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The Reign of Josiah,  
the most righteous king ever in Judah  
followed by the wicked  
Jehoahaz (Joahaz)

Pharaoh Neco replaces Jehoahaz with  
Jehoiakim

## Josiah, righteous king of Judah Son of Amon, wicked king of Judah

### Brief summary of Josiah's life

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2Ki 22:1 Josiah</b> was eight years old when he began to reign,</li><li>• and he reigned <b>thirty and one years</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</li><li>• And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.</li></ul> <p>2Ki 22:2 And he did <i>that which was right in the sight of the LORD</i>, and walked in all the way of <b>David</b> his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2Ch 34:1 Josiah</b> was eight years old when he began to reign,</li><li>• and he reigned in <b>Jerusalem one and thirty years</b>.</li></ul> <p>2Ch 34:2 And he did <i>that which was right in the sight of the LORD</i>, and walked in the ways of <b>David</b> his father, and declined <i>neither</i> to the right hand, nor to the left.</p>
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2Ch 34:3a For **in the eighth year of his reign**, while he was yet young, he began to seek after **the God of David his father**:

### Josiah purges Judah and Jerusalem of objects of worship to foreign gods and their priests

and **in the twelfth year** he began to purge **Judah and Jerusalem** from

- **the high places**,
- and **the groves [Asherim]**,
- and the **carved images**,
- and the **molten images**.

2Ch 34:4 And they brake down

- **the altars of Baalim** in his presence;
- and **the images** [H2553: Sun pillar, idol, image], that *were* on high above them, he cut down;
- and **the groves [Asherim]**,
- and the **carved images**,
- and the **molten images**,

he brake in pieces, and made dust *of them*,

and strowed [scattered] *it* upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

2Ch 34:5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon **their altars**,

Note: Prophecy of 1Ki 13:1-2 spoken to Jeroboam fulfilled

and cleansed

- **Judah and Jerusalem**.
- 2Ch 34:6 And *so did he* in the cities of
  - **Manasseh**,
  - and **Ephraim**,
  - and **Simeon**,
  - even unto **Naphtali**, with their mattocks round about.

2Ch 34:7 And when he had

- broken down the altars and **the groves [Asherim]** , and had beaten **the graven images** into powder,
- and cut down **all the idols** [H2553: Sun pillar, idol, image] throughout all the land of **Israel**,

he returned to **Jerusalem**.

**Jer 1:1**

The words of Jeremiah the son of **Hilkiah**,  
of the priests that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin:

Jer 1:2 To whom **the word of the LORD** came

- in the days of **Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.**
- Jer 1:3 It came also **in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah,**  
Note: Jehoiakim was a wicked king who ruled 11 years
- **unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah,**  
Note: Zedekiah (wicked king) was taken to Babylon in his 11<sup>th</sup> year where his eyes were gouged out and he was left to die in prison
- **unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.**

**Note: In this document we focus what was likely prophesied during Josiah's reign only.**

**Zep 1:1**

**The word of the LORD** which came unto Zephaniah  
the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah,  
**in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.**

**Hab 1:1**

The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

**Hab 1:5** Behold ye among the **heathen**, and regard, and wonder marvellously:  
for *I will work a work in your days, which* ye will not believe, though it be told *you*.

**Hab 2:1** I will stand upon my watch,  
and set me upon the tower,  
and will watch **to see what he will say unto me,**  
and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

Hab 2:2 **And the LORD answered me, and said,**  
Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables,  
**that he may run that readeth it.**

Hab 2:3 For the vision *is* yet for **an appointed time,**  
but at the end it shall speak, and not lie:  
though it tarry, wait for it;  
because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

**Mal 1:1** The burden of **the word of the LORD** to Israel by Malachi.

## God calls Jeremiah to prophesy

Jer 1:4 Then **the word of the LORD** came unto me, saying,

Jer 1:5 **Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee;**  
and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee,  
and I ordained thee a prophet unto the **nations**.

Jer 1:6 Then said I,  
Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.

Jer 1:7 But **the LORD** said unto me,

**Say not, I *am* a child:**  
for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee,  
and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.  
Jer 1:8 Be not afraid of their faces: or I *am* with thee to deliver thee,  
**saith the LORD**.

Jer 1:9 Then **the LORD** put forth his hand, and touched my mouth.  
**And the LORD said unto me,**

**Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.**  
Jer 1:10 **See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms,**  
• to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down,  
• to build, and to plant.

## Rod of an Almond Tree

Jer 1:11 Moreover **the word of the LORD** came unto me, saying,  
**Jeremiah**, what seest thou?

And I said,  
I see a **rod** [branch, shoot] of an almond tree. (Note: emblem of alertness and activity)

Jer 1:12 Then said **the LORD** unto me,  
Thou hast well seen: for **I will hasten my word to perform it**.

## The LORD will defend Jeremiah against the rulers of Judah

Jer 1:17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee:  
**be not dismayed at their faces**, lest I confound thee before them.

Jer 1:18 For, behold, I have made thee this day

- a defenced city,
- and an iron pillar,
- and brasen walls

against the whole land, against **the kings of Judah**, against **the princes** thereof, against **the priests** thereof, and  
against **the people** of the land.

Jer 1:19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I *am* with thee, **saith the LORD**, to deliver thee.

## Many rebukes for Jerusalem

### Jer 2:1

Moreover **the word of the LORD** came to me, saying,

Jer 2:2 Go and cry in the ears of **Jerusalem**, saying,  
Thus saith the LORD;

### I remember thee,

- the kindness of thy youth,
- the love of thine espousals,
- when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.
- Jer 2:3 **Israel** *was* holiness unto **the LORD**, *and* the firstfruits of his increase:  
all that devour him shall offend [be guilty]; **evil shall come upon them**,

saith the LORD.

Jer 2:4 Hear ye **the word of the LORD**, **O house of Jacob**, and all the families of the **house of Israel**:

Jer 2:5

Thus saith the LORD,

### What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that

- they are gone far from me,
- and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?
- Jer 2:6 Neither said they, Where *is* **the LORD**  
that brought us up out of the land of **Egypt**,  
that led us through **the wilderness**,  
through a land of deserts and of pits,  
through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death,  
through a land that no man passed through,  
and where no man dwelt?

Jer 2:7 And I brought you into a plentiful country,  
to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof;  
but when ye entered, ye defiled my land,  
and made mine heritage an abomination.

Jer 2:8 The priests said not, Where *is* **the LORD**?  
and they that handle **the law** knew me not:  
the **pastors** also transgressed against me,  
and the **prophets** prophesied by **Baal**,  
and walked after *things that* do not profit.

Jer 2:9 **Wherefore** I will yet plead [contend] with you,  
saith the LORD,  
and with your children's children will I plead [contend].

Jer 2:10 For pass over the isles of **Chittim** [Kittim/Cyprus], and see;  
and send unto Kedar [Arabia], and consider diligently, (**Kedar: a nomadic clan of the Ishmaelites**)  
and see if there be such a thing.

Jer 2:11 **Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods?**  
but my people have changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit.

Jer 2:12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate,  
saith the LORD.

Jer 2:13 For my people have committed two evils;

- they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters,
- *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. (Note: place their reliance on expedient political solutions/alliances, empty human reasonings, and futile God-dishonoring ideologies and philosophies)

Jer 2:14 **Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled?**

Jer 2:15 The young lions roared upon **him**, *and* yelled, (Note: Assyrian kings and princes)

and they made **his land** waste:  
**his cities** are burned without inhabitant.

Jer 2:16 Also the children of **Noph [Memphis]** and **Tahapanes** (Note: Egyptians) have broken the crown of thy head.

Jer 2:17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself,  
in that thou hast forsaken **the LORD thy God**, when he led thee by the way?

Jer 2:18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of **Egypt**, to drink the waters of **Sihor [the Nile]**?

or what hast thou to do in the way of **Assyria**, to drink the waters of **the river [Euphrates]**?  
(Note: referring to seeking military alliances with Egypt and Assyria)

Jer 2:19 **Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings [apostasies] shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God,**

and that my fear [the dread of Me] *is* not in thee,  
saith **the LORD GOD** of hosts.

Jer 2:20 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands;

But you said, 'I will not serve!' For on every high hill and under every green tree you have lain down as a harlot. (NASV)	and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot. (KJV - correct translation here)
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Jer 2:21 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed:  
how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

Jer 2:22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap,  
*yet* thine iniquity is marked before me,  
saith **the LORD GOD**.

Jer 2:23 **How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim [the Baals]?**  
see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done:

*thou art* a swift dromedary [young camel] traversing her ways;

Jer 2:24 A wild ass used to the wilderness,

*that* snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure;

in her occasion [heat] who can turn her away?

all they that seek her will not weary themselves;  
in her month they shall find her.

Jer 2:25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst:  
but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.

Jer 2:26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is **the house of Israel** ashamed;  
they, their **kings**, their **princes**, and their **priests**, and their **prophets**,  
Jer 2:27 Saying to a stock [tree stump], Thou *art* my father;  
and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth:  
for they have turned *their* back unto me, and not *their* face:

**but in the time of their trouble** they will say,  
Arise, and save us.

Jer 2:28 But where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee?  
let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble:  
for *according to* the number of thy cities are thy gods, O **Judah**.

Jer 2:29 **Wherefore will ye plead with me?**

ye all have transgressed against me, **saith the LORD**.

Jer 2:30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own  
sword hath devoured **your prophets**, like a destroying lion.

Jer 2:31 O generation, see ye **the word of the LORD**.

**Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness?**

wherefore say my people, We are lords [our own gods];  
we will come no more unto thee?

Jer 2:32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire?  
yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

Jer 2:33 Why trimmest [prepare] thou thy way to seek love?  
therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.

Jer 2:34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents:

You did not find them breaking in. But in spite of all these things, (NASV)	I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. (KJV)
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Jer 2:35 Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from  
me.

**Behold, I will plead [contend] with thee, because** thou sayest, I have not sinned.

Jer 2:36 **Why gaddest thou about [do you go around] so much to change thy way?**

**thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of [put to shame  
by] Assyria.**

(Fulfilled in 2Kings 23:29-35 by Pharaoh Neco)

Jer 2:37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head:  
for **the LORD** hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

**Jer 3:1 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another  
man's,  
shall he return unto her again?  
shall not that land be greatly polluted?**

but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me,  
**saith the LORD**.

Jer 3:2 Lift up thine eyes unto **the high places**, and see  
where thou hast not been lien [adulterously lain] with.  
In the ways [waysides] hast thou sat {waiting} for them, as the Arabian {seeking  
plunder} in the wilderness;  
and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.

Jer 3:3 **Therefore** the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain;  
and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

Jer 3:4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me,  
 My father, thou *art* the guide of my youth?  
 Jer 3:5 Will he reserve *his anger* for ever?  
 will he keep *it* to the end?  
 Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

## God compares Judah with Israel

Jer 3:6

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.

Jer 3:7 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*.

Jer 3:8 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; (**Note:** referring to Israel already being taken into exile in Assyria)

Jer 3:8b yet her **treacherous sister Judah**  
 feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

Jer 3:9 And it came to pass through the  
 lightness of **her** whoredom,

- that she defiled the land,
- and committed adultery with stones  
 and with stocks [tree stumps].

Jer 3:10 And yet for all this her **treacherous  
 sister Judah** hath not turned unto me with her  
 whole heart,  
 but feignedly [with deception],  
 saith the LORD.

Mal 2:8 But

- ye are departed out of the way;
- ye have caused many to stumble at the  
 law;
- ye have corrupted **the covenant of Levi**,  
 saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 2:9 Therefore have I also made you  
 contemptible and base before all the people,  
 according as ye have not kept my ways, but have  
 been partial in the law.

Mal 2:10 Have we not all one father? hath not one  
 God created us?  
 why do we deal treacherously every man against  
 his brother, by profaning **the covenant of our  
 fathers**?

Mal 2:11 **Judah** hath dealt treacherously, and an  
 abomination is committed in Israel and in  
**Jerusalem**; for **Judah** hath profaned the holiness  
 of **the LORD** which he loved, and hath married the  
 daughter of a strange god.

Mal 2:12 **The LORD** will cut off the man that  
 doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the  
 tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an  
 offering unto **the LORD** of hosts.

Jer 3:11

And the LORD said unto me,

The backsliding **Israel** hath justified herself more than **treacherous Judah**.

(See also Ezekiel chapter 23)

## Jerusalem's Tyranny

**Zep 3:1** Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to **the oppressing city!**

**Zep 3:2** She obeyed not the voice;  
she received not correction {or instruction};  
she trusted not in **the LORD**;  
she drew not near to **her God**.

**Hab 1:2** **O LORD**, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out unto thee *of* violence, and thou wilt not save!

