

EZEKIEL'S DRAMATIC OPENING!

Day 3 Ezekiel, The Priest ...WHY is he in Babylon?

2 Kings 23:28–25:12— The Last 5 Kings of Judah

JOSIAH

Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? **29** In his days Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt went up to the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. And King Josiah went to meet him, and when Pharaoh Neco saw him he killed him at Megiddo. **30** His servants drove his body in a chariot from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father.

JEHOAHAZ

31 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. **32** He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. **33** Pharaoh Neco imprisoned him at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

JEHOIAKIM

34 Pharaoh Neco made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away and brought him to Egypt, and he died there. **35** So Jehoiakim gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land in order to give the money at the command of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, each according to his valuation, to give it to Pharaoh Neco. **36** Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. **37** He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. **1** In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then he turned and rebelled against him. **2** The LORD sent against him bands of Chaldeans, bands of Arameans, bands of Moabites, and bands of Ammonites. So He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken through His servants the prophets. **3** Surely at the command of the LORD it came upon Judah, to remove them from His sight because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, **4** and also for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive. **5** Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? **6** So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place. **7** The king of Egypt did not come out of his land again, for the king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to the king of Egypt from the brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates.

JEHOIACHIN

8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. **9** He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done. **10** At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon went up to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege. **11** And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it. **12** Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his captains and his officials. So the king of Babylon took him captive in the eighth year of his reign. **13** He carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, just as the LORD had said. **14** Then he led away into exile all Jerusalem and all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land.

15 So he led Jehoiachin away into exile to Babylon; also the king’s mother and the king’s wives and his officials and the leading men of the land, he led away into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. **16** All the men of valor, seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths, one thousand, all strong and fit for war, and these the king of Babylon brought into exile to Babylon.

ZEDEKIAH

17 Then the king of Babylon made his uncle Mattaniah king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah. **18** Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. **19** He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. **20** For through the anger of the LORD this came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. **1** Now in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it. **2** So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. **3** On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. **4** Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls beside the king’s garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah. **5** But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho and all his army was scattered from him. **6** Then they captured the king and brought him to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and he passed sentence on him. **7** They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon. **8** Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. **9** He burned the house of the LORD, the king’s house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire. **10** So all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. **11** Then the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the people, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile. **12** But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.



GOD’S LEVITICAL PRIESTS

Numbers 3:5–12— Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **6** “Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him. **7** “They shall perform the duties for him and for the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. **8** “They shall also keep all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, along with the duties of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. **9** “You shall thus give the Levites to Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given to him from among the sons of Israel. **10** “So you shall appoint Aaron and his sons that they may keep their priesthood, but the layman who comes near shall be put to death.” **11** Again the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, **12** “Now, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the sons of Israel instead of every firstborn, the first issue of the womb among the sons of Israel. So the Levites shall be Mine.

Numbers 4:1–4— Then the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, **2** “Take a census of the descendants of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers’ households, **3** from thirty years and upward, even to fifty years old, all who enter the service to do the work in the tent

of meeting. **4** “This is the work of the descendants of Kohath in the tent of meeting, concerning the most holy things.

Day 4 Me... My Responsibility?

2 Timothy 4:1–5— I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **2** preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, **4** and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. **5** But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Day 5 ALL God’s Watchmen

Acts 20:16–27— For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. **17** From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. **18** And when they had come to him, he said to them, “You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, **19** serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; **20** how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, **21** solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. **22** “And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, **23** except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. **24** “But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. **25** “And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face. **26** “Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. **27** “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

WHAT DOES GOD CALL “ABOMINATIONS”?

Day 3 Abominations!

Leviticus 18:22–30— ‘You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination. **23** ‘Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion. **24** ‘Do not defile yourselves by any of these things; for by all these the nations which I am casting out before you have become defiled. **25** ‘For the land has become defiled, therefore I have brought its punishment upon it, so the land has spewed out its inhabitants. **26** ‘But as for you, you are to keep My statutes and My judgments and shall not do any of these abominations, neither the native, nor the alien who sojourns among you **27** (for the men of the land who have been before you have done all these abominations, and the land has become defiled); **28** so that the land will not spew you out, should you defile it, as it has spewed out the nation which has been before you. **29** ‘For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people. **30** ‘Thus you are to keep My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; I am the LORD your God.’ ”

Deuteronomy 7:25— “The graven images of their gods you are to burn with fire; you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, or you will be snared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 12:31— “You shall not behave thus toward the LORD your God, for every abominable act which the LORD hates they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

Deuteronomy 25:13–16— “You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a large and a small. **14** “You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. **15** “You shall have a full and just weight; you shall have a full and just measure, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you. **16** “For everyone who does these things, everyone who acts unjustly is an abomination to the LORD your God.

1 Kings 14:22–24— Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with the sins which they committed. **23** For they also built for themselves high places and sacred pillars and Asherim on every high hill and beneath every luxuriant tree. **24** There were also male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

Proverbs 6:16–19— There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: **17** Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood, **18** A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil, **19** A false witness who utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

Proverbs 28:9— He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

GOD WILL BRING THEIR CONDUCT UPON THEIR HEADS!

Day 4 JESUS: The Spirit of Prophecy

Revelation 19:10—Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Jeremiah 31:31–34— “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, **32** not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. **33** “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. **34** “They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Day 5 The GLORY of the LORD and The Temple

Exodus 40:17— Now in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected.

Exodus 40:34–35— Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. **35** Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

2 Chronicles 6:1–2— Then Solomon said, “The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick cloud. **2** “I have built You a lofty house, And a place for Your dwelling forever.”

