - a) She Bears Him a Son Whom Lord Names “Jezreel”
      - “..... I (Lord) will punish the house of Jehu (*Israel's Then Ruling Dynasty*) for the bloodshed at Jezreel (*Jehu's Annihilation of the House of Ahab. 2 Kings 9:14 – 10:17*) And bring to an end the kingdom of the house of Israel; On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.” (*Hos 1:4-5*)  
(*Prophecy Fulfilled with Assyria's Destruction of Israel in 722 BC, Ending the Rule of Jehu's Dynasty. 2 Kings 17:1-23*)
    - b) She Bears Hosea a Daughter Whom Lord Names “Lo-ruhama”
      - “Lo-ruhama” Means “She is Not Pitted” or “Not Loved”
      - “..... I (Lord) no longer feel pity for the house of Israel: rather, I abhor them utterly.” (*Hos 1:6*)
      - “Yet for the house of Judah I feel pity; I will save them by the LORD, their God; But I will not save them by war, by sword or bow, by horses or horsemen.” (*Hos 1:7*) (*Prophecy Fulfilled When Angel of the Lord Destroyed Assyrian Troops Encamped Outside Jerusalem, Saving Judah. 2 Kings 19:20-37, Isa 37:21-38*)
    - c) She Bears Him a Son Whom Lord Names “Lo-ammi”
      - “Lo-ammi” Means “Not My People”
      - “.....for you are not my people, and I will not be your God.”  
(*Hos. 1:9*)

- b. Lord's Analogy of Israel as Unfaithful Wife Hos. 2:4-25
- 1) Lord Rebukes Israel for Unfaithfulness/Adultery
    - a) Chasing After Pagan Idols & Religions
    - b) "..... for she is not my wife, and I am not her husband. (*Hos. 2:4*)
  - 2) Lord Judges & Will Punish Israel
  - 3) Promise of Israel's Repentance & Reconciliation
    - a) The Lord Will Espouse Israel Forever
    - b) "..... I (*Lord*) will have pity on Lo-ruhama. I will say to Lo-ammi, 'You are my people,' and he (*Israel*) shall say, 'My God!'" (*Hos. 2:25*)
- c. Prophecy by Demonstration – Hosea Reconciles with His Wife
- 1) Lord Instructs Hosea to Take His Wife Back Hos. 3:1-5
    - a) "..... Give your love to a woman beloved of a paramour, an adulteress;
      - "Even as the LORD loves the people of Israel, though they turn to other gods and are fond of (*Pagan*) raisin cakes." (*Hos 3:1*)
    - b) Hosea Purchases His Wife Back
    - c) Time of Repentance: "..... Many days you shall wait for me; you shall not play the harlot Or belong to any man; I in turn will wait for you."
      - "For the people of Israel shall remain many days without king or prince, Without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or household idols.
      - "Then the people of Israel shall turn back and seek the LORD, their God, and David, their king; They shall come trembling to the LORD and to his bounty, in the last days." (*Hos. 3:3-5*)
  - 2) Prophecy of Israel's Restoration Hos. 2:1-3
    - a) Israelites Shall be as Numerous as the Sand of the Sea
      - "Whereas they were called, 'Lo-ammi,' They shall be called, 'Children of the living God'." (*Hos. 2:1b*)
    - b) People of Judah & Israel Shall Gather Together (*As Unified Nation*) (*Fulfilled in 1967 AD when Israel Regained Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria*)
      - Appoint Themselves One Head (*Messiah*)
      - Coming from Gentile Nations ".....for great shall be the day of Jezreel." (*Hos 2:2*) (*Valley of Jezreel was the Site of Many Israeli Battles, and Includes Megiddo the Site of the Prophesied Battle of Armageddon When Messiah Comes to Redeem Israel*)
    - c) "Say to your brothers, 'Ammi', and to your sisters, 'Ruhama'." (*Hos 2:3*)
      - "Ammi" Means "My People"
      - "Ruhama" Means "She is Pitied"

## 6. Prophet Joel

*Joel, Son of Pethuel, Prophet in Israel. There is No Record in Scriptures of When Joel Prophesied. His Ministry Probably Occurred During the Reign of King Joash (835 – 796 BC) of Judah. There are No Events of Joel's Life Recorded in the Book of Joel, Only His Prophecies.*

## 7. Prophet Amos

*Amos, a Shepherd from Tokoa, Prophet in Israel During the Reigns of King Uzziah (790 – 739 BC) of Judah, and King Jeroboam II (793 – 753 BC) of Israel. Amos 1:1*

