

THE STORY

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Chapter 19: The Return Home

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The Kingdoms Fall
and
Daniel in Exile.



The Lower Level...The Kingdoms fall.

2 Chronicles 33:1,2

“Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty five years in Jerusalem.

But he did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.”



The Lower Level...The Kingdoms fall.

2Chronicles 33: 21,22

“Amon (son of Manasseh) was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

But he did evil in the sight of the Lord, as his father Manasseh had done; for Amon sacrificed to all the images which his father Manasseh had made, and served them.”



The Lower Level...The Kingdoms fall.

2 Kings 23: 31,32

“Jehoahaz (son of Josiah) was twenty three years old when he became king, and he reigned three months in Jersusalem...

And he did evil in the sight of the Lord,
according to all that his fathers had done.”

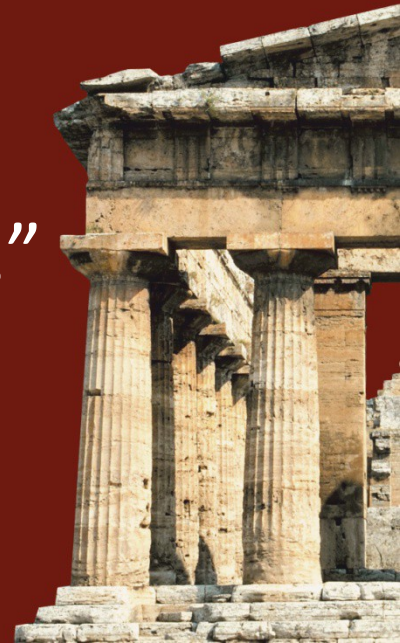


The Lower Level...The Kingdoms fall.

2 Kings 23: 36,37

“Jehoiakim (formerly Eliakim, son of Josiah) was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem...

And he did evil in the sight of the Lord,
according to all that his fathers had done.”



The Lower Level...The Kingdoms fall.

2Kings 24: 8,9

“Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and reigned in Jersuaalem three months...

And he did evil in the sight of the Lord,
according to all that his father had done.”



The Lower Level...The Kingdoms fall..

2Kings 24: 18,19

“Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem...

He also did evil in the sight of the Lord,
according to all that Jehoiakim had done.”



The Upper Level...Daniel in Exile.

2Kings 22:1,2

“Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem...

And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.”



The Upper Level...Daniel in Exile.

2Kings 23:25

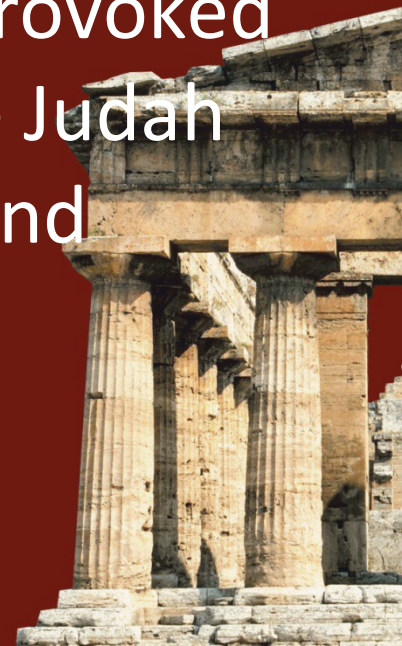
“Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart, with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him.”



The Upper Level.

2 Kings 23:26

“Nevertheless the Lord did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath, with which His anger was aroused against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him. And the Lord said, I will also remove Judah from My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house which I said, My name shall be there.”



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This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.

Jeremiah 29:10

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Jeremiah 29:12-14





The Upper Level ; The Lower Level.

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah, the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing.

Ezra 1:1

This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

“The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah.”

Ezra 1:2

Anyone of his people among you—may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the Lord, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem.

Ezra 1:3

And the people of any place where survivors may now be living are to provide him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with freewill offerings for the temple of God in Jerusalem.”

Ezra 1:4



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Then the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: “Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?”

Haggai 1:3-4

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored,” says the Lord.

Haggai 1:7-8



Timeline of Events in Ezra, Haggai and Zechariah:

Haggai's first message (Haggai 1:1-11; Ezra 5:1) - 520 B.C.

Lord says "rebuild My house"

Haggai's second message (Haggai 2:1-9) - 520 B.C.

The Lord says "Fear not for I am with you".

Haggai's third message (Haggai 2:10-19) - December 520 B.C.

The Lord says "Consider the uncleanness of this place; it must be made clean in My sight"

Haggai's fourth message (Haggai 2:20-23) - December 520 B.C.

The Lord says "I choose you Zerubbabel, governor of Judah"

Beginning of Zechariah's preaching (Zechariah 1:1-6) - 520 B.C.

Tattenai's letter to Darius concerning the rebuilding of the temple (Ezra 5:3-6:14) - 519-518

There must have been a lapse of time between the resumption of the building and Tattenai's appearance.

Zechariah's eight night visions (Zechariah 1:7-6:8) - February 519

Joshua's crowning (Zechariah 6:9-15) - 16(?) February 519

Urging of repentance, promise of blessings (Zechariah 7-8) - December 518

Dedication of the temple (Ezra 6:15-18) - 12 March 516

70 years in exile, 70 years to rebuild temple.



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Summary- Zechariah 8