2 Chronicles 7:1–3— Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house. **2** The priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD’S house. **3** All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire come down and the glory of the LORD upon the house, bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the LORD, saying, “Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

Hebrews 1:1— God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

Hebrews 1:3— And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

John 1:1— In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14— And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Revelation 1:12–18— Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; **13** and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. **14** His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. **15** His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. **16** In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. **17** When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, **18** and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Luke 2:21–32— And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. **22** And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “EVERY firstborn MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD”), **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS.” **25** And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **26** And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. **27** And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, **28** then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, **29** “Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; **30** For my eyes have seen Your salvation, **31** Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, And the glory of Your people Israel.”

Matthew 23:37–39— “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. **38** “Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! **39** “For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’ ”

HOW DOES GOD DEAL WITH REBELLIOUS PEOPLE?

Day 2 Ezekiel...In Historical Context

Jeremiah 52:1–16— Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. **2** He did evil in the sight of the LORD like all that Jehoiakim had done. **3** For through the anger of the LORD this came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. **4** Now it came about in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it. **5** So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. **6** On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. **7** Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled and went forth from the city at night by way of the gate between the two walls which was by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah. **8** But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho, and all his army was scattered from him. **9** Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he passed sentence on him. **10** The king of Babylon slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and he also slaughtered all the princes of Judah in Riblah. **11** Then he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon and put him in prison until the day of his death. **12** Now on the tenth day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard, who was in the service of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. **13** He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every large house he burned with fire. **14** So all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down all the walls around Jerusalem. **15** Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile some of the poorest of the people, the rest of the people who were left in the city, the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the artisans. **16** But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.

2 Kings 25:1–7— Now in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it. **2** So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. **3** On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. **4** Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls beside the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah. **5** But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho and all his army was scattered from him. **6** Then they captured the king and brought him to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and he passed sentence on him. **7** They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon.

Day 2 When Judgment Doesn't Happen Right Away...

Jeremiah 29:1–14— Now these are the words of the letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders of the exile, the priests, the prophets and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. **2** (This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the court officials, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem.) **3** The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiyah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying, **4** "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, **5** 'Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce. **6** 'Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and

give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease. **7** 'Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.' **8** "For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Do not let your prophets who are in your midst and your diviners deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams which they dream. **9** 'For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them,' declares the LORD. **10** "For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place. **11** 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. **12** 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **13** 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. **14** 'I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

Jeremiah 28:1–11— Now in the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, Hananiah the son of Azzur, the prophet, who was from Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and all the people, saying, **2** "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. **3** 'Within two years I am going to bring back to this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place and carried to Babylon. **4** 'I am also going to bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the exiles of Judah who went to Babylon,' declares the LORD, 'for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.' " **5** Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and in the presence of all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, **6** and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD confirm your words which you have prophesied to bring back the vessels of the LORD's house and all the exiles, from Babylon to this place. **7** "Yet hear now this word which I am about to speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people! **8** "The prophets who were before me and before you from ancient times prophesied against many lands and against great kingdoms, of war and of calamity and of pestilence. **9** "The prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, then that prophet will be known as one whom the LORD has truly sent." **10** Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from the neck of Jeremiah the prophet and broke it. **11** Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'Even so will I break within two full years the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all the nations.' " Then the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

Jeremiah 25:1–2— The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), **2** which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,

Jeremiah 25:11–12— 'This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. **12** 'Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,' declares the LORD, 'for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.

Matthew 28:18–20— And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Day 2 The Mockers

2 Peter 2:1–3— But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought

them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. **2** Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; **3** and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

2 Peter 3:1–9— This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, **2** that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles. **3** Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, **4** and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” **5** For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, **6** through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. **7** But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. **8** But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. **9** The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Day 5 The Character of Noah, Job, and Daniel

NOAH

Genesis 6:9— These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

Genesis 7:1— Then the LORD said to Noah, “Enter the ark, you and all your household, for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time.

Hebrews 11:7— By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

JOB

Job 1:1–8— There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and that man was blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil. **2** Seven sons and three daughters were born to him. **3** His possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east. **4** His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. **5** When the days of feasting had completed their cycle, Job would send and consecrate them, rising up early in the morning and offering burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, “Perhaps my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts.” Thus Job did continually. **6** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. **7** The LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” Then Satan answered the LORD and said, “From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it.” **8** The LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job? For there is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil.”

DANIEL

Daniel 1:1–8— In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. **2** The Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels of the house of God; and he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the treasury of his god. **3** Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles, **4** youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every branch of wisdom, endowed with understanding and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king’s court; and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. **5** The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king’s choice food and from the wine which he drank,

and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service. **6** Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. **7** Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them; and to Daniel he assigned the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah Shadrach, to Mishael Meshach and to Azariah Abed-nego. **8** But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.

Daniel 10:11— He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

Daniel 10:19— He said, "O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!" Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

HISTORY OF GOD'S PEOPLE...FAITHFUL?

Day 1 The Nation of Israel...God's Vine

Isaiah 5:1-7— Let me sing now for my well-beloved A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill. **2** He dug it all around, removed its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it And also hewed out a wine vat in it; Then He expected it to produce good grapes, But it produced only worthless ones. **3** "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge between Me and My vineyard. **4** "What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it? Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones? **5** "So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard: I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed; I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground. **6** "I will lay it waste; It will not be pruned or hoed, But briars and thorns will come up. I will also charge the clouds to rain no rain on it." **7** For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel And the men of Judah His delightful plant. Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress.

Jeremiah 2:20-21— "For long ago I broke your yoke And tore off your bonds; But you said, 'I will not serve!' For on every high hill And under every green tree You have lain down as a harlot. **21** "Yet I planted you a choice vine, A completely faithful seed. How then have you turned yourself before Me Into the degenerate shoots of a foreign vine?"

Days 4 & 5 The History of Israel- ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

Genesis 12:1-3— Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; **2** And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; **3** And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Genesis 13:12-16— Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled in the cities of the valley, and moved his tents as far as Sodom. **13** Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD. **14** The LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; **15** for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever. **16** "I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.