- a. Amos' Visions of the Lord's Judgment of Israel Amos 7:1-9

- 1) Amos Saw Lord Forming Swarm of Locusts Amos 7:1-3
    - a) Locusts Eating Grass in Land
    - b) Amos Said: “Forgive, O Lord GOD! How can Jacob stand? He is so small!”
    - c) The Lord Relented: “It shall not be”
  - 2) Amos Saw the Lord Calling for Judgment of Fire Amos 7:4-6
    - a) Amos Said: “Cease, O Lord GOD! How can Jacob stand? He is so small!”
    - b) The Lord Relented: “This also shall not be”
  - 3) Amos Saw Lord Standing by a Wall with Plumb Line in His Hand Amos 7:7-9
    - a) Lord Asks: “What do you see, Amos?”
    - b) Amos Answers: “A plummet”
    - c) Word of the Lord:
      - “See, I will lay the plummet in the midst of my people Israel; I will forgive them no longer.”
      - “The high places of Isaac shall be laid waste, and the sanctuaries of Israel made desolate; I will attack the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”
- b. Bethel’s Priest Amaziah Contends with Prophet Amos Amos 7:10-17
- 1) Amaziah Sends Word to King Jeroboam II Accusing Amos of Conspiracy
    - a) Prophecies King Shall Die by Sword & Israel Shall be Exiled
  - 2) Amaziah Orders Amos to Fee to Judah to Earn a Living as a Prophet
    - a) Do Not Prophecy in Bethel – King’s Sanctuary & Royal Temple
  - 3) Amos Replies He Does Not Belong to Prophets
    - a) He was a Shepherd Called by Lord to Prophecy
  - 4) Amos Prophecies: “Now hear the word of the LORD!
    - a) “You say: prophecy not against Israel, preach not against the house of Isaac.
    - b) “Now thus says the LORD: Your wife shall be made a harlot in the city, and your sons and daughters shall fall by the sword; Your land shall be divided by measuring line, and you yourself shall die in an unclean land; Israel shall be exiled far from its land.” (*Amos 7:16-17*)
- c. Amos’ Visions of Lord’s Punishment of Israel Amos 8 - 9
- 1) Lord Showed Amos a Basket of Ripe Fruit Amos 8
    - a) Lord Asks: “What do you see, Amos?”
    - b) Amos Answers: “A basket of ripe fruit.”
    - c) Word of the Lord: “The time is ripe to have done with my people Israel; I will forgive them no longer. The temple songs shall become wailings on that day, ..... Many shall be the corpses, strewn everywhere.—Silence!”
      - Lord Rebukes Israel for Hard-heartedness, Dishonesty & Greed
        - Lord Will Remember Their Evil Deeds
        - The Land Shall Repulse Them
      - Lord’s Punishment of Israel
        - Day of Israel’s Lament. “On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun set at midday and cover the earth with darkness in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentations. I will cover the loins of all with sackcloth and make every head bald. I will make them mourn as for an only son (*Israel’s Promised Messiah*), and bring their day

to a bitter end.” (*Amos 8:9-10*)

- Lord Will Send Spiritual Famine & Thirst Upon Israel
- Israel Shall Wander Among Nations Seeking their God

2) Amos Saw Lord Standing Beside Altar Amos 9

a) Word of Lord:

- “Strike the bases, so that the doorjambs totter till you break them off on the heads of them all!”
- “Those who are left I will slay with the sword; not one shall flee, no survivor shall escape.”
- Lord Will Pursue & Chastise Israel Wherever They Flee
- Lord Will Sift House of Israel Among the Nations

b) Lord’s Promise to Restore Remnant of Israel

*(Fulfilled in 1948 AD When Israel Became a Nation)*

- Lord Will Restore Jerusalem. “On that day I will raise up the fallen hut of David” (*Jerusalem City of David / Messiah from House of David*)  
*(Fulfilled in 1967 AD when Israel Regained Jerusalem)*
- Lord Will Restore Nation of Israel
- Lord Will Restore Israelite People
- Lord Will Abundantly Bless Israel
- Lord Will Protect Israel

8. Prophet Obadiah

*Obadiah a Prophet in Israel. There is No Record in Scriptures of When Obadiah Prophesied. His Ministry Probably Occurred During the Reign of Queen Athaliah (841 – 835 BC) of Judah. There are No Events of Obadiah’s Life Recorded in the Book of Obadiah, Only His Prophecies.*

9. Prophet Jonah

*Jonah, Son of Amittai, an Israelite Sent as a Prophet to the Assyrian City of Nineveh. There is No Record in Scriptures of When Jonah Prophesied. One of Jonah’s Prophecies was Fulfilled During the Reign of Israel’s King Jeroboam II (793 - 753 BC) (2 Kings 14:23-25). Jonah Probably Prophesied About 862 BC.*

a. Jonah Flees Lord’s Calling Jonah 1 & 2

- 1) Lord Calls Jonah: “Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and preach against it; their wickedness has come up before me.” (*Jonah 1:2*)
- 2) Jonah Flees Boarding a Ship Bound for Tarshish (*Opposite Direction*)
  - a) Lord Sends Violent Storm
  - b) Mariners Become Afraid & Call on their Gods
    - Throw Cargo Overboard to Lighten Ship
    - Jonah Asleep in Ship’s Hold
      - Captain Wakes Him to Call on His God
  - c) Mariners Cast Lots to Determine Whose Responsible for Storm
    - Lot Falls on Jonah
      - Jonah’s Confession: “I am a Hebrew, I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” (*Jonah 1:9*)
      - Jonah Tells Them He’s Fleeing the Lord
    - Mariners Ask Jonah What they Should Do with Him to Quiet Sea
    - Jonah Suggests They Throw Him Overboard

