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Jeremiah 1-29



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Most prophetic books in the Old Testament focus primarily on the word of the Lord as revealed by the prophets but not on the lives of the prophets themselves. The book of Jeremiah is an exception. In addition to including Jeremiah's prophecies, the book contains biographical information about Jeremiah and insights into the emotional and mental anguish he sometimes experienced as he ministered in the midst of so much opposition (see Jeremiah 8:18–9:2; 15:15–18; 20:7–9; 26; 32; 37–38).

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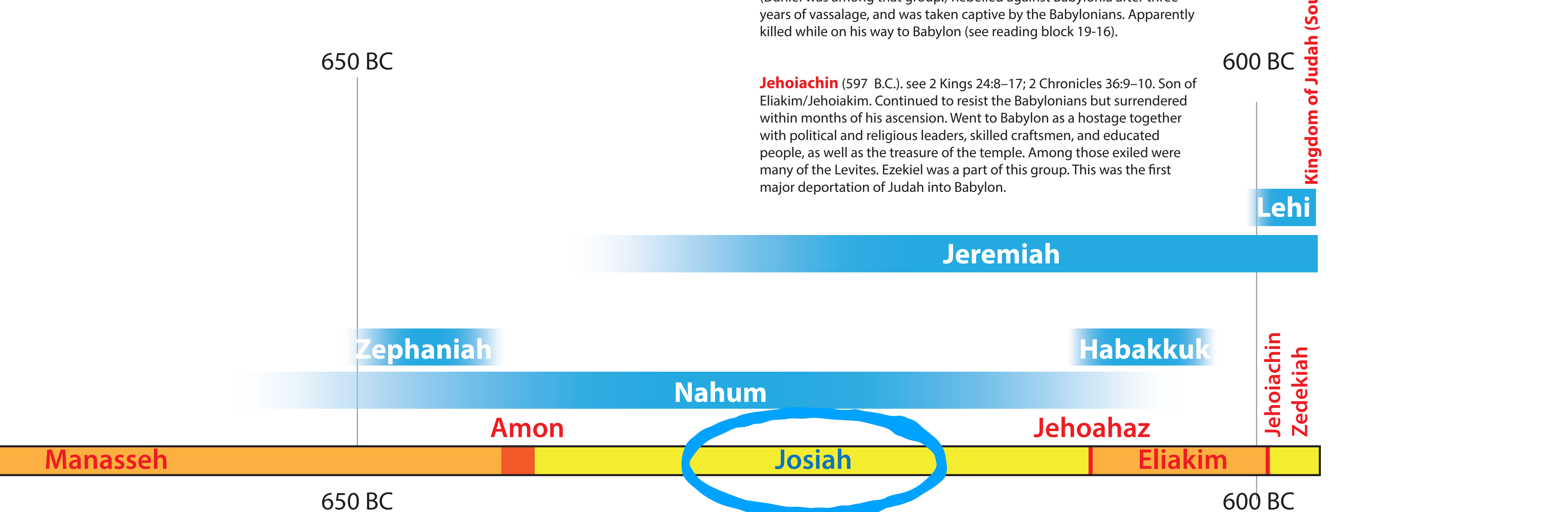
Jeremiah was born into a family of priests and preached to the Southern Kingdom of Judah for approximately 40 years, seeking to “stem ... the tide of idolatry and immorality” (Bible Dictionary, “Jeremiah”). Jeremiah began his ministry in 626 B.C., the thirteenth year of the reign of King Josiah (see Jeremiah 1:1–2), and continued to preach until after the downfall of Jerusalem in approximately 586 B.C. (see Bible Dictionary, “Jeremiah”). His preaching overlapped with the ministries of other prophets, including Lehi (see 1 Nephi 1:4, 18–20), Zephaniah (see Zephaniah 1:1), and Urijah (see Jeremiah 26:20–24). Some of Jeremiah’s words were recorded before the destruction of Jerusalem (see Jeremiah 36:32).

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“After the fall of Jerusalem [around 586 B.C.], the Jews who escaped into Egypt took Jeremiah with them (Jer. 43:5–6), where, according to tradition, they stoned him to death” (Guide to the Scriptures, “Jeremiah”; scriptures.lds.org).

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Jehoiachin (597 B.C.). see 2 Kings 24:8–17; 2 Chronicles 36:9–10. Son of Eliakim/Jehoiakim. Continued to resist the Babylonians but surrendered within months of his ascension. Went to Babylon as a hostage together with political and religious leaders, skilled craftsmen, and educated people, as well as the treasure of the temple. Among those exiled were many of the Levites. Ezekiel was a part of this group. This was the first major deportation of Judah into Babylon.

8; 2 Chronicles 33:1–20. Son of Hezekiah. Ruled in the last years of his father's illness and to prepare himself to assume the royal status with Assyria. Rebuilt all the idolatrous altars in the temple in Jerusalem and offered his sacrifices, resulting in the shedding of much innocent blood.

Amon (642–640 B.C.). see 2 Kings 21:19–26; 2 Chronicles 33:21–24. Son of Manasseh. Turned to all the wicked practices of his father and was assassinated by his own servants

Josiah (640–609 B.C.). see 2 Kings 22–23:30; 2 Chronicles 33:25–35:27. Son of Amon. Was upheld by the people as king at the age of eight years. Turned his heart continually to the Lord as he grew. Purged the land of idolatrous practices and sanctuaries. Renovated and restored the temple. Discovered sacred records in the temple during its renovation. Established religious reform and administered by covenant to the people.