Genesis 15:1-6— After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great." **2** Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" **3** And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir." **4** Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir." **5** And He took him outside and said, "Now look toward the heavens, and count the stars, if you are able to count them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." **6** Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15:18— On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

Days 4 & 5 The History of Israel- COVENANT...Beyond Abraham

Genesis 17:15-21— Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. **16** "I will bless her, and indeed I will give you a son by her. Then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her." **17** Then Abraham

fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" **18** And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before You!" **19** But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. **20** "As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. **21** "But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year."

Genesis 35:9–12— Then God appeared to Jacob again when he came from Paddan-aram, and He blessed him. **10** God said to him, "Your name is Jacob; You shall no longer be called Jacob, But Israel shall be your name." Thus He called him Israel. **11** God also said to him, "I am God Almighty; Be fruitful and multiply; A nation and a company of nations shall come from you, And kings shall come forth from you. **12** "The land which I gave to Abraham and Isaac, I will give it to you, And I will give the land to your descendants after you."

Days 4 & 5 The History of Israel- ...JERUSALEM: The Place for My Name

Deuteronomy 12:10–11— "When you cross the Jordan and live in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and He gives you rest from all your enemies around you so that you live in security, **11** then it shall come about that the place in which the LORD your God will choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution of your hand, and all your choice votive offerings which you will vow to the LORD.

1 Chronicles 11:1–9— Then all Israel gathered to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. **2** "In times past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD your God said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be prince over My people Israel.' " **3** So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD through Samuel. **4** Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (that is, Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. **5** The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, "You shall not enter here." Nevertheless David captured the stronghold of Zion (that is, the city of David). **6** Now David had said, "Whoever strikes down a Jebusite first shall be chief and commander." Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief. **7** Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore it was called the city of David. **8** He built the city all around, from the Millo even to the surrounding area; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. **9** David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts was with him.

Psalms 132:13–14— For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. **14** "This is My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

2 Chronicles 6:1–11— Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick cloud. **2** "I have built You a lofty house, And a place for Your dwelling forever." **3** Then the king faced about and blessed all the assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. **4** He said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David and has fulfilled it with His hands, saying, **5** 'Since the day that I brought My people from the land of Egypt, I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man for a leader over My people Israel; **6** but I have chosen Jerusalem that My name might be there, and I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.' **7** "Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. **8** "But the LORD said to my father David, 'Because it was in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well that it was in your heart. **9** 'Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who will be born to you, he shall build the house for My name.' **10** "Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for I have risen in the place of my father David and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house

for the name of the LORD, the God of Israel. **11** “There I have set the ark in which is the covenant of the LORD, which He made with the sons of Israel.”

Days 4 & 5 The History of Israel- Jerusalem’s Origin

Genesis 10:15–16— Canaan became the father of Sidon, his firstborn, and Heth **16** and the Jebusite and the Amorite and the Girgashite

Genesis 15:18–21— On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: **19** the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite **20** and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim **21** and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.”

Exodus 3:8— “So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

Days 4 & 5 When Will Ezekiel 16:10-22 Happen?

2 Chronicles 8:16–9:24— Thus all the work of Solomon was carried out from the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was completed. **17** Then Solomon went to Ezion-geber and to Eloth on the seashore in the land of Edom. **18** And Hiram by his servants sent him ships and servants who knew the sea; and they went with Solomon’s servants to Ophir, and took from there four hundred and fifty talents of gold and brought them to King Solomon. **1** Now when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to Jerusalem to test Solomon with difficult questions. She had a very large retinue, with camels carrying spices and a large amount of gold and precious stones; and when she came to Solomon, she spoke with him about all that was on her heart. **2** Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was hidden from Solomon which he did not explain to her. **3** When the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house which he had built, **4** the food at his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his ministers and their attire, his cupbearers and their attire, and his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, she was breathless. **5** Then she said to the king, “It was a true report which I heard in my own land about your words and your wisdom. **6** “Nevertheless I did not believe their reports until I came and my eyes had seen it. And behold, the half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me. You surpass the report that I heard. **7** “How blessed are your men, how blessed are these your servants who stand before you continually and hear your wisdom. **8** “Blessed be the LORD your God who delighted in you, setting you on His throne as king for the LORD your God; because your God loved Israel establishing them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness.” **9** Then she gave the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold and a very great amount of spices and precious stones; there had never been spice like that which the queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon. **10** The servants of Hiram and the servants of Solomon who brought gold from Ophir, also brought algum trees and precious stones. **11** From the algum trees the king made steps for the house of the LORD and for the king’s palace, and lyres and harps for the singers; and none like that was seen before in the land of Judah. **12** King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire which she requested besides a return for what she had brought to the king. Then she turned and went to her own land with her servants. **13** Now the weight of gold which came to Solomon in one year was 666 talents of gold, **14** besides that which the traders and merchants brought; and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. **15** King Solomon made 200 large shields of beaten gold, using 600 shekels of beaten gold on each large shield. **16** He made 300 shields of beaten gold, using three hundred shekels of gold on each shield, and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. **17** Moreover, the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold. **18** There were six steps to the throne and a footstool in gold attached to the throne, and arms on each side of the seat, and two lions standing beside the arms. **19** Twelve lions were standing there on the six steps on the one side and on the other; nothing like it was made for any other kingdom. **20** All King Solomon’s drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold; silver was not considered valuable in the days of Solomon. **21** For the king had ships which went to Tarshish with the servants of

Huram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and peacocks. **22** So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. **23** And all the kings of the earth were seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart. **24** They brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses and mules, so much year by year.

1 Kings 11:1–13— Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, **2** from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, “You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, for they will surely turn your heart away after their gods.” Solomon held fast to these in love. **3** He had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, and his wives turned his heart away. **4** For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. **5** For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians and after Milcom the detestable idol of the Ammonites. **6** Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not follow the LORD fully, as David his father had done. **7** Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable idol of Moab, on the mountain which is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the detestable idol of the sons of Ammon. **8** Thus also he did for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. **9** Now the LORD was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, **10** and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not observe what the LORD had commanded. **11** So the LORD said to Solomon, “Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant. **12** “Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. **13** “However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen.”

