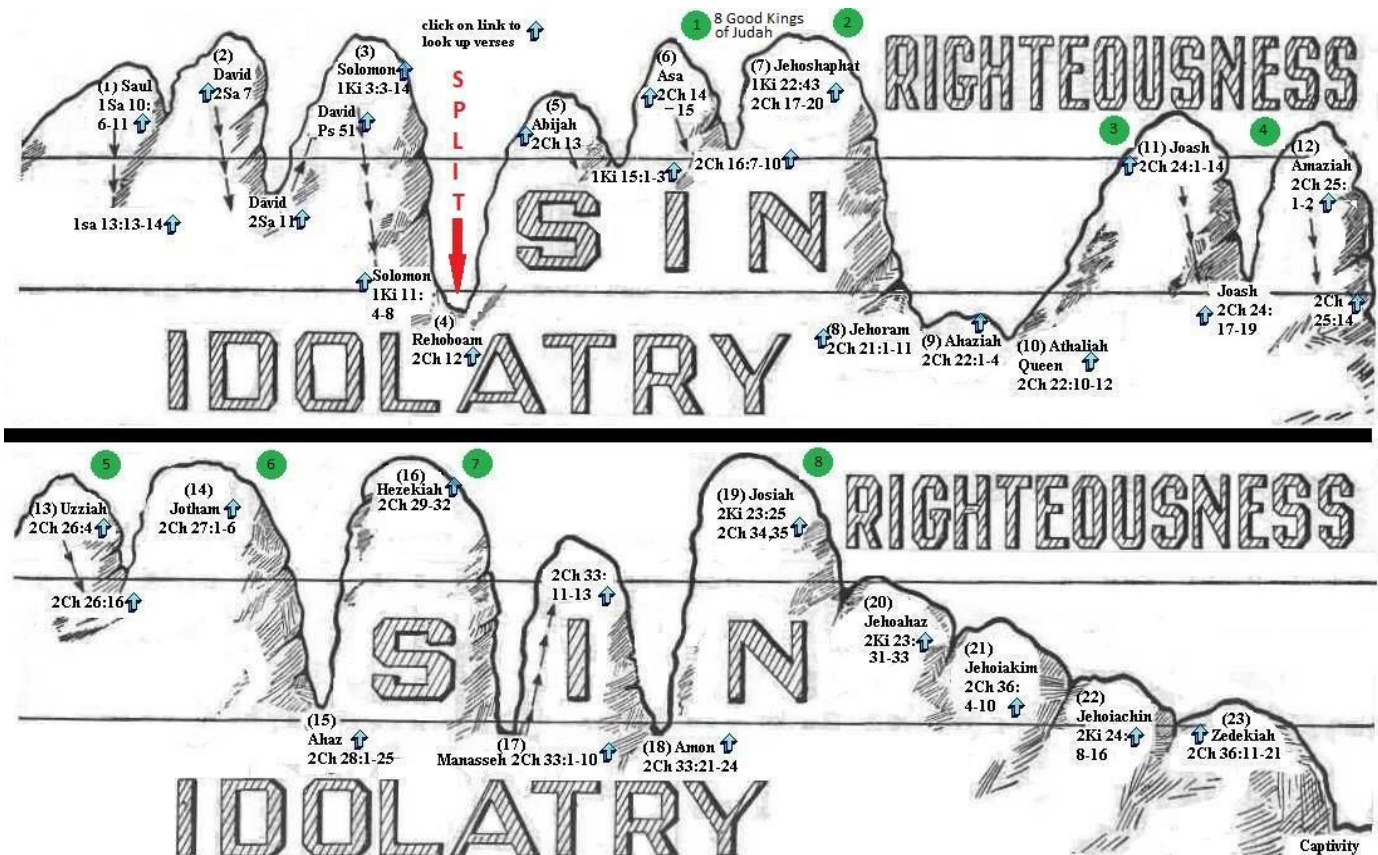


Into Captivity, Return and Redo – lesson 12

- A. The northern kingdom was taken captive in 722 BC by the Assyrians.
- The captives were taken to Assyria and other defeated peoples were brought to live in the land of Israel (2Ki 17:24).
 - The Samaritans of the New Testament resulted from this back filling and inbreeding.
 - The Jews and the Samaritans had little dealings with each other in the time of Jesus.
 - Read about the woman at the well in John 4.
 - The 10 northern tribes were called the lost tribes of Israel since they were completely amalgamated with the Assyrians.
 - Some of the people from the northern tribes remained faithful to God and went to Jerusalem before the captivity. See 2Ch 11:13-16.
 - all the tribes will be represented in the future millennial kingdom.
- B. The kingdom of Judah (**southern**) became more and more idolatrous and was finally taken captive by the Babylonians in 606 BC.
- The captivity occurred in three waves.
 - In 606 the first wave included Daniel and his friends.
 - The second wave eight years later included Ezekiel, princes, officers, craftsmen, smiths, and men of valor.
 - The final wave occurred eleven years later taking the remaining people. Jerusalem was destroyed. The house of God was burned, and the wall was broken down. Only the very poorest were left behind.

The following modified diagram from Thompson's Chain Reference Bible page 1602 showing the downward slide of the Kings of Judah into sin and idolatry.



C. Foretold

1. In Lev 26 the people were told if they didn't hear and do all God's commandments, he would punish them severely, and if they still did not repent they would be scattered among the heathen. (Lev. 26: 33.)
2. When living in the land, they neglected seventy (70) Sabbaths of the land (a land Sabbath is every 7 years Lev. 25:4), and God punished them with 70 years of captivity. See 2Ch 36:21. Deuteronomy 28 is another warning. Also *Isaiah 5:13 - Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.*
3. God spoke the following to Hezekiah (a good king of Judah) by the mouth of Isaiah the prophet: *2 Kings 20:16- 18 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD. Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.* He repeats the message in in Isaiah 39.6

See the words of Jeremiah: *Jeremiah 13:19, 25 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them: Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive. ...This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in false-hood*

D. Life in Captivity.

1. The Lamentations of Jeremiah describes the hopelessness of life in Jerusalem during the final siege. Women were eating their own children due to hunger.
2. In Babylon Daniel (like Joseph for Pharaoh) was able to interpret dreams for Nebuchadnezzar and rose to second in charge of the entire empire. His three friends were cast into a fiery furnace when they refused to bow to the king's idol. It seems there was a fourth in the furnace with them. Nebuchadnezzar describes him as one like the Son of God. Undoubtedly, this was a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus.