- d) Mariners Throw Jonah into Sea
  - Storm Abates
  - Mariners Offer Sacrifices & Vows to Lord
- 3) Lord Sends a Large Fish that Swallows Jonah Jonah 2
  - a) Jonah in Fish's Belly 3 Days & 3 Nights
  - b) Jonah Prays to Lord
    - Psalm of Thanksgiving, Submission & Expectation
  - c) Lord Commands Fish to Spew Jonah on Shore
- b. Jonah Goes to Nineveh – Fulfilling His Calling Jonah 3
  - 1) Lord Calls Jonah Second Time: “Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.” (*Jonah 3:2*)
    - a) Jonah Obeys & Goes to Nineveh
      - Nineveh a Large City that Takes 3 Days to Walk Through
    - b) Jonah Walks 1 Day Announcing: “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed” (*Jonah 3:4b*)
      - People Believe God
      - Proclaim Fast & Put on Sackcloth (*Sign of Repentance*)
    - c) News Reaches King of Nineveh
      - Puts on Sackcloth & Sat in Ashes
      - Decreed a Fast Throughout Nineveh
        - Every Man shall Turn Away from Evil & Call Out to Lord
        - “Who knows, God may relent and forgive, and withhold his blazing wrath, so that we shall not perish.” (*Jonah 3:9*)
  - 2) Lord Sees Their Repentance & Shows Mercy
    - a) Reverses His Plans to Destroy Nineveh
- c. Jonah's Anger Over Lord's Compassion Jonah 4
  - 1) Jonah Becomes Angry with Lord: “I beseech you, LORD, is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? This is why I fled at first to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, rich in clemency, loathe to punish.” (*Jonah 4:2*)
    - a) Asks Lord to Take His Life
    - b) Lord Asks: “Have you reason to be angry?” (*Jonah 4:4b*)
  - 2) Jonah Leaves City to its East
    - a) Builds a Hut & Waits to See What will Happen to City
    - b) Lord Provided Gourd Plant
      - Grew Over Jonah's Head & Gave Him Shade
        - Jonah Very Happy with Plant
    - c) Lord Sends Worm that Kills Plant the Next Day
      - Lord Sends Burning East Wind when Sun Arose
      - Sun Beat Upon Jonah's Head Until He Became Faint
      - Jonah Asks for Death
  - 3) Lord Speaks to Jonah: “Have you reason to be angry over the plant?” (*Jonah 4:9*)
    - a) Jonah Answered, “I have reason to be angry, angry enough to die.”
    - b) Word of the Lord:
      - “You are concerned over the plant which cost you no labor and which you did not raise; it came up in one night and in one night it perished.” (*Jonah 4:10*)

- “And should I not be concerned over Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot distinguish their right hand from their left, not to mention the many cattle?” (*Jonah 4:11*)

10. Prophet Micah

*Micah of Moresheth, a Prophet in Judah During Reigns of Kings Jotham (750 – 731 BC), Ahaz (735 – 715 BC) & Hezekiah (715 – 686 BC). Micah 1:1  
There are No Events of Micah’s Life Recorded in the Book of Micah, Only His Prophecies.*

11. Prophet Nahum

*Nahum of Elkosh, a Prophet in Judah Before the Fall of Nineveh (612 BC). Nahum 1:1  
There are No Events of Nahum’s Life Recorded in the Book of Nahum, Only His Prophecies.*

12. Prophet Habakkuk

*Habakkuk a Prophet in Judah. There is No Record in Scriptures of When Habakkuk Prophesied. His Ministry Probably Occurred in the Latter Years of King Josiah’s (640 – 609 BC) Reign, Before Babylon Invaded Judah (609 BC). There are No Events of Habakkuk’s Life Recorded in the Book of Habakkuk, Only a Dialog with the Lord.*

13. Prophet Zephaniah

*Zephaniah, Son of Cushi, Son of Gedaliah, Son of Amariah, Son of Hezekiah, a Prophet in Judah During the Reign of King Josiah (640 – 609 BC) of Judah. Zeph. 1:1  
There are No Events of Zephaniah’s Life Recorded in the Book of Zephaniah, Only His Prophecies.*

14. Prophet Haggai

*Haggai a Post-Exilic Prophet in Jerusalem During Building of Second Temple. Haggai Prophesied in 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of King Darius (520 BC) of Persia. Hag. 1:1&15; 2:1&10*

a. *Background & Setting*

- 1) *Babylon Destroyed Jerusalem & Temple, and Took Jews into Exile (586 BC).*
- 2) *Babylon was Overthrown by Medo-Persia (539 BC).*
- 3) *Medo-Persian King Cyrus Issued a Decree Allowing Jews to Return to Jerusalem & Rebuild Temple (536 BC). Ezra 1 – 3*
- 4) *Work on Temple Stopped for about 16 Years (536 – 520 BC) because of Opposition by Neighboring Peoples. Ezra 4*
- 5) *Lord Raised Up Prophets Haggai & Zechariah to Correct & Inspire People to Resume Building the Temple Ezra 5 – 6*

b. *Lord’s Call to Rebuild His Temple in Jerusalem Hag. 1*

- 1) *Word of Lord Comes through Prophet Haggai*
  - a) *To Zerubbabel Governor of Judah (Descendant of Kings of Judah)*
  - b) *To Joshua High Priest*
- 2) *Lord Rebukes Jews for Suspending Temple Reconstruction*
  - a) *People Dwell in Paneled Houses*
  - b) *Lord’s House Remains in Ruins*
  - c) *Consider How the Lord Withheld His Blessings*
- 3) *Zerubbabel, Joshua & People Listen to Word of Lord & Fear Him*