2 Kings 16:1–20— **1** In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham, king of Judah, became king. **2** Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do what was right in the sight of the LORD his God, as his father David had done. **3** But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and even made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had driven out from before the sons of Israel. **4** He sacrificed and burned incense on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree. **5** Then Rezin king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to wage war; and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. **6** At that time Rezin king of Aram recovered Elath for Aram, and cleared the Judeans out of Elath entirely; and the Arameans came to Elath and have lived there to this day. **7** So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, “I am your servant and your son; come up and deliver me from the hand of the king of Aram and from the hand of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me.” **8** Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king’s house, and sent a present to the king of Assyria. **9** So the king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and captured it, and carried the people of it away into exile to Kir, and put Rezin to death. **10** Now King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar which was at Damascus; and King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the pattern of the altar and its model, according to all its workmanship. **11** So Urijah the priest built an altar; according to all that King Ahaz had sent from Damascus, thus Urijah the priest made it, before the coming of King Ahaz from Damascus. **12** When the king came from Damascus, the king saw the altar; then the king approached the altar and went up to it, **13** and burned his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings on the altar. **14** The bronze altar, which was before the LORD, he brought from the front of the house, from between his altar and the house of the LORD, and he put it on the north side of his altar. **15** Then King Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, “Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering and the evening meal offering and the king’s burnt offering and his meal offering, with

the burnt offering of all the people of the land and their meal offering and their drink offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of the sacrifice. But the bronze altar shall be for me to inquire by.” **16** So Urijah the priest did according to all that King Ahaz commanded. **17** Then King Ahaz cut off the borders of the stands, and removed the laver from them; he also took down the sea from the bronze oxen which were under it and put it on a pavement of stone. **18** The covered way for the sabbath which they had built in the house, and the outer entry of the king, he removed from the house of the LORD because of the king of Assyria. **19** Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? **20** So Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and his son Hezekiah reigned in his place.

Days 4 & 5 Sodom

Genesis 13:13— Now the men of Sodom were wicked exceedingly and sinners against the LORD.

Genesis 18:20–21— And the LORD said, “The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave. **21** “I will go down now, and see if they have done entirely according to its outcry, which has come to Me; and if not, I will know.”

Genesis 18:26— So the LORD said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare the whole place on their account.”

Genesis 18:31–33— And he said, “Now behold, I have ventured to speak to the Lord; suppose twenty are found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it on account of the twenty.” **32** Then he said, “Oh may the Lord not be angry, and I shall speak only this once; suppose ten are found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it on account of the ten.” **33** As soon as He had finished speaking to Abraham the LORD departed, and Abraham returned to his place.

Genesis 19:4–9— Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; **5** and they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them.” **6** But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him, **7** and said, “Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly. **8** “Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof.” **9** But they said, “Stand aside.” Furthermore, they said, “This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them.” So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door.

Genesis 19:15— When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, “Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city.”

Days 4 & 5 Samaria

1 Kings 16:23–24— In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri became king over Israel and reigned twelve years; he reigned six years at Tirzah. **24** He bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and named the city which he built Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.

1 Kings 16:29–33— Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. **30** Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him. **31** It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him. **32** So he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria. **33** Ahab also made the Asherah. Thus Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

2 Kings 17:24–29— The king of Assyria brought men from Babylon and from Cuthah and from Avva and from Hamath and Sephar-vaim, and settled them in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel. So they possessed Samaria and lived in its cities. **25** At the beginning of their living there, they did not fear the LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions among them which killed some of them. **26** So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, “The nations whom you have carried away into exile in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the god of the land; so he has sent lions among them, and behold, they kill them because they do not know the custom of the god of the land.” **27** Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, “Take there one of the priests whom you carried away into exile and let him go and live there; and let him teach them the custom of the god of the land.” **28** So one of the priests whom they had carried away into exile from Samaria came and lived at Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. **29** But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the houses of the high places which the people of Samaria had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived.

Days 4 & 5 Jesus & His Church

Ephesians 5:25–32— Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, **26** so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. **28** So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; **29** for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, **30** because we are members of His body. **31** FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. **32** This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

Revelation 19:7–9— “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” **8** It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. **9** Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ ” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

2 Corinthians 11:2–3— For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. **3** But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

James 4:4— You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

A RIDDLE, PARABLE, PROVERB, & LAMENTATION

Day 1 Zedekiah

Jeremiah 37:1–10— Now Zedekiah the son of Josiah whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had made king in the land of Judah, reigned as king in place of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim. **2** But neither he nor his servants nor the people of the land listened to the words of the LORD which He spoke through Jeremiah the prophet. **3** Yet King Zedekiah sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, “Please pray to the LORD our God on our behalf.” **4** Now Jeremiah was still coming in and going out among the people, for they had not yet put him in the prison. **5** Meanwhile, Pharaoh’s army had set out from Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who had been besieging Jerusalem heard the report about them, they lifted the siege from Jerusalem. **6** Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, saying, **7** “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ‘Thus you are to say to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: “Behold, Pharaoh’s army which has come out for your assistance is going to return to its own land of Egypt. **8** “The Chaldeans will also return and fight against this city, and they will capture it and burn it with fire.” ’ **9** “Thus says the LORD, ‘Do not deceive yourselves, saying, “The Chaldeans will surely go away from us,” for they will not go. **10** ‘For even if you had defeated the entire army of Chaldeans who were fighting against you, and there were only wounded men left among them, each man in his tent, they would rise up and burn this city with fire.’ ”

2 Chronicles 36:13— He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar who had made him swear allegiance by God. But he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the LORD God of Israel.

