

## Daniel's Prayer

**Daniel 9:11-12:** Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; **therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.** And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.

### WHAT IS THE CURSE & WHAT IS THE OATH?

- *The curse came as a result of disobedience*

**Deuteronomy 11:26-28** “Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And **a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God,** but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known”

**Deuteronomy 28:15** “But it shall come to pass, **if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes** which I command thee this day; that **all these curses shall come upon thee,** and overtake thee”

- *The oath was God's promise to Abraham and his seed*

**Deuteronomy 29:12, 13** “That thou shouldest **enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath,** which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day: That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and **as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.**” (The Ten Commandments are God's covenant: **Exodus 34:28 & Deuteronomy 4:13**)

**Hebrews 6:13-17** “For when God **made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,** Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, **confirmed it by an oath.**” (Israel agreed to be a part of the covenant: **See Exodus 19:3-8 & Nehemiah 10:28-30**)

- *(Note: It was through the line of Abraham that the world would gain knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Messiah would come.)*

**To Abraham - Genesis 22:16-18** “And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in **blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed** as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. And **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.**”

**To Isaac - Genesis 26:4, 5** “And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and **in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.**”

**To Jacob - Genesis 28:13, 14** “And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I [am] the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: **the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;** And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and **in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.**”

- *(Note: The whole reason God chose Israel was because of the promise that he made with Abraham & his seed )*

**Deuteronomy 7:7-9** “The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and because **he would keep the oath** which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;” (See Also **Galatians 3:8-16**)



- *With the covenant was given the land of Canaan*

**1 Chronicles 16:15-18** “Be ye mindful always of **his covenant**; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations; Even of the **covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac**; And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant, Saying, **Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance.**”

**Genesis 15:18** “In the same day the LORD made a **covenant with Abram**, saying, **Unto thy seed have I given this land**, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.”

**Where they would be free to worship God - Psalm 105:42-45** “For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness: And **gave them the lands of the heathen**; and they inherited the labour of the people; **That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws.** Praise ye the LORD.”

*WITH THE CURSE, CAME THEIR SCATTERING & CAPTIVITY AMONG THE HEATHEN AND REMOVAL FROM THE LAND OF PROMISE*

**Jeremiah 9:13, 16** “And the LORD saith, **Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein... 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.”

**Leviticus 26:33, 34** “And **I will scatter you among the heathen**, and will draw out a sword after you: and **your land shall be desolate**, and your cities waste. shall **the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate**, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.”

**Ezekiel 39:23** “And the heathen shall know that the **house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies**: so fell they all by the sword.”

**Amos 7:15-17** “And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac. Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: **and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.**”

“**The result that would follow a breaking of their covenant with God**, and an entrance into covenant relation with surrounding nations, was plainly foretold through Moses: ‘The **Lord shall scatter you among the nations**,’ he declared, ‘and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you. And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell... {Deut 4:26-29}’” (*RH*, April 25, 1907)

“Daniel's example of prayer and confession is given for our instruction and encouragement. For nearly seventy years, Israel had been in captivity. **The land which God had chosen for his own possession was given into the hands of the heathen**. The beloved city, the recipient of heaven's light, once the joy of the whole earth was now despised and degraded” (*RH*, February 9, 1897).

“**The Jews were experiencing the fulfillment of the threatened curse of God for their departure from him, and for their iniquity**; yet they did not lay these things to heart, and afflict their souls before God. **A people that hated them ruled over them**. They were claiming the blessings God had promised to confer upon them should they be obedient and faithful. But at the very time they were suffering under the curse of God because of disobedience.” (*RH*, Jan. 14, 1873)

*THIS SCATTERING WILL TAKE PLACE FOR SEVEN TIMES*

**Leviticus 26:15-18** “And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then **I will punish you seven times more for your sins.**”

**Leviticus 26:27, 28** “And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even **I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.**”