- a) Haggai Gives the Lord's Assurance: "I am with you, says the LORD." (*Hag. 1:13b*)
- b) Lord Inspires Zerubbabel, Joshua & People to Build His Temple
- c. Haggai Prophesies a New & Glorious Temple Hag. 2:1-9
  - 1) Second Temple Modest Compared to Former (*Solomon's*) Temple
    - a) Lord Encourages His People
      - He Remembers His Covenant with Israel
      - His Spirit Remains with Israel
    - 2) Promise of Future (*Messianic*) Temple
      - a) Lord Will Shake Heaven & Earth
      - b) Lord Will Shake the Nations, & Their Treasures will Come In
      - c) Lord Will Fill Temple with Glory
      - d) "Mine is the silver and mine the gold, says the LORD of hosts." (*Hag. 2:8*)
      - e) "Greater will be the future glory of this house than the former, says the LORD of hosts; And in this place I will give you peace, says the LORD of hosts." (*Hag. 2:9*)
- d. A Defiled People (Israelites) Will be Blessed Hag. 2:10-19
  - 1) Lord Rejects Unclean Offerings
    - a) Lord Tells Haggai to Asks Priests for a Decision (*Hag. 2:12-14*)
      - "If a man carries sanctified flesh in the fold of his garment and the fold touches bread, ..... do they become sanctified?  
- Priests Answer "No"
      - "If a person unclean from contact with a corpse touches any of these, do they become unclean?  
- Priests Answer: "They become unclean." Num. 19:22
      - Haggai's Pronouncement; "So is this people, and so is this nation in my sight, says the LORD: And so are all the works of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean."

Comment.

1. *These Jewish People were unclean because of their exposure to idolatry, handling unclean food, etc., while they were in captivity. They remained unclean after returning to Jerusalem because without Temple Sacrifices they lacked the means to be purified.*
2. *Under Mosaic Law, rituals involving Blood Sacrifices are required to purify personal uncleanness (e.g. Lev. 15:13-15, Lev. 15:28-30). All sacrifices must be made on the Altar of the Tabernacle / Temple of the Lord.*

- 2) Lord's Promise of Immediate Blessings
  - a) Before One Stone was Laid Upon Another in Temple
    - People Were Not Blessed
  - b) From Day the Temple was Founded
    - People Are Blessed
- e. Lord Gives Haggai Prophecy for Zerubbabel Governor of Judah Hag. 2:20-23  
(*Prophecy of the Victorious Coming & Universal Reign of Messiah, Who Like Zerubbabel is from the House & Lineage of King David.*)
  - 1) Promise of Worldwide Conquest. "I will shake the heavens and the earth; I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms, destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations....." (*Hag. 2:21-22*)



- 2) Zerubbabel the Lord's Signet Ring (*Symbol of Ruling Authority*). "On that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, my servant, says the LORD, And I will set you as a signet ring; for I have chosen you, says the LORD of hosts." (*Hag. 2:23*)

### 15. Prophet Zechariah

*Zechariah, Son of Berechiah, Son of Iddo, a Post-Exilic Prophet in Jerusalem During Building of Second Temple. Zechariah Prophesied in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Years of King Darius (520 & 518 BC) of Persia.* *Zech. 1:1&7; 7:1*

*Zechariah was a Contemporary of Haggai. See Prophet Haggai (C.14.a Above) for Background & Setting.*

- a. The Lord's Call to Repentance Zech. 1:1-6
- 1) Word of Lord Came to Zechariah
    - a) Lord was Angry with Israelite's Fathers
    - b) Say to Israelites: "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Return to me, ..... and I will return to you ....." (*Zech. 1:3*)
    - c) Don't be Like Your Fathers
      - Former Prophets Warned Them – But They Would Not Listen
    - d) Lord's Word Outlasted their Fathers & Prophets
      - Fathers Judged Accordingly
      - Then They Admitted Their Guilt
- b. Zechariah's Vision of 4 Horsemen Zech. 1:7-17
- 1) Zechariah Sees Driver of Red Horse
    - a) Standing Among Shade Trees
    - b) Behind Him are Red, Sorrel (*Light Reddish-Brown*) & White Horses
    - c) Zechariah Asks: "What are these, my lord?" (*Zech. 1:9-11*)
      - Angel Answers: "I will show you what these are."
      - Driver Says: "These are they whom the LORD has sent to patrol the earth."
      - Horsemen Report to Angel: "We have patrolled the earth; see, the whole earth is tranquil and at rest!"
  - 2) Angel Intercedes for Jerusalem & Judah (*Lord's Chosen*)
    - a) "O LORD of hosts, how long will you be without mercy for Jerusalem and the cities of Judah that have felt your anger these seventy years?" (*Referring to Time of Judah's Captivity in Babylon*) (*Zech. 1:12*)
    - b) Lord Replies with Comforting Words
  - 3) Lord God Chooses Jerusalem & Judah
    - a) Angel Prophesies to Zechariah "Proclaim: Thus says the Lord of Hosts:"
      - I Am Deeply Moved for the Sake of Jerusalem & Zion
      - I Am Exceedingly Angry with Complacent Nations
      - I Will Turn to Jerusalem in Mercy
      - My House (*Temple*) Shall be Built in Jerusalem
      - My Cities Shall Overflow with Prosperity
      - I Will Again Comfort Zion
      - I Will Again Choose Jerusalem
- c. Zechariah's Vision of 4 Horns & 4 Blacksmiths Zech. 2:1-4
- 1) Zechariah Sees 4 Horns (*Symbol of Authorities*)