Days 3 & 4 To Those Left in Jerusalem

Jeremiah 31:27–30— “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast. **28** “As I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,” declares the LORD. **29** “In those days they will not say again, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ **30** “But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge.

Day 5 Judah’s Rebellious Kings

Jehoahaz

2 Kings 23:1 Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. **32** He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. **33** Pharaoh Neco imprisoned him at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. **34** Pharaoh Neco made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away and brought him to Egypt, and he died there.

Jehoiakim

35 So Jehoiakim gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land in order to give the money at the command of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, each according to his valuation, to give it to Pharaoh Neco. **36** Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. **37** He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. **24:1** In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then

he turned and rebelled against him. **2** The LORD sent against him bands of Chaldeans, bands of Arameans, bands of Moabites, and bands of Ammonites. So He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken through His servants the prophets. **3** Surely at the command of the LORD it came upon Judah, to remove them from His sight because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, **4** and also for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive. **5** Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

Jehoiachin

24:6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place. **7** The king of Egypt did not come out of his land again, for the king of Babylon had taken all that belonged to the king of Egypt from the brook of Egypt to the river Euphrates. **8** Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. **9** He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done. **10** At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon went up to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege. **11** And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it. **12** Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his captains and his officials. So the king of Babylon took him captive in the eighth year of his reign. **13** He carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, just as the LORD had said. **14** Then he led away into exile all Jerusalem and all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land. **15** So he led Jehoiachin away into exile to Babylon; also the king's mother and the king's wives and his officials and the leading men of the land, he led away into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. **16** All the men of valor, seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths, one thousand, all strong and fit for war, and these the king of Babylon brought into exile to Babylon.

Zedekiah

24:17 Then the king of Babylon made his uncle Mattaniah king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah. **18** Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. **19** He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. **20** For through the anger of the LORD this came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. **25: 1** Now in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it. **2** So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. **3** On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. **4** Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls beside the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah. **5** But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho and all his army was scattered from him. **6** Then they captured the king and brought him to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and he passed sentence on him. **7** They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon.

I SHALL BE KING OVER YOU!

Day 5 How Does God Use Kings for HIS Purposes?

Jeremiah 27:1-7—

Nebuchadnezzar

In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying— **2** thus says the LORD to me—“Make for yourself bonds and yokes and put them on your neck, **3** and send word to the king of Edom, to the king of Moab, to the king of the sons of Ammon, to the king of Tyre and to the king of Sidon by the messengers who come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah. **4** “Command them to go to their masters, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, thus you shall say to your masters, **5** “I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which are on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I will give it to the one who is pleasing in My sight. **6** “Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and I have given him also the wild animals of the field to serve him. **7** “All the nations shall serve him and his son and his grandson until the time of his own land comes; then many nations and great kings will make him their servant.

Daniel 4:1-3— Nebuchadnezzar the king to all the peoples, nations, and men of every language that live in all the earth: “May your peace abound! **2** “It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me. **3** “How great are His signs And how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom And His dominion is from generation to generation.

Daniel 4:4-33— “I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace. **5** “I saw a dream and it made me fearful; and these fantasies as I lay on my bed and the visions in my mind kept alarming me. **6** “So I gave orders to bring into my presence all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the interpretation of the dream. **7** “Then the magicians, the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners came in and I related the dream to them, but they could not make its interpretation known to me. **8** “But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteshazzar according to the name of my god, and in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and I related the dream to him, saying, **9** ‘O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, since I know that a spirit of the holy gods is in you and no mystery baffles you, tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation. **10** ‘Now these were the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed: I was looking, and behold, there was a tree in the midst of the earth and its height was great. **11** ‘The tree grew large and became strong And its height reached to the sky, And it was visible to the end of the whole earth. **12** ‘Its foliage was beautiful and its fruit abundant, And in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, And the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches, And all living creatures fed themselves from it. **13** ‘I was looking in the visions in my mind as I lay on my bed, and behold, an angelic watcher, a holy one, descended from heaven. **14** ‘He shouted out and spoke as follows: “Chop down the tree and cut off its branches, Strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit; Let the beasts flee from under it And the birds from its branches. **15** “Yet leave the stump with its roots in the ground, But with a band of iron and bronze around it In the new grass of the field; And let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, And let him share with the beasts in the grass of the earth. **16** “Let his mind be changed from that of a man And let a beast’s mind be given to him, And let seven periods of time pass over him. **17** “This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers And the decision is a command of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, And bestows it on whom He wishes And sets over it the lowliest of men.” **18** ‘This is the dream which I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, tell me its interpretation, inasmuch as none of the wise men of my kingdom is able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for a spirit of the holy gods is in you.’ **19**

“Then Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while as his thoughts alarmed him. The king responded and said, ‘Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.’ Belteshazzar replied, ‘My lord, if only the dream applied to those who hate you and its interpretation to your adversaries! **20** ‘The tree that you saw, which became large and grew strong, whose height reached to the sky and was visible to all the earth **21** and whose foliage was beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt and in whose branches the birds of the sky lodged— **22** it is you, O king; for you have become great and grown strong, and your majesty has become great and reached to the sky and your dominion to the end of the earth. **23** ‘In that the king saw an angelic watcher, a holy one, descending from heaven and saying, “Chop down the tree and destroy it; yet leave the stump with its roots in the ground, but with a band of iron and bronze around it in the new grass of the field, and let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him share with the beasts of the field until seven periods of time pass over him,” **24** this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: **25** that you be driven away from mankind and your dwelling place be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like cattle and be drenched with the dew of heaven; and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes. **26** ‘And in that it was commanded to leave the stump with the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be assured to you after you recognize that it is Heaven that rules. **27** ‘Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: break away now from your sins by doing righteousness and from your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.’ **28** “All this happened to Nebuchadnezzar the king. **29** “Twelve months later he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon. **30** “The king reflected and said, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?’ **31** “While the word was in the king’s mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you, **32** and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.’ **33** “Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.