Although outward changes came to the kingdom, it was prophesied that Judah would be spared until after Josiah's day. Assyria fell to Babylonia, and Judah was freed from tribute. The Egyptians, however, were allied with Babylonia and marched through Judah to assist with the conquest. Josiah attempted to stop the Egyptians but was defeated in the process and died of wounds received in the battle at Megiddo. Judah then became a vassal of Egypt.

Zephaniah, and probably Nahum, prophesied during the early years of Josiah's reign. Lehi was living in the land of Jerusalem about that time. Jeremiah's ministry began in the thirteenth year of Josiah's reign (see Jeremiah 1:1–2), and Habakkuk seems to have prophesied shortly after Josiah's reign ended.

Zedekiah/Mattaniah (597–587 B.C.). see 2 Kings 24:18 through 25:26; 2 Chronicles 36:11–21. Brother of Jehoahaz and half brother of Eliakim/Jehoiakim. Established as king by the Babylonians, who changed his name to Zedekiah. Showed loyalty at first to Babylonia, but later rebelled at the encouragement of those who preferred an alliance with Egypt. Nebuchadnezzar finally sent his forces against Judah, destroying the temples, palaces, and city proper of Jerusalem. Most of the people were then exiled to Babylon, and the kingdom of Judah became only a memory. During the first year of Zedekiah's reign Lehi prophesied and was then told to flee from Jerusalem (see 1 Nephi 1:4, 2:2). During the terrible times at the end of his reign, Zedekiah imprisoned Jeremiah for prophesying of the impending destruction of Judah.

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16 Also the children of Noph and ^aTahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.

17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast ^aforsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way?

18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of ^aEgypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of ^bthe river?

19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall ^areprove thee: know therefore and see that *it is* an evil *thing* and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear *is* not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.

20 ¶ For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the ^aharlot.

21 Yet I had planted thee a noble ^avine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

22 For though thou ^awash thee with ^bnitre, and take thee much soap, *yet* thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.

23 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: *thou art* a swift dromedary traversing her ways;

24 A wild ass used to the wilderness, *that* snuffeth up the wind at

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

26 As the thief is ^aashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

27 Saying to ^aa stock, Thou *art* my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned *their* ^bback unto me, and not *their* face: but in the ^ctime of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

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

29 Wherefore will ye ^aplead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.

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

31 ¶ O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?

32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have ^aforgotten me days without number.

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36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ^aashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

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

CHAPTER 3

Israel and Judah defiled and polluted the land through wickedness—In the last days, the Lord will gather the people of Israel, one from a city and two from a family, and bring them to Zion.

THEY say, If a man ^aput away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly ^bpolluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.

2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy ^awhoredoms and with thy wickedness.

3 Therefore the ^ashowers have been withholden, and there hath been no ^blatter ^crain; and thou hadst a

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4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou *art* the guide of my youth?

5 Will he reserve *his* ^aanger for ever? will he keep *it* to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

6 ¶ The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen *that* which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous ^asister Judah saw *it*.

8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed ^aadultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of ^bdivorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and ^acommitted adultery with ^bstones and with ^cstocks.

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3a Jer. 14:22; Amos 4:7.

Ezek. 23:37.

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13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not ^aobeyed my voice, saith the LORD.

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15 And I will give you ^apastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with ^bknowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ^aark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit *it*; neither shall *that* be done any more.

17 At that time they shall call ^aJerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the ^bnations shall be ^cgathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the ^aimagination of their evil heart.

18 In those days the ^ahouse of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the ^bland of the ^cnorth to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.

19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.

20 ¶ Surely *as* a wife treacherously ^adeparteth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with

13a TG Disobedience.

17a Joel 3:21 (18–21);

me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.

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23 Truly in vain *is* salvation hoped for from the hills, *and* from the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God *is* the salvation of Israel.

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

25 We lie down in our ^ashame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have ^bsinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

CHAPTER 4

Israel and Judah are called to repentance—Jeremiah laments for the miseries of Judah.

IF thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

2 And thou shalt swear, The ^aLORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

3 ¶ For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, ^aBreak up your fallow ground, and sow not among ^bthorns.

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(“He Hath Filled the Hungry with Good Things,” GC Oct 1997, Ensign, Nov. 1997, 66).

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“The prophets and priests of the day dressed the nation’s wounds, but skin-deep only. Nor did they have any sense of shame for the loathsome deeds they perpetrated. They neither felt shame nor did they know how to blush. They had become completely insensitive to the evils in which they and their nation were immersed. But continued active involvement in evil has a way of dulling the conscience until a point is reached when all awareness of evil is lost. Thereafter leaders fall with the rest of those who fall. In the day of divine reckoning they too would go down, for it would be the day of their own doom.” (J. A. Thompson, The Book of Jeremiah, p. 258.)

The Lord allowed the Israelites to suffer many of the consequences of their wickedness (see Jeremiah 2:17; 4:18; 7:19). But they would not be completely destroyed.

Jeremiah 5:10-18

10 ¶ Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her battlements; for they are not the Lord's.

18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the Lord, I will not make a full end with you.



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bring ^aevil upon this people, *even* the ^bfruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it.

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

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

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

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

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

28 They *are* all grievous revolters, walking with ^aslanders: *they are* brass and iron; they *are* all corrupters.

29 The bellows ^aare burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; ^bthe

founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away.

