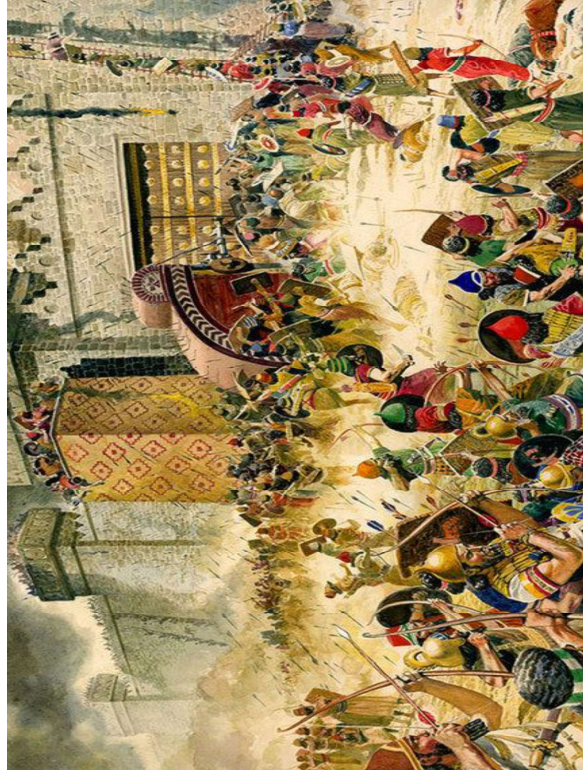


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## "The Funeral of a City"

### Lamentations 1:1-3

December 13, 2020

## Babylonian Exile

2 Kings 25:8-21; 2 Chronicles 36:17-21



The Babylonians

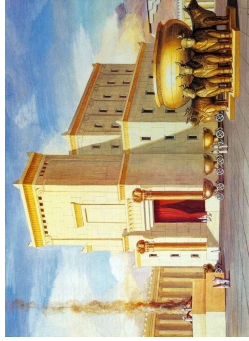
- 🚩 killed the young men.
- 🚩 took all the articles from the house of God, the treasures of the king and of his leaders.
- 🚩 burned the house of God, all the king's palaces, all houses in Jerusalem.
- 🚩 broke down the wall of Jerusalem.
- 🚩 carried the people to Babylon to serve the king of Babylon.

### 2 Kings 25:8-16

- 8 Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.
- 9 He burned the house of the Lord, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire.
- 10 So all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem.
- 11 Then the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the people, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile.
- 12 But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and plowmen.
- 13 Now the bronze pillars which were in the house of the Lord, and the stands and the bronze sea which were in the house of the Lord, the Chaldeans broke in pieces and carried the bronze to Babylon.
- 14 They took away the pots, the shovels, the snuffers, the spoons, and all the bronze vessels which were used in temple service.
- 15 The captain of the guard also took away the firepans and the basins, what was fine gold and what was fine silver.

## 2 Chron 36:11-21

- 11 Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.
- 12 He did evil in the sight of the Lord his God; he did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet who spoke for the Lord.
- 13 He also rebelled against King Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear allegiance by God. But he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the Lord God of Israel.
- 14 Furthermore, all the officials of the priests and the people were very unfaithful following all the abominations of the nations; and they defiled the house of the Lord which He had sanctified in Jerusalem.
- 15 The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place;
- 16 but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, until there was no remedy.
- 17 Therefore He brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirm; He gave them all into his hand.
- 18 All the articles of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king and of his officers, he brought them all to Babylon.
- 19 Then they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its fortified buildings with fire and destroyed all its valuable articles.
- 20 Those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia,
- 21 to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah,

