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**KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD**

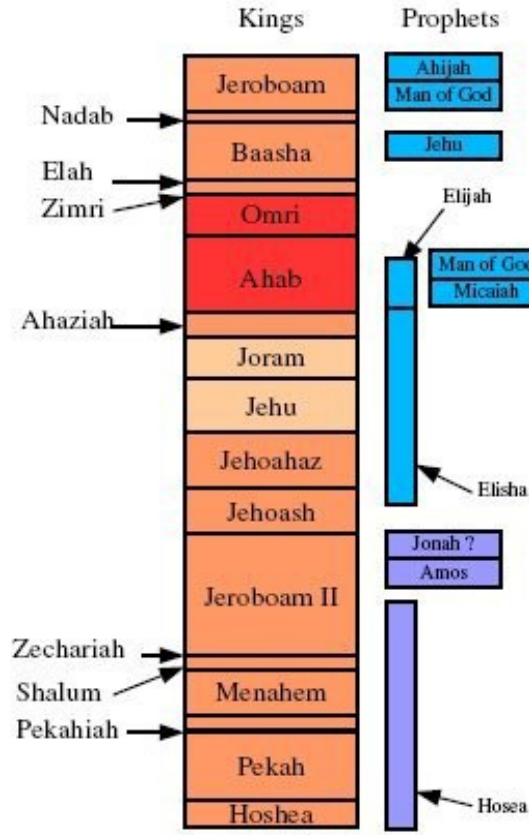
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### Review

- Divided kingdom after Solomon
- Sin of Israel, Judah
- Reached worst point with Manasseh
- God announced judgment on all Israel

# Israel



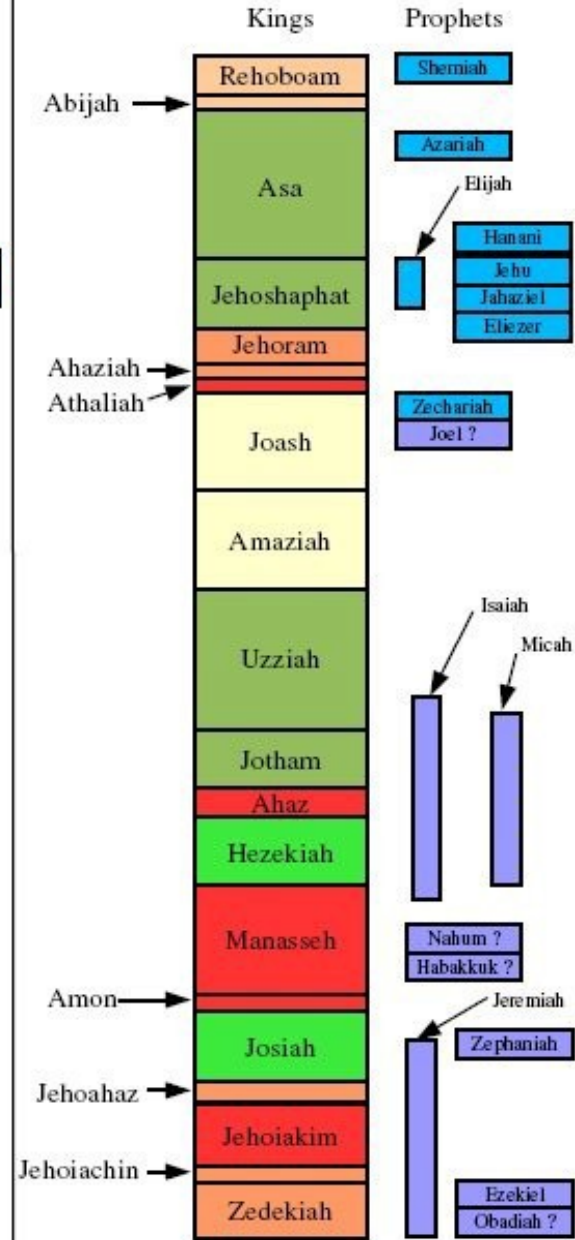
Assyrian Captivity

Prophet who did not write book  
 Prophet who wrote book of Bible

Kings

Good      Evil

# Judah



Babylonian Captivity

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### Review: Judgment on Judah