**Hab 1:3** Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause *me* to behold grievance? for *spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention.*

<p><b>Zep 3:3</b> Her princes within her <i>are</i> roaring lions; her judges <i>are</i> evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow. <b>Zep 3:4</b> Her prophets <i>are</i> light [reckless] <i>and</i> treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.</p>	<p><b>Hab 1:4</b> Therefore <b>the law</b> is slacked [made sluggish], and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong [perverted] judgment proceedeth.</p>
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**Zep 3:5** The just **LORD** *is* in the midst thereof;  
he will not do iniquity:  
every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not;  
but the unjust knoweth no shame.

**Zep 3:7** I said, Surely **thou wilt fear me**, thou wilt receive instruction;  
so **their** dwelling should not be cut off,

<p><i>According to</i> all that I have appointed concerning <b>her</b>. But <b>they</b> were eager to corrupt all their deeds. NASV</p>	<p>howsoever I punished <b>them</b>: but <b>they</b> rose early, <i>and</i> corrupted all their doings. KJV</p>
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## God despises men who mistreat their wives

**Mal 2:13** **And this have ye done again**,  
covering the altar of **the LORD** with tears, with weeping, and with crying out,  
insomuch that **he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.**

**Mal 2:14** Yet ye say, Wherefore?

Because **the LORD** hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth,

- against whom thou hast dealt treacherously:
- yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

<p><b>Mal 2:15</b> "But not one has done so who has a remnant of the Spirit. And what did that one do while he was seeking a godly offspring? (NASV)</p>	<p><b>Mal 2:15</b> And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. (KJV)</p>
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Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

Mal 2:16 "For **I hate divorce**," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "and him who covers his garment with wrong," says the LORD of hosts. "So take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously." (NASV)

Mal 2:16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously. (KJV)

Mal 2:17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, very one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?

## Priests who despise the LORD with defective offerings

Mal 1:6 A son honoureth *his* father, and a servant his master: if then I *be* a father, where *is* mine honour? and if I *be* a master, where *is* my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name.

And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?  
Mal 1:7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar;

and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee?  
In that ye say, The table of the LORD *is* contemptible.

Mal 1:8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, *is it* not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 1:9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he regard your persons? saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 1:10 Who *is there* even among you that would shut the doors *for nought*? neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

Mal 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name *shall be* great among the Gentiles; and in every place **incense** *shall be* offered unto my name, and a **pure offering**: for my name *shall be* great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 1:12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, **The table of the LORD** *is* polluted; and the fruit thereof, *even* his meat [produce], *is* contemptible.

Mal 1:13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness *is it!* and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought *that which* was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering:

should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

Mal 1:14 But cursed *be* the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing: for I *am* a great King, saith the LORD of hosts, and my name *is* dreadful among the heathen.

Mal 2:1 And now, O ye priests, this commandment *is* for you.

Mal 2:2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it to heart*, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts,

I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already,

because ye do not lay *it to heart*.

Mal 2:3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed [offspring], and spread dung upon your faces, *even* the dung of your solemn feasts; and *one* shall take you away with it.

## God uses Levi as an example for priests to follow

Mal 2:4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that **my covenant** might be with **Levi**, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 2:5 **My covenant** was **with him** of life and peace; and I gave them to him

*for*

- the fear wherewith he feared me,
- and was afraid before **my name**.
- Mal 2:6 **The law of truth** was in his mouth,
- and iniquity was not found in his lips:
- he walked with me in peace and equity,
- and did turn many away from iniquity.

Mal 2:7 For **the priest's lips should keep knowledge**, and they should seek **the law** at his mouth: for he *is* the messenger of **the LORD of hosts**.

Jer 4:3

For **Thus saith the LORD** to the men of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**,

**Break up your fallow ground**, (Hos 10:12)  
**and sow not among thorns.** ( Luk\_8:14; Gal\_6:7-8)

Jer 4:4 **Circumcise yourselves to the LORD**, ( Deu\_30:6; Eze\_18:31; Rom\_2:28-29; Col\_2:11)

**and take away the foreskins of your heart**,  
ye men of **Judah** and inhabitants of **Jerusalem**:

lest my **fury** come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench *it*, **because of** the evil of your doings.

## Not one in Jerusalem does Justice or seeks Truth

**Jer 5:1** Run ye to and fro through the streets of **Jerusalem**,  
and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof,

**if ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth;**

and [then] I will pardon it [Jerusalem].

Jer 5:2 And though they say, **The LORD** liveth; surely they swear falsely.

Jer 5:3 **O LORD**, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth?

*thou hast stricken them*, but they have not grieved {over their sins};  
*thou hast consumed them*, *but* they have refused to receive correction:  
they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

Jer 5:4 **Therefore I said**, Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish:

for they know not the way of **the LORD**, *nor* the judgment of their God.

Jer 5:5 **I will get me unto the great men**, and will speak unto them;

for they have known the way of **the LORD**, *and* the judgment of their God:  
but these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.

Jer 5:6 **Wherefore**

a lion out of the forest shall slay them,

*and* a wolf of the evenings [deserts] shall spoil them,

a leopard shall watch over their cities:

every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces:

**because** their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased.

Jer 5:7

**How shall I pardon thee for this?**

thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods:

when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves  
by troops in the harlots' houses.

Jer 5:8 They were *as* fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's  
wife.

Jer 5:9 **Shall I not visit [punish] for these *things*?** saith **the LORD**:

**and shall not my soul be avenged** on such a nation as this?

## Israel, already taken captive by the Assyrians, called to repentance

Jer 3:12

Go and proclaim these words toward **the north**, and say,

**Return, thou backsliding Israel**, saith **the LORD**; *and* I will not cause mine anger to fall upon  
you:

for I *am* merciful, saith **the LORD**, *and* I will not keep *anger* for ever.

Jer 3:13 **Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that**

thou hast transgressed against **the LORD thy God**,

and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree,

and ye have not obeyed my voice,

saith **the LORD**.

Jer 3:14 **Turn, O backsliding children**, saith **the LORD**;

for I *am* married [a husband, master] unto you:

and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to **Zion**:

Jer 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart,  
which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jer 3:16 **And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days,**

**saith the LORD,**

they shall say no more, **The ark of the covenant of the LORD:**

neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it;

neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall *that* be done any more.

Jer 3:17 **At that time** they shall call **Jerusalem** the throne of **the LORD**;

and all the **nations** shall be gathered unto it, to the name of **the LORD**, to **Jerusalem**:

neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

Jer 3:18 **In those days the house of Judah** shall walk with **the house of Israel**,

and they shall come together out of **the land of the north** to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

Jer 3:19 **But I said**, How shall I put thee among the children,

and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of **nations**?

**and I said**, Thou shalt call me, **My father**; and shalt not turn away from me.

Jer 3:20 Surely *as* a wife treacherously departeth from her husband,

so have ye dealt **treacherously** with me, **O house of Israel**, **saith the LORD**.

Jer 3:21 A voice was heard upon **the high places**, weeping *and* supplications of **the children of Israel**:

for they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten **the LORD their God**.

Jer 3:22

**Return, ye backsliding children**, *and* I will heal your backslidings.

Behold, we come unto thee; for thou *art* **the LORD our God**.

Jer 3:23 "Surely, the hills are a deception, A tumult <i>on</i> the mountains. (NASV)	Jer 3:23 Truly in vain <i>is</i> salvation hoped for from the hills, <i>and</i> from the multitude of mountains: (KJV)
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truly in the LORD our God *is* the salvation of Israel.

Jer 3:24 **For** shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

Jer 3:25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us:

**for** we have sinned against **the LORD our God**, we and our fathers,

from our youth even unto this day,

and have not obeyed the voice of **the LORD our God**.

Jer 4:1

**If thou wilt return, O Israel**, **saith the LORD**, **return unto me:**

**and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight,**

**then shalt thou not remove [waver].**

Jer 4:2 **And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness;**

**and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.**

## Israel and Judah pervert Justice

Jer 5:20

Declare this in **the house of Jacob**, and publish it in **Judah**, saying,

Jer 5:21 **Hear now this**, O foolish people, and without understanding;  
which have eyes, and see not;  
which have ears, and hear not:

Jer 5:22 Fear ye not me? **saith the LORD:**

**will ye not tremble at my presence,**

**which have placed** the sand *for* the bound of the sea  
by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it:

and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail;  
though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

Jer 5:23 **But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart;**  
they are revolted and gone.

Jer 5:24

Neither say they in their heart,

Let us now fear **the LORD our God,**

that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season:

he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

Jer 5:25 **Your iniquities have turned away these things,**  
**and your sins have withholden good things from you.**

Jer 5:26 For among my people are found wicked *men*:

they lay wait, as he that setteth snares;

they set a trap, they catch men.

Jer 5:27 As a cage is full of birds, so *are* their houses full of deceit:  
therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.

Jer 5:28 They are waxen fat, they shine:

yea, they overpass [surpass] the deeds of the wicked:

they judge [plead] not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they [that they may] prosper;  
and the right of the needy do they not judge [defend].

Jer 5:29 **Shall I not visit [punish] for these things? saith the LORD:**  
shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

Jer 5:30

A wonderful [appalling] and horrible thing is committed in the land;

Jer 5:31 **The prophets prophesy falsely,**

**and the priests bear rule by their means [own authority];**

**and my people love to have it so:**

and what will ye do in the end thereof?

## New/One World Order under Witchcraft funded by International Banking

Hab 2:4 Behold, his soul **which is lifted up [arrogant]** is not upright in him:  
**but the just shall live by his faith.**

Hab 2:5 Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, **he is a proud man**, neither keepeth [stays]  
at home,

who enlargeth his desire [appetite] as hell, and *is* as death, and cannot be satisfied,

**but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth [collects] unto him all  
people:**

Hab 2:6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him,  
and a taunting proverb against him, and say,  
Woe to him that increaseth *that which is* not his!  
how long?

**and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!** (Note: who loads himself with promisory notes for usury)

Hab 2:7 Shall they [your debtors] not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee,  
and thou shalt be for booties [plunder] unto them?

Hab 2:8 Because thou hast spoiled [looted] many nations,  
all the remnant of the people shall spoil [loot] thee;  
because of men's blood, and *for* the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

Hab 2:9 **Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to [whe gets evil gain for] his house,**

that he may set his nest on high,  
that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

Hab 2:10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people,  
and hast sinned *against* thy soul.

Hab 2:11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall,  
and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

Hab 2:12 **Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood [bloodshed],**  
and stablisheth a city by iniquity [violence]!

Hab 2:13 Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in  
the very fire,  
and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?

Hab 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the  
LORD,  
as the waters cover the sea.

Hab 2:15 **Woe unto him that giveth [forces/makes] his neighbour drink,**  
that putteth thy bottle to *him*, and maketh *him* drunken also,  
**that thou mayest look on their nakedness!**

Hab 2:16 Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also,  
and let thy foreskin be uncovered:  
the cup of **the LORD'S** right hand shall be turned unto thee,  
and shameful spewing *shall be* on thy glory.

Hab 2:17 For the violence of [done to] **Lebanon** shall cover [overwhelm] thee,  
and the spoil of beasts, *which* made them afraid,  
because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land,  
of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

## Do not pervert Justice nor engage in witchcraft

Jer 7:1

**The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,**

Jer 7:2 Stand in the gate of **the LORD'S house**,  
and proclaim there this word, and say,

Hear **the word of the LORD**, all *ye of Judah*, that enter in at these gates to worship **the LORD**.

Jer 7:3 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,**

Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

Jer 7:4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying,

**The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.**

Jer 7:5 For **if** ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings;  
*if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;*

Jer 7:6 *If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow,  
and shed not innocent blood in this place,  
neither walk after other gods to your hurt:*

Jer 7:7

**Then** will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.

Jer 7:8

**Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.**

Jer 7:9 Will ye

- steal,
- murder,
- and commit adultery,
- and swear falsely,
- and burn incense unto **Baal**,
- and walk after other gods whom ye know not;
- Jer 7:10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered **to do all these abominations?**

Jer 7:11 Is this house, which is called by **my name**, become a den of robbers in your eyes?

**Behold**, even I have seen *it*, **saith the LORD**.

Jer 7:12 But go ye now unto my place which *was* in **Shiloh**, where I set **my name** at the first, and see **what I did to it for** the wickedness of my people **Israel**.

Jer 7:13 And now, **because** ye have done all these works, **saith the LORD**, and I spake unto you, **rising up early and speaking**, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;

Jer 7:14

**Therefore** will I do unto this house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to **Shiloh**.

Jer 7:15 And I will cast you out of my sight,

as I have cast out all your brethren, *even* **the whole seed of Ephraim**.

Jer 7:16 Therefore pray not thou for **this people**,

neither lift up cry nor prayer for them,

neither make intercession to me:

for I will not hear thee.

Jer 7:17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of **Judah** and in the streets of **Jerusalem**?

Jer 7:18 The children gather wood,  
and the fathers kindle the fire,  
and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to **the queen of heaven**,  
and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods,  
that they may provoke me to anger.

