

AMONG OTHER THINGS, JUDEO - CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES SAYS OLD TESTAMENT ISRAEL WAS GIVEN FOR EXAMPLES OF HOW THE LORD GOD OF CREATION DEALS WITH THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS EXISTENCE! THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXAMPLE!

Josiah Was the Last Best King in Judah of Israel

2 Kings Chapter 22

In the eyes of the LORD God of Israel, Josiah sought after God as his father David; and as was provided in the Commandments of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy?)!

But the LORD God had already declared the fate of Judah of Israel (2 Kings Chapter 21). And so, the LORD honored Josiah and his efforts of following after Him by promising him that he would not witness Judah's imminent destruction (2 Kings 22:15 through 22:20) by Babylon in just a short while!

2Ki 22:1 Josiah *was* eight (8) years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one (31) years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

2Ki 22:2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

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The Prophecy of Jeremiah began about this time of the reign of King Josiah:

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that *were* in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin (*the youngest of the sons of Jacob/ Israel*):

To whom (*Jeremiah*) the word of the LORD (*and/ or, words of warning and prophecy*) came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth (13) year of his (*Josiah's*) reign.

A complete study of the prophet Jeremiah was also done in our book, "A Testimony of Jesus 6: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem (Jeremiah in Perils)". Also see the, "Timeline of 1 and 2 Kings (Approximation)" below.

Jeremiah 1:1 and 1:2

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Josiah discovers the writings or book(s) containing the Commandments of Moses that were no longer being used by the priest of the Temple; and therefore none of the people knew what was required of them according to the LORD God of Israel!

2Ki 22:3 And it came to pass in the eighteenth (18th) year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,

2Ki 22:4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum (*or count*) the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

2Ki 22:5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work (*or those that maintain the Temple building*), that have the oversight of the house (*Temple*) of the LORD (*God of Israel*): and let them give it to the doers of the work which *is* in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches (*or decayed parts*) of the house (*Temple*),

2Ki 22:6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house (*or Temple*).

2Ki 22:7 Howbeit there was no reckoning (*verifying\ accounting*) made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

2Ki 22:8 And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

2Ki 22:9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king (*Josiah*), and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work (*or maintenance*), that have the oversight of the house of the LORD (*God of Israel*).

2Ki 22:10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

2Ki 22:11 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.

2Ki 22:12 And the king (*Josiah*) commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

2Ki 22:13 Go ye, enquire of the LORD (*God of Israel*) for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book (*the Law of Moses?*), to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

The LORD God of Israel speaks to Josiah by the prophetess, "Huldah":

2Ki 22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she (*the prophetess*) dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

2Ki 22:15 And she (*the prophetess*) said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

2Ki 22:16 Thus saith the LORD (*God of Israel*), Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the words of the book which the king (*Josiah*) of Judah hath read:

2Ki 22:17 Because they (*Judah of Israel*) have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

2Ki 22:18 But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD (*God of Israel*), thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *As touching* the words which thou hast heard;

2Ki 22:19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD (*God of Israel*), when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and

against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard *thee*, saith the LORD (*God of Israel*).

2Ki 22:20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee (*King Josiah*) unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again (*spoken by Huldah the prophetess*).

2 Kings Chapter 23

King Josiah begins a revival to follow after the LORD God of Israel, only! He ordered removal of all things associated with false gods and idol worship; burning them immediately, or collecting them at Bethel for destruction along with the altar Jeroboam built to the calf idol in 1 Kings 12:25 through 12:33!

2Ki 23:1 And the king (*Josiah*) sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2Ki 23:2 And the king (*Josiah*) went up into the house of the LORD (*God of Israel*), and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD (*God of Israel*).

2Ki 23:3 And the king (*Josiah*) stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD (*God of Israel*), to walk after the LORD (*God of Israel*), and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all *their* heart and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to (*or agreed with*) the covenant.