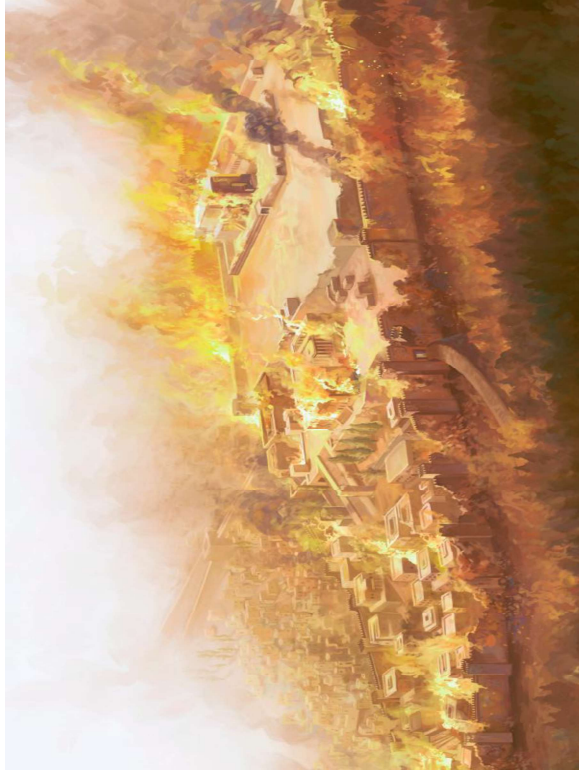


## 1. Solomon's Temple

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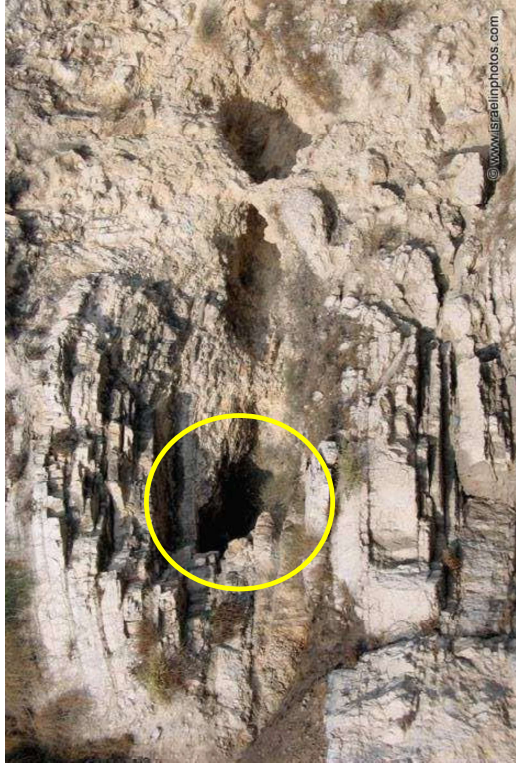
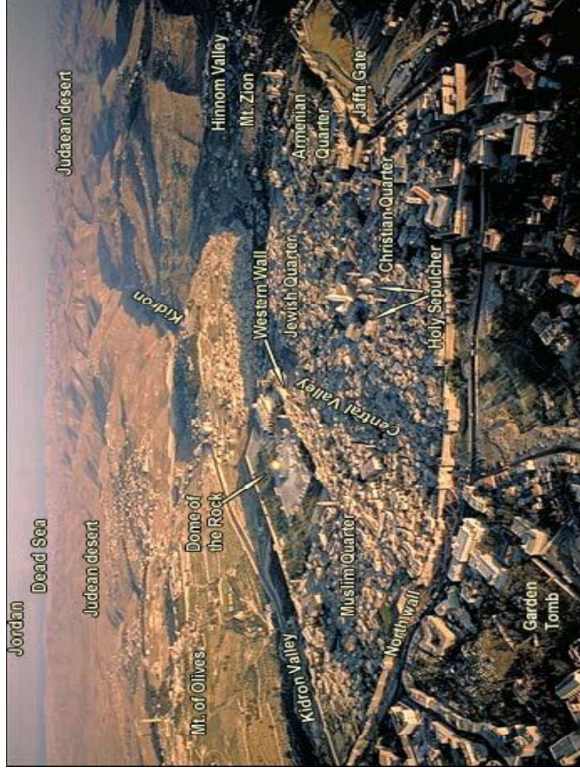
**Date Destroyed:** 586 BC by Babylon

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 5-8, 2 Chron. 5



## 2 Kings 25:7

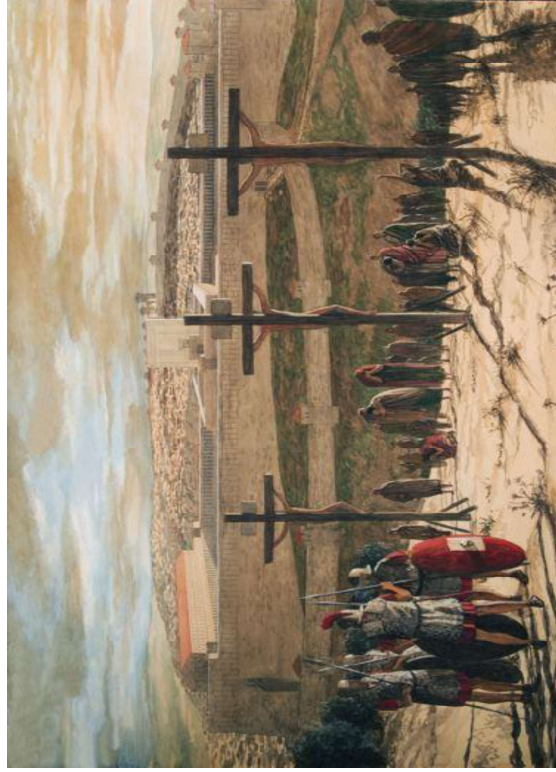
- 7 They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon.