Jer 7:19 Do they provoke me to anger? **saith the LORD**:  
*do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?*

Jer 7:20 Therefore **Thus saith the LORD GOD**;  
Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place,  
upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground;  
and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

Jer 7:21 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel**;  
Put [add] your burnt offerings unto [to] your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

Jer 7:22 For I spake not unto your fathers,  
nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of **the land of Egypt**,  
concerning **burnt offerings or sacrifices**:

Jer 7:23

But this thing commanded I them, saying,

**Obey my voice,**

- and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people:
- and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you,

that it may be well unto you.

Jer 7:24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear,  
but walked in the counsels *and* in the imagination of their evil heart,  
and went backward, and not forward.

Jer 7:25 **Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day**  
I have even sent unto you **all my servants the prophets**,  
daily rising up early and sending *them*:

Jer 7:26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear,  
but hardened their neck: **they did worse than their fathers.**

Jer 7:27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call  
unto them; but they will not answer thee.

Jer 7:28

But thou shalt say unto them,

This *is* a nation that obeyeth not **the voice of the LORD their God**, nor receiveth correction:  
truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

Jer 7:29 Cut off thine hair, *O Jerusalem*, and cast *it* away,  
and take up a lamentation on high places;  
for **the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.**

Because you sacrifice your children to demons,  
I will sacrifice you to the birds and beasts

Jer 7:30 For **the children of Judah** have done evil in my sight, **saith the LORD**:  
they have set their **abominations** in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.

Jer 7:31 **And they have built the high places** of **Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom,**  
**to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire;**  
which I commanded *them* not, neither came it into my heart.

Jer 7:32 Therefore, behold, **the days come, saith the LORD,**  
that it shall no more be called **Tophet,** nor **the valley of the son of Hinnom,**  
but **the valley of slaughter:**  
for they shall bury in **Tophet,** till there be no place.

Jer 7:33 **And the carcases of this people shall be meat**  
**for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth;**  
and none shall fray [frighten] *them* away.

Jer 7:34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of **Judah,** and from the streets of **Jerusalem,**  
the voice of mirth,  
and the voice of gladness,  
the voice of the bridegroom,  
and the voice of the bride:  
for the land shall be desolate.

**Jer 8:1**

**At that time, saith the LORD, they** [the Babylonian army] 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:

Jer 8:2 And they shall spread them before  
the **sun** [Nimrod], and the **moon** [Semiramis], and **all the host** [demons] 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.

## Continuous Apostasy and Punishments

Jer 8:3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in **all the places whither I have driven them**, saith the LORD of hosts.

Jer 8:4

Moreover thou shalt say unto them, **Thus saith the LORD**;

Shall they fall, and not arise?  
shall he turn away, and not return?

Jer 8:5 **Why then is this people of Jerusalem** slidden back by a perpetual backsliding?

- they hold fast deceit,
- they refuse to return.

Jer 8:6 **I hearkened [listened] and heard**,

- *but* they spake not aright:
- no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done?
- every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

Jer 8:7 Yea, the **stork** in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the **turtle** and the **crane** and the **swallow** observe the time of their coming; but my people know not **the judgment [ordinance] of the LORD**.

Jer 8:8 **How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us?**

Lo, certainly in vain made he *it*; the pen of the **scribes** *is* in vain.

Jer 8:9 The **wise men** are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, **they have rejected the word of the LORD**; and what wisdom *is* in them?

## Additional Punishments that compliment the coming invasion of Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon

### Loss of property and loved ones

Jer 8:10 **Therefore**

will I give **their wives** unto others,  
*and their fields to them that shall inherit them*:

for every one from the least even unto the greatest is **given to covetousness**,  
from the **prophet** even unto the **priest every one dealeth falsely**.

Jer 8:11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly,  
saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

Jer 8:12 **Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?**

nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush:

**therefore** shall they fall among them that fall:

in the time of their visitation [punishment] they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

Jer 8:13 **I will surely consume them**, saith the LORD:

## Famine, Poisoned Water

*there shall be no grapes on the vine,  
nor figs on the fig tree,  
and the leaf shall fade;  
and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.*

Jer 8:14 Why do we sit still?

assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there:  
for the LORD our God hath put us to silence, and given us **water of gall** to drink,  
because we have sinned against the LORD.

## Babylonian Invasion

Jer 8:15 We looked for peace, **but no good came;**  
and for a time of health, **and behold trouble!**

Jer 8:16 **The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan:**  
**the whole land** trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones;  
**for they are come, and have devoured** the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those that dwell therein.

## Poisonous Snakes

Jer 8:17 For, behold, **I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you,**  
**which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.**

## Grief

Jer 8:18 *When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me.*

Jer 8:19 *Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country:*

*Is not the LORD in Zion?  
is not her king in her?*

**Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?**

Jer 8:20 **The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.**

Jer 8:21 *For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt;  
I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.*

Jer 8:22 *Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there?  
why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?*

**Jer 9:1** *Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears,  
that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!*

## Lies and Deceit, another reason for punishment

Jer 9:2 *Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men;  
that I might leave my people, and go from them!*

for they be all **adulterers**, an assembly of **treacherous** men.

Jer 9:3 *And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies:*

but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth;

for they **proceed from evil to evil**, and they know not me, **saith the LORD.**

Jer 9:4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother:  
**for** every brother will utterly **supplant**,  
and every neighbour will walk with **slanders**.

Jer 9:5 And they will **deceive** every one his neighbour,  
and will not speak the truth:  
they have taught their tongue to **speak lies**,  
and weary themselves to commit **iniquity**.

Jer 9:6 Thine habitation *is* in the midst of **deceit**;  
**through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.**

Jer 9:7 Therefore **Thus saith the LORD of hosts,**

**Behold, I will melt them, and try them;  
for how shall I do for the daughter of my people?**

Jer 9:8 Their tongue *is as* an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit:  
**one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait.**

Jer 9:9 *Shall I not visit [punish] them for these things? saith the LORD:  
shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?*

## Desolation and reasons for it

Jer 9:10 **For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing,  
and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation,**  
because they are burned up, so that none can pass through *them*;  
neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattle;  
both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.

Jer 9:11 And I will make **Jerusalem** heaps, *and* a den of dragons;  
and I will make **the cities of Judah** desolate, without an inhabitant.

Jer 9:12 Who *is* the wise man, that may understand this?  
and *who is he* to whom **the mouth of the LORD hath spoken**, that he may declare it,  
for what [why is] the land perisheth *and* is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth  
through?

Jer 9:13

**And the LORD saith, Because**

they have forsaken my law which I set before them,  
and have not obeyed my voice,  
neither walked therein;

Jer 9:14 But have **walked after the imagination of their own heart,**  
and after **Baalim**,  
which their fathers taught them:

Jer 9:15

**Therefore Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;**

**Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, with wormwood,  
and give them water of gall to drink. (Note: gall is a poisonous plant)**

Jer 9:16 I will scatter them also among the **heathen**,  
whom neither they nor their fathers have known:  
and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

Jer 9:17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts,

**Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come;  
and send for cunning women [professional skilled wailers], that they may come:**

Jer 9:18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us,  
that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.

Jer 9:19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion,  
How are we spoiled!  
we are greatly confounded,  
because we have forsaken the land,  
because our dwellings have cast us out.

Jer 9:20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women,  
and let your ear receive the word of his mouth,

and teach your daughters wailing,  
and every one her neighbour lamentation.

Jer 9:21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces,  
to cut off  
the children from without,  
and the young men from the streets.

Jer 9:22

Speak, Thus saith the LORD,

Even the carcases of men shall fall  
as dung upon the open field, and  
as the handful after the harvestman,  
and none shall gather them.

## The customs of other nations - crafting gods

Jer 10:1 Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

Jer 10:2 Thus saith the LORD,

**Learn not the way of the heathen,**  
and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.

Jer 10:3 For the customs of the people are vain:

for one cutteth a tree out of the forest,  
the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.

Jer 10:4 They deck it with silver and with gold;  
they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.

Jer 10:5 They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not:  
they must needs be borne [carried], because they cannot go [walk].

Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

Jer 10:6 Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, O LORD;  
thou art great, and thy name is great in might.

Jer 10:7 Who would not fear thee, O King of nations?

for to thee doth it appertain:

forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms,  
there is none like unto thee.

Jer 10:8 **But they are altogether stupid and foolish in their discipline of delusion-- their idol is wood!** (NASV)

Jer 10:8 **But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock [tree stump] is a doctrine of vanities.** (KJV is more literal here)

Jer 10:9 Silver spread into plates is brought from **Tarshish**, and gold from Uphaz (India),  
the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder:  
blue and purple *is* their clothing:  
they *are* all the work of cunning [skilled] *men*.

## Jehovah is the true God

Jer 10:10 **But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.**

Jer 10:11 Thus shall ye say unto them,

The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth,  
*even* they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

Jer 10:12

**He hath** made the earth **by his power,**  
**he hath** established the world **by his wisdom,**  
**and hath** stretched out the heavens **by his discretion.**

Jer 10:13 **When he uttereth his voice,** *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens,  
**and he causeth** the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth;  
**he maketh** lightnings with rain,  
**and bringeth forth** the wind out of his treasures.

Jer 10:14 Every man is brutish in *his* knowledge:  
every founder is confounded by the graven image:  
for his molten image *is* **falsehood,**  
and *there is* no breath in them.

Jer 10:15 They *are* **vanity,** and the work of errors:  
**in the time of their visitation [punishment] they shall perish.**

Hab 2:18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it;  
the molten image, and **a teacher of lies,**  
that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?

Hab 2:19 **Woe unto him that saith**

- to the wood, Awake;
- to the dumb stone, Arise,
- it shall teach!

Behold, it *is* laid over with gold and silver,  
and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it.

Hab 2:20 **But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.**

Jer 10:16 The portion of Jacob *is* not like them:  
for **he is the former of all things;**  
and **Israel is** the rod of his inheritance:  
The LORD of hosts *is* his name.

## A prayer for Justice and Mercy

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself:  
*it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Jer 10:24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment;  
not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

Jer 10:25 Pour out thy fury upon the **heathen** that know thee not,  
and upon the families that call not on thy name:  
for they have eaten up **Jacob**,  
and devoured him, and consumed him,  
and have made his habitation desolate.

## Boasting correctly

Jer 9:23 Thus saith the LORD,

Let not the wise *man* glory in his **wisdom**,  
neither let the mighty *man* glory in his **might**,  
let not the rich *man* glory in his **riches**:

Jer 9:24

**But let him that glorieth glory in this,**

- that he understandeth and knoweth me,
- that **I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth:**

for in these *things* I delight, **saith the LORD.**

**Hab 3:1, 19b**

## A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth.

To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

Note: Shigionoth is plural of Shiggaion - a technical term used in Psalm titles like Psalm 7:1. Can mean frenzied, emotional, wandering, unconnected thoughts in a lament.

Hab 3:2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid:  
O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years,  
in the midst of the years make known;  
in wrath remember mercy.

Hab 3:3 God came from **Teman**,  
and **the Holy One** from **mount Paran**.  
Selah.

His glory covered the heavens,  
and the earth was full of his praise.  
Hab 3:4 And *his* brightness was as the light;  
he had horns *coming* out of his hand:  
and there *was* the hiding of his power.

Hab 3:5 Before him went the pestilence,  
and burning coals went forth at his feet.

Hab 3:6 He stood, and measured the earth:  
he beheld, and drove asunder [startled, terrified] the nations;  
and the everlasting mountains were scattered,  
the perpetual [ancient] hills did bow:  
his ways *are* everlasting.

Hab 3:7 I saw the tents of **Cushan** in affliction:  
and the curtains of the land of **Midian** did tremble.

Hab 3:8 Was **the LORD** displeased [raging] against the rivers? (**Note:** Nile, Euphrates, etc.)  
was thine anger against the rivers?  
was thy wrath against the sea,

that **thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?**

Hab 3:9 Thy bow was made quite naked,

<i>according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word.</i> (KJV)
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The rods of chastisement were sworn. (NASV) NASV is correct by context here
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Selah.

Thou didst cleave the earth with **rivers**.

**Hab 3:10** The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled:  
the **overflowing of the water** passed by:  
the **deep** uttered his voice, *and* lifted up his hands on high.

Hab 3:11 The **sun and moon** stood still in their habitation:  
at the light of thine arrows they went,  
*and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

Hab 3:12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation,  
thou didst thresh the **heathen** in anger.

Hab 3:13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people,  
*even* for salvation with thine anointed;

thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering [uncovering] the foundation unto the neck.  
Selah.

Hab 3:14 Thou didst strike through with his staves [spears] the head of his villages:

they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me [us]:  
their rejoicing *was* as to devour the poor [oppressed] secretly.

Hab 3:15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, *through* the heap of great waters.

Hab 3:16 When I heard, my belly trembled;

my lips quivered at the voice:

rotteness entered into my bones,

and I trembled in myself,

that I might rest in **the day of trouble:**

when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

Hab 3:17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom,

neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines;

the labour of the olive shall fail,

and the fields shall yield no meat;

the flock shall be cut off from the fold,

and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

Hab 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in **the LORD**,

I will joy in **the God of my salvation**.