2Ki 23:4 And the king (*Josiah*) commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second (2) order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD (*God of Israel*) all the vessels that were made for (*the false god*) Baal, and for the grove (*representing idols; false gods*), and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel (*for final destruction where Jeroboam had set up an altar to the calf idol in 1 Kings 12:25 through 12:33*).

2Ki 23:5 And he (*king Josiah*) put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah (*before him*) had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto (*the false god*) Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven.

2Ki 23:6 And he (*king Josiah*) brought out the grove (*representing idols; false gods*) from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped *it* small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.

2Ki 23:7 And he (*King Josiah*) brake down the houses (*temples?*) of the sodomites, that *were* by the house of the LORD (*God of Israel*), where the women wove hangings for the grove.

2Ki 23:8 And he (**king Josiah**) brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that *were* in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand at the gate of the city.

But the remaining priests of false gods and idol worship would not go up to the altar at Jerusalem!

2Ki 23:9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.

2Ki 23:10 And he (**king Josiah**) defiled Topheth (***or place of burning***), which *is* in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech (***a false god of human sacrifice***).

2Ki 23:11 And he (**King Josiah**) took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD (***God of Israel***), by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

2Ki 23:12 And the altars that *were* on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah (***before him***) had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two (2) courts of the house of the LORD (***God of Israel***), did the king beat down, and brake *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

2Ki 23:13 And the high places that *were* before Jerusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king (***Josiah***) defile.

2Ki 23:14 And he (***Josiah***) brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men (***because, like the dead men's bones the idols and false gods were dead!***).

Then King Josiah fulfilled the prophecy spoken of him in 1 Kings Chapter 13 when he burned all things associated with false gods and idol worship, including men's bones upon the altar built by Jeroboam at Bethel; thereby defiling Jeroboam's altar; and finally destroying it physically!

2Ki 23:15 Moreover the altar that *was* at Bethel, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin (***See 1 Kings 12:25 through 12:33***), had made, both that altar and the high place he (**king Josiah**) brake down, and burned the high place, *and* stamped *it* small to powder, and burned the grove.

2Ki 23:16 And as (**King**) Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that *were* there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned *them* upon the altar (***Jeroboam built at Bethel***), and polluted it (***Jeroboam's altar***), according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

2Ki 23:17 Then he (**King Josiah**) said, What title *is* that that I see? And the men of the city told him, *It is* the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel (***1 Kings 13: through 13:6***).

2Ki 23:18 And he (*King Josiah*) said, Let him (*the man of God that prophesied of me*) alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his (*the young man of God from Judah*) bones alone, with the bones of the (*older*) prophet that came out of Samaria (*1 Kings 13:11 through 13:31*).

King Josiah continued cleansing Judah of Israel of false gods and idols. Then he commanded celebration of the Passover again!

2Ki 23:19 And all the houses (*or temples*) also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the LORD* to anger, (*King*) Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel (*2 Kings 23:15 through 23:18 above*).

2Ki 23:20 And he slew all the priests of the high places (*or false gods and idol worship*) that *were* there upon the (*or their own?*) altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

2Ki 23:21 And the king (*Josiah*) commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD (*God of Israel*) your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant.

2Ki 23:22 Surely there was not holden (*or celebration of*) such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

2Ki 23:23 But in the eighteenth (*18th*) year of king Josiah, *wherein* this passover was holden (*or celebrated*) to the LORD (*God of Israel*) in Jerusalem.

2Ki 23:24 Moreover the *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of the LORD (*God of Israel*).

2Ki 23:25 And like unto him (*King Josiah*) was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD (*God of Israel*) with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *any* like him.

But the LORD God had already judged Judah, and her punishment was declared of the LORD before Josiah sat upon the throne of David: The throne of David which the LORD God promised David (2 Samuel Chapter 7) would be an eternal throne; that Judah of Israel would be a Nation forever even after times of her destructions! Yours truly, have not seen this promise of the LORD God to any other nation. Amen!

2Ki 23:26 Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.

2Ki 23:27 And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel (*of Samaria*), and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house (*or Temple*) of which I said, My name shall be there.

2Ki 23:28 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?