#### Three phases

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Ezekiel began prophesying during reign of Zedekiah

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### Review: Prophecy of Ezekiel

#### Vision at the Kebar River (Eze 1)

- Fifth year of Jehoiachin's exile
  - During reign of Zedekiah
- Fire, cherubim, wheels
- The glory of the LORD
- Ezekiel given a message of doom!

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### Review: Judgment on Judah

**2Ki 24:3** Surely these things happened to Judah according to the LORD's command, in order to remove them from his presence **because of the sins of Manasseh** and all he had done, **2Ki 24:4** including the shedding of innocent blood. For he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD was not willing to forgive.



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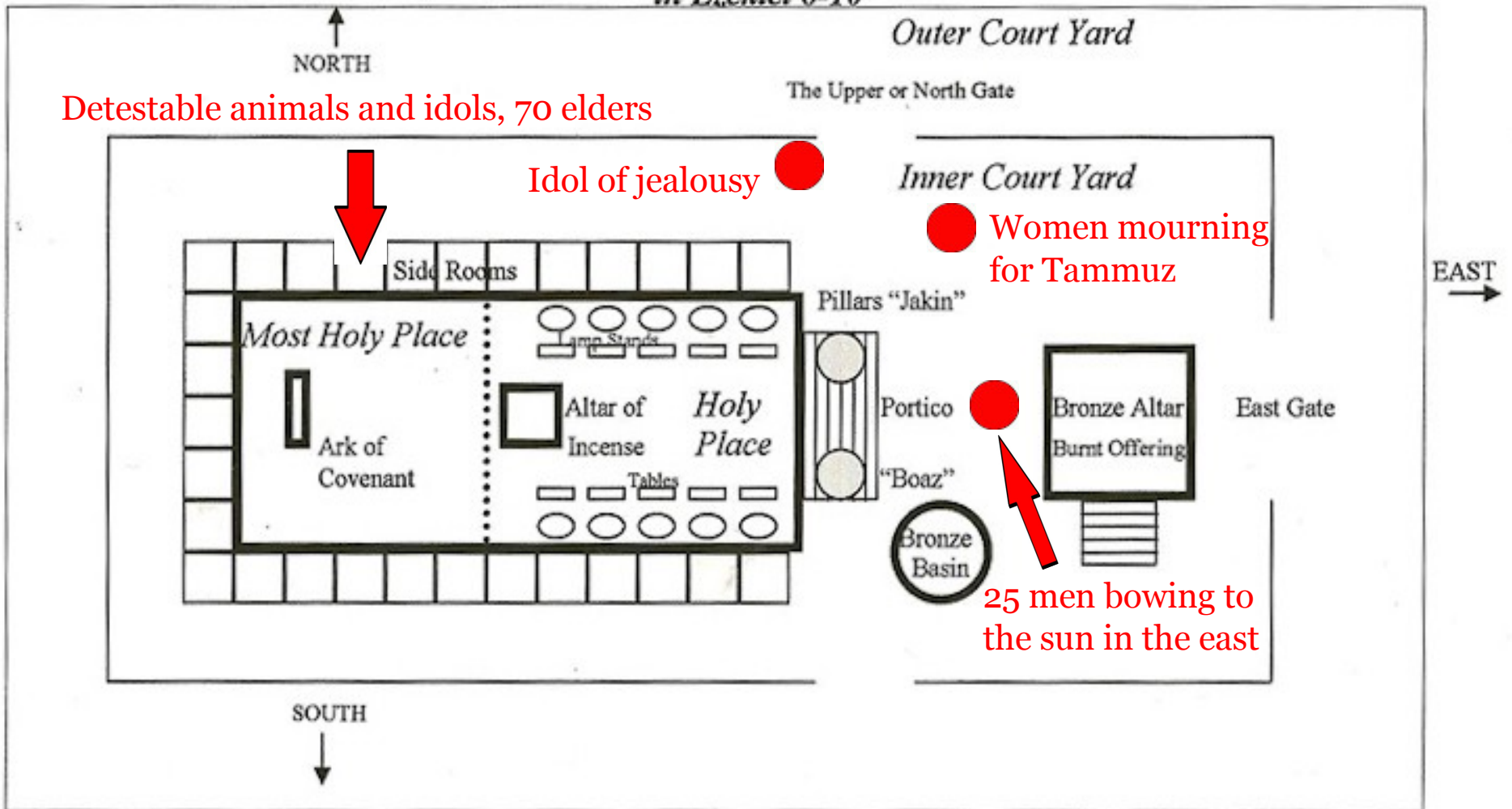
Second vision at Ezekiel's house in Babylon

