

Daniel & Revelation End-time Prophecies Sermon Series
Study # 2: Apostasy Leads to Captivity
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What is Bible prophecy?

Prophecy = prediction = history given to us in advance. God reveals to us His moves and Satan's (The enemy) moves.

Amos 3:7

7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Prophecy is about the “Revelation (revealing) of Jesus Christ”, **Revelation 1:1**.

Bible prophecy reveals..What Jesus has done? What He is doing? What He will do?

We are going to journey through one of the most powerful end-time prophetic books in the old testament, Daniel. It is book that ALL of God’s faithful remnant people MUST understand and apply in their lives in order to make it through until the end. The book of Daniel is the name of God’s prophet, Daniel.

Remember: Daniel has 12 chapters, but are divided into 2 books.

- 1st half Daniel (Chapters 1 – 6) reveals the character we MUST develop in order to make it through the last days and judged as faithful to make it into God's heavenly kingdom.
- 2nd half Chapter 7 – 12 are prophecies built from prophecy and life's lessons in Daniel chapter 2 using the “repeat and enlarge” method of teaching.

In today’s study we will look at the circumstances and events that sets the stage of the book of Daniel and the lessons it teaches for those live at the end of time. This study is extremely important to understand. It sets a firm foundation to the understanding of the entire book of Daniel.

What are the circumstances and events that introduces the book of Daniel?

Daniel 1:1-2

1 In the third year of the reign of **Jehoiakim king** of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged (captured) it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

The first two verses of Daniel 1 sets the stage. It reveals that Babylon under king Nebuchadnezzar attacked the city of Jerusalem and took the king of Judah, Jehoiakim, along with some others as captives and slaves. Some of the holy items from Jerusalem’s temple (aka Solomon’s Temple) was taken by Babylon and placed in their pagan temple. Approx 900 miles from Jerusalem to Babylon!

Babylon at the time was a pagan empire on the rise and expanding its territory from the Middle East area where current Iraq is located westward to Israel.

Babylon (Hebrew) also Babel = “confusion (by mixing)” - *BDB Definition*

This is the same place where the tower of Babel was built in world rebellion against God after the world wide flood. The post flood world defied God and was in unified rebellion against Him. God out of compassion broke up the rebellion by confusing the languages. As a result the people were scattered throughout the earth.

Main questions today:**Why did the Lord give Jehoiakim the king of Judah and God's people into the hands of Babylon? What are the implications and lessons that we MUST learn from this?**

Remember God gave the everlasting covenant promise and blessing to Abraham and his seed to be a blessing to the world. **Israel was blessed by God with the law and the testimonies.** They had been given the full light of God's truth and salvation with the responsibility to give it to the world.

What explicit instructions and words of encouragement did Moses give to the children of Israel before they possessed the land of promise?**Deuteronomy 6:5, 17**

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

Deuteronomy 7:1-6, 9, 12

1 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou;
2 And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them:
3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.
4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.
5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.
6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.
9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;
12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

Deuteronomy 11:22-23

22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;
23 Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

Deuteronomy 8:11, 19-20

11 Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day.
19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.
20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 28:32, 41, 45-52, and 64

32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand.

41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.

45 Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:

46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;

50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.

64 And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

This is a covenant (contract) of promise and a conditional prophecy. It promises blessings if the contract is kept by God's people, but curses of doom if the contract is violated.

One of the curses out of many if the contract is violated is that they will be attacked and made captives in other lands under the ruler ship of another nation!

What happened to the children of Israel after the death of Joshua and the elders who knew him?**Judges 2:7, 10 - 14**

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim:

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

As a result of Israel's apostasy and rebellion, God out of compassion used these times of captivity as a tool of correction.

Revelation 3:19

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Chasten = correction, punishment, reform, reprove.

Deuteronomy 8:5-6

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

Did God give Israel the covenant? Who violated it? It was not God? God's people distracted and seduced into false worship, but out of love God still moved to try to turn an apostate rebellious people back to Him. This was the history of Israel and many of God's professed people today.

During the time of the judges before Israel had kings, did they continue to have a "captivity" problem? What does the record show from the Bible?

Judges 2:16-22

16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

20 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice;

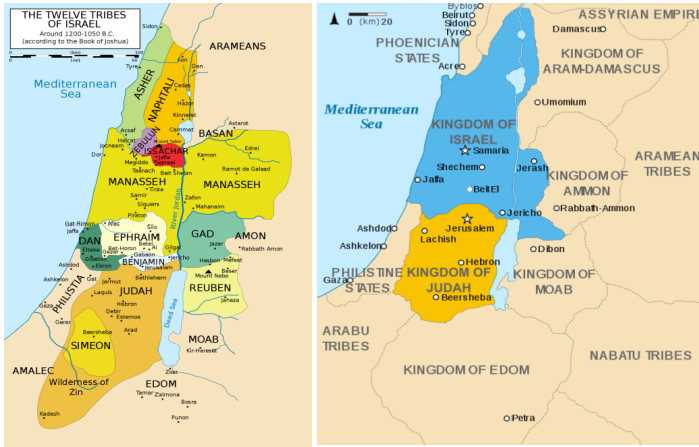
21 I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died:

22 That through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.

Yes, Israel continued to have a "captivity" problem because of their disobedience and rebellion towards God! This continued throughout the days of the kings until the end of their probation after the stoning of Stephen in 34 AD.