King Josiah of Judah is killed in battle by Pharaohnechoh, king of Egypt!

2Ki 23:29 In his days Pharaohnechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him (*Pharaohnechoh*); and he slew him (*King Josiah*) at Megiddo, when he had seen him.

The Last Worst Kings of Judah of Israel

2 Kings Chapter 23 Continues ...

The LORD God has kept his promise that King Josiah shall not witness the destruction(s) of Judah. And so, Josiah is buried at Jerusalem!

The people anointed Jehoahaz, or Shallum, and made him king of Judah after King Josiah, his father. But he only ruled a very short while!

2Ki 23:30 And his servants carried him (**King Josiah**) in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz (**or Shallum**) the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead (**or place**).

2Ki 23:31 Jehoahaz *was* twenty and three (**23**) years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three (**3**) months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2Ki 23:32 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

2Ki 23:33 And Pharaohnechoh (**or Pharaoh Nechoh**) put him (**Jehoahaz**) in bands (**or captivity**) at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land (**of Judah**) to a tribute of an hundred (**100**) talents (**about 7, 500 pounds**) of silver, and a talent (**about 75 pounds**) of gold.

2Ki 23:34 And Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim the son (**or another son**) of Josiah king in the room (**or place**) of Josiah his father, and turned (**or changed**) his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there.

2Ki 23:35 And Jehoiakim (**Eliakim**) gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he (**Jehoiakim**\ **Eliakim**) taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give *it* unto Pharaohnechoh.

2Ki 23:36 Jehoiakim (**Eliakim**) *was* twenty and five (**25**) years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven (**11**) years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

2Ki 23:37 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

2 Kings Chapter 24

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The prophet Daniel is carried off captive of Nebuchadnezzar along with other citizens of Judah during this time (refer to Daniel 1:1 and 1:2)! Also see our study on the Book of Daniel with the title “A Testimony of Jesus 7: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem (Daniel; Visions and Dreams)”.

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Also refer to the, “Timeline of 1 and 2 Kings (Approximation)” below!

This time is considered to be the first of three (3) sieges by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon against Judah of Israel; in the third siege Jerusalem was destroyed, and then the Temple about one (1) month later? Jeremiah the prophet witnessed the final destruction (the Book of Jeremiah Chapters 39 through 42)!

2Ki 24:1 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim (*or Eliakim*) became his servant three (3) years: then he (*Jehoiakim*) turned and rebelled against him (*Nebuchadnezzar*).

2Ki 24:2 And the LORD (*God of Israel*) sent against him (*Jehoiakim King of Judah*) bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD (*God of Israel*), which he spake by his servants the prophets (*Joel and Jeremiah being the most recent?*).

2Ki 24:3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

2Ki 24:4 And also for the innocent blood that he (*Manasseh*) shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon (*according to some Bible researchers the innocent blood Manasseh shedded include that of the prophet Isaiah*).

2Ki 24:5 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?

2Ki 24:6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin (*or Jeconiah*) his (*Jehoiakim's*) son reigned in his stead (*or place*).

2Ki 24:7 And the king of Egypt (*Pharaoh Nechoh*) came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon (*Nebuchadnezzar*) had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

2Ki 24:8 Jehoiachin (*or Jeconiah*) *was* eighteen (*18*) years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three (3) months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

2Ki 24:9 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

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These last verses of 2 Kings 24:10 through 24:20 are about the time of the second (2nd) Babylonian siege against Judah of Israel! The prophet Ezekiel speaks of this time, and we see from his writings that his prophecy began five (5) years after this second (2nd) siege; as he was also carried off to Babylon, a captive, with king Jehoiachin and other citizens of Judah here, as described in Ezekiel 1:1 through 1:4!

Now it came to pass in the thirtieth (30) year (*or at this time Ezekiel is 30 years old*), in the fourth (4th) month, in the fifth (5th) day of the month, as I (*Ezekiel*) *was* among the captives (*there were other captives from Judah present with Ezekiel*) by the river of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

In the fifth (5th) day of the month, which *was* the fifth (5th) year of king Jehoiachin's captivity,

The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him (*the Holy Spirit of God revealed this visions and many others throughout the*

“Book of Ezekiel”. There may have been others near him by the river Chebar, but only Ezekiel experienced the vision).