- Idolatry in the temple
- Execution of judgment
- Protection of the righteous

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Solomon's Temple as seen in Jerusalem  
in Ezekiel's vision of 592 BC  
in Ezekiel 8-10



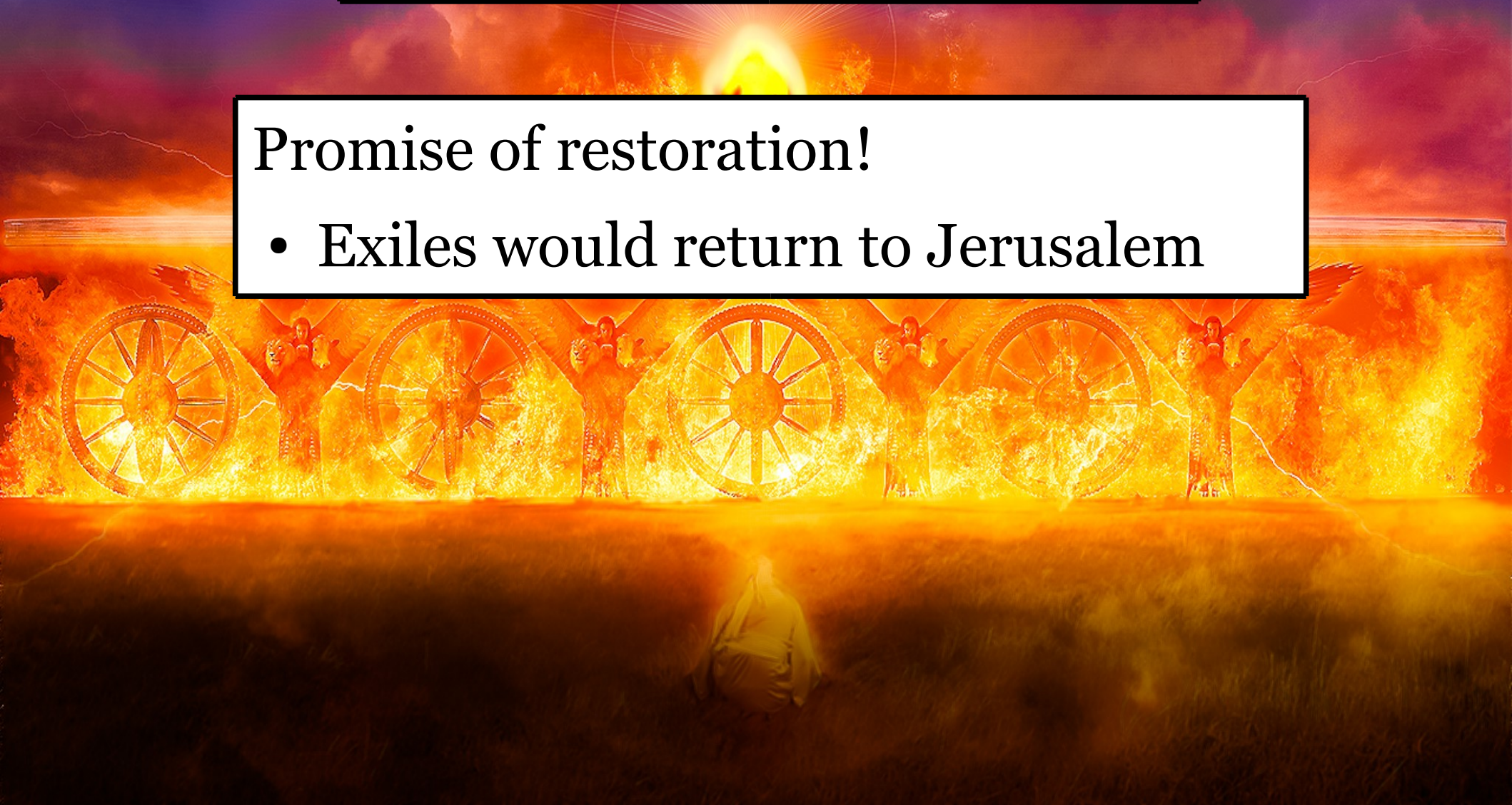
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Review: Prophecy of Ezekiel