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

CHAPTER 7

If the people of Judah repent, they will be preserved—The temple has become a den of robbers—The Lord rejects that generation of the people of Judah for their idolatries—They offer their children as sacrifices.

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2 Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all *ye of* Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD.

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4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, *are* these.

5 For if ye ^athoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour;

6 *If* ye oppress not the ^astranger, the ^bfatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:

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10 And come and ^astand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11 Is this ^ahouse, which is called by my name, become a ^bden of ^crobbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen *it*, saith the LORD.

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

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

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

15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, *even* the whole seed of Ephraim.

16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not ^ahear thee.

17 ¶ Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

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

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

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord

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21 ¶ Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.

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10a D&C 88:134 (133–34).

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14a Ezek. 7:22 (21–22); 24:21.

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21 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Offerings of unclean things shall not be eaten, neither shall ye eat flesh that is torn of beasts, neither shall ye eat the flesh of a man.

22 For ye have said, We will not be obedient to the LORD, because we have hated his law, and we will not be obedient to his voice, neither will we be obedient to his law, neither will we be obedient to his voice, neither will we be obedient to his law, neither will we be obedient to his voice.

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34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of ^amirth, and the ^bvoice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be ^cdesolate.

CHAPTER 8

Calamities will befall the inhabitants of Jerusalem—For them the harvest is past, the summer is ended, and they are not saved.

AT that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests,

^abacksliding: they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

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

7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the ^aturtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people ^bknow not the judgment of the LORD.

8 How do ye say, We *are* ^awise, and the law of the LORD *is* with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he *it*; the pen of the scribes *is* in vain.

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

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

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and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:

2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have ^aworshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be ^bburied; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

3 And ^adeath shall be ^bchosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?

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“In order to pour the utmost contempt upon the land, the victorious enemies dragged out of their graves, caves, and sepulchers, the bones of kings, princes, prophets, priests, and the principal inhabitants, and exposed them in the open air; so that they became, in the order of God’s judgments, a reproach to them in the vain confidence they had in the sun, moon, and the host of heaven—all the planets and stars, whose worship they had set up in opposition to that of Jehovah. This custom of raising the bodies of the dead, and scattering their bones about, seems to have been general. It was the highest expression of hatred and contempt.” (Adam Clarke, *The Holy Bible ... with a Commentary and Critical Notes*, 4:276.)

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10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, *and* their fields to them that shall inherit *them*: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

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

12 Were they ^aashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore ~~shall they fall among them that fall:~~ in the time of their visitation they shall be ^bcast down, saith the LORD.

13 ¶ I will surely ^aconsume them, saith the LORD: *there shall be* no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and *the things that* I have given them shall

self against sorrow, my heart *is* faint in me.

19 Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people because of them that dwell in a far country: *Is* not the LORD in Zion? *is* not her king in her? Why have they provoked me to ^aanger with their graven images, *and* with ^bstrange vanities?

20 The ^aharvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am ^ablack; astonishment hath taken hold on me.

22 *Is there* no ^abalm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

CHAPTER 9

Jeremiah sorrows greatly because of the sins of the people—They will be scat-

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Gilead was famous for its healing ointment (see Genesis 37:25). Nevertheless, no healing ointment, or medication, was available for rebellious Israel. The balm of salvation could be administered only through Israel's Savior, Jehovah, whom they had rejected.

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Jeremiah 9:3–6

3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord.

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

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

6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 11:9–11, 14

9 And the Lord said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.

11 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.

14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

Jeremiah 12:10–11

10 Many pastors *[false prophets]* have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.

11 They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me; the whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.

Jeremiah 9:13–16

13 And the Lord saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

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

15 Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

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

Jeremiah 15:5–7

5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou doest?

6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the Lord, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting.

7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways.

Jeremiah 16:13

13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

Jeremiah 9:23–24

23 ¶ Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:

24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

Jacob 2:18-19

18 But before ye seek for riches, seek ye for the kingdom of God.

19 And after ye have obtained a hope in Christ ye shall obtain riches, if ye seek them; and ye will seek them for the intent to do good—to clothe the naked, and to feed the hungry, and to liberate the captive, and administer relief to the sick and the afflicted.

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was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

10 ¶ ^aWoe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of ^bstrife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on ^cusury; yet every one of them doth curse me.

11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant; verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee *well* in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

12 Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel?

13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price, and *that* for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.

14 And I will make *thee* to pass with thine enemies into a ^aland *which* thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, *which* shall burn upon you.

15 ¶ O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and ^avisit me, and revenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have ^bsuffered ^crebuke.

16 Thy words were found, and I did ^aeat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy ^bname, O LORD God of hosts.

17 I sat not in the assembly of the ^amockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, *and as waters that fail*?

19 ¶ Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou ^areturn, then will I bring thee again, *and* thou shalt stand before

me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them.

20 And I will make thee unto this people a ^afenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I *am* with thee to ^bsave thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAPTER 16

The utter ruin of Judah is foreseen—Israel is rejected and scattered for serving false gods—Fishers and hunters will gather Israel again, and the people will serve the Lord—The gospel is to be restored.

THE word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,

2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.

3 For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land;

4 They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be ^alamented; neither shall they be buried; *but* they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be ^bconsumed by the sword, and by famine; and their ^ccarcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of ^amourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, *even* lovingkindness and mercies.