And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness *was* about it, and out of the midst (*middle/ center*) thereof as the colour of amber (*the color of red hot coals of fire*), out of the midst of the fire.

Ezekiel 1:1 through 1:4

Also see our complete study on the Book of Ezekiel with the title “A Testimony of Jesus 8: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem (Ezekiel’s; Visions)”.

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2Ki 24:10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged (*this is the second (2nd) siege*).

2Ki 24:11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

2Ki 24:12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth (8) year of his (*Nebuchadnezzar’s*) reign.

2Ki 24:13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house (*Temple*) of the LORD (*God of Israel*), 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, as the LORD had said.

2Ki 24:14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, *even* ten thousand (10, 000) captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

2Ki 24:15 And he carried away Jehoiachin (*or Jeconiah*) to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

2Ki 24:16 And all the men of might, *even* seven (7, 000) thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand (1, 000), all *that were* strong *and* apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

2Ki 24:17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his (*Jehoiachin’s*) father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah (*this would mean Mattaniah, or Zedekiah and Jehoiakim (Eliakim) were brothers and both, sons of King Josiah!*).

2Ki 24:18 Zedekiah (*or Mattaniah*) *was* twenty and one (21) years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven (11) years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2Ki 24:19 And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

2Ki 24:20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

Babylon Destroys the City of Jerusalem and the Temple

2 Kings Chapter 25

The third (3rd) and final siege of Babylon against Judah of Israel began the ninth (9th) year of the reign of King Zedekiah and continued until the eleventh (11th) year of his reign!

2Ki 25:1 And it came to pass in the ninth (9) year of his (*Zedekiah's?*) reign, in the tenth (10th) month, in the tenth (10th) day of the month, *that* Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against it round about (*that no one could go out or come in except Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon allowed it*).

2Ki 25:2 And the city was besieged unto the eleventh (11) year of king Zedekiah.

2Ki 25:3 And on the ninth (9th) day of the fourth (4th) month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.

2Ki 25:4 And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between two (2) walls, which *is* by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees *were* against the city round about:) and *the king* went the way toward the plain.

2Ki 25:5 And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king (*Zedekiah*), and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.

2Ki 25:6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him (*King Zedekiah*).

2Ki 25:7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

2Ki 25:8 And in the fifth (5th) month, on the seventh (7th) day of the month, which *is* the nineteenth (19th) year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

2Ki 25:9 And he burnt the house (*Temple*) of the LORD (*God of Israel*), and the king's house (*or palace(s)*), and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great *man's* house burnt he with fire.

2Ki 25:10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that *were with* the captain of the guard (*Nebuzaradan*), brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

2Ki 25:11 Now the rest of the people *that were* left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away (*captives of Babylon*).

2Ki 25:12 But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vinedressers and husbandmen.

2Ki 25:13 And the pillars of brass that *were* in the house (*Temple*) of the LORD (*God of Israel*), and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD (*God of Israel; refer to 1 Kings Chapters 6 and 7*), did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon.

2Ki 25:14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away.

2Ki 25:15 And the firepans, and the bowls, *and* such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard (*Nebuzaradan*) took away.

- 2Ki 25:16 The two (2) pillars, one (1) sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house (*Temple*) of the LORD (*God of Israel*); the brass of all these vessels was without weight.
- 2Ki 25:17 The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen (18) cubits, and the chapter upon it *was* brass: and the height of the chapter three (3) cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.
- 2Ki 25:18 And the captain of the guard (*Nebuzaradan*) took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second (2nd) priest, and the three (3) keepers of the door:
- 2Ki 25:19 And out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war, and five (5) men of them that were in the king's presence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore (60) men of the people of the land *that were* found in the city:
- 2Ki 25:20 And Nebuzaradan captain of the guard took these, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah:
- 2Ki 25:21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

Nebuchadnezzar appointed Gedaliah governor over the remaning inhabitants of Judah!