### Lamentations 1:1-3

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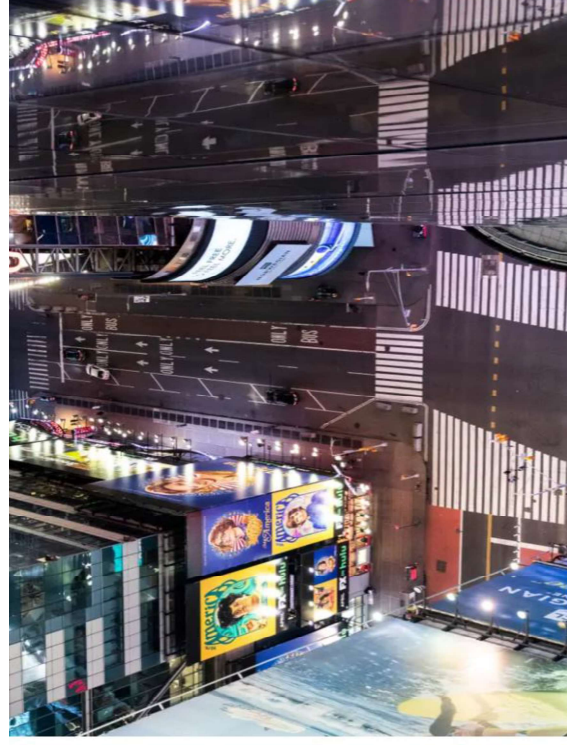
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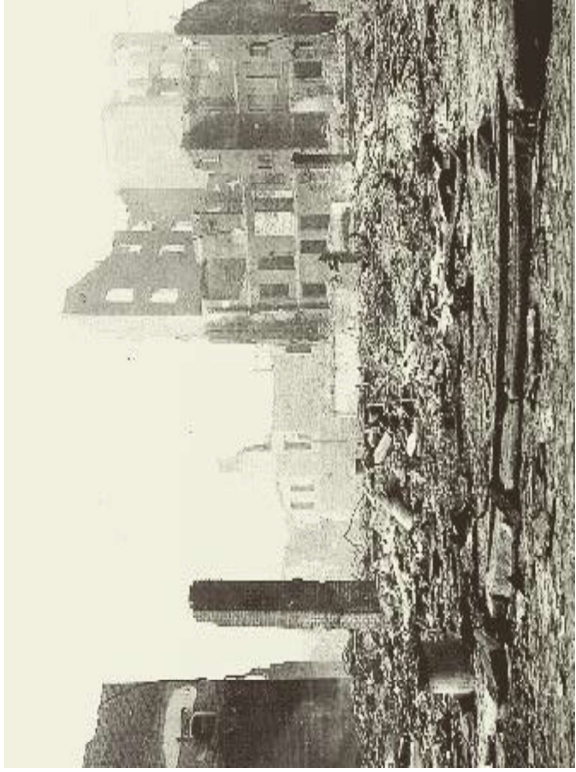
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Look and Listen . . . .

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## Ezek 16:1-6,8-22,26-43

- 1 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
2 "Son of man, make known to Jerusalem her abominations  
3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God to Jerusalem, "Your origin  
and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite, your  
father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.  
4 "As for your birth, on the day you were born your navel cord  
was not cut, nor were you washed with water for cleansing;  
you were not rubbed with salt or even wrapped in cloths.  
5 "No eye looked with pity on you to do any of these things  
for you, to have compassion on you. Rather you were  
thrown out into the open field, for you were abhorred on  
the day you were born.  
6 "When I passed by you and saw you squirming in your  
blood, I said to you while you were in your blood, 'Live!' Yes,  
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7 "I made you numerous like plants of the field.