Promise of restoration!

- Exiles would return to Jerusalem



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Jeremiah: Promise of restoration!

**Jer 24:1** After Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim king of Judah and the officials, the craftsmen and the artisans of Judah were carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the LORD showed me **two baskets of figs** placed in front of the temple of the LORD.

**Jer 24:2** One basket had **very good figs**, like those that ripen early; the other basket had **very poor figs**, so bad they could not be eaten.

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Jeremiah: Promise of restoration!

**Jer 24:5** "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Like these good figs, **I regard as good the exiles** from Judah, whom I sent away from this place to the land of the Babylonians.

**Jer 24:6** My eyes will watch over them for their good, and **I will bring them back to this land.** I will build them up and not tear them down; I will plant them and not uproot them.

**Jer 24:7** I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for **they will return to me with all their heart.**

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Jeremiah: Promise of restoration!

**Jer 24:8** "'But like the poor figs, which are so bad they cannot be eaten,' says the LORD, 'so will I deal with Zedekiah king of Judah, his officials and the survivors from Jerusalem, whether they remain in this land or live in Egypt.

**Jer 24:9** I will make them abhorrent and an offense to all the kingdoms of the earth, a reproach and a byword, an object of ridicule and cursing, wherever I banish them.

**Jer 24:10** I will send the sword, famine and plague against them until they are destroyed from the land I gave to them and their fathers.'"

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Eze 6:10 And they will know that I am the LORD

Occurs 57x in Ezekiel

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**Eze 12:1** The word of the LORD came to me:

**Eze 12:2** "Son of man, you are living among a rebellious people. They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.

**Eze 12:3** "Therefore, son of man, **pack your belongings for exile** and in the daytime, **as they watch**, set out and go from where you are to another place. Perhaps they will understand, though they are a rebellious house.

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Ezekiel: Prophecy of Zedekiah's exile

**Eze 12:4** During the daytime, while they watch, bring out your belongings packed for exile. Then in the evening, while they are watching, go out like those who go into exile.

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**Eze 12:5** While they watch, dig through the wall and take your belongings out through it.

**Eze 12:6** Put them on your shoulder as they are watching and carry them out at dusk. Cover your face so that you cannot see the land, for I have made you a sign to the house of Israel."

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**Eze 12:9** "Son of man, did not that rebellious house of Israel ask you, 'What are you doing?'