- 2Ki 25:22 And *as for* the people that remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, ruler.
- 2Ki 25:23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men.
- 2Ki 25:24 And Gedaliah sware to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it shall be well with you.
- 2Ki 25:25 But it came to pass in the seventh (7th) month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten (10) men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah.
- 2Ki 25:26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.
- 2Ki 25:27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth (37th) year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth (12th) month, on the seven and twentieth (27th) day of the month, *that* Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison;
- 2Ki 25:28 And he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon;
- 2Ki 25:29 And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life.
- 2Ki 25:30 And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life.

Timeline of 1 and 2 Kings (Approximation) – The Kings of Judah in the Southern Kingdom of Israel were allowed of the LORD God to reign from the eternal throne of David; but not all conducted themselves and their rulership in the manner that was approved of the LORD God!

And none of the kings of Samaria; the Northern Kingdom of Israel returned to the LORD God from worshipping false gods and idols!

Recall the message God gave David by the prophet Nathan in 2 Samuel Chapter 7:

Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee (***David***) an house.

And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his (***David and his seed's***) kingdom.

He (***David and his seed***) shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever (***or throughout eternity?***).

I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever (***Refer to, “Thy Throne Forever”*** below).

According to all these words, and according to all this vision (***and prophecy!***), so did Nathan speak unto David.

2 Samuel 7:10 through 7:17

Kings of Judah

Kings of Samaria

Book of 1 Kings

Solomon; ***1024 to 984 B.C.***

Reoboam; ***984 to 967 B.C.***

Abijam; ***966 to 963 B.C.***

*Asa; ***964 to 923 B.C.***

Jeroboam; ***984 to 962 B.C.***

Nadab; ***962 to 960 B.C.***

Baasha; ***961 to 937 B.C.***

Elah; ***938 to 936 B.C.***

Zimri; ***937 B.C.; killed after 7 days***

Omri; ***933 to 921 B.C.***

Ahab; ***926 to 904 B.C.***

The LORD God Called Elijah to his Ministry of Prophet (1 Kings Chapter 17)

The LORD God Commissioned Elijah to Anoint Elisha to his Ministry of Prophet (1 Kings 19:19)

*Jehoshaphat; ***922 to 897 B.C.***

Joram\

Ahaziah; ***905 to 903 B.C.***

Elijah is taken up to heaven while other prophets look on (2 Kings 2:11)

Joram\
Jehoram; 904 B.C to 892 B.C.
Jehoram\ Joram; 899 to 891 B.C. (Married daughter of Ahab; and also ruled for a time in Samaria as “Joram\ Jehoram” above!)

Other references also speak of several of these kings as born from, and\ or being involved with incestuous relationships?

Book of 2 Kings

Ahaziah; 892 B.C. to 891 B.C. Jehu; 891 B.C. to 863 B.C.
Althaliah; 891 to 884 B.C.
*Joash\ Jehoash; 884 to 844 B.C. (Joash is believed to have also reigned for a time in Samaria as Joash\ Jehoahaz?)

The ministry of the prophet Elisha is accomplished (1 Kings 13:14 through 13:20)

Joash\
Jehoahaz 861 B.C. to 846 B.C.

Joash\
Jehoahaz 846 B.C. to 830 B.C.?
(1 Kings 14:1 and 14:2)

*Amaziah 844 B.C. to 815 B.C. Jeroboam II; 830 B.C. to 789 B.C.

*Azariah\
Uzziah 815 B.C. to 763 B.C. Zechariah 777 B.C. (6 months)

The ministry of Isaiah the prophet began sometime near the end of the reign of King Uzziah of Judah (Isaiah 1:1 and 6:1)

Shalum 777 B.C. (1 month)
Menahem 776 B.C. to 766 B.C.
Pekahiah 765 B.C. to 763 B.C.
Pekah 763 B.C. to 743 B.C.