- a) Zechariah Asks Angel What They Are
  - b) Angel Answers: "These are the horns that scattered Judah and Israel and Jerusalem." (*See Note Below*)
- 2) Zechariah Sees 4 Blacksmiths (*The Lord - Israel's Deliverer*)
    - a) Zechariah Asks: "What are these coming to do?"
    - b) Angel Answers: "Here are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no man raised his head any more; but these have come to terrify them: to cast down the horns of the nations that raised their horns to scatter the land of Judah."

Note. *Israel and Judah had many enemies who prevailed in wars against them throughout history. The only times they were "Scattered" (Dispersed) as a nation/peoples were when: 1) Assyria conquered Samaria, Israel, dispersing the people in 722 BC, 2) Babylon conquered Jerusalem, Judah, exiling the people in 586 BC, and 3) Rome destroyed Jerusalem scattering the Jews in 70 AD to put down Israel's Revolt. The 4<sup>th</sup> time mentioned in this prophecy, either refers to Rome's attack of Jerusalem and dispersion of Jews to quell Israel's Second Revolt in 135 AD; or to a future prophecy where Jerusalem will be plundered and Jews partially dispersed prior to Messiah's Coming (Zech. 14:1-5).*

- d. Zechariah's Vision of Restoration of Jerusalem Zech. 2:5-17
  - 1) Zechariah Sees Man Holding a Measuring Line
    - a) Zechariah Asks: "Where are you going?"
    - b) Man Answers: "To measure Jerusalem," he answered; "to see how great is its width and how great its length." (*Zech. 2:6*)
  - 2) The Lord is Israel's Protector
    - a) Two Angels Prophecy to Man
      - People Will Live in Jerusalem as in Open Country (*Without Defenses*)
      - I (*Lord*) Will be an Encircling Wall of Fire (*Protected by Lord God*)
      - I (*Lord*) Will be the Glory (*Presence*) in Her Midst
  - 3) The Lord is Israel's Commander
    - a) Lord Says to Israelites
      - Flee from Land of North (*Europe?*)
        - Lord Had Scattered You to 4 Winds of Heaven
      - Escape to Zion Who Dwell in Babylon
    - b) Lord Says to Nations Who Plundered Israel/Judah
      - Whoever Touches Israel Touches the Apple of My (*Lord's*) Eye (*Lord's Favor & Election of Israel*)
      - I (*Lord*) Wave My Hand Over Nations
        - They Become Plunder for their Slaves
  - 4) The Lord's Presence
    - a) "Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD." (*Zech 2:14*)
    - b) Many Nations Shall Join Themselves to Lord
      - They Shall be His People
      - He Will Dwell Among You
    - c) You (*Israel*) Shall Know that the Lord of Hosts Sent Me (*Messiah*) to You
    - d) The Lord Will Possess Judah as His Holy Land (*Messiah's Kingdom*)
      - He Will Again Choose Jerusalem
      - His Holy Dwelling (*Lord's Dwelling Among Men*)