Famine, Sword, and Death

6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall *men* lament for them, ^anor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them:

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7a HEB break bread.

9a Jer. 7:34; 25:10.

10a Deut. 29:24.

12a Jer. 7:26.

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14a Jer. 4:2.

15a TG Israel, Gathering of.

b TG Israel, Ten Lost

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Helaman 6:37

And it came to pass that the Lamanites did hunt the band of robbers of Gadianton; and they did preach the word of God among the more wicked part of them, insomuch that this band of robbers was utterly destroyed from among the Lamanites.

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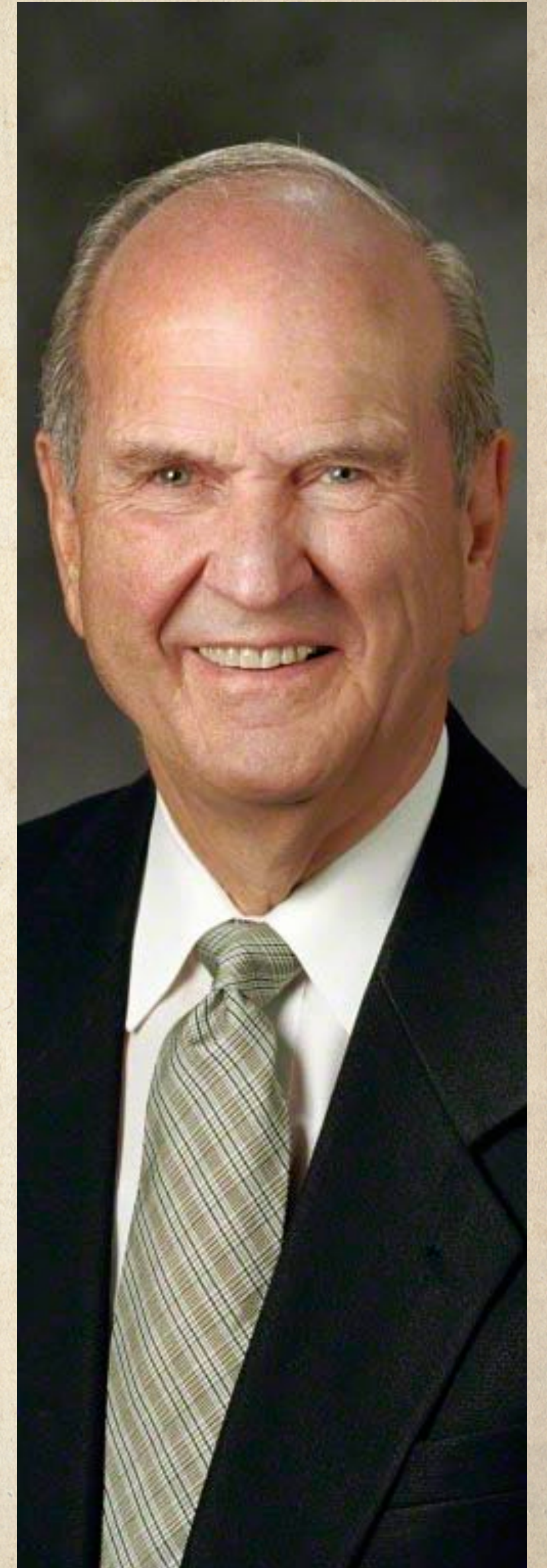
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“That, brethren and sisters, is the mission of all of us as members of the Church: to put our hands on the net and pull in thousands of fine men and women who are searching for the truth” (Joseph B. Wirthlin, “Pulling in the Gospel Net,” GC Oct 1986, Ensign, Nov. 1986, 61).

President Russell M. Nelson

“You were sent to earth at this precise time ... to help gather Israel. There is nothing happening on this earth right now that is more important than that [gathering]. ... This gathering should mean everything to you”

(Russell M. Nelson and Wendy W. Nelson, “Hope of Israel” [worldwide youth devotional, June 3, 2018], supplement to the New Era and Ensign, Aug. 2018, 12, ChurchofJesusChrist.org).



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15 ¶ Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it ^acome now.

16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woe-ful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

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confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with ^bdouble destruction.

19 ¶ Thus said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates:

21 Thus saith the LORD; Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the ^asabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem;

22 Neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers.

23 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck ^astiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein;

25 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city ^akings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever.

26 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meat offerings, and incense, and bringing

sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD.

27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the ^asabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the ^bpalaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

CHAPTER 18

Israel is as potter's clay in the hands of the Lord—If nations repent, the Lord withholds the evil decreed against them—The people of Judah will be scattered.

THE word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Arise, and go down to the ^apotter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.

4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this ^apotter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to ^apull down, and to destroy it;

8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, ^aturn from their evil, I will ^brepent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

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17 1a 1 Ne. 3:3.
b Ex. 27:2.
2a 2 Ne. 9:37;
Alma 31:1.
b HEB asherim; i.e., fertility idols.
TG Idolatry.
3a IE Jerusalem.
4a TG Israel, Scattering of.
b Jer. 15:14.

d TG Apostasy of Individuals.
6a HEB juniper tree.
Jer. 48:6.
b Deut. 29:23.
7a TG Trust in God.
b TG Hope.
8a Ps. 1:3 (2-3);
D&C 97:9 (8-9).
b HEB fear.

c Prov. 17:3.
d TG Good Works; Justice.
11a 2 Ne. 9:30;
D&C 56:16.
13a Alma 46:21.
14a 3 Ne. 9:13.
b Alma 26:8.
15a TG Sign Seekers.
17a 3 Ne. 4:10.