Hab 3:19a The **LORD** God *is* my strength,

and he will make my feet like hinds' feet,

and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

Jer 1:13 And **the word of the LORD** came unto me the second time, saying,  
What seest thou?

And I said,

I see **a seething pot**; and the face thereof *is* toward the north.

Jer 1:14

Then the LORD said unto me,

Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

Jer 1:15 **For, lo,**

I will call all the families of **the kingdoms of the north**,  
saith the LORD;

**and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne**

- at the entering of the gates of **Jerusalem**,
- and against all the walls thereof round about,
- and against all the cities of **Judah**.

Jer 1:16 And I will utter my judgments against **them** touching all their wickedness,  
**who** have

- forsaken me,
- and have burned incense {and sacrifices} unto other gods,
- and worshipped the works of **their** own hands.

Jer 6:1 O ye **children of Benjamin**, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of **Jerusalem**,

- and blow the trumpet in **Tekoa**, (Note: a city in Judah built by Rehoboam)
- and set up a sign of fire in **Bethhaccerem**: (Note: "vineyard place" in Judah)

**for evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.**

Jer 6:2 "The comely and dainty one, <i>the daughter of Zion</i> , <b>I will cut off</b> . (NASV)	Jer 6:2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate <i>woman</i> . (KJV)
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Note: both translations should be merged here.

- Jer 6:3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her;
- they shall pitch *their* tents against her round about;
- they shall feed every one in his place.

Jer 6:4 Prepare ye war against **her**; arise, and let us go up at noon.

Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.

Jer 6:5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy **her palaces**.

Jer 6:6 For thus hath the LORD of hosts said,

Hew ye down trees,  
and cast a mount against **Jerusalem**:

this *is* the city to be visited [punished];

she *is* wholly oppression in the midst of her.

Jer 6:7 As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness:

violence and spoil is heard in her;

before me continually *is* grief and wounds.

Jer 6:8 Be thou instructed {with chastisement}, O **Jerusalem**,  
lest my soul depart from thee;  
lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.

Jer 6:9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts,

They shall throughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine:  
turn back thine hand as a grapegatherer into the baskets.

Jer 6:10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear?  
**behold**, their ear *is* uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken:  
**behold**, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach;  
they have no delight in it.

Jer 6:11 Therefore I am full of the fury of **the LORD**; I am weary with holding in:  
I will pour it out upon the children abroad, and upon the assembly of young men together:

for even the husband with the wife shall be taken,  
the aged with *him that is* full of days.

Jer 6:12 And their houses shall be turned unto others,  
*with their fields and wives together*:  
for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.

Jer 6:13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them  
every one *is* given to covetousness;  
and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

Jer 6:14 They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly,  
saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

Jer 6:15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?  
nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush:

**therefore** they shall fall among them that fall:  
at the time *that* I visit [punish] them  
they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

Jer 6:16 Thus saith the LORD,

Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way, and walk therein,  
and ye shall find rest for your souls.

But they said, We will not walk *therein*.

Jer 6:17 Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet.

But they said, We will not hearken.

Jer 6:18 Therefore hear, ye **nations**, and know, O congregation, what *is* among them.

Jer 6:19 Hear, O earth: behold,

I will bring evil [disaster] upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts,  
**because** they have not hearkened unto **my words**, nor to **my law**,  
but rejected it.

Jer 6:20 To what purpose cometh there to me **incense** from **Sheba**,  
and the sweet cane from a far country?

**your burnt offerings *are* not acceptable,  
nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.**

Jer 6:21 **Therefore Thus saith the LORD, Behold,**

I will lay stumblingblocks before this people,  
and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them;  
the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

Jer 6:22 **Thus saith the LORD,**

**Behold, a people cometh from the north country,  
and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.**

Jer 6:23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear;  
they *are* cruel, and have no mercy;  
their voice roareth like the sea;  
and they ride upon horses,  
set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.

Jer 6:24 We have heard the fame thereof:  
our hands wax feeble:  
anguish hath taken hold of us, *and* pain, as of a woman in travail.

Jer 6:25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way;  
for the sword of the enemy *and* fear *is* on every side.

Jer 6:26 O daughter of my people, gird *thee* with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes:  
make thee mourning, *as for* an only son, most bitter lamentation:  
for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

Jer 6:27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people,  
that thou mayest know and try their way.

Jer 6:28 They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders:  
they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters.

Jer 6:29 The bellows are burned,  
the lead is consumed of the fire;  
**the founder melteth in vain:**  
for the wicked are not plucked away.

Jer 6:30 Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, because **the LORD** hath rejected them.

Hab 1:6

**For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans,**

*that* bitter and hasty nation,  
which shall march through the breadth of the land,  
to possess the dwellingplaces *that are* not theirs.

Hab 1:7 They *are* terrible and dreadful:  
their judgment and their dignity [authority] shall proceed [originate] of themselves.

Hab 1:8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening  
wolves:

and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far;  
they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

Hab 1:9 They shall come all for violence:  
their faces shall sup up *as* the east wind,

and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

Hab 1:10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them:  
they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

Hab 3:12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation,  
thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

Hab 1:11a "Then they will sweep through like the wind and pass on. (NASV)
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Hab 1:11a Then shall <i>his</i> mind change, and he shall pass over, (KJV)
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NASV translation is correct here.

Hab 1:14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea,  
the creeping things, *that have no ruler over them?*

Hab 1:15 They take up all of them with the angle [hook],  
they catch them in their net,  
and gather them in their drag:  
therefore they rejoice and are glad.

Hab 1:16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net,  
and burn incense unto their drag;  
because by them their portion *is* fat,  
and their meat plenteous.

Hab 1:17 Shall they therefore empty their net,  
and not spare continually to slay the **nations**?

Hab 3:16 When I heard, my belly trembled;

my lips quivered at the voice:

rotteness entered into my bones,

and I trembled in myself, that I might rest **in the day of trouble:**

when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

Hab 1:12 *Art* thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One?  
we shall not die.

O LORD, thou hast ordained **them** for judgment [to judge]; and,

O mighty God, thou hast established **them** for correction [to correct].

Jer 4:5

Declare ye in **Judah**, and publish in **Jerusalem**; and say,

Blow ye the trumpet in the land:  
cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves,  
and let us go into the defenced cities.

Jer 4:6 Set up the standard toward **Zion**:

retire, stay not:

**for I will bring evil [calamity] from the north, and a great destruction.**

Jer 4:7 The lion is come up from his thicket,  
and the destroyer of the **Gentiles** is on his way;  
he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate;  
and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.

Jer 4:8 For this gird you with sackcloth,  
lament and howl:  
**for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.**

Jer 4:9 **And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD,**  
*that* the heart of **the king** shall perish, and the heart of the **princes**;  
and the **priests** shall be astonished,  
and the **prophets** shall wonder.

Jer 4:10

Then said I,

Ah, Lord GOD!

surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and **Jerusalem**, saying,

Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.

Jer 4:11

**At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem,**

**A dry wind** (Note: causing severe famine)  
of **the high places** in the wilderness  
toward the daughter of my people,  
not to fan, nor to cleanse,

Jer 4:12 *Even* a full wind from those *places* shall come unto me [at My command]:

**now also will I give sentence against them.**

Jer 4:13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds,  
and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind:  
his horses are swifter than eagles.  
Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

Jer 4:14 **O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved.**  
How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

Jer 4:15 For a voice declareth from **Dan**,  
and publisheth affliction from mount **Ephraim**.

Jer 4:16 Make ye mention to the **nations**; behold, publish against **Jerusalem**,  
*that* watchers come from a far country,  
and give out their voice against the cities of **Judah**.

Jer 4:17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about;  
**because** she hath been rebellious against me, **saith the LORD**.

Jer 5:10

Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy;  
but make not a full end:  
take away her battlements; for they *are not the LORD'S*.

Jer 5:11 For **the house of Israel** and **the house of Judah** have dealt very treacherously against me,  
saith the LORD.

Jer 5:12

They have belied [lied about] the LORD, and said,

*It is not he;*

neither shall evil come upon us;

neither shall we see sword nor famine:

Jer 5:13 And the prophets shall become wind,  
and the word *is* not in them:

**thus shall it be done unto them.**

Jer 5:14

**Wherefore Thus saith the LORD God of hosts,  
Because ye speak this word,  
behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire,  
and this people wood, and it shall devour them**

Jer 4:19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart;  
my heart maketh a noise in me;  
I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul,

the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Jer 4:20 Destruction upon destruction is cried;

**for the whole land is spoiled [ravaged]:**

suddenly are my tents spoiled, *and my curtains in a moment.*

Jer 4:21 How long shall I see the standard, *and* hear the sound of the trumpet?

Jer 4:22 For my people *is* foolish [H191: perverse],

they have not known me;

they *are* sottish [foolish] children, and they have none understanding:

**they are wise[shrewd] to do evil,** but to do good they have no knowledge.

Jer 4:27

For thus hath the LORD said,

**The whole land shall be desolate;**

yet will I not make a full end.

Jer 4:28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black:

because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*,

and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.

Jer 4:29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen;

they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks:

every city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.

Jer 4:30 **And when thou art spoiled [and you, O desolate one], what wilt thou do?**

Though thou clothest thyself with crimson,  
though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold,  
though thou rentest thy face [enlarge your eyes] with painting,  
in vain shalt thou make thyself fair;  
*thy* lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.

Jer 4:31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail,  
*and* the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child,  
the voice of **the daughter of Zion**, *that* bewaileth herself,  
*that* spreadeth her hands, *saying*,  
Woe *is* me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

Jer 4:18 **Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee;  
this is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.**

Jer 10:17

Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.

Jer 10:18

For **Thus saith the LORD**,

**Behold**, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once,  
and will distress them, that they may find *it so*.

Jer 10:19 Woe is me for my hurt!  
my wound is grievous: but I said,  
Truly this *is* a grief, and I must bear it.

Jer 10:20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken:  
my children are gone forth of me, and they *are* not:  
*there is* none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

Jer 10:21 For the pastors are become brutish [H1197: burnt waste], and have not sought the  
**LORD**:  
therefore **they shall not prosper**, and all their flocks shall be scattered.

Jer 10:22 Behold, the noise of the bruit [announcement] is come,  
and a great commotion out of **the north country**,  
to make **the cities of Judah desolate**, *and* a den of dragons.

Jer 5:15 **Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel,  
saith the LORD**:

*it is* a mighty nation, *it is* an ancient nation,  
a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.

Jer 5:16 Their quiver *is* as an open sepulchre,  
they *are* all mighty men.

Jer 5:17 And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread,  
*which* thy sons and thy daughters should eat [NASV correctly translates as: They will  
devour your sons and your daughters]:  
they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds:  
they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees:  
they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.

Jer 5:18 **Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD,**  
I will not make a full end with you.

Jer 5:19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say,  
**Wherefore [Why] doeth the LORD our God all these things unto us?**  
 then shalt thou answer them,  
 Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land,  
 so shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours.

Hab 1:13b **wherefore [why] lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously,  
 and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?**

Hab 1:11b and offend, <i>imputing this his power unto his god.</i> (KJV)	Hab 1:11b <b>But they will be held guilty, They whose strength is their god."</b> (NASV)
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Hab 1:13a *Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil,  
 and canst not look on iniquity:*

## A preview of nations to be punished by using Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon

Jer 9:25  
 Behold, **the days come, saith the LORD,**

that I will punish all *them which are* circumcised with the **[and yet] uncircumcised;**

- Jer 9:26 **Egypt,**
- and **Judah,**
- and **Edom,**
- and the **children of Ammon,**
- and **Moab,**
- and all *that are* in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness:  
 for all *these nations are* uncircumcised,
- and **all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.**

Zep 1:2

**I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the LORD.**

- Zep 1:3 I will consume man and beast;
- I will consume the fowls of the heaven,
- and the fishes of the sea,
- and the stumblingblocks with the wicked;
- **and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD.**

## Judgment on Judah

Zep 1:4

I will also stretch out mine hand

- upon **Judah,**
  - and upon **all the inhabitants of Jerusalem;**
- and I will cut off
- **the remnant of Baal from this place,**
  - *and* the name of the **Chemarims [idolatrous priests] with the priests;**
  - Zep 1:5 And them that worship **the host of heaven** upon the housetops;
  - and them that worship *and* swear by **the LORD,** and that [yet] swear by **Malcham;**
  - Zep 1:6 And them that are turned back from **the LORD;**
  - and *those* that have not sought **the LORD,** nor enquired for him.

Zep 1:7 Hold thy peace at the presence of **the LORD** GOD:  
for the day of **the LORD** is at hand:

for **the LORD** hath prepared a sacrifice,  
he hath bid his guests.

Zep 1:8 And it shall come to pass in the day of **the LORD'S** sacrifice,  
that I will punish

- the **princes,**
- and **the king's children,**
- and all such as are clothed with strange apparel.

Zep 1:9 In the same day also will I punish

- all those that leap on the {temple} threshold,
- which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.