- e. Zechariah's Vision of Joshua the High Priest Zech. 3
- 1) Zechariah Sees Joshua Standing Before Angel of the Lord  
(*Angel is God's Delegated Authority & Representative*)
    - a) Satan Stands a Joshua's Right Hand
      - Accusing Him (*Sins of Israel & Judah*)
    - b) Angel Rebukes Satan: "May the LORD rebuke you, Satan; may the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this man a brand snatched from the fire?" (*Zech. 3:2*)
  - 2) Joshua Clad in Filthy Garments
    - a) Angel Instructs Those Standing Before Him
      - "Take off his filthy garments, and clothe him in festal garments."  
(*Zech 3:4b*)
      - "Put a clean miter on his head (*Symbol of High Priest*)."  
(*Zech. 3:5a*)
    - b) They Put a Clean Miter on Joshua's Head & Clothed Him with Garments  
(*Priestly Robes*)
    - c) Angel of Lord Says: "See, I have taken away your guilt."  
(*Zech. 3:5c*)
  - 3) Angel Gives Joshua the Lord's Assurance
    - a) Authority Given to Joshua Conditioned upon His Obedience
      - You Shall Judge My House (*Israel*)
      - You Shall Keep My Courts (*Lord's Sanctuary*)
      - I Will Give You Access Among These Standing Here (*Angelic Host*)
    - b) Joshua's Entourage
      - You & Your Associates are Men of Good Omen
      - "Yes, I will bring my servant the Shoot."  
(*Zech. 3:8c*)  
(*Promise of Coming Messiah – Son of David*)
    - c) Stone Placed Before Joshua – His Heritage
      - One Stone (*Covenant*) with Seven Facets (*All Ages of Mankind*)
      - I (*Lord*) Will Engrave Its Instructions (*Law of Lord*)
      - I (*Lord*) Will Take Away the Guilt of Land in One Day
      - "On that day, says the LORD of hosts, you will invite one another under your vines and fig trees (*Promise of Messianic Kingdom*)."  
(*Zech. 3:10*)
- f. Zechariah's Vision of a Lampstand Zech. 4
- 1) Angel Awakens Zechariah Zech. 4:1-3
    - a) Angel Asks Zechariah: "What do you see?"
    - b) Zechariah Answers that He Sees a Lampstand (*Holder of God's Light / Revelation to Mankind*)
      - Solid Gold (*Pure & Precious*)
      - Bowl at Top with Seven Lamps (*Menorah*)
      - Two Olive Trees at Each Side
  - 2) Lord's Message to Zerubbabel Zech. 4:4-7  
(*Governor of Judah and Direct Descendant of David & Kings of Judah*)
    - a) Zechariah Asks Angel: "What are these things, my lord?"
    - b) Angel Answers:
      - "This is the LORD'S message to Zerubbabel: Not by an army, nor by might, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts. (*Promise of God's Sovereign Intervention*)
      - "What are you, O great mountain (*Obstacle*)? Before Zerubbabel you

are but a plain. He shall bring out the capstone (*Apex of Structure*) amid exclamations of 'Hail, Hail' to it. (*Zerubbabel's Rebuilt Temple will Last to Coming of Messiah*) ”

- 3) Word of Lord Comes to Zechariah Zech. 4:8-10
    - a) “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house (*Temple in Jerusalem*), and his hands shall finish it; then you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.” (*Zech. 4:9*)
    - b) Even the Scornful Shall Rejoice on that Day of Small Beginnings (*Day When Zerubbabel Lays Foundation Stone of Temple*)
      - See the Select Stone in Hands of Zerubbabel
      - Seven Facets are Eyes of Lord that Range Over Whole Earth (*God Searching to Save Mankind Throughout the Ages*)
  - 4) The Two Olive Trees (*Two Covenants: Old & New Testaments*) Zech. 4:11-14
    - a) Zechariah Asks Angel: “What are these two olive trees at each side of the lampstand?”
      - “What are the two olive tufts which freely pour out fresh oil (*Lord's Renewed Anointing*) through the two golden channels (*Judaism & Church – Holders of Spirit of God*)?”
    - b) Angel Answers: “These are the two anointed who stand by the LORD of the whole earth. (*Creator's Two Witnesses to All Mankind*)”
- g. Zechariah's Visions of Judgment of World Zech. 5
- 1) Zechariah Sees a Flying Scroll Zech. 5:1-4  
(*Scroll [Holy Scriptures] God's Standard for Judging Israel.*)
    - a) Angel Asks Zechariah: “What do you see?”
    - b) Zechariah Answers: “I see a scroll flying;.....”
    - c) Angel Replies: “This is the curse which is to go forth over the whole earth; in accordance with it .....”
      - Every Thief will be Swept Away
      - Every Perjurer (Liar) will be Expelled from Jerusalem
      - It Shall Enter & Consume their Houses
  - 2) Zechariah Sees a Flying Bushel Zech. 5:5-11  
(*God's Judgment of Universal Evil*)
    - a) Angel Tells Zechariah: “Raise your eyes and see what this is that comes forth.”
    - b) Zechariah Asks: “What is it?”
    - c) Angel Answers: “This is a bushel container coming. This is their guilt in all the land.”
      - Lead Cover was Lifted
        - Woman Sitting Inside Bushel
      - Angel Says: “This is Wickedness”
        - Pushes Woman Inside & Covers Bushel's Opening
    - d) Zechariah Sees Two Women with Wings (*Two Covenant – Witnesses*)
      - They Lifted Bushel into Air
    - e) Zechariah Asks: “Where are they taking the bushel?”
    - f) Angel Replies: “To build a temple for it in the land of Shinar (*Site of Tower of Babel – Confusion*); when the temple is ready, they will deposit it there in its place.” (*“Wickedness” Deposited Waiting for Final judgment*)