**Eze 12:10** "Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: This oracle concerns **the prince in Jerusalem** and **the whole house of Israel who are there.**'

**Eze 12:11** Say to them, 'I am a sign to you.' "As I have done, so it will be done to them. They will go into exile as captives.

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Ezekiel: Prophecy of Zedekiah's exile

**Eze 12:12** "The prince among them will put his things on his shoulder at dusk and leave, and a hole will be dug in the wall for him to go through. He will cover his face so that he cannot see the land.

**Eze 12:13** I will spread my net for him, and he will be caught in my snare; I will bring him to Babylonia, the land of the Chaldeans, but he will not see it, and there he will die.

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Jeremiah: Fulfillment of prophecy of Zedekiah's exile

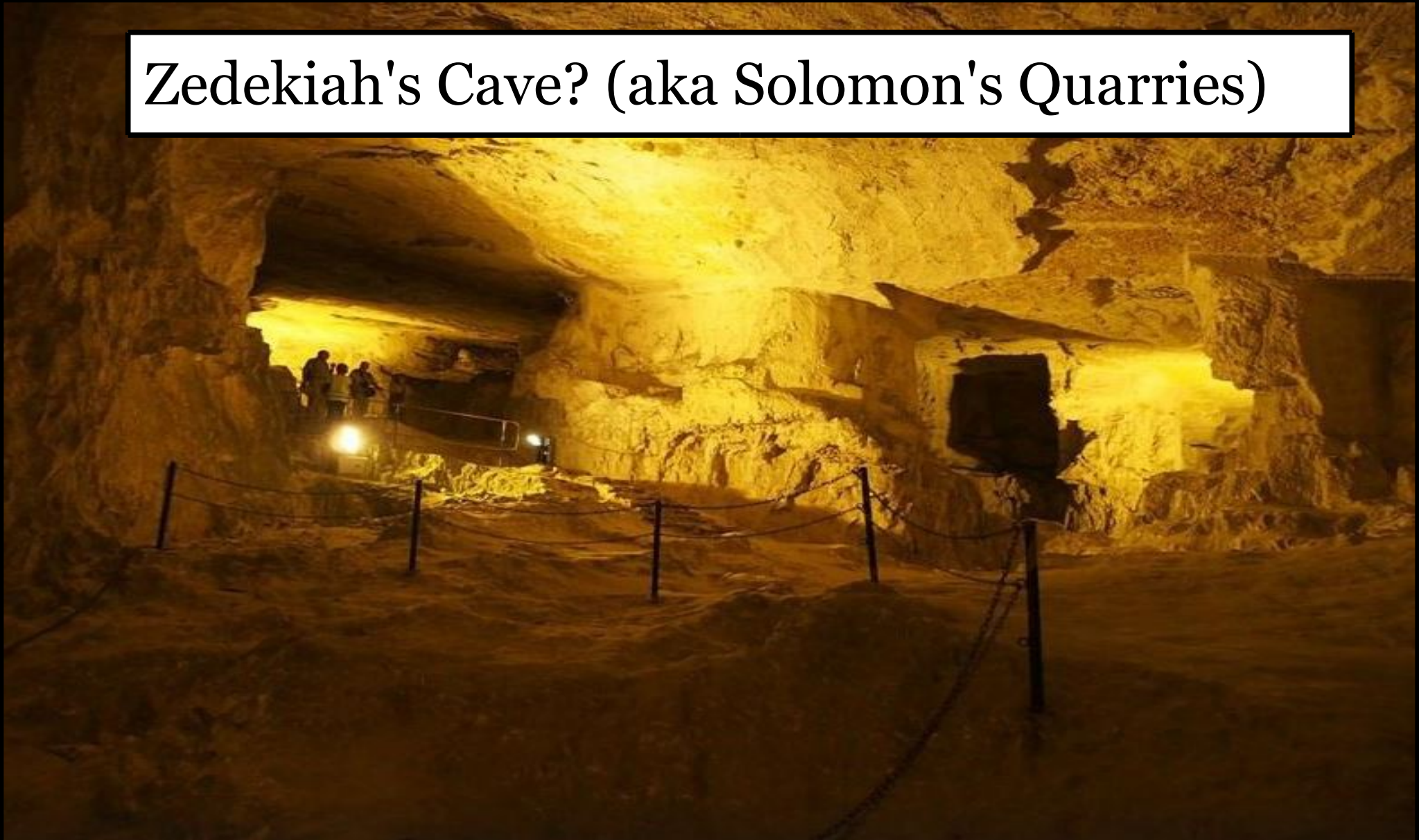
**Jer 39:4** When Zedekiah king of Judah and all the soldiers saw them, they fled; **they left the city at night** by way of the king's garden, through the **gate between the two walls**, and headed toward the Arabah.