Israel and Judah: Historical Background of Apostasy

From the time of kings Saul, David, and Solomon Israel was unified as one nation. Solomon's kingship started with great promise as long as he was faithful to God. He built Israel's first permanent sanctuary as God instructed later known as Solomon's Temple. But his first major mistake was when he married heathen wives. Then later he built idols and pagan temples of worship throughout Israel. Even though in Solomon's old age he repented and ask God for forgiveness for his evil ways, the roots of idolatry and apostasy ran deep in Israel. The consequences deeply affect the kingdom of Israel for decades to come.



After King Solomon died his son Rehoboam became king. Because of Rehoboam’s evil heart and oppressive spirit God split the kingdom of Israel into two known as (North) Israel and (South) Judah. 10 tribes of the 12 split from Rehoboam to form the northern kingdom of Israel. God placed Jeroboam over the 10 tribes of Israel.

The tribes of Judah and Benjamin remained with Rehoboam which formed the southern kingdom, known as Judah. Solomon’s temple and the capital city of Jerusalem was in Judah. Jeroboam and his 10 tribes settled north of Judah. (See maps)

Kings of Judah	Bible	Good/Bad	Kings of Israel	Bible	All Bad
Rehoboam	1 Kings 11-14	BAD	Jeroboam I	1 Kings 12-14	BAD
Abijam	1 Kings 14-15	BAD	Nadab	1 Kings 15	BAD
Asa	1 Kings 15	Good	Baasha	1 Kings 15-16	BAD
			Elah	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Zimri	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Omri	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Ahab	1 Kings 16	BAD
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 22	Good	Ahaziah	1 Kings 22	BAD
Jehoram	2 Kings 8	BAD	Jehoram	2 Kings 1	BAD
Ahaziah	2 Kings 8-9	BAD	Jehu	2 Kings 10:31	BAD
Athaliah	2 Kings 11	BAD	Jehoahaz	2 Kings 9-10	BAD
Joash	2 Kings 11-12 2 Ch 24:22	Good BAD	Jehoash	2 Kings 13-14	BAD
Amaziah	2 Kings 14	Good	Jeroboam II	2 Kings 14	BAD
Azariah	2 Kings 15	Good	Zechariah	2 Kings 14-15	BAD
Jotham	2 Kings 15	Good	Shallum	2 Kings 15	BAD
Ahaziah	2 Kings 16	BAD	Menahem	2 Kings 15	BAD
Hezekiah	2 Kings 18-20	Good	Pekahiah	2 Kings 15	BAD
Manasseh	2 Kings 21	BAD	Pekahiah	2 Kings 15	BAD
Amnon	2 Kings 21	BAD	Hoshea	2 Kings 15-17	BAD
Josiah	2 Kings 21-23	Good	Assyrian Captivity - No return		
Jehoahaz	2 Kings 23	BAD			
Jehoiakim	2 Kings 23	BAD			
Jehoiachin	2 Kings 24	BAD			
Zedekiah	2 Kings 24-25	BAD			
Babylonian Captivity - 70 years					

For about **210** years ALL the kings of the northern kingdom of Israel were evil in the sight of the Lord from Jeroboam to the last king, Hosea (see pic). They rejected God’s everlasting covenant. They rejected both the law and the testimonies. God pleaded with the kings and the people of the northern kingdom through His prophets such as Elijah. God chasten them, but to no avail. They refused to repent, revive, and reform according to the way of the Lord. Only a small remnant had a decided revival and reformation. **The entire northern kingdom went into Assyrian captivity with no return.**

For about **345** years the kings of Judah, the southern kingdom, had a mixture of seven good and thirteen bad kings from Rehoboam to the last king, Zedekiah. They were in and out of apostasy, which eventually led to their 70 years of Babylonian captivity. **It is worthy to**

note that King Joash was a king that started good but ended bad by killing God’s priest, Zechariah the son of Jehoiada.

By the way, why did King Joash KILL Zechariah the priest? Was it because Zechariah was leading people into idolatry or sin? NO!

2 Chronicles 24:17-22

17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass.

19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it.

Zechariah was killed because he lifted up his voice against the apostasy and plead the king and Judah to return the obedience of God commandments. Zechariah was calling Judah back to the fundamentals of God's word. Zechariah believed that God's word was absolute truth and literal will of God. He was probably called extremist, fundamentalists, or cult! Are you afraid to be called extremist, cult, or fundamentalist for exposing the truth and pleaded others to repent, turn from sin and turn to Jesus?