18b Isa. 40:3; Jer. 16:18. buildings. 8a See 1ST JER. 26:13, 10 (Jer.

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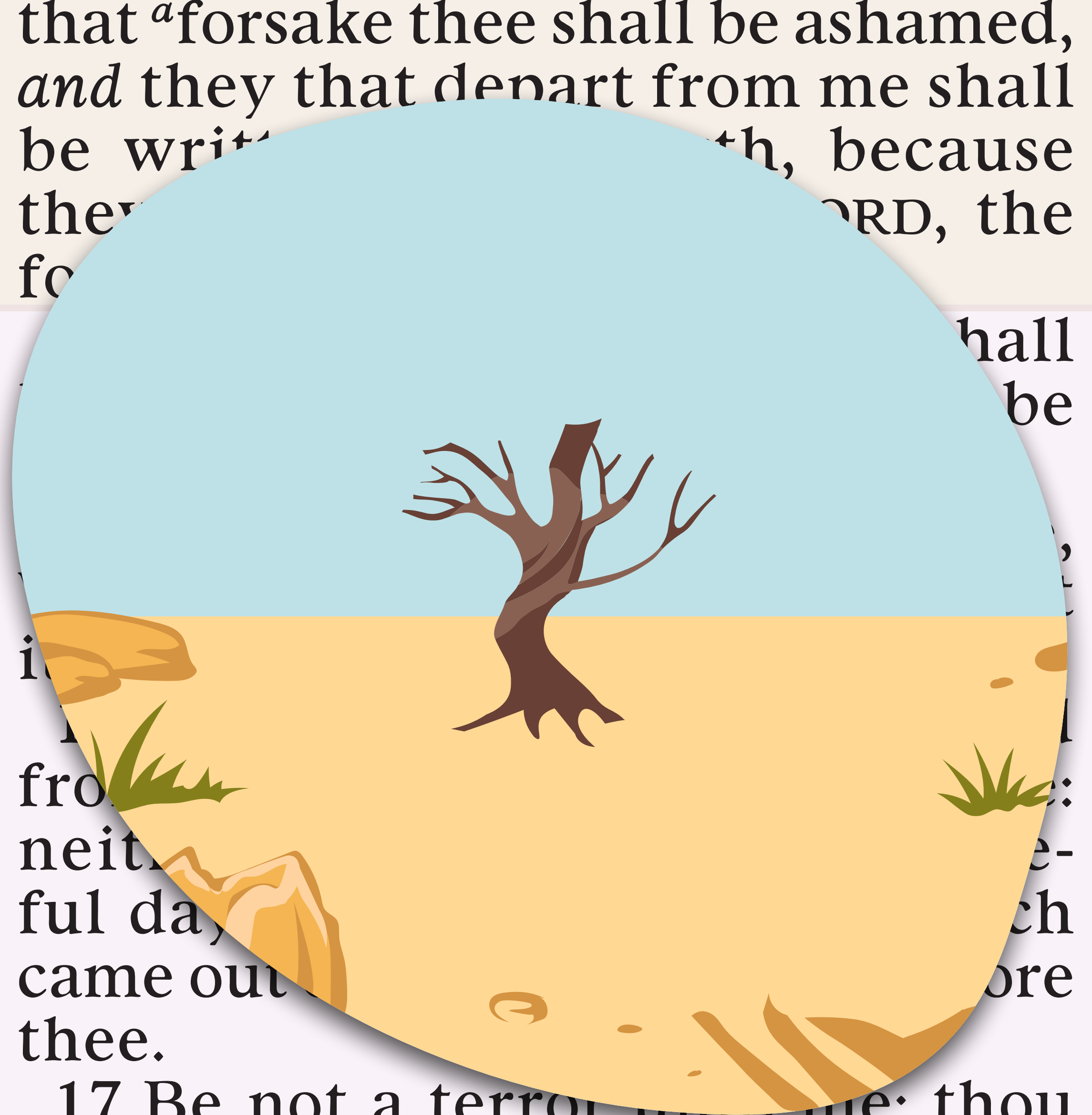
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17 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, which shall flourish: and shall not be confounded: his leaves shall be green, and he shall not wither: nor shall he be cut down, nor shall he be plucked up.

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9 ¶ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

10 I the LORD ^asearch the ^bheart, I try the ^creins, even to give every man according to his ^aways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth ^ariches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

12 ¶ A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that ^aforsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

14 ^aHeal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my ^bpraise.

15 ¶ Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it ^acome now.

16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woe-ful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

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b Ex. 27:2.
2a 2 Ne. 9:37;
Alma 31:1.
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TG Idolatry.
3a IE Jerusalem.
4a TG Israel, Scattering of.
b Jer. 15:14.

d TG Apostasy of Individuals.
6a HEB juniper tree.
Jer. 48:6.
b Deut. 29:23.
7a TG Trust in God.
b TG Hope.
8a Ps. 1:3 (2-3);
D&C 97:9 (8-9).
b HEB fear.

c Prov. 17:3.
d TG Good Works; Justice.
11a 2 Ne. 9:30;
D&C 56:16.
13a Alma 46:21.
14a 3 Ne. 9:13.
b Alma 26:8.
15a TG Sign Seekers.
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5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with ^afire *for* burnt offerings unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake *it*, neither came *it* into my mind:

6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called ^aTophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.