Daniel 4:34–37— “But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation. **35** “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’ **36** “At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me. **37** “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.”

Cyrus

Isaiah 44:24–45:7— Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, “I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone, **25** Causing the omens of boasters to fail, Making fools out of diviners, Causing wise men to draw back And turning their knowledge into foolishness, **26** Confirming the word of His servant And performing the purpose of His messengers. It is I who says of Jerusalem, ‘She shall be inhabited!’ And of the cities of Judah, ‘They shall be built.’ And I will raise up her ruins again. **27** “It is I who says to the

depth of the sea, 'Be dried up!' And I will make your rivers dry. **28** "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.' " **1** Thus says the LORD to Cyrus His anointed, Whom I have taken by the right hand, To subdue nations before him And to loose the loins of kings; To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: **2** "I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars. **3** "I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden wealth of secret places, So that you may know that it is I, The LORD, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. **4** "For the sake of Jacob My servant, And Israel My chosen one, I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor Though you have not known Me. **5** "I am the LORD, and there is no other; Besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; **6** That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, **7** The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.

2 Chronicles 36:22–23— Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia—in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah—the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, **23** "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up!'"

BLOOD, HARLOTRY, & WOE!**Day 2 MOSES: Standing in The Gap**

Exodus 32:11–14— Then Moses entreated the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does Your anger burn against Your people whom You have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** “Why should the Egyptians speak, saying, ‘With evil intent He brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to destroy them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your burning anger and change Your mind about doing harm to Your people. **13** “Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants to whom You swore by Yourself, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heavens, and all this land of which I have spoken I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” **14** So the LORD changed His mind about the harm which He said He would do to His people.

Psalms 106:19–23— They made a calf in Horeb And worshiped a molten image. **20** Thus they exchanged their glory For the image of an ox that eats grass. **21** They forgot God their Savior, Who had done great things in Egypt, **22** Wonders in the land of Ham And awesome things by the Red Sea. **23** Therefore He said that He would destroy them, Had not Moses His chosen one stood in the breach before Him, To turn away His wrath from destroying them.

Day 3 Are Christians Ever Guilty of Harlotry?

1 John 1:5–10— This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; **7** but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS ISRAEL --- CURSE THOSE WHO CURSE ISRAEL

Day 1 Israel's Neighbors: Ammon & Moab

Genesis 19:29–38— Thus it came about, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived. **30** Lot went up from Zoar, and stayed in the mountains, and his two daughters with him; for he was afraid to stay in Zoar; and he stayed in a cave, he and his two daughters. **31** Then the firstborn said to the younger, “Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of the earth. **32** “Come, let us make our father drink wine, and let us lie with him that we may preserve our family through our father.” **33** So they made their father drink wine that night, and the firstborn went in and lay with her father; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. **34** On the following day, the firstborn said to the younger, “Behold, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, that we may preserve our family through our father.” **35** So they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she arose. **36** Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. **37** The firstborn bore a son, and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. **38** As for the younger, she also bore a son, and called his name Ben-ammi; he is the father of the sons of Ammon to this day.

Day 1 Israel's Neighbors: Edom & Seir

Genesis 32:3— Then Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

Day 1 Israel's Neighbor: Philistines

Genesis 10:1 & 6— **1** Now these are the records of the generations of Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah; and sons were born to them after the flood.

6 The sons of Ham were Cush and Mizraim and Put and Canaan.

Genesis 10:13–14— Mizraim became the father of Ludim and Anamim and Lehabim and Naphtuhim **14** and Pathrusim and Casluhim (from which came the Philistines) and Caphtorim.

Day 3 Pride

Proverbs 16:18— Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Day 5 Angels & Heads of Earthly Kingdoms

Daniel 10— In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision. **2** In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. **3** I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed. **4** On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the bank of the great river, that is, the Tigris, **5** I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, there was a certain man dressed in linen, whose waist was girded with a belt of pure gold of Uphaz. **6** His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a tumult. **7** Now I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, while the men who were with me did not see the vision; nevertheless, a great dread fell on them, and they ran away to hide themselves. **8** So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength. **9** But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. **10** Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. **11** He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had

spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. **12** Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. **13** “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. **14** “Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.” **15** When he had spoken to me according to these words, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. **16** And behold, one who resembled a human being was touching my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who was standing before me, “O my lord, as a result of the vision anguish has come upon me, and I have retained no strength. **17** “For how can such a servant of my lord talk with such as my lord? As for me, there remains just now no strength in me, nor has any breath been left in me.” **18** Then this one with human appearance touched me again and strengthened me. **19** He said, “O man of high esteem, do not be afraid. Peace be with you; take courage and be courageous!” Now as soon as he spoke to me, I received strength and said, “May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me.” **20** Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. **21** “However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince.

Day 5 The Devil & His Angels

Revelation 12:7–10— And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, **8** and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. **9** And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. **10** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.

Genesis 3— Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’” **2** The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; **3** but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’” **4** The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die! **5** “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **6** When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. **7** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. **8** They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” **10** He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” **11** And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” **12** The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.” **13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” **14** The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; **15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.” **16** To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you.” **17** Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to

the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. **18** "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; **19** By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return." **20** Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living. **21** The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. **22** Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" — **23** therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken. **24** So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

Revelation 20:1–2— Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. **2** And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

Revelation 20:7–10— When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, **8** and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. **9** And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. **10** And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Matthew 25:41— "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

Day 5 God's Covenant with House of Israel

Genesis 12:3— And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

GOD'S PLAN FOR EGYPT

Day 2 Jerusalem Destroyed

2 Kings 25:1–12— Now in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it. **2** So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. **3** On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. **4** Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls beside the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah. **5** But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho and all his army was scattered from him. **6** Then they captured the king and brought him to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and he passed sentence on him. **7** They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon. **8** Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. **9** He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire. **10** So all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. **11** Then the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the people, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile. **12** But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.