3. Daniel prophesied of the end time events in dreams and visions. The future kingdoms were foretold by name, and the Antichrist was described. The crucifixion (the cutting off) of Messiah, would be 483 years after the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem. Daniel and Revelation fit very well together in understanding the things to come.

Book of Daniel Summary

- Chapter 1 – The first wave
- Chapter 2 – Nebuchadnezzar's dream
- Chapter 3 – The fiery furnace
- Chapter 4 – Nebuchadnezzar meets God
- Chapter 5 – Handwriting on the wall
- Chapter 6 – The lion's den
- Chapter 7 – Four beasts
- Chapter 8 – Ram and he-goat
- Chapter 9 – Seventy week prophecy
- Chapter 10 – Dark princes
- Chapter 11 – Gentile succession
- Chapter 12 – Consumation

Daniel's Visions Compared

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↑ Daniel 2		↑ Daniel 7	
Gold		Winged Lion	Babylon
Silver		Bear on side	Persia
Brass		Leopard	Greece
Iron		Terrible Beast	Rome I
Iron + Clay		10 Heads...	"Rome II"


The 69 Weeks

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Commandment to
restore Jerusalem

The Messiah
the King

$69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$ days



Decree of
Artaxerxes
Longimanus
Mar 14, 445 BC

445 BC - 32 AD:	173,740
March 14 - April 6:	24
Leap Years:	116
	173,880

The Triumphal
Entry
April 6, 32 AD

Book of Ezekiel – Visions

- Chapter 1 – of God
- Chapter 8 – of wickedness
- Chapter 10 – cherubim
- Chapter 37 – dry bones
- Chapter 38 – final conflict
- Chapter 40-48 the millennial temple

Return and Redo

God said he would bring his people again to the land. **This has a double application.**

1. He brought them back from the Babylonian Captivity after 70 years as understood by Daniel (See ch. 9:2) while reading Jeremiah (Jer 25:11 as well as Jer 29:1,10; 2Ch 36:21).
2. He will also gather them in the latter days as he has been doing since 1948.
 - a. After 2500 years without a homeland, Israel was established as a country.
 - b. Since then Jews from all over the world have been emigrating to Israel. Plans for a new temple are in place. Priests, descended from Aaron, are preparing instruments and garments and perfecting temple worship. A perfect red heifer has been located. Rumors that the Ark of the Covenant has been located are circulating. The nations of Eze 38:3-6 are gathering against Israel, promising to wipe if from the face of the earth. Look up! (See Luk 21.28)

Isaiah named Cyrus over 150 years before he was born, or about 200 years before he made the decree to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. Compare Isa 45:1; 2Ch 36:22-23; Ezr 1:1-8; 3:7; 4:3-5; 5:13-17; 6:3,14; Da 1:21; 6:28; 10:1. Cyrus was impressed with the prophecy. He allowed the Jews to return and rebuild.