7 And I will make void the counsel

one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury *them* in Tophet, till *there be* no place to bury.

12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and *even* make this city as Tophet:

13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose ^aroofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD's house; and said to all the people

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Elder Jeffrey R. Holland

“So here we have the burden of those called to bear the messianic message. In addition to teaching, encouraging, and cheering people on (that is the pleasant part of discipleship), from time to time these same messengers are called upon to worry, to warn, and sometimes just to weep (that is the painful part of discipleship). They know full well that the road leading to the promised land ‘flowing with milk and honey’ [Exodus 3:8] of necessity runs by way of Mount Sinai, flowing with ‘thou shalt’ and ‘thou shalt not’ [see Exodus 20:3–17].

“Unfortunately, messengers of divinely mandated commandments are often no more popular today than they were anciently” (*“The Cost—and Blessings—of Discipleship,” GC Apr 2014, Ensign or Liahona, May 2014, 7*).

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said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy name Pashur, but ^aMagor-missabib.

4 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold *it*: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them ^acaptive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword.

5 Moreover I will deliver all the ^astrength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the ^bprecious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to ^cBabylon.

6 And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied ^alies.

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11 But the LORD *is* with me as a mighty terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not ^aprevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting ^bconfusion shall never be forgotten.

12 But, O LORD of hosts, that ^atriest the righteous, *and* seest the ^breins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

14 ¶ ^aCursed *be* the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.

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2 Inquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for ^aNebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

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9 Then they shall answer, Because
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10 ¶ Weep ye not for the dead, nei-
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14 That saith, I will build me a
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19 He shall be ^aburied with the
burial of an ass, drawn and cast
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cry from the passages: for all thy
lovers are destroyed.

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22 The wind shall eat up all thy
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10 For the land is full of ^aadulterers; for because of ^bswearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

11 For both ^aprophet and ^bpriest are ^cprofane; yea, in my ^dhouse have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.

12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery *ways* in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their ^avisitation, saith the LORD.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.

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15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is ^aprofaneness gone forth into all the land.

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18 For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard *it*?

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23 *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any ^ahide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I ^bfill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

25 I have heard what the prophets said, that ^aprophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

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27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

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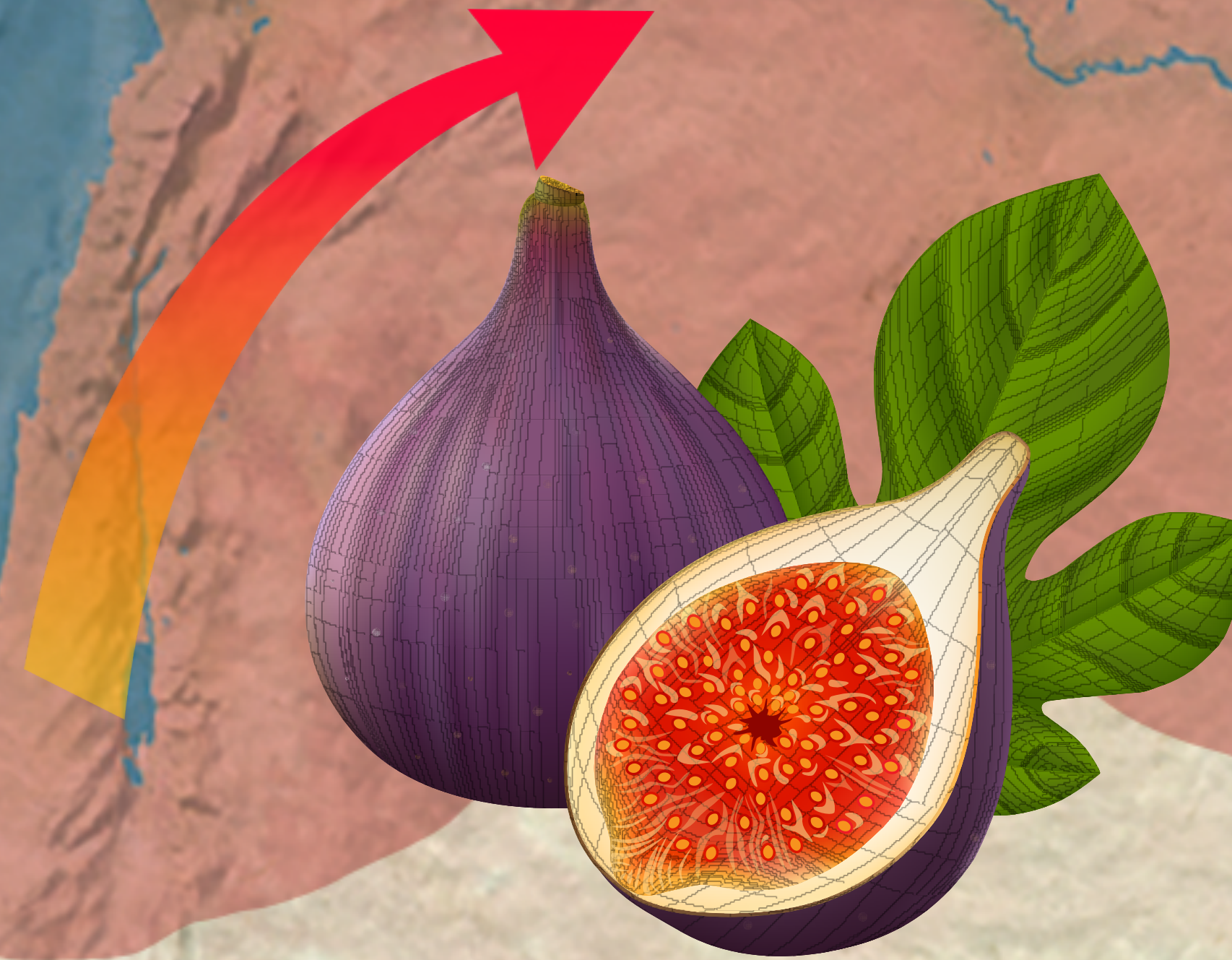
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Jeremiah 24