If you are giving the everlasting gospel of the three angels message you will suffer persecution, torture, imprisonment or even death! Don't be afraid! Didn't GOD command us to go expose the truth, reveal Jesus in prophecy and expose the beast, image of the beast and Babylon? You will be exposed to attacks! **Remember what God says...**

Joshua 1:9

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Zechariah (Hebrew) means = "Jehovah remembers" - BDB

What happened to Judah and King Joash after he Zechariah killed? Did God forget? NO

2 Chronicles 24:24-25

24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings.

Did you know that Jesus Himself remembered the murder of his servant Zechariah by Joash when speaking to the rebellious Pharisees? Jesus does not forget the "fallen" who was martyred for the sake of the truth! Their blood will be avenged by God.

Luke 11:51

51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

Now let's go back to Daniel 1:1, 2.

What was the general reason why Judah and King Jehoiakim was taken captive in Babylon?

In general, the reason why king Jehoiakim and others from Judah was in Babylonian captivity was because they refused to repent and turn back to true worship. They completely apostatized from God's truth. They broke the everlasting covenant and rejected the law and the testimonies!

Josiah, the great reformer

King Jehoiakim was the son of King Josiah, Judah's great reformer of truth. He was a good king of Judah that brought about thorough true revival and reformation!

How did King Josiah demonstrate a thorough true revival and reformation? We must learn from his example.

2 Chronicles 34:31 (true revival = awaken to truth)

31 And the king (Josiah) stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

Reformation (transformation = no longer following the ways of the world, but the only the ways of Jesus)

2 Chronicles 34:1-3

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

2 Kings 23:7

7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites (homosexuality), that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

2 Chronicles 34:5

5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

Did you know this was prophesied by God that Josiah, by name would do this about 280 years before he was born when king Jeroboam was at Bethel in northern kingdom of Israel? See prophecy at work!

1 Kings 13:1-2

1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

Look at the Details of the prophecy fulfilled about 260 years later!

2 Kings 23:16-17

16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

17 Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel.

When the book of the law that contains the everlasting covenant was found and read to Josiah, he humbled himself and made a complete reformation by re-instituting all the sanctuary services.

Jeremiah the Prophet

Jeremiah was the young prophet at the time of Josiah. He was a witness of a true revival and reformation for the people of Judah through Josiah's reforms. Jeremiah knew that Judah would have a bright future if they stayed faithful to God's everlasting covenant.

What happened after Josiah was killed in a battle with Egypt?

This unexpected news of Josiah's death devastated the prophet Jeremiah and the people of Judah!

2 Chronicles 35:24,25

24 ... And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah...

2 Kings 23:30-32

30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

31 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

1- Jehoahaz - evil

Josiah's son **Jehoahaz** becomes king but did not carry on his father's legacy and love for God's truth. He did evil in God's eyes. Only three months after his reign Jehoahaz was captured by the Egyptian king

2 Kings 23:33-34

33 And Pharaohnechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.

34 And Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

2 – Jehoiakim – evil

2 Kings 23:36-37

36 Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

Judah backslide into apostasy and idol worship again. God warned Jehoiakim and Judah of their apostasy to turn from their evil ways through the prophet Jeremiah!

Who did Judah have as an example to learn from their their apostasy and rebellion against God?

Israel, the northern kingdom. At the time Jeremiah is making his plea to Judah the northern kingdom of Israel ended when they were taken captives by the Assyrian over 110 years before! They had no excuse.

What did God tell Jeremiah concerning Israel and Judah?

Jeremiah 3:6-8

6 The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

Jeremiah warned Judah and king Jehoiakim to repent and turn back to the true God of heaven or they will be captives in Babylon for seventy years!

Jeremiah 25:1, 2, 7-9, and 11

1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

2 The which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the LORD; that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

8 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words,

9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Daniel 1:1, 2 is the fulfillment of this to the letter! This was prophesied by the prophet Isaiah to king Hezekiah about 90 years before!

Specifically, what was one of the great apostasies and abominations that caused Judah's Babylonian captivity?

It was sun worship and rejection of the true seventh day Sabbath.

Jeremiah 8:1-2

1 At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:

2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

Jeremiah 17:19-25, 27

19 Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

21 Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;

25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever.

27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

Lesson: End time prophecy reveals that APOSTASY leads to Babylonian captivity! Those who rebel and reject the law and testimonies will be in Babylonian bondage in the last days.

Do you have a more sure word of Bible prophecy? What applied to Judah in the past applies to you and I. Are you going to make the same decision to reject truth and rebell against TRUTH, Jesus Christ? Or are you going to daily submit to the truth, Jesus? Do you see how bible prophecy works? It is accurate to the letter!

Next lesson we will continue in Daniel chapter 1. We will also get a prospective from each siege of Judah by the hands of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.