Zep 1:10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith **the LORD**,  
*that there shall be* the noise of a cry from **the fish gate**,  
and an howling from the second, (Note: duplicate gate - H4932)  
and a great crashing from the hills.

Zep 1:12 And it shall come to pass at that time,  
*that* I will search **Jerusalem** with candles [lamps],  
and punish the men that are settled on their lees [discarded wine]:  
that say in their heart, **The LORD** will not do good, neither will he do evil.

Zep 1:13 **Therefore their goods [resources]** shall become a booty,  
and their houses a desolation:  
they shall also build houses, but not inhabit *them*;  
and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

Zep 1:14 The great day of **the LORD** is near,  
it is near, and hasteth greatly,  
*even* the voice of [H6963: the proclamation of] the day of **the LORD**:  
the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

Zep 1:15 That day is a day of wrath,  
a day of trouble and distress,  
a day of wasteness and desolation,  
a day of darkness and gloominess,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

Zep 1:16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against **the fenced cities**, and against **the high towers**.

Zep 1:17 And I will bring distress upon men,  
that they shall walk like blind men,  
**because** they have sinned against **the LORD**:  
and their blood shall be poured out as dust,  
and their flesh as the dung.

Zep 1:18a Neither **their silver nor their gold** shall be able to deliver them in the day of **the LORD'S** wrath;

## Judgment on the surrounding nations (In Parallel are Jeremiah 46-49, Ezekiel 25-39)

Zep 1:18b but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy:  
for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

**Zep 2:1** Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, **O nation not desired;**  
Zep 2:2 Before the decree bring forth,  
before the day pass as the chaff,  
before the fierce anger of **the LORD** come upon you,  
before **the day of the LORD'S anger** come upon you.

Zep 2:3 Seek ye **the LORD**, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment;  
seek righteousness, seek meekness:  
it may be ye shall be hid in **the day of the LORD'S anger**.

### Canaan

Zep 1:11 "Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar,  
For all the people of **Canaan** will be silenced;  
All who weigh out [H5187: bear] silver will be cut  
off. (NASV)

Zep 1:11 Howl, ye inhabitants of **Maktesh**,  
for all **the merchant people** are cut down;  
all they that bear silver are cut off. (KJV)

Note: Maktesh - a place in **Jerusalem**

### Philistines

Zep 2:4 For **Gaza** shall be forsaken,  
and **Ashkelon** a desolation:  
they shall drive out **Ashdod** at the noon day,  
and **Ekron** shall be rooted up.  
Zep 2:5 Woe unto **the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites!**  
**the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines,**  
I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

Zep 2:6 And the sea coast shall be dwellings *and* cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.  
Zep 2:7 And **the coast** shall be for **the remnant of the house of Judah;**  
they shall feed thereupon:  
in the houses of **Ashkelon** shall they lie down in the evening:  
for **the LORD their God** shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.

**Jer 47:1** **the word of the LORD** that came to **Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines,**  
before that **Pharaoh** smote **Gaza**.

**Jer 47:2** Thus saith the LORD;

Behold, waters rise up out of **the north**, and shall be an overflowing flood,  
and shall overflow

- the land, and all that is therein;
- the city, and them that dwell therein:

then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

- **Jer 47:3** At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong *horses,*
- at the rushing of his chariots,
- *and at the rumbling of his wheels,*

the fathers shall not look back to *their* children for feebleness of hands;

Jer 47:4 Because of **the day that cometh to spoil** all **the Philistines**,  
and to cut off from **Tyrus [Tyre] and Zidon [Sidon]** every helper that remaineth:

for **the LORD** will spoil **the Philistines**,  
the remnant of the country of **Caphtor**. (Note: Scholars debate Caphtor's location)

Jer 47:5 "Baldness has come upon **Gaza**;  
**Ashkelon** has been ruined.  
O remnant of their valley, How long will you  
gash yourself? (NASV)

Jer 47:5 Baldness is come upon **Gaza**;  
**Ashkelon** is cut off *with* the remnant of their  
valley:  
how long wilt thou cut thyself? (KJV)

Jer 47:6 O thou **sword of the LORD**, how long *will it be* ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into  
thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

Jer 47:7 How can it be quiet, seeing the **LORD** hath given it a charge against **Ashkelon**, and  
against the **sea shore**? there hath he appointed it.

Jer 49:7 **Concerning Edom**, Thus saith the **LORD** of hosts;

*Is* wisdom no more in **Teman**?  
is counsel perished from the prudent?  
is their wisdom vanished?

Jer 49:8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of **Dedan**;  
for I will bring the calamity of **Esau** upon him, the time *that* I will visit him.

Jer 49:9 If grapegatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes?  
if thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.

Jer 49:10 But I have made **Esau** bare,  
I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself:  
his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not.

Jer 49:11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive;  
and let thy widows trust in me.

Jer 49:12 For Thus saith the **LORD**;

Behold, they whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken;  
and *art* thou he *that* shall altogether go unpunished?  
thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of it.

Jer 49:13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the **LORD**, that **Bozrah** shall become  
a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse;  
and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

Jer 49:14 I have heard a rumour from the **LORD**, and an ambassador is sent unto the **heathen**,  
*saying*,  
Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.

Jer 49:15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the **heathen**, and despised among men.

Jer 49:16 **Thy terribleness** hath deceived thee, *and* **the pride of thine heart**,  
O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill:  
though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence,  
saith the **LORD**.

Jer 49:17 Also **Edom** shall be a desolation:

every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.

Jer 49:18 As in the overthrow of **Sodom and Gomorrah** and the neighbour *cities* thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

Jer 49:19 "Behold, **one will come up like a lion** from the thickets of **the Jordan** against a perennially watered pasture;

for in an instant I shall make him run away from it,

and whoever is chosen I shall appoint over it.

For who is like Me, and who will summon Me into court?  
And who then is the shepherd who can stand against Me?" (NASV)

Jer 49:19 Behold, **he shall come up like a lion** from the swelling of **Jordan** against the habitation of the strong;

but I will suddenly make him run away from her:

and who *is* a chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her?

for who *is* like me? and who will appoint me the time?  
and who *is* that shepherd that will stand before me? (KJV)

Jer 49:20 Therefore hear the counsel of **the LORD**, that he hath taken against **Edom**; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of **Teman**:

surely **they** will drag them off, *even the little ones of the flock*;  
surely He will make their pasture desolate because of them. (NASV)

Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out [H5498: trail along]:  
surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them. (KJV)

Jer 49:21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in **the Red sea**.

Jer 49:22 **Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings** over **Bozrah**:

and at **that day** shall the heart of **the mighty men of Edom** be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

Mal 1:2 I have loved you, saith the LORD.

Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us?

Was not **Esau Jacob's brother**? saith the LORD:

yet I loved **Jacob**,

Mal 1:3 And I hated **Esau**,

and I have made his mountains a desolation, and *appointed* his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness." (NASV)

and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. (KJV)

Mal 1:4 Whereas **Edom** saith,

We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places;

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border [territory] of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.

Mal 1:5 And your eyes will see this and you will say, "The LORD be magnified beyond the border of Israel!"

## Moab and Ammon

Zep 2:8 I have heard the reproach of **Moab**, and the revilings of **the children of Ammon**, whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified *themselves* against their border.

Zep 2:9 Therefore *as* I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely **Moab** shall be as **Sodom**, and the **children of Ammon** as **Gomorrah**, *even* the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: **the residue of my people** shall spoil them, and **the remnant of my people** shall possess them.

Zep 2:10 This shall they have for **their pride**, because they have **reproached** and **magnified themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts**.

Zep 2:11 **The LORD will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth;**

and all the coastlands of the **nations** will bow down to **Him**, everyone from his *own* place. (NASV)

and *men* shall worship **him**, every one from his place, *even* all the isles of the **heathen**. (KJV)

**Jer 48:1 Against Moab Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;**

Woe unto **Nebo!** for it is spoiled:

**Kiriathaim** is confounded *and* taken:

The lofty stronghold has been put to shame and shattered. (NASV)

**Misgab** is confounded and dismayed. (KJV)

Jer 48:2 *There shall be* no more praise of **Moab**:

in **Heshbon** they have devised evil against it; come, and let us cut it off from *being* a nation. Also thou shalt be cut down, O **Madmen**; **the sword** shall pursue thee.

Jer 48:3 A voice of crying *shall be* from **Horonaim**, spoiling and great destruction.

Jer 48:4 **Moab** is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

Jer 48:5 For in the going up of **Luhith** continual weeping shall go up;

for in the going down of **Horonaim** the enemies *have heard* a cry of destruction.

Jer 48:6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.

Jer 48:7 For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken:

and **Chemosh** shall go forth into captivity *with* his priests and his princes together.

Jer 48:8 And **the spoiler** shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape:

the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as **the LORD** hath spoken.

Jer 48:9 Give wings unto **Moab**, that it may flee and get away:

for **the cities thereof shall be desolate**, without any to dwell therein.

Jer 48:10 Cursed *be* he that doeth the work of **the LORD** deceitfully, and cursed *be* he that keepeth back his sword from blood.

Jer 48:11 **Moab** hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees [discarded wine], and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

Jer 48:12 Therefore, behold, **the days come**, saith **the LORD**,

"when I shall send to him those who tip vessels [those who imprison, depopulate, conquer], and they will tip <b>him</b> over, and they will empty his vessels and shatter his jars. (NASV)	that I will send unto him wanderers [those who imprison, depopulate, conquer], that shall cause <b>him</b> to wander, and shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles. (KJV)
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Jer 48:13 And **Moab** shall be ashamed of **Chemosh**, as **the house of Israel** was ashamed of **Bethel** their confidence.

Jer 48:14 How say ye, We *are* mighty and strong men for the war?

Jer 48:15 " <b>Moab</b> has been destroyed, and men have gone up to his cities; (NASV)	Jer 48:15 <b>Moab</b> is spoiled, and gone up <i>out</i> of her cities. (KJV)
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and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith **the king**, whose name *is* the **LORD** of hosts.

Jer 48:16 The calamity of **Moab** *is* near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.

Jer 48:17 All ye that are about him, bemoan him; and all ye that know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautiful rod!

Jer 48:18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit **Dibon**, come down from *thy* glory, and sit in thirst; for **the spoiler** of **Moab** shall come upon thee, *and* he shall destroy thy strong holds.

Jer 48:19 O inhabitant of **Aroer**, stand by the way, and espy [watch]; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, *and* say, What is done [has happened]?

Jer 48:20 **Moab** *is* confounded; for it *is* broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in **Arnon**, that **Moab** *is* spoiled,

Jer 48:21 And judgment *is* come upon the plain country; upon **Holon**, and upon **Jahazah**, and upon **Mephaath**,

Jer 48:22 And upon **Dibon**, and upon **Nebo**, and upon **Bethdiblathaim**,

Jer 48:23 And upon **Kiriathaim**, and upon **Bethgamul**, and upon **Bethmeon**,

Jer 48:24 And upon **Kerioth**, and upon **Bozrah**, and upon **all the cities of the land of Moab**, far or near.

Jer 48:25 The horn of **Moab** *is* cut off, and his arm *is* broken, saith **the LORD**.

Jer 48:26 Make ye him drunken: for **he** magnified *himself* against **the LORD**: **Moab** also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision [be mocked].

Jer 48:27 For was not Israel a derision [laughingstock] unto thee? was he found among thieves?

for since thou snakest of him, thou skinnedst for ioy.

Jer 48:28 O ye that dwell in **Moab**, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock, and be like the dove *that* maketh her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth.

Jer 48:29 We have heard **the pride of Moab, his loftiness, and his arrogancy, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.**

Jer 48:30 I know his wrath, **saith the LORD**; but *it shall* not *be* so; his **lies [idle boasts]** shall not so effect *it*.

Jer 48:31 Therefore will I howl for **Moab**, and I will cry out for all **Moab**;

*mine heart* shall mourn for the men of **Kirheres**.

Jer 48:32 O vine of **Sibmah**, I will weep for thee with the weeping of **Jazer**: thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach *even* to the sea of **Jazer**: **the spoiler** is fallen upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage.

Jer 48:33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from **the land of Moab**; and I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses: none shall tread with shouting; *their shouting shall be* no shouting.

Jer 48:34 From **the cry** of **Heshbon** *even* unto **Elealeh**, and *even* unto **Jahaz**, have they uttered their voice, from **Zoar** *even* unto **Horonaim**,

<i>and to</i> <b>Eglath-shelishiyah</b> ; (NASV)
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<i>as</i> an heifer of three years old: (KJV) H5697: KJV is correct here
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for the waters also of **Nimrim** shall be desolate.

Jer 48:35 Moreover I will cause to cease in **Moab**, **saith the LORD**, **him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.**

Jer 48:36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for **Moab** like pipes, and mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of **Kirheres**: because **the riches that he hath gotten** are perished.

Jer 48:37 For every head *shall be* bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands *shall be* cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth.

Jer 48:38 *There shall be* lamentation generally upon all the housetops of **Moab**, and in the streets thereof:

for I have broken **Moab** like a vessel wherein *is* no pleasure, **saith the LORD**.