Jeremiah gives us the parable of the figs. In the parable, we have a basket of good figs, and a basket of “very naughty” or “evil” figs. When King Nebuchadnezzar had first invaded Judah, and appointed Zedekiah as king, he took many people from Judah and brought them to Babylon. This would include people like Ezekiel, Daniel, and Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, as well as many others. These represent the “good figs,” and as long as they do all they can to stay close to the Lord, he will bless them and even “bring them again to this land” (Judah) (v. 6). King Zedekiah, and those who continue to be rebellious to Babylon and the Lord, are the “evil figs,” and they will “be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.” (v. 9)

Jeremiah 25

Jeremiah prophesies that captive Judah will be in Babylon for 70 years, as it mentions in verse 11. The second half of chapter 25 gives a prophecy of the last days, in which all the nations of the earth will be at war with each other.

Jeremiah 26

In the beginning of this chapter, Jeremiah gives a clear prophecy of the destruction of the people. And what was the people's reaction?

Jeremiah 26:8

8 ¶ Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

Jeremiah 26:12-15

12 ¶ Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

14 As for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto you.

15 But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the Lord hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

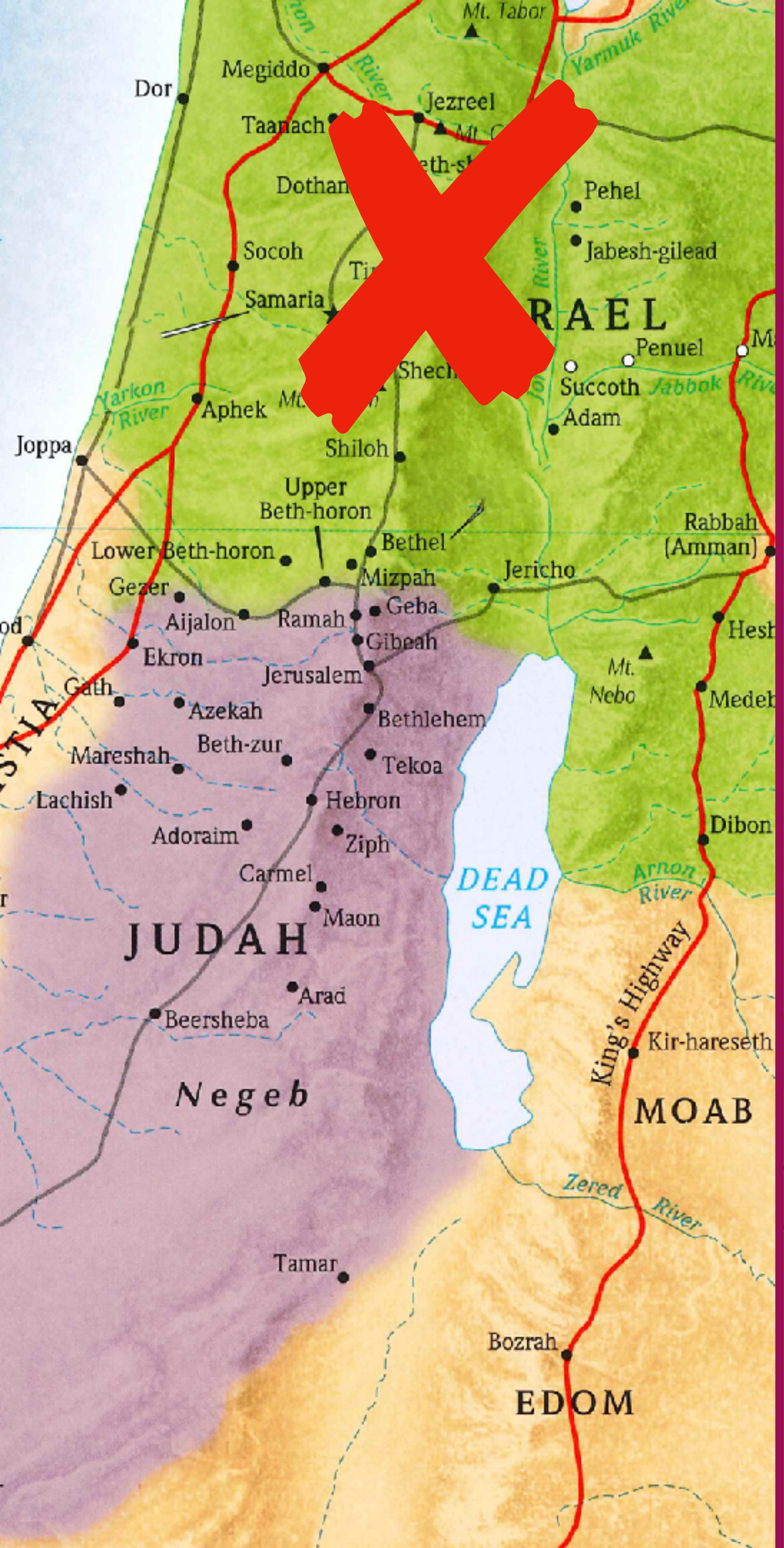
Jeremiah 26:20-23

A prophet named Urijah who prophesied of the destruction of Jerusalem during the reign of King Jehoiakim, and that king attempted to kill him. Urijah fled to Egypt, but King Jehoiakim brought him back to Judah and killed him.

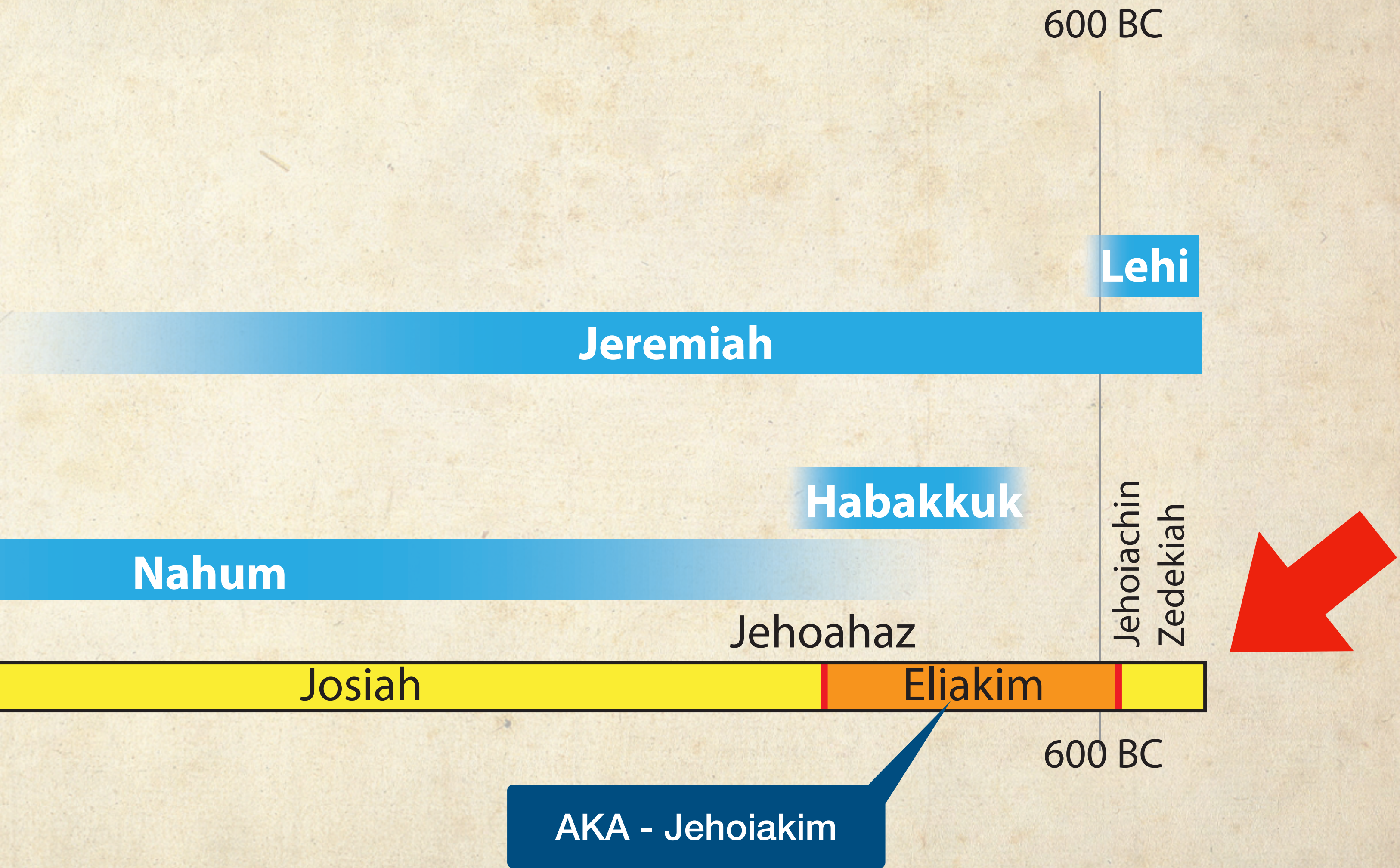


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Jeremiah 28

In response to the last chapter, Hananiah, one of the king's prophets, falsely claims that the Lord told him that the bondage Jeremiah spoke of would only last two years, and that the vessels of the temple would return then.

He even takes the yoke off Jeremiah and breaks to visually symbolize his words. Jeremiah says, essentially, "wouldn't that be great if that were true? But it isn't," and reiterated his previous prophecies. The Lord also cursed Hananiah, through Jeremiah, so that he died that same year, for preaching lies.

Jeremiah 29

Jeremiah sends a letter to the people who have already been brought into Babylon to prepare for 70 years of captivity. The Lord, through Jeremiah, curses another false prophet named Shemaiah.