- h. Zechariah's Visions of Messiah's Kingdom Zech. 6
- 1) Zechariah Sees Four Chariots Zech. 6:1-8
    - a) Coming from Between Two Bronze Mountains  
(*Symbolizes Messiah's Two Steadfast Covenants*)
      - First Chariot had Red Horses
      - Second Chariot had Black Horses
      - Third Chariot had White Horses
      - Fourth Chariot had Spotted Horses
    - b) Zechariah Asks Angel: "What are these, my lord?" (*Zech. 6:4*)
    - c) Angel Answers: "These are the four winds of the heavens, which are coming forth after being reviewed by the LORD of all the earth."  
(*Zech. 6:5*)
    - d) Chariots Commanded to Patrol the Earth
      - Black, Red & White Horses Turn North
        - Angel Called Out: "See, they that go forth to the land of the north will make my spirit rest in the land of the north." (*Zech. 6:8*)
      - Spotted Horses Turn South
  - 2) Zechariah's Vision of Messiah's Coronation Zech. 6:9-15
    - a) The Lord's Instructions through Zechariah
      - Given to Israel's Returning Remnant (*Those Returning from Babylon*)
      - Make a Crown of Silver & Gold
        - "... place it on the head of (Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest) Zerubbabel" (*Zech. 6:11*) (*Zerubbabel Governor of Judah*)
    - b) The Lord's Pronouncement to Zerubbabel:
      - Here is a Man Whose Name is Shoot (*Stem of Jesse – King David*)
      - Where He is He Shall Sprout (*Abundant Life & Produce*)
      - He Shall Build Temple of Lord (*Zerubbabel Built 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple in Jerusalem Following Judah's Exile in Babylon*)
    - c) Messiah King
      - He Shall Build the Temple of the Lord
      - He Shall Take Royal (*King David's*) Insignia (*Symbol of Davidic Covenant*)
      - He Shall Sit as Ruler on His Throne
        - Priests Shall be at His Right Hand
        - There Will be Friendly Understanding Between Them
      - The Crown Shall be a Memorial Offering in Temple of Lord (*God's Presence & Place of Atonement*)
        - In Favor of Remnant of Israel
      - Israel Shall Come from Afar to Build Temple of Lord
      - Israel Shall Know the Lord of Hosts has Sent Me (*Messiah*) to You
      - Israel Shall Heed Word of Lord
- i. Judah's/Israel's Rebellious Spirit Zech. 7
- 1) Jews from Babylon Implore Lord's Favor
    - a) Inquire of Temple Priests About Fasting
  - 2) Lord Replies to People & Priests through Zechariah
    - a) "When you fasted and mourned ..... these seventy years (*During Babylonian Captivity*), was it really for me that you fasted?  
(*God Sees Man's Heart/Motivation*)

- b) “And when you were eating and drinking, was it not for yourselves that you ate, and for yourselves that you drank? (*Zech. 7:5-6*)  
(*Self Motivation Without Considering the Lord*)
- c) Same Words Spoken by Former Prophets – When Jerusalem was Besieged
- 3) Zechariah Proclaims Word of Lord (*A Call to Repentance*)
  - a) Render True Judgment
  - b) Show Kindness & Compassion
  - c) Do Not Oppress Widows, Orphans, Aliens or the Poor
  - d) Do Not Plot Evil Against One Another in Your Heart
- 4) People & Priests Refused to Listen
- 5) Lord’s Judgment (*Pre-Exile, During Exile & Post-Exile*)
  - a) Israel Would Not Listen When He Called
  - b) Lord Will Not Listen When Israel Calls
  - d) Lord Will Scatter Them Among Nations (*Judah was Led into Captivity in 586 BC & Will be Dispersed Again in 70 AD*)
  - e) Land of Israel Will be Left Desolate
    - Turned into a Desert (*Physically & Spiritually*)

#### 16. Prophet Malachi

*Malachi (“My Messenger”) was Last of Post-Exilic Prophets. He Probably Prophesied in the Time of Confusion During Nehemiah’s Absence (Neh. 13:6) 397 BC. There are No Events of Malachi’s Life Recorded in Book of Malachi, Only His Prophecies.*