Jer 48:39 "How shattered it is! How they have wailed! (NASV)
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Jer 48:39 They shall howl, <i>saying</i> , How is it broken down! (KJV)
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how hath **Moab** turned the back with shame!

so shall **Moab** be a derision [laughingstock] and a dismaying to all them about him.

Jer 48:40 For **Thus saith the LORD**; Behold, **he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.**

Jer 48:41 **Kerioth** is taken, and the strong holds are surprised,

and the mighty men's hearts in **Moab** at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

Jer 48:42 And **Moab** shall be destroyed from *being* a people, because **he hath magnified himself against the LORD**.

Jer 48:43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* upon thee, O inhabitant of **Moab**, saith the LORD.

Jer 48:44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare:

for I will bring upon it, *even* upon **Moab**, the year of their visitation [punishment], saith the LORD.

Jer 48:45 "In the shadow of <b>Heshbon</b> The fugitives stand without strength; (NASV)
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Jer 48:45 They that fled stood under the shadow of <b>Heshbon</b> because of the force: (KJV)
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but a fire shall come forth out of **Heshbon**, and a flame from the midst of **Sihon**, and shall devour the corner of **Moab**, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

Jer 48:46 Woe be unto thee, O **Moab**!

the people of **Chemosh** perisheth:  
for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.

Jer 48:47 "Yet I will restore the fortunes of <b>Moab</b> In the latter days," declares the LORD. (NASV)
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Jer 48:47 Yet will I bring again [turn back] the captivity of <b>Moab</b> in the latter days, saith the LORD. (KJV)
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**Thus far is the judgment of Moab.**

**Jer 49:1 Concerning the Ammonites, Thus saith the LORD;**

Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir?  
why *then* doth **their king [Malcom]** inherit [occupy, seize] **Gad**, and his people dwell in his cities?

Jer 49:2 Therefore, behold, **the days come**, saith the LORD,

that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in **Rabbah of the Ammonites**; and it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire:

then shall **Israel** be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.

Jer 49:3 Howl, O **Heshbon**, for **Ai** is spoiled:

cry, ye daughters of **Rabbah**, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and run to and fro by the hedges;  
for **their king [Malcam]** shall go into captivity, and his priests and his princes together.

Jer 49:4 "How boastful you are about the valleys! Your valley is flowing <i>away</i> , O backsliding daughter Who trusts in her treasures, <i>saying</i> , 'Who will come against me?' (NASV)
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Jer 49:4 Wherefore [Why] gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, <i>saying</i> , Who shall come unto me? (KJV)
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Jer 49:5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the LORD GOD of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth.

Jer 49:6 "But afterward I will restore The fortunes of **the sons of Ammon**," Declares the LORD. (NASV)

Jer 49:6 And afterward I will bring again [H7725: turn back] the captivity of **the children of Ammon**, saith the LORD. (KJV)

## Ethiopia

Zep 2:12 Ye **Ethiopians** also, ye *shall be slain by my sword*.

## Assyria

Zep 2:13a And he will stretch out **his hand** against **the north**, and destroy Assyria; **Note:** both Assyria and Babylon were in the north. Babylon at that time of this prophecy was under the rule of Assyria which later broke free and conquered Assyria. Assur-banipal (not mentioned in the Bible) was the Assyrian King at the time Josiah reigned over **Judah**.

## Nineveh

Zep 2:13b and will make **Nineveh** a desolation, *and dry like a wilderness*.

Zep 2:14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her,

All beasts which range in herds: both the pelican and the hedgehog will lodge in the tops of her pillars;  
Birds will sing in the window, (NASV)

all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it;  
*their voice shall sing in the windows;* (KJV)

desolation *shall be* in the thresholds:  
for he shall uncover the cedar work.

Zep 2:15 This *is* the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I *am*, and *there is* none beside me:  
how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in!  
every one that passeth by her shall hiss, *and wag his hand*.

Jer 49:23

## Concerning Damascus.

**Hamath** is confounded, and **Arpad**:  
for they have heard evil tidings: they are fainthearted;  
*there is* sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.

Jer 49:24 **Damascus** is waxed feeble, *and* turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on *her*:  
anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

Jer 49:25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!

Jer 49:26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets,  
and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day,  
**saith the LORD of hosts**.

Jer 49:27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of **Damascus**, and it shall consume the palaces of **Benhadad**.

Jer 49:28

**Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor,**  
which **Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon** shall smite,  
Thus saith the LORD;

Arise ye, go up to **Kedar** [Arabia], and spoil the men of the east.

Jer 49:29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away:  
they shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels;  
and they shall cry unto them, Fear *is* on every side.

Jer 49:30 Flee, get you far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of **Hazor**, saith the LORD;  
for **Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon** hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a  
purpose [scheme] against you.

Jer 49:31 Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD,  
which have neither gates nor bars, *which* dwell alone.

Jer 49:32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil:  
and I will scatter into all winds them *that are* in the utmost corners;  
and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

Jer 49:33 And **Hazor** shall be a dwelling for dragons [jackles], *and* a desolation for ever:  
there shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

Zep 3:6 I have cut off the **nations**:

their {corner} towers are desolate;  
I made their streets waste, that none passeth by:  
their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

## Desolation

Jer 4:23 I beheld the earth, and, lo,  
*it was* without form, and void;  
and the heavens,  
*and they had* no light.

Jer 4:24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo,  
they trembled,  
and all the hills moved lightly.

Jer 4:25 I beheld, and, lo,  
*there was* no man,  
and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

Jer 4:26 I beheld, and, lo,  
the fruitful place *was* a wilderness,  
and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by  
his fierce anger.

## Judgment on all pagan nations

Zep 3:8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD,  
until the day that I rise up to the prey:  
for my determination *is* to gather the **nations**, that I may assemble the **kingdoms**,  
to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger:  
for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

## When Jesus Christ comes to punish the wicked

**Mal 3:1** Behold, I will send **my messenger**,  
and he shall prepare the way before me: (Note: John the Baptist - Mat 11:9-10)

and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple,  
even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come,  
saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:2 But who may abide **the day of his coming?**  
and who shall stand when he appeareth?

for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:

Mal 3:3 And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver:  
and he shall purify **the sons of Levi**, and purge them as gold and silver,  
that they may offer unto **the LORD** an offering in righteousness.

Mal 3:4 Then shall the offering of **Judah and Jerusalem** be pleasant unto **the LORD**,  
**as in the days of old, and as in former years.**

Mal 3:5 And I will come near to you to judgment;  
and I will be a swift witness

- against the sorcerers,
- and against the adulterers,
- and against false swearers,
- and against those
  - that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless,
  - and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me,

saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:6 For **I am the LORD, I change not;**  
therefore **ye sons of Jacob** are not consumed.

Mal 3:7 Even from the days of your fathers  
ye are gone away from **mine ordinances**, and have not kept *them*.

**Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.**

But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

Mal 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me.  
But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee?

In **tithes and offerings.**

Mal 3:9 *Ye are cursed with a curse:* for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the **tithes** into the storehouse, that there may be **meat [food]** in mine house,  
and prove me now herewith, **saith the LORD of hosts**,  
if I will not open you the windows of heaven,  
and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

Mal 3:11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,  
and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground;  
neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,  
**saith the LORD of hosts.**

Mal 3:12 And **all nations** shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:13 Your words have been stout [obstinate] against me, saith the LORD.  
Yet ye say, What have we spoken *so much* against thee?

Mal 3:14

Ye have said,

It *is* vain to serve God:

and what profit *is it* that we have kept **his ordinance**,

and that we have walked mournfully before **the LORD of hosts**?

Mal 3:15 And now we call the proud happy;

yea, they that work wickedness are set up;

yea, *they that* tempt God are even delivered.

Mal 3:16 Then they that feared **the LORD** spake often one to another:

and **the LORD** hearkened, and heard *it*,

and a book of remembrance was written before him

- for them that feared **the LORD**, and that thought upon **his name**.

Mal 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith **the LORD of hosts**, in that day when I make up my jewels;

and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Mal 3:18 Then shall ye return, and discern

- between the righteous and the wicked,
- between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

**Mal 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh,**

that shall burn as an oven;

and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble:

**and the day that cometh** shall burn them up, saith **the LORD of hosts**,

that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name

- shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;
- and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.
- Mal 4:3 And ye shall tread down the wicked;

for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *this*,

saith **the LORD of hosts**.

Mal 4:4 Remember ye **the law of Moses** my servant,

which I commanded unto him in **Horeb** for **all Israel**,

with the **statutes** and **judgments**.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet**

(Note: in the form of John the Baptist - Mat 11:13-14)

before the coming of **the great and dreadful day of the LORD**:

Mal 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,

and the heart of the children to their fathers,

lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

## After the exile/captivity the righteous remnant are restored

Zep 3:9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language,  
that they may all call upon **the name of the LORD**,  
to serve him with one consent.

Zep 3:10 **From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia**  
my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring **mine offering**.

Zep 3:11 **In that day** shalt thou not be ashamed  
for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me:  
for then I will take away out of the midst of thee **them that rejoice in thy pride**,  
and thou shalt no more be **haughty** because of **my holy mountain**.

Zep 3:12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people,  
and they shall trust in **the name of the LORD**.

Zep 3:13 **The remnant of Israel** shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies;  
neither shall a **deceitful tongue** be found in their mouth:  
for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

Zep 3:14 Sing, **O daughter of Zion**;  
shout, **O Israel**;  
be glad and rejoice with all the heart, **O daughter of Jerusalem**.

Zep 3:15 **The LORD** hath taken away **thy judgments**,  
he hath cast out thine enemy:  
**the king of Israel, even the LORD, is** in the midst of thee:  
thou shalt not see evil any more.

Zep 3:16 **In that day** it shall be said to **Jerusalem**, Fear thou not:  
*and to Zion*, Let not thine hands be slack.

Zep 3:17 **The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty**;  
**he will save**,  
he will rejoice over thee with joy;  
he will rest in his love,  
he will joy over thee with singing.

Zep 3:18 I will gather *them that are* sorrowful for the solemn assembly,  
*who* are of thee,  
*to whom* the reproach of it *was* a burden.

Zep 3:19 **Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee**:  
and I will save her that halteth [is lame], and gather her that was driven out;  
and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

Zep 3:20 At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I gather you:  
for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth,  
when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, **saith the LORD**.

## Monies collected for rebuilding the house of the LORD are handled with integrity

2Ki 22:3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah,

that the king sent

- Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe,

to the house of the LORD, saying,

2Ki 22:4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

2Ki 22:5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,

2Ki 22:6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

2Ki 22:7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

2Ch 34:8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent

- Shaphan the son of Azaliah,
  - and Maaseiah the governor of the city,
  - and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder,
- to repair the house of the LORD his God.

2Ch 34:9 And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of

- the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim,
- and of all the remnant of Israel,
- and of all Judah and Benjamin;
- and they returned to Jerusalem.

2Ch 34:10 And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house:

2Ch 34:11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

2Ch 34:12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were

- Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari;
- and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites,

to set it forward;

- and other of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of musick.

2Ch 34:13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service:

and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters [gatekeepers].