**Jer 39:5** But the Babylonian army pursued them and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho. They **captured him** and took him to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he pronounced sentence on him.

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Zedekiah's Cave? (aka Solomon's Quarries)



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**Jer 39:7** Then he **put out Zedekiah's eyes** and bound him with bronze shackles **to take him to Babylon.**



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The LORD always does what he says he will do!

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Famine!

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**Eze 12:22** "Son of man, what is this proverb you have in the land of Israel: 'The days go by and every vision comes to nothing'?"

**Eze 12:23** Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer quote it in Israel.' Say to them, **'The days are near when every vision will be fulfilled.'**

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**Eze 13:9** My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will not belong to the council of my people or be listed in the records of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel. **Then you will know that I am the Sovereign LORD.**

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**Eze 13:22** Because you disheartened the righteous with your lies, when I had brought them no grief, and because you encouraged the wicked not to turn from their evil ways and so save their lives,

**Eze 13:23** therefore you will no longer see false visions or practice divination. I will save my people from your hands.  
**And then you will know that I am the LORD.**"

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**Eze 14:1** Some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat down in front of me.

**Eze 14:2** Then the word of the LORD came to me:

**Eze 14:3** "Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I let them inquire of me at all?"

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Ezekiel: Against idolators inquiring of the LORD

**Eze 14:4** Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: When any Israelite sets up idols in his heart and puts a wicked stumbling block before his face and then goes to a prophet, **I the LORD will answer him myself in keeping with his great idolatry.**

**Eze 14:5** I will do this to recapture the hearts of the people of Israel, who have all deserted me for their idols.'



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**Eze 14:12** The word of the LORD came to me:

**Eze 14:13** "Son of man, if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its men and their animals,

**Eze 14:14** even if these three men—**Noah, Daniel and Job**—were in it, **they could save only themselves** by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD.

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**Eze 14:21** "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: **How much worse** will it be when I send **against Jerusalem** my four dreadful judgments—sword and famine and wild beasts and plague—to kill its men and their animals!

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**Eze 14:23** You will be consoled when you see their conduct and their actions, for you will know that **I have done nothing in it without cause**, declares the Sovereign LORD."

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Ezekiel: Prophecy of Useless Wood



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**Eze 15:1** The word of the LORD came to me:

**Eze 15:2** "Son of man, how is the wood of a vine better than that of a branch on any of the trees in the forest?

**Eze 15:3** Is wood ever taken from it to make anything useful? Do they make pegs from it to hang things on?

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Purpose of vine is to bear fruit!



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**Eze 15:4** And after it is thrown on the fire as fuel and the fire burns both ends and chars the middle, is it then useful for anything?

**Eze 15:5** If it was not useful for anything when it was whole, how much less can it be made into something useful when the fire has burned it and it is charred?

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**Joh 15:6** If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

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**Eze 15:6** "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: As I have given the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest as fuel for the fire, so will I treat the people living in Jerusalem.

**Eze 15:7** I will set my face against them. Although they have come out of the fire, the fire will yet consume them. And when I set my face against them, you will know that I am the LORD.



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