**TABLE 1**  
**CHRONOLOGY OF THE PROPHETS**

**A. Prophets In Historical Books**

| <b><u>Prophet Name</u></b> | <b><u>Prophet to King (Reign / Time Frame BC)</u></b> | <b><u>Comments</u></b> |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Man of God                 | Priest Eli (Time of Judges/Samuel)                    | Unnamed Prophet        |
| Samuel                     | Time of Judges & King Saul (1031 – 1011)              |                        |
| Gad                        | King David (1011 – 971)                               |                        |
| Nathan                     | King David (1011 – 971)                               |                        |
| Ahijah                     | King Jeroboam of Israel (931 – 910)                   |                        |
| Shemaiah                   | King Rehoboam of Judah (931 – 913)                    |                        |
| Man of God from Judah      | King Jeroboam of Israel (931 – 910)                   | Unnamed Prophet        |
| Iddo                       | Contemporary with Prophets Ahijah & Shemaiah          |                        |
| Oded I / Azariah           | King Asa of Judah (911 – 870)                         |                        |
| Hanani                     | King Asa of Judah (911 – 870)                         |                        |
| Jehu                       | King Baasha of Israel (909 – 886)                     |                        |
|                            | King Jehoshaphat of Judah (873 – 848)                 |                        |
| Elijah                     | King Ahab of Israel (874 – 853)                       |                        |
|                            | King Ahaziah of Israel (853 – 852)                    |                        |
|                            | King Jehoram of Judah (853 – 841)                     |                        |
| Other Prophets             | King Ahab of Israel (874 – 853)                       | Unnamed Prophets       |
| Micaiah                    | King Ahab of Israel (874 – 853)                       |                        |
| Jahaziel                   | King Jehoshaphat of Judah (873 – 848)                 |                        |
| Eliezer                    | King Jehoshaphat of Judah (873 – 848)                 |                        |
| Elisha                     | King Joram of Israel (852 – 841)                      |                        |
|                            | King Jehu of Israel (841 – 814)                       |                        |
|                            | King Jehoash of Israel (798 – 782 )                   |                        |
| Zechariah I                | King Joash of Judah (835 – 796)                       |                        |
|                            | Prince Uzziah of Judah                                | Taught Uzziah as Youth |
| Unnamed Prophets           | King Amaziah of Judah (796 – 767)                     |                        |
| Jonah                      | King Jeroboam II of Israel (793 – 753)                |                        |
| Oded II                    | Reign of King Pekah of Israel (740 – 732)             | Prophet in Samaria     |
| Isaiah                     | King Uzziah of Judah (790 – 739 )                     |                        |
|                            | King Hezekiah of Judah (715 – 686)                    |                        |
| Unnamed Prophets           | King Manasseh of Judah (696 – 642)                    |                        |
| Huldah                     | King Josiah of Judah (640 – 609)                      | Prophetess             |
| Jeduthun                   | King Josiah of Judah (640 – 609)                      |                        |
| Jeremiah                   | King Josiah of Judah's Death (609)                    |                        |
|                            | King Jehoiakim of Judah (609 – 597)                   |                        |
|                            | King Jehoiakin (Jehoiachin) of Judah (597)            |                        |
|                            | King Zedekiah of Judah (597 – 586)                    |                        |
| Haggai                     | Rebuild Temple in Jerusalem (516)                     | Temple Dedicated       |
| Zechariah II               | Rebuild Temple in Jerusalem (516)                     | Temple Dedicated       |

**B. Literary Prophets**

| <u>Prophet Name</u>           | <u>Prophet to King (Reign / Time Frame BC)</u>                    | <u>Comments</u>     |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <u>Prophets Before Exile:</u> |   |                     |
| Jonah                         | No Record in Scripture (862 Estimate)                             | Prophet to Nineveh  |
| Obadiah                       | Queen Athaliah of Judah (841 – 835)                               | Probable Time Frame |
| Joel                          | King Joash of Judah (835 – 796)                                   | Probable Time Frame |
| Amos                          | King Jeroboam II of Israel (793 – 753)                            |                     |
|                               | King Uzziah of Judah (790 – 739)                                  |                     |
| Hosea                         | King Jeroboam II of Israel (793 – 753)                            |                     |
|                               | King Uzziah of Judah (790 – 739)                                  |                     |
|                               | King Jotham of Judah (750 – 731)                                  |                     |
|                               | King Ahaz of Judah (735 – 715)                                    |                     |
|                               | King Hezekiah of Judah (715 – 686)                                |                     |
| Isaiah                        | King Uzziah of Judah (790 – 739)                                  |                     |
|                               | King Jotham of Judah (750 – 731)                                  |                     |
|                               | King Ahaz of Judah (735 – 715)                                    |                     |
|                               | King Hezekiah of Judah (715 – 686)                                |                     |
| Micah                         | King Jotham of Judah (750 – 731)                                  |                     |
|                               | King Ahaz of Judah (735 – 715)                                    |                     |
|                               | King Hezekiah of Judah (715 – 686)                                |                     |
| Nahum                         | Prior to Fall of Nineveh (612)                                    |                     |
| Habakkuk                      | King Josiah of Judah (640 – 609)                                  | Probable Time Frame |
| Zephaniah                     | King Josiah of Judah (640 – 609)                                  |                     |
| Jeremiah                      | King Josiah of Judah (640 – 609)                                  |                     |
|                               | King Jehoiakim of Judah (609 – 597)                               |                     |
|                               | King Jehoiakin (Jehoiachin) of Judah (597 – 597)                  |                     |
|                               | King Zedekiah of Judah (597 – 586)                                |                     |
|                               | Exiles in Babylon & Egypt (After 586)                             |                     |
| <u>Prophets During Exile:</u> |   |                     |
| Daniel                        | King Jehoiakim of Judah (3rd Year of Reign = 606)                 |                     |
|                               | to  |                     |
|                               | King Darius of Persia (1st Year of Reign = 521)                   |                     |
| Ezekiel                       | King Jehoiachin of Judah (5th Year of Reign = 592)                |                     |
|                               | to  |                     |
|                               | 25th Year Babylonian Exile / 14th Year After Jerusalem Fell (572) |                     |
| <u>Prophets After Exile:</u>  |   |                     |
| Haggai                        | King Darius of Persia (2nd Year of Reign = 520)                   |                     |
| Zechariah                     | King Darius of Persia (2nd & 4th Years of Reign = 520 & 518)      |                     |
| Malachi                       | No Record in Scripture (397 Estimate)                             | Probable Time Frame |