*Jotham 761 B.C. to 745 B.C.
Ahaz 746 B.C. to 730 B.C.

Hoshea 731 B.C. to 722 B.C.
Northern Kingdom of Israel
Invaded; ceased being a Nation
Approximately, 722 B.C.

*Hezekiah 729 B.C. to 700

The ministry of Isaiah the prophet ceased sometime beginning with the reign of King Manasseh of Judah, the Southern Kingdom

Manasseh 699 B.C. to 644 B.C.
Amon 643 to 641 B.C.
*Josiah 640 to 609 B.C.

The ministry of Jeremiah the prophet began about this time (Jeremiah 1:1 through 1:3)

Shallum\ Jehoahaz *609 B.C. (reign 3 months; taken captive to Egypt, and died there!)*
Eliakim\ Jehoiakim *608 B.C. to 598 B.C.*

The captivity and prophecy of Daniel began about this time of 605 B.C.

Jeconiah\ Jehoachin *Dec. 598 B.C. (reigned 3 months into 597 B.C.)*

The fifth (5th) year of Ezekiel's captivity and the beginning of his prophecy; about this time of 593 B.C. (Ezekiel 1:1 through 1:3)

Mattanyahu\ Zedekiah *597 B.C. to (destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.)*

Seventy (70) years of Judah's captivity\ exile commence, and continued until Zerubbabel dedicated the second Temple in 516 B.C. (Darius the Great, or Darius the Mede being King of Persia, and over Babylon? Refer to the Judeo – Christian Bible Books of Daniel, Esther, Haggai, Ezra, and Zechariah! Also see our studies on each of these books (References are listed below))

*Note: * = Purposed to put false gods and idol worship away and walk after the LORD God of Israel; the God of Creation!*

Thy Throne Forever – The eternal LORD and God of Creation made this promise of his eternal kingdom to King David. But New Testament Judeo – Christian Scriptures clearly explains that corruptible can not inherit incorruptible (*1 Corinthians 15:53 through 15:55*), because incorruptible is “*forever*”. Thus, the obvious and natural question arises; “how is this promise the LORD God gave corruptible David, possible”?

Throughout history no throne of man has continued more than a hand full of years, compared to all the time of recorded history; and the promise to David was for eternity! And so, the short answer to the question is, “*by love; grace; mercy; regeneration\ resurrection; inheritance; Kinsman Redemption; sacrifice; and ... other works of the Lord Jesus Christ (Son of God 100%; son, and progeny of King David, who is 100% man)*”!

The genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ is given in the New Testament Book of Matthew Chapter 1(one). And we see that his genealogy traces through David, the Great King of Israel; the youngest son of Jesse, as is revealed in scriptures of Ruth Chapter 4, 1 Samuel Chapter 16, and 2 Samuel Chapter 7. Thus, the flesh and blood man Jesus, Messiah traces unto the man, Adam (no demonic hybrid, of any sorts was given, and can not claim, such a genealogy); and he, the man Adam was created of God in the image of God! Study again, Genesis 1:26 and 1:27 and John 10:1 through 10:18. Thus, the genealogy is proven, according to the Word of God; without sin or contamination of any sort!

But to see the complete (*or full*) answer of sacrificing, atoning and inheritance (*of the LORD God; Jesus the Son, for his followers and believers*) we must “diligently” study both, the Old and New Testament Judeo – Christian Bible Books; which is *the Words of God given to us that we may know Him and His plans for the human race; no other document(s) provide this! Do we not see in this how the LORD God of Creation leaves nothing to chance; and who else would you suppose could maintain such precise and factual records of the centuries?*

Gen 18:14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah (*at 90 years of age*) shall have a son (*Isaac*).

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

Jer 32:27 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

Mat 19:26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, *With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*

Mar 9:23 Jesus said unto him, *If thou canst believe, all things are possible* to him that believeth.

Mar 10:27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, *With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.*

Thus, the eternal LORD and God of Creation establish the final state of those BELIEVERS in Him to be eternally with God!