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Ezekiel 20:

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The third time (Eze 8:1, Eze 14:1)

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Pro 28:9 If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.



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Rebellion brought wrath

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Eze 20:30 "Therefore say to the house of Israel: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Will you defile yourselves the way your fathers did and lust after their vile images?

Eze 20:31 When you offer your gifts—the sacrifice of your sons in the fire—you continue to defile yourselves with all your idols to this day. Am I to let you inquire of me, O house of Israel? As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I will not let you inquire of me.

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Eze 20:35 I will bring you into the desert of the nations and there, **face to face, I will execute judgment** upon you.

Eze 20:36 As I judged your fathers in the desert of the land of Egypt, so I will judge you, declares the Sovereign LORD.

Eze 20:37 I will take note of you as you **pass under my rod**, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

Eze 20:38 **I will purge you of those who revolt and rebel against me.** Although I will bring them out of the land where they are living, yet they will not enter the land of Israel. **Then you will know that I am the LORD.**

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“As you pass under my rod”

Lev 27:32 The entire tithe of the herd and flock—every tenth animal that passes under the shepherd's rod—will be holy to the LORD.

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- Contempt toward parents
- Oppressed alien, fatherless, widows
- Despised holy things
- Desecrated Sabbaths

- Bloodshed
- Immorality and incest
- Bribery
- Usury
- Forgetting the LORD

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Ezekiel 22: Prophecies against Jerusalem

Eze 22:19 Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'Because you have all become dross, I will gather you into Jerusalem.

Eze 22:20 As men gather silver, copper, iron, lead and tin into a furnace to melt it with a fiery blast, **so will I gather you** in my **anger** and my **wrath** and put you inside the city and **melt you**.

Eze 22:21 I will gather you and I will blow on you with my fiery wrath, and you will be melted inside her.

Eze 22:22 As silver is melted in a furnace, so you will be melted inside her, and **you will know that I the LORD have poured out my wrath upon you.**"

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No alternative to destruction

Eze 22:30 "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.

Eze 22:31 So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD."

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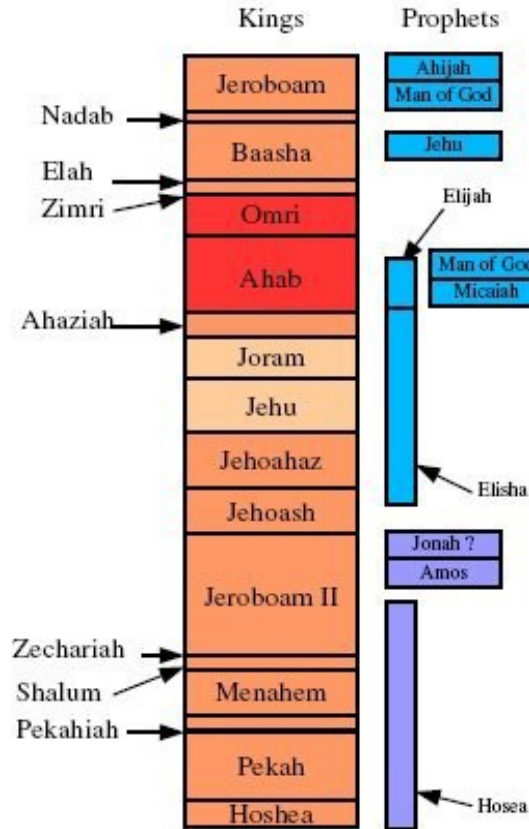
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Eze 23:48 "So I will put an end to lewdness in the land, that all women may take warning and not imitate you.

Israel



Assyrian Captivity

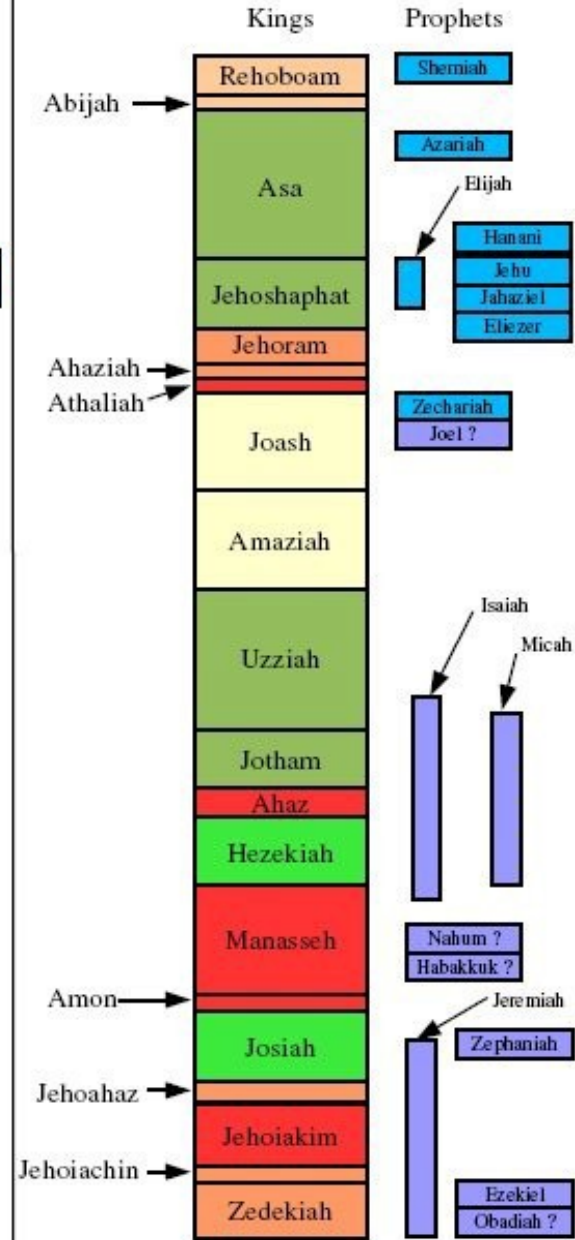
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Heavy demands on Ezekiel and his wife!

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Eze 24:21 Say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **I am about to desecrate my sanctuary**—the stronghold in which you take pride, the delight of your eyes, the object of your affection. The sons and daughters you left behind will fall by the sword.

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Accept the judgment of the Sovereign LORD!

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Eze 24:27 At that time **your mouth will be opened;** you will speak with him and will no longer be silent. So you will be a sign to them, and **they will know that I am the LORD.**"

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Fulfillment described in Ezekiel 33:21-22

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