Day 5 What Happened AFTER Jerusalem was Destroyed?

Jeremiah 42 Then all the commanders of the forces, Johanan the son of Kareah, Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people both small and great approached **2** and said to Jeremiah the prophet, "Please let our petition come before you, and pray for us to the LORD your God, that is for all this remnant; because we are left but a few out of many, as your own eyes now see us, **3** that the LORD your God may tell us the way in which we should walk and the thing that we should do." **4** Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, "I have heard you. Behold, I am going to pray to the LORD your God in accordance with your words; and I will tell you the whole message which the LORD will answer you. I will not keep back a word from you." **5** Then they said to Jeremiah, "May the LORD be a true and faithful witness against us if we do not act in accordance with the whole message with which the LORD your God will send you to us. **6** "Whether it is pleasant or unpleasant, we will listen to the voice of the LORD our God to whom we are sending you, so that it may go well with us when we listen to the voice of the LORD our God." **7** Now at the end of ten days the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah. **8** Then he called for Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces that were with him, and for all the people both small and great, **9** and said to them, "Thus says the LORD the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to present your petition before Him: **10** 'If you will indeed stay in this land, then I will build you up and not tear you down, and I will plant you and not uproot you; for I will relent concerning the calamity that I have inflicted on you. **11** 'Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, whom you are now fearing; do not be afraid of him,' declares the LORD, 'for I am with you to save you and deliver you from his hand. **12** 'I will also show you compassion, so that he will have compassion on you and restore you to your own soil. **13** 'But if you are going to say, "We will not stay in this land," so as not to listen to the voice of the LORD your God, **14** saying, "No, but we will go to the land of Egypt, where we will not see war or hear the sound of a trumpet or hunger for bread, and we will stay there"; **15** then in that case listen to the word of the LORD, O remnant of Judah. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "If you really set your mind to enter Egypt and go in to reside there, **16** then the sword, which you are afraid of, will overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, about which you are anxious, will follow

closely after you there in Egypt, and you will die there. **17** “So all the men who set their mind to go to Egypt to reside there will die by the sword, by famine and by pestilence; and they will have no survivors or refugees from the calamity that I am going to bring on them.” ’ ’ **18** For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “As My anger and wrath have been poured out on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so My wrath will be poured out on you when you enter Egypt. And you will become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation and a reproach; and you will see this place no more.” **19** The LORD has spoken to you, O remnant of Judah, “Do not go into Egypt!” You should clearly understand that today I have testified against you. **20** For you have only deceived yourselves; for it is you who sent me to the LORD your God, saying, “Pray for us to the LORD our God; and whatever the LORD our God says, tell us so, and we will do it.” **21** So I have told you today, but you have not obeyed the LORD your God, even in whatever He has sent me to tell you. **22** Therefore you should now clearly understand that you will die by the sword, by famine and by pestilence, in the place where you wish to go to reside.

Jeremiah 43 **1** But as soon as Jeremiah, whom the LORD their God had sent, had finished telling all the people all the words of the LORD their God—that is, all these words— **2** Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the arrogant men said to Jeremiah, “You are telling a lie! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, ‘You are not to enter Egypt to reside there’; **3** but Baruch the son of Neriah is inciting you against us to give us over into the hand of the Chaldeans, so they will put us to death or exile us to Babylon.” **4** So Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of the LORD to stay in the land of Judah. **5** But Johanan the son of Kareah and all the commanders of the forces took the entire remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations to which they had been driven away, in order to reside in the land of Judah— **6** the men, the women, the children, the king’s daughters and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of the bodyguard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and grandson of Shaphan, together with Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah— **7** and they entered the land of Egypt (for they did not obey the voice of the LORD) and went in as far as Tahpanhes. **8** Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, **9** “Take some large stones in your hands and hide them in the mortar in the brick terrace which is at the entrance of Pharaoh’s palace in Tahpanhes, in the sight of some of the Jews; **10** and say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Behold, I am going to send and get Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and I am going to set his throne right over these stones that I have hidden; and he will spread his canopy over them. **11** “He will also come and strike the land of Egypt; those who are meant for death will be given over to death, and those for captivity to captivity, and those for the sword to the sword. **12** “And I shall set fire to the temples of the gods of Egypt, and he will burn them and take them captive. So he will wrap himself with the land of Egypt as a shepherd wraps himself with his garment, and he will depart from there safely. **13** “He will also shatter the obelisks of Heliopolis, which is in the land of Egypt; and the temples of the gods of Egypt he will burn with fire.” ’ ’

Jeremiah 44 **1** The word that came to Jeremiah for all the Jews living in the land of Egypt, those who were living in Migdol, Tahpanhes, Memphis, and the land of Pathros, saying, **2** “Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘You yourselves have seen all the calamity that I have brought on Jerusalem and all the cities of Judah; and behold, this day they are in ruins and no one lives in them, **3** because of their wickedness which they committed so as to provoke Me to anger by continuing to burn sacrifices and to serve other gods whom they had not known, neither they, you, nor your fathers. **4** ‘Yet I sent you all My servants the prophets, again and again, saying, “Oh, do not do this abominable thing which I hate.” **5** ‘But they did not listen or incline their ears to turn from their wickedness, so as not to burn sacrifices to other gods. **6** ‘Therefore My wrath and My anger were poured out and burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, so they have become a ruin and a desolation as it is this day. **7** ‘Now then thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, “Why are you doing great harm to yourselves, so as to cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, from among Judah, leaving yourselves without remnant, **8** provoking Me to anger with the works of your hands, burning sacrifices to other gods in the land of Egypt, where you are entering to reside, so that you might be cut off and become a curse and a