## Hilkiah the priest finds the book of the law - Shaphan reads it in the presence of Josiah

<p>2Ki 22:8 And <b>Hilkiah the high priest</b> said unto <b>Shaphan the scribe</b>, I have found <b>the book of the law</b> in <b>the house of the LORD</b>. And <b>Hilkiah</b> gave <b>the book</b> to <b>Shaphan</b>, and he read it.</p> <p>2Ki 22:9 And <b>Shaphan the scribe</b> came to <b>the king</b>, and brought <b>the king</b> word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of <b>the house of the LORD</b>.</p> <p>2Ki 22:10 And <b>Shaphan the scribe</b> shewed <b>the king</b>, saying, <b>Hilkiah the priest</b> hath delivered me a <b>book</b>. And <b>Shaphan</b> read <b>it</b> before <b>the king</b>.</p>	<p>2Ch 34:14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into <b>the house of the LORD</b>, <b>Hilkiah the priest</b> found <b>a book of the law of the LORD</b> <i>given by Moses</i>.</p> <p>2Ch 34:15 And <b>Hilkiah</b> answered and said to <b>Shaphan the scribe</b>, I have found <b>the book of the law</b> in <b>the house of the LORD</b>. And <b>Hilkiah</b> delivered <b>the book</b> to <b>Shaphan</b>.</p> <p>2Ch 34:16 And <b>Shaphan</b> carried <b>the book</b> to <b>the king</b>, and brought <b>the king</b> word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do <i>it</i>.</p> <p>2Ch 34:17 And they have gathered together the money that was found in <b>the house of the LORD</b>, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen.</p> <p>2Ch 34:18 Then <b>Shaphan the scribe</b> told <b>the king</b>, saying, <b>Hilkiah the priest</b> hath given me <b>a book</b>. And <b>Shaphan</b> read <b>it</b> before <b>the king</b>.</p>
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## Josiah fears God's judgment on Judah and Israel and sends a delegation to inquire of the LORD by Huldah the prophetess

<p>2Ki 22:11 And it came to pass, when <b>the king</b> had heard <b>the words of the book of the law</b>, that he rent his clothes.</p> <p>2Ki 22:12 And <b>the king</b> commanded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hilkiah the priest</b>,</li> <li>• and <b>Ahikam the son of Shaphan</b>,</li> <li>• and <b>Achbor the son of Michaiah</b>,</li> <li>• and <b>Shaphan the scribe</b>,</li> <li>• and <b>Asahiah a servant of the king's</b>,</li> </ul> <p>saying,</p> <p>2Ki 22:13 Go ye, enquire of <b>the LORD</b> for me, and for <b>the people</b>, and for <b>all Judah</b>, concerning <b>the words of this book</b> that is found: <i>for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.</i></p> <p>2Ki 22:14 So <b>Hilkiah</b> the priest, and <b>Ahikam</b>, and <b>Achbor</b>, and <b>Shaphan</b>, and <b>Asahiah</b>, went unto <b>Huldah the prophetess</b>, the wife of <b>Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas</b>, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in <b>Jerusalem</b> in the college;) and they communed with her.</p>	<p>2Ch 34:19 And it came to pass, when <b>the king</b> had heard <b>the words of the law</b>, that he rent his clothes.</p> <p>2Ch 34:20 And <b>the king</b> commanded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hilkiah</b>,</li> <li>• and <b>Ahikam the son of Shaphan</b>,</li> <li>• and <b>Abdon the son of Micah</b>,</li> <li>• and <b>Shaphan the scribe</b>,</li> <li>• and <b>Asaiah a servant of the king's</b>,</li> </ul> <p>saying,</p> <p>2Ch 34:21 Go, enquire of <b>the LORD</b> for me, and for them that are left in <b>Israel</b> and in <b>Judah</b>, concerning the words of <b>the book</b> that is found: <i>for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book.</i></p> <p>2Ch 34:22 And <b>Hilkiah</b>, and <i>they</i> that <b>the king had appointed</b>, went to <b>Huldah the prophetess</b>, the wife of <b>Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Hasrah</b>, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in <b>Jerusalem</b> in the college;) and they spake to her to that <i>effect</i>.</p>
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## Huldah the prophetess reiterates the words the LORD through Isaiah to Hezekiah regarding God judging Hezekiah's predecessors

<p>2Ki 22:15 And she said unto them, <b>Thus saith the LORD God of Israel</b>, Tell the man that sent you to me,</p> <p>2Ki 22:16 <b>Thus saith the LORD</b>, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, <i>even</i> all the words [curses] of <b>the book which the king of Judah</b> hath read:</p> <p>2Ki 22:17 <b>Because</b> they have forsaken <b>me</b>, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke <b>me</b> to anger with all the works of their hands; <b>therefore</b> my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.</p> <p>2Ki 22:18 But to <b>the king of Judah</b> which sent you to enquire of <b>the LORD</b>, thus shall ye say to him, <b>Thus saith the LORD God of Israel</b>, As touching the words which thou hast heard;</p> <p>2Ki 22:19 <b>Because</b> thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before <b>the LORD</b>, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, <b>saith the LORD</b>.</p> <p>2Ki 22:20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see <b>all the evil which I will bring upon this place</b>.</p> <p>And they brought <b>the king</b> word again.</p>	<p>2Ch 34:23 And she answered them, <b>Thus saith the LORD God of Israel</b>, Tell ye the man that sent you to me,</p> <p>2Ch 34:24 <b>Thus saith the LORD</b>, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, <i>even</i> all the curses that are written in <b>the book which they have read before the king of Judah</b>:</p> <p>2Ch 34:25 <b>Because</b> they have forsaken <b>me</b>, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke <b>me</b> to anger with all the works of their hands; <b>therefore</b> my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched.</p> <p>2Ch 34:26 And as for <b>the king of Judah</b>, who sent you to enquire of <b>the LORD</b>, so shall ye say unto him, <b>Thus saith the LORD God of Israel</b> concerning the words which thou hast heard;</p> <p>2Ch 34:27 <b>Because</b> thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before <b>God</b>, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, <b>saith the LORD</b>.</p> <p>2Ch 34:28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see <b>all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same</b>.</p> <p>So they brought <b>the king</b> word again.</p>
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## Josiah gathers all the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem and reads the book of the law to them

<p>2Ki 23:1 And <b>the king</b> sent, and they gathered unto him <b>all the elders</b> of <b>Judah</b> and of <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>2Ki 23:2 And <b>the king</b> went up into <b>the house of the LORD</b>, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all the men of <b>Judah</b></li> <li>• and all the inhabitants of <b>Jerusalem</b> with him,</li> <li>• and the <b>priests</b>,</li> <li>• and the <b>prophets</b>,</li> <li>• and all the people, both small and great:</li> </ul> <p>and he read in their ears <b>all the words of the book of the covenant</b> which was found in <b>the house of the LORD</b>.</p>	<p>2Ch 34:29 Then <b>the king</b> sent and gathered together all the elders of <b>Judah</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p> <p>2Ch 34:30 And <b>the king</b> went up into <b>the house of the LORD</b>, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all the men of <b>Judah</b>,</li> <li>• and the inhabitants of <b>Jerusalem</b>,</li> <li>• and the <b>priests</b>,</li> <li>• and the <b>Levites</b>,</li> <li>• and all the people, great and small:</li> </ul> <p>and he read in their ears <b>all the words of the book of the covenant</b> that was found in <b>the house of the LORD</b>.</p>
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## Josiah, Judah, and Jerusalem make a covenant before the LORD to keep his Laws

<p>2Ki 23:3 And <b>the king</b> stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before <b>the LORD</b>,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to walk after <b>the LORD</b>,</li> <li>• and to keep             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>his commandments</b></li> <li>○ <b>and his testimonies</b></li> <li>○ <b>and his statutes</b></li> <li>○ with all <i>their</i> heart and all <i>their</i> soul,</li> </ul> </li> <li>• to perform <b>the words of this covenant that were written in this book.</b></li> </ul> <p>And all the people stood to the covenant.</p>	<p>Ch 34:31 And <b>the king</b> stood in his place, and made a covenant before <b>the LORD</b>,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to walk after <b>the LORD</b>,</li> <li>• and to keep             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>his commandments</b>,</li> <li>○ <b>and his testimonies</b>,</li> <li>○ <b>and his statutes</b>,</li> <li>○ with all his heart, and with all his soul,</li> </ul> </li> <li>• to perform <b>the words of the covenant which are written in this book.</b></li> </ul> <p>2Ch 34:32 And he caused all that were present in <b>Jerusalem</b> and <b>Benjamin</b> to stand <i>to it</i>. And the inhabitants of <b>Jerusalem</b> did according to <b>the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.</b></p>
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## Josiah removes all the pagan/witchcraft abominations of Israel and makes Israel serve God

<p>2Ch 34:33 And <b>Josiah</b> took away <b>all the abominations</b> out of all the countries that <i>pertained</i> to <b>the children of Israel</b>,</p> <p>and made all that were present in <b>Israel</b> to serve, <i>even</i> to serve <b>the LORD their God</b>.</p> <p><i>And all his days they</i> departed not from following <b>the LORD, the God of their fathers.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Details below:</p>
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<p>2Ki 23:4 And <b>the king</b> commanded <b>Hilkiah the high priest</b>, and <b>the priests of the second order</b>, and <b>the keepers of the door</b>, to bring forth out of <b>the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for <b>Baal</b>,</li> <li>• and for <b>the grove</b>, (Note: the Asherah)</li> <li>• and for <b>all the host of heaven</b>:</li> </ul> <p>and he burned them without [outside] <b>Jerusalem</b> in <b>the fields of Kidron</b>, and carried the ashes of them unto <b>Bethel</b>.</p> <p>2Ki 23:5 And he put down</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>the idolatrous priests</b>, whom <b>the kings of Judah</b> had ordained to burn incense in <b>the high places</b> in the cities of <b>Judah</b>, and in the places round about <b>Jerusalem</b>;</li> <li>• <b>them also that burned incense unto Baal</b>, to <b>the sun</b>, and to <b>the moon</b>, and to <b>the planets</b>, and to <b>all the host of heaven</b>.</li> </ul>
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### Note: **The Pagan Trinity - Sun, Moon, Stars - Pagan Gods**

**Semiramis** - **Moon** goddess - wife and mother of Nimrod

**Nimrod** - Father - **Sun** god

**Tammuz** - **son** of the Morning Star - born December 25<sup>th</sup>

Then there are multiple gods underneath this three god trinity structure.

Ancient Babylonian god: Nebo = Nabu = Nimrod = **Ba'al**

Jesus Christ was not actually born on December 25. Shepherds were not in the fields in the cold and rainy winter season. The date of Jesus' birth is not specified in Matthew and Luke but is specified to be during the census decreed by Caesar Augustus.

	Sun God / Father God	Moon Goddess / Mother God	Reborn Sun / son of god
<b>Babylon</b>	Nimrod	Semiramis	Tammuz
<b>Egypt</b>	Ra	Isis	Horus
<b>Greece</b>	Zeus	Artemis	Adonis
<b>Rome</b>	Jupiter	Diana	Apollo
<b>Nordic</b>	Odin	Jord	Thor
<b>Hindu</b>	Vishnu	Chandra	Krishna
<b>Roman Catholicism</b> This is where most of the world's troubles and deception comes from.	God	Virgin Mary	Jesus - Not the same Jesus true Christians worship but the sun god Helios / Sol
<b>Luciferian</b>	Lucifer	Goddess Diana	Antichrist

The same basic story varies by region and culture

The pagan religions depict their gods as having both masculine and feminine qualities.

Judeo Christian - God has masculine qualities only.

Pagan Religions - 3 god structure with multiple gods under them

The **Vatican** (the Pope and his choice Cardinals) does not worship the same Jesus Christ that real Christians worship. Mary is worshipped as the mother of God. "Hail Mary, full of Grace, guide us and lead us home, to the kingdom of Heaven within our hearts, remembering who we really are."

The beliefs of some Catholics may genuinely line up with that of real Christians who are unaware of what really goes on in the secrecy of their leaders. Catholicism mixes pagan beliefs with the true story of Jesus Christ.

Pagans can be easily identified by their belief in both a Mother god and a Father god.

This predominant three god structure was only challenged by the Israelites with Monotheism.

One God verses many gods.

Under the pagan structure the father god is known as Satan, Lucifer, Baal, and many others

Many names of Lucifer/Satan in different Cultures	
Babylon	Baal
Egypt	Ra
Greece	Zeus
Rome	Jupiter
Hindu	Indra
Israel	Molech

Satan has both masculine and feminine qualities.

The Most High God does not.

Pagan religions are directed toward one ultimate goal and that is rebellion against the One True God.

2Ki 23:6 And he brought out **the grove [Asherim]** from **the house of the LORD**, without [outside] **Jerusalem**, unto **the brook Kidron**,

- and burned it at **the brook Kidron**,
- and stamped *it* small to powder,
- and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

2Ki 23:7 And he brake down **the houses of the sodomites [male cult prostitutes]**, that *were* by **the house of the LORD**, where the women wove hangings for **the grove [Asherah]**.

2Ki 23:8 And he brought **all the priests** out of the cities of **Judah**,

- and defiled **the high places** where **the priests had burned incense**, from **Geba** to **Beersheba**,
- and brake down **the high places** of the gates that *were* in the entering in of **the gate of Joshua the governor of the city**, which *were* on a man's left hand at **the gate of the city**.

2Ki 23:9 Nevertheless the priests of **the high places** came not up to **the altar of the LORD** in **Jerusalem**, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

2Ki 23:10 And he defiled **Topheth**, which *is* in the **valley of the children of Hinnom**, that no man might **make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech**.

2Ki 23:11 And he took away the horses that **the kings of Judah** had given to **the sun** (Note: the Sun god), at the entering in of **the house of the LORD**, by the chamber of **Nathanmelech the chamberlain**, which *was* in the suburbs, and burned the **chariots of the sun** with fire.

**Note:** A mosaic found in the Vatican grottoes under St. Peter's Basilica, on the vaulted ceiling of the **tomb of the Julii** (also known as "Mausoleum M") depicts Christ as the sun-god Helios / Sol riding in his chariot, and is dated to the 3rd century A.D. (Source: <http://www.aloha.net/%7Emikesch/wheel.htm>)

2Ki 23:12 And **the altars** that *were* on the top of the upper chamber of **Ahaz**, which **the kings of Judah** had made,  
and **the altars** which **Manasseh** had made in the two courts of **the house of the LORD**, did **the king** beat down, and brake *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into **the brook Kidron**.

2Ki 23:13 And **the high places** that *were* before **Jerusalem**, which *were* on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which **Solomon the king of Israel** had builded

- for **Ashtoreth** the abomination of the **Zidonians [Sidonians]**,
- and for **Chemosh** the abomination of the **Moabites**,
- and for **Milcom** the abomination of **the children of Ammon**,

did **the king** defile.