Ezra rebuilds the temple

Opposition from the inhabitants of the land that were brought in during the Assyrian Captivity – Ezra 4 God's protection – Ezra 5:5
Darius finds the decree of Cyrus and commands the temple in Jerusalem to be rebuilt Ezra 6:3 and financed by the king's treasury.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Artaxerxes - Whatever Ezra needs, give it to him. Ezra's prayer - the people get right.

Nehemiah rebuilds the wall

The cup bearer to the king had a sad countenance before the king because of the condition of Jerusalem. This was very risky behavior for Nehemiah to come before the king in such a state. He prayed and the prayer was answered. The king gave permission and resources to go and rebuild.

Like Ezra he faced opposition from inhabitants of Canaan. God delivered the Jews. The people rejoiced greatly in the Word of God after the wall was finished.

The Levites taught the people the Big Picture in Nehemiah chapter 9.

Daniel stays in Babylon advising many kings.

Esther stays in Persia as queen of the Persian Empire - 127 provinces

She saved the Jews from the destruction wrought by Haman. The Jewish holiday of Purim celebrate this deliverance.

The post captivity prophets point to the coming of Christ and end time events.

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

The 400 Silent Years

The Apocrypha was written. These books are not Scripture, but were included in some Bible for historical reasons.

Greece – Alexander the Great conquers Persia

He dies and his 4 generals take over as prophesied in Daniel 7:6

Antiochus Epiphanes desecrates the Jewish temple by offering a pig on the altar. He was a type of the Anti-christ.

Rome's conquest of Greece and Caesar's rule Herodians were Jewish kings and vassals of Rome.

Josephus – the Jewish historian confirms the Biblical account and provides secular details of events of the period.

Questions on Captivity and Return

1. The 10 northern tribes were taken captive by the _____.
2. Judah, made up of the tribes of Benjamin and Judah, was taken captive by the _____.
3. Captivity resulted from the downward slide into _____ and breaking God's laws.
4. God views idolatry as spiritual _____.
5. The Babylonian Captivity took place in _____ separate waves over a _____ year period of time starting in 606BC.
6. The finest and brightest youth like _____ were first taken captive to Babylon.
7. Next the king, his court, the mighty men of valor, craftsmen, and smiths were taken in the _____ year of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
8. In the final wave _____ was destroyed. Only the poorest were left to care for the land.
9. Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were also known as _____, _____, and _____.
10. The prophetic books of _____, _____, and _____ were written during the Babylonian captivity.
11. While the Jews were in the land of Canaan, _____ sabbath years were missed so God put them in captivity for that number of years so the land could have rest.
12. Jeremiah wrote _____ because of the hopelessness in Jerusalem where he stayed during the Babylonian Captivity.
13. The "dry bones" vision of Ezekiel 37 pictures the restoration of Israel to the land which began in _____.
14. Nebuchadnezzar's dream of an image represents the five major _____ of the world – _____, _____, _____, _____, and the revived _____ empire (EU)
15. _____ was in the fiery furnace with the Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
16. Belshazzar's vision is a common expression in use today - _____.
17. The 70 week prophecy is divided into _____ weeks and _____ which is yet to be fulfilled.
18. The one week represents the _____ period.
19. Sixty nine weeks of years (483) is the exact time from the _____ to _____ Jerusalem until _____ is _____.
20. _____ says "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."
21. King _____ was named hundreds of years before his birth by the prophet Jeremiah and recorded by Isaiah in Isa 44:28. It was said that he would rebuild Jerusalem.

22. Esther was the queen of _____ and her cousin, _____ was put in charge instead of Haman who plotted to kill all the Jews.
23. The 400 years after the captivity is known as the _____ years because no books of Scripture were written then. The books called the _____ were written in that period.
24. Ezra rebuilt the _____ and Nehemiah rebuilt the _____ in Jerusalem.