reproach among all the nations of the earth? **9** “Have you forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? **10** “But they have not become contrite even to this day, nor have they feared nor walked in My law or My statutes, which I have set before you and before your fathers.” ’ **11** “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, ‘Behold, I am going to set My face against you for woe, even to cut off all Judah. **12** ‘And I will take away the remnant of Judah who have set their mind on entering the land of Egypt to reside there, and they will all meet their end in the land of Egypt; they will fall by the sword and meet their end by famine. Both small and great will die by the sword and famine; and they will become a curse, an object of horror, an imprecation and a reproach. **13** ‘And I will punish those who live in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, with the sword, with famine and with pestilence. **14** ‘So there will be no refugees or survivors for the remnant of Judah who have entered the land of Egypt to reside there and then to return to the land of Judah, to which they are longing to return and live; for none will return except a few refugees.’ ” **15** Then all the men who were aware that their wives were burning sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who were standing by, as a large assembly, including all the people who were living in Pathros in the land of Egypt, responded to Jeremiah, saying, **16** “As for the message that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we are not going to listen to you! **17** “But rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, by burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, just as we ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then we had plenty of food and were well off and saw no misfortune. **18** “But since we stopped burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have met our end by the sword and by famine.” **19** “And,” said the women, “when we were burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and were pouring out drink offerings to her, was it without our husbands that we made for her sacrificial cakes in her image and poured out drink offerings to her?” **20** Then Jeremiah said to all the people, to the men and women—even to all the people who were giving him such an answer—saying, **21** “As for the smoking sacrifices that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your forefathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them and did not all this come into His mind? **22** “So the LORD was no longer able to endure it, because of the evil of your deeds, because of the abominations which you have committed; thus your land has become a ruin, an object of horror and a curse, without an inhabitant, as it is this day. **23** “Because you have burned sacrifices and have sinned against the LORD and not obeyed the voice of the LORD or walked in His law, His statutes or His testimonies, therefore this calamity has befallen you, as it has this day.” **24** Then Jeremiah said to all the people, including all the women, “Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are in the land of Egypt, **25** thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, as follows: ‘As for you and your wives, you have spoken with your mouths and fulfilled it with your hands, saying, “We will certainly perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her.” Go ahead and confirm your vows, and certainly perform your vows!’ **26** “Nevertheless hear the word of the LORD, all Judah who are living in the land of Egypt, ‘Behold, I have sworn by My great name,’ says the LORD, ‘never shall My name be invoked again by the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, “As the Lord GOD lives.” **27** ‘Behold, I am watching over them for harm and not for good, and all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt will meet their end by the sword and by famine until they are completely gone. **28** ‘Those who escape the sword will return out of the land of Egypt to the land of Judah few in number. Then all the remnant of Judah who have gone to the land of Egypt to reside there will know whose word will stand, Mine or theirs. **29** ‘This will be the sign to you,’ declares the LORD, ‘that I am going to punish you in this place, so that you may know that My words will surely stand against you for harm.’ **30** “Thus says the LORD, ‘Behold, I am going to give over **Pharaoh Hophra** king of Egypt to the hand of his enemies, to the hand of those who seek his life, just as I gave over Zedekiah king of Judah to the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, who was his enemy and was seeking his life.’ ”

Day 5 Egypt – Assyria - Israel

Isaiah 19— The oracle concerning Egypt.

Behold, the LORD is riding on a swift cloud and is about to come to Egypt; The idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence, And the heart of the Egyptians will melt within them. **2** “So I will incite Egyptians against Egyptians; And they will each fight against his brother and each against his neighbor, City against city and kingdom against kingdom. **3** “Then the spirit of the Egyptians will be demoralized within them; And I will confound their strategy, So that they will resort to idols and ghosts of the dead And to mediums and spiritists. **4** “Moreover, I will deliver the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel master, And a mighty king will rule over them,” declares the Lord GOD of hosts. **5** The waters from the sea will dry up, And the river will be parched and dry. **6** The canals will emit a stench, The streams of Egypt will thin out and dry up; The reeds and rushes will rot away. **7** The bulrushes by the Nile, by the edge of the Nile And all the sown fields by the Nile Will become dry, be driven away, and be no more. **8** And the fishermen will lament, And all those who cast a line into the Nile will mourn, And those who spread nets on the waters will pine away. **9** Moreover, the manufacturers of linen made from combed flax And the weavers of white cloth will be utterly dejected. **10** And the pillars of Egypt will be crushed; All the hired laborers will be grieved in soul. **11** The princes of Zoan are mere fools; The advice of Pharaoh’s wisest advisers has become stupid. How can you men say to Pharaoh, “I am a son of the wise, a son of ancient kings”? **12** Well then, where are your wise men? Please let them tell you, And let them understand what the LORD of hosts Has purposed against Egypt. **13** The princes of Zoan have acted foolishly, The princes of Memphis are deluded; Those who are the cornerstone of her tribes Have led Egypt astray. **14** The LORD has mixed within her a spirit of distortion; They have led Egypt astray in all that it does, As a drunken man staggers in his vomit. **15** There will be no work for Egypt Which its head or tail, its palm branch or bulrush, may do. **16** In that day the Egyptians will become like women, and they will tremble and be in dread because of the waving of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He is going to wave over them.

17 The land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt; everyone to whom it is mentioned will be in dread of it, because of the purpose of the LORD of hosts which He is purposing against them. **18** In that day five cities in the land of Egypt will be speaking the language of Canaan and swearing allegiance to the LORD of hosts; one will be called the City of Destruction. **19** In that day there will be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the LORD near its border. **20** It will become a sign and a witness to the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD because of oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Champion, and He will deliver them.

21 Thus the LORD will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day. They will even worship with sacrifice and offering, and will make a vow to the LORD and perform it. **22** The LORD will strike Egypt, striking but healing; so they will return to the LORD, and He will respond to them and will heal them. **23** In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. **24** In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, **25** whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.”