**Note:** Solomon is highly revered in the occult world, for when he fell into despair, lust, and then witchcraft he perverted the wisdom God gave him. Most of the occult /witchcraft teachings today are based on the occult knowledge of Solomon. (Source: John Todd, ex Illuminati, Freemason, Witchcraft)

2Ki 23:14 And he brake in pieces the **images [sacred pillars]**,  
and cut down the **groves [Asherim]**,  
and filled their places with **the bones of men**. (See Jeremiah 8:1-2)

2Ki 23:15 Moreover

**the altar** that *was* at **Bethel**,

and **the high place** which **Jeroboam the son of Nebat**, who made **Israel** to sin, had made,

even <b>that altar</b> and the <b>high place</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• he broke down.</li><li>• Then he demolished its stones,</li><li>• ground them to dust,</li><li>• and burned the <b>Asherah</b>.</li></ul> (NASV)	both <b>that altar</b> and <b>the high place</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• he brake down,</li><li>• and burned <b>the high place</b>,</li><li>• <i>and</i> stamped <i>it</i> small to powder,</li><li>• and burned <b>the grove</b>.</li></ul> (KJV)
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2Ki 23:16 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.  
(See 1Kings 13:1-2)

**Note:** 1Ki 13:2 And he cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "**O altar, altar**, thus says the LORD, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, **Josiah** by name; and on you **he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.**'"

2Ki 23:17 Then he said, What title [monument] *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**.  
2Ki 23:18 And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones.  
So they let his bones alone, with the bones of **the prophet** that came out of **Samaria**.

2Ki 23:19 And all the houses also of **the high places**  
that *were* in **the cities of Samaria**,  
which **the kings** of Israel had made to provoke *the LORD* to anger,  
**Josiah** took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in **Bethel**.

2Ki 23:20 And he slew **all the priests of the high places** that *were* there upon **the altars**, and burned **men's bones** upon them,  
and returned to **Jerusalem**.

## The Greatest Passover Celebration ever

2Ki 23:21 And **the king** commanded all the people, saying, Keep **the Passover** unto **the LORD** your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant. (Note: as follows...)

2Ch 35:1 Moreover **Josiah** kept **a passover** unto **the LORD** in **Jerusalem**:  
and they killed **the Passover** on **the fourteenth day of the first month**.

2Ch 35:2 And he set **the priests** in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of **the house of the LORD**,  
2Ch 35:3

And said unto the **Levites**

- that taught **all Israel**,
- which were holy unto **the LORD**,

Put **the holy ark** in **the house** which **Solomon the son of David king of Israel** did build;  
*it shall not be* a burden upon *your* shoulders:

serve now **the LORD** your God, and his people **Israel**,

2Ch 35:4 And prepare *yourselves* **by the houses of your fathers**, after [in] **your courses [divisions]**,

- according to the writing of **David king of Israel**,
- and according to the writing of **Solomon** his son.

2Ch 35:5 And stand in **the holy place**

- according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people,
- and *after* the division of the families of the Levites.

2Ch 35:6 So kill **the Passover**,

and sanctify yourselves,

and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to **the word of the LORD** by the hand of **Moses**.

2Ch 35:7

And **Josiah** gave to the people, of the flock,

- **lambs** and **kids**, all for **the Passover** offerings, for all that were present, to the number of **thirty thousand**,
- and **three thousand bullocks**:

these *were* of **the king's** substance.

2Ch 35:8

And his princes gave willingly

- unto the people,
- to the **priests**,
- and to the **Levites**:

**Hilkiah** and **Zechariah** and **Jehiel**, rulers of **the house of God**, gave unto **the priests** for **the Passover offerings**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2,600 <i>from the flocks</i></li><li>• and 300 <b>bulls</b>.</li></ul> NASV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• two thousand and six hundred <i>small cattle</i>,</li><li>• and three hundred <b>oxen</b>.</li></ul> KJV
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2Ch 35:9 **Conaniah** also, and **Shemaiah** and **Nethaneel**, his brethren, and **Hashabiah** and **Jeiel** and **Jozabad**, chief of the **Levites**, gave unto the **Levites** for **passover offerings**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5,000 <i>from the flocks</i></li><li>• and 500 <b>bulls</b>.</li></ul> NASV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• five thousand <i>small cattle</i>,</li><li>• and five hundred <b>oxen</b>.</li></ul> KJV
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2Ch 35:10

So the service was prepared,

- and **the priests** stood in their place,
- and **the Levites** in their courses [divisions],

according to **the king's** commandment.

2Ch 35:11 And they killed **the Passover**, and **the priests** sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and **the Levites** flayed *them*.

2Ch 35:12 And they removed the **burnt offerings**, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto **the LORD**, as *it is* written in **the book of Moses**.

<i>They did</i> this also with the bulls. (NASV)	And so <i>did they</i> with the oxen. (KJV)
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2Ch 35:13 And they roasted **the Passover** with fire according to **the ordinance**:

but the *other holy offerings* sod [boiled] they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided *them* speedily among all the people.

2Ch 35:14 And afterward **they** made ready for **themselves**, and for **the priests**: because **the priests the sons of Aaron** *were busied* in offering of **burnt offerings** and **the fat** until night; therefore **the Levites** prepared for **themselves**, and for **the priests the sons of Aaron**.

2Ch 35:15 And **the singers the sons of Asaph** *were* in their place, according to the commandment of

- **David**,
- and **Asaph**,
- and **Heman**,
- and **Jeduthun the king's** seer;

and <b>the gatekeepers</b> at each gate did not have to depart from their service, because <b>the Levites</b> their brethren prepared for them. (NASV)	and the <b>porters</b> [gatekeepers] <i>waited</i> at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren <b>the Levites</b> prepared for them. (KJV)
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2Ch 35:16 So all the service of **the LORD** was prepared the same day, to keep **the Passover**, and to offer **burnt offerings** upon **the altar of the LORD**, according to the commandment of **king Josiah**.

2Ch 35:17 And **the children of Israel** that were present kept **the Passover** at that time, and **the feast of unleavened bread seven days**.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2Ki 23:22 Surely there was not holden [observed] such a <b>passover</b> from the days of the judges that judged Israel,</li> <li>• nor in all the days of <b>the kings of Israel</b>, nor of <b>the kings</b> of <b>Judah</b>;</li> </ul> <p>2Ki 23:23 But <b>in the eighteenth year of king Josiah</b>, <i>wherein</i> this <b>passover</b> was holden [observed] to <b>the LORD</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2Ch 35:18 And there was no <b>passover</b> like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet;</li> <li>• neither did <b>all the kings of Israel</b> keep such a <b>passover</b> as <b>Josiah</b> kept, and <b>the priests</b>, and <b>the Levites</b>, and all <b>Judah</b> and <b>Israel</b> that were present, and the inhabitants of <b>Jerusalem</b>.</li> </ul> <p>2Ch 35:19 <b>In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah</b> was this <b>passover</b> kept.</p>
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### After having purged Israel of witchcraft Josiah purges Judah

2Ki 23:24 Moreover **the workers with familiar spirits [mediums]**, and the **wizards**, and the **images [family idols]**, and the **idols**, and **all the abominations** that were spied in the land of **Judah** and in **Jerusalem**, did **Josiah** put away,  
that he might perform **the words of the law** which were written in **the book** that **Hilkiah the priest** found in **the house of the LORD**.

### The righteous remnant of Judah and Israel is spared God's wrath, the vast wicked majority will experience severe judgment

2Ki 23:26 Notwithstanding **the LORD** turned not from **the fierceness of his great wrath**, wherewith his anger was kindled against **Judah**, **because of** all the provocations that **Manassch** had provoked him withal.

2Ki 23:27

And **the LORD** said,

I will remove **Judah** also out of my sight, as I have removed **Israel**,  
and will cast off this city **Jerusalem** which I have chosen,  
and **the house** of which I said, My name shall be there.

## Josiah does not understand that the LORD sent Pharaoh Neco against the king of Assyria Josiah is mortally wounded by Neco's archers

<p>2Ki 23:29 In his days <b>Pharaohnechoh king of Egypt</b> went up against the king of Assyria to <b>the river Euphrates:</b> and king <b>Josiah</b> went against him;</p> <p>and <b>he</b> slew him at <b>Megiddo</b>, when he had seen him.</p> <p>2Ki 23:30a And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from <b>Megiddo</b>, and brought him to <b>Jerusalem</b>, and buried him in his own sepulchre.</p>	<p>2Ch 35:20 After all this, when <b>Josiah</b> had prepared <b>the temple</b>, <b>Necho king of Egypt</b> came up to fight against Carchemish by <b>Euphrates:</b> and <b>Josiah</b> went out against <b>him</b>.</p> <p>2Ch 35:21 But <b>he</b> sent ambassadors to <b>him</b>, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou <b>king of Judah</b>? <i>I come</i> not against thee this day, but against <b>the house</b> wherewith I have war: <b>for God commanded me to make haste:</b> forbear thee from <i>meddling with God, who is with me</i>, that <b>he</b> destroy thee not.</p> <p>2Ch 35:22 Nevertheless <b>Josiah</b> would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto <b>the words of Necho from the mouth of God</b>, and came to fight in <b>the valley of Megiddo</b>.</p> <p>2Ch 35:23 And <b>the archers</b> shot at <b>king Josiah</b>; and <b>the king</b> said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded.</p> <p>2Ch 35:24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to <b>Jerusalem</b>, and he died, and was buried in <i>one of</i> the sepulchres of his fathers.</p> <p>And all <b>Judah</b> and <b>Jerusalem</b> mourned for <b>Josiah</b>.</p>
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### The Book of Lamentations contains laments for Josiah by the prophet Jeremiah and the singers

2Ch 35:25 And **Jeremiah** lamented for **Josiah**: and **all the singing men** and **the singing women** spake of **Josiah** in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in **Israel**:  
**and, behold, they are written in the lamentations.**

Note: Not included in The Book of Lamentations in the Biblical Canon

### Josiah was the most righteous king to ever exist

2Ki 23:25 *And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.*

### More records of Josiah

<p>2Ki 23:28 Now the rest of the acts of <b>Josiah</b>, and all that he did,</p> <p><i>are</i> they not written in <b>the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah</b>?</p>	<p>2Ch 35:26 Now the rest of the acts of <b>Josiah</b> and his deeds of devotion as written in the law of <b>the LORD</b>,</p> <p>2Ch 35:27 and his acts, first to last, behold, they are written <b>in the Book of the kings of Israel and Judah</b>.</p>
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Note: Not the 1,2 Chronicles and 1,2 Kings of the Bible but they are recommended reading (if you can find them).

### Transfer of power from Josiah to Jehoahaz (Joahaz) his son

<p>2Ki 23:30b And the people of the land took <b>Jehoahaz the son of Josiah</b>, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.</p>	<p>2Ch 36:1 Then the people of the land took <b>Joahaz the son of Josiah</b>, and made him king in place of his father in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</p>
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## Jehoahaz (Joahaz), wicked king of Judah Son of Josiah, completely righteous king of Judah

### Brief summary of Jehoahaz (Joahaz) life

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2Ki 23:31 <b>Jehoahaz</b> was twenty and three years old when he began to reign;</li> <li>• and he reigned <b>three months</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</li> <li>• And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.</li> <li>• 2Ki 23:32 And he did <i>that which was evil in the sight of the LORD</i>, according to <b>all</b> that his fathers had done.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2Ch 36:2 <b>Jehoahaz</b> was twenty and three years old when he began to reign,</li> <li>• and he reigned <b>three months</b> in <b>Jerusalem</b>.</li> </ul>
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### Pharaoh Neco has Jehoahaz imprisoned

<p>2Ki 23:33a And <b>Pharaohnechoh</b> put him in bands at <b>Riblah</b> in the land of <b>Hamath</b>, that he might not reign in <b>Jerusalem</b>;</p>	<p>2Ch 36:3a And <b>the king of Egypt</b> put him down at <b>Jerusalem</b>,</p>
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### Pharaoh Neco makes Jehoiakim king in Jehoahaz's place, Jehoahaz dies in Egypt

<p>2Ki 23:34 And <b>Pharaohnechoh</b> made <b>Eliakim the son of Josiah king</b> in the room of <b>Josiah his father</b>, and turned his name to <b>Jehoiakim</b>,</p> <p>and took <b>Jehoahaz</b> away: and he came to <b>Egypt</b>, and died there.</p>	<p>2Ch 36:4 And <b>the king of Egypt</b> made <b>Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem</b>, and turned his name to <b>Jehoiakim</b>.</p> <p>And <b>Necho</b> took <b>Jehoahaz his brother</b>, and carried him to <b>Egypt</b>.</p>
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### Pharaoh Neco imposes heavy fines on Judah and Israel

<p>2Ki 23:33b and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.</p>	<p>2Ch 36:3b and condemned the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.</p>
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2Ki 23:35 And **Jehoiakim** gave the silver and the gold to **Pharaoh**; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of **Pharaoh**: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give *it* unto **Pharaohnechoh**.