- 15 "But you trusted in your beauty and played the harlot because of  
your fame, and you poured out your harlotries on every passer-by  
who might be willing.  
16 "You took some of your clothes, made for yourself high places of  
various colors and played the harlot on them, which should never  
come about nor happen.  
17 "You also took your beautiful jewels made of My gold and of My  
silver, which I had given you, and made for yourself male images that  
you might play the harlot with them.  
18 "Then you took your embroidered cloth and covered them, and  
offered My oil and My incense before them.  
19 "Also My bread which I gave you, fine flour, oil and honey with which  
I fed you, you would offer before them for a soothing aroma; so it  
happened," declares the Lord God.  
20 "Moreover, you took your sons and daughters whom you had borne  
to Me and sacrificed them to idols to be devoured. Were your  
harlotries so small a matter?  
21 "You slaughtered My children and offered them up to idols by  
causing them to pass through the fire.  
22 "Besides all your abominations and harlotries you did not remember  
the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare and squirming  
in your blood.

## 2. Alone. (2)

- A. Weeps bitterly.
- B. Non-stop tears.
- C. No comforters.
- D. Everyone is an enemy.

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8 I also swore to you and entered into a covenant with you so that  
you became Mine," declares the Lord God.

9 "Then I bathed you with water, washed off your blood from you  
and anointed you with oil.

10 "I also clothed you with embroidered cloth and put sandals of  
porpoise skin on your feet; and I wrapped you with fine linen and  
covered you with silk.

11 "I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your hands  
and a necklace around your neck.

12 "I also put a ring in your nostril, earrings in your ears and a  
beautiful crown on your head.

13 "Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your dress  
was of fine linen, silk and embroidered cloth. You ate fine flour,  
honey and oil; so you were exceedingly beautiful and advanced  
to royalty.

14 "Then your fame went forth among the nations on account of  
your beauty, for it was perfect because of My splendor which I  
bestowed on you," declares the Lord God.

26 "You also played the harlot with the **Egyptians**, your lustful  
neighbors, and multiplied your harlotry to make Me angry.

27 "Behold now, I have stretched out My hand against you  
and diminished your rations. And I delivered you up to the  
desire of those who hate you, the daughters of the  
Philistines, who are ashamed of your lewd conduct.

28 "Moreover, you played the harlot with the **Assyrians**  
because you were not satisfied; you played the harlot with  
them and still were not satisfied.

29 "You also multiplied your harlotry with the land of  
merchants, **Chaldea**, yet even with this you were not  
satisfied. ""

30 "How languishing is your heart," declares the Lord God, "while you do all these things, the actions of a bold-faced harlot.

31 "When you built your shrine at the beginning of every street and made your high place in every square, in disdainful money, you were not like a harlot.

32 "You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!

33 "Men give gifts to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your **lovers** to bribe them to come to you from every direction for your harlotries.

34 "Thus you are different from those women in your harlotries, in that no one plays the harlot as you do, because you give money and no money is given you; thus you are different."

35 Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the Lord.

36 Thus says the Lord God, "Because your lewdness was poured out and your nakedness uncovered through your harlotries with your **lovers** and with all your detestable idols, and because of the blood of your sons which you gave to idols,

37 therefore, behold, I will gather all your **lovers** with whom you took pleasure, even all those whom you loved and all those whom you hated. So I will gather them against you from every direction and expose your nakedness to them that they may see all your nakedness.

### Jer 50:6

6 "My people have become lost sheep; Their shepherds have led them astray. They have made them turn aside on the mountains; They have gone along from mountain to hill And have forgotten their resting place.

38 "Thus I will judge you like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged; and I will bring on you the blood of wrath and jealousy.

39 "I will also give you into the hands of your **lovers**, and they will tear down your shrines, demolish your high places, strip you of your clothing, take away your jewels, and will leave you naked and bare.

40 "They will incite a crowd against you and they will stone you and cut you to pieces with their swords.

41 "They will burn your houses with fire and execute judgments on you in the sight of many women. Then I will stop you from playing the harlot, and you will also no longer pay your **lovers**.

42 "So I will calm My fury against you and My jealousy will depart from you, and I will be pacified and angry no more.

43 "Because you have not remembered the days of your youth but have enraged Me by all these things, behold, I in turn will bring your conduct down on your own head," declares the Lord God, "so that you will not commit this lewdness on top of all your other abominations.

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### 3. Afflicted. (3)

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  - C. No escape.
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### Ex 22:20

20 "He who sacrifices to any god, other than to the Lord alone, shall be utterly destroyed.