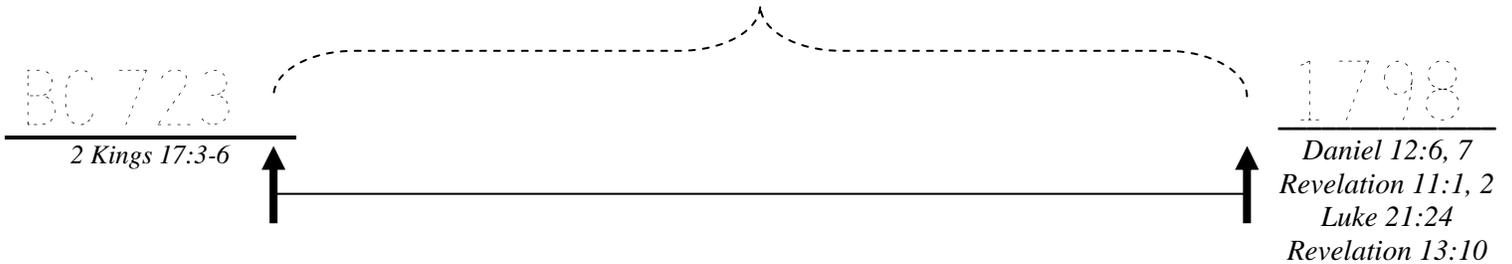


- 7 times is a prophetic time period

7 times = 7 prophetic years; 1 prophetic year = 360 days; 360 days X 7 years/day = 2520 years

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT A STARTING AND ENDING POINTS OF THIS TIME

### 2520 Years (The line of Israel/Samaria)



- According to historians and chronologists, Hoshea began to reign in 732 B.C. making his 9<sup>th</sup> year 723 B.C.

**“Hoshea ruled the northern kingdom from 732 b.c. until its collapse.” (St. Augustine (Bishop of Hippo), Tkacz, & Kries, 1994, p. 133)**

“HOSHEA, the last king of Israel, reigned nine years, reckoning to the final fall of Samaria; but really only seven (B.C. 730-723). ‘He did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, but *not as the kings of Israel that were before him.*’ The earnest pleadings of his namesake HOSEA seem at last to have roused a spirit of reformation, which led many of the northern Israelites to accept Hezekiah’s call to the Passover (2 Chron. xxx. 1-12). But the nation at large was past redemption, and the time of its fate had come. Hoshea’s rebellion against Assyria was probably a movement of sincere, though rash, patriotism. In B.C. 728 Tiglath-pileser was succeeded by SHALMANESER IV., who was not improbably an usurper. Such changes formed the usual opportunities of rebellion; and the king of Israel was perhaps encouraged by the accession of Hezekiah to the throne of Judah in B.C. 726, the third year of Hoshea. In that year Shalmaneser invaded Israel, to enforce the payment of the tribute, in the truly Assyrian fashion of making war—‘as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed into pieces upon her children’ (Hosea x. 14). Hoshea submitted, and returned to the state of a vassal (2 Kings xvii. 3). Three years later he ventured again to refuse the tribute, in reliance on the support of the warlike Sabaco (or *So*), king of Egypt, an alliance contrary to the law of Moses; and he was seized by Shalmaneser and thrown, bound, into prison (B.C. 723). This time ‘the King of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years’ (B.C. 723-721) ...” (Smith, 1871, p. 199)

“...Thereafter the Jews split up into two kingdoms. One, the Kingdom of the Israelites with its capital Samaria (Nablus), lasted 250 years and then fell into the hands of Shalmaneser, King of the Assyrians, in the year 723 b.c. and was let into captivity.” (Hurewitz, 1979, p. 755)

“Hoshea became king in 732 b.c., in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of Ahaz. Ahaz’s reign, which began in 744, included 9 years as vice-regent (744-735), 4 years as coregent with his father Jotham (735-732), and 16 years as principal king (732 -715)...Hoshea began his reign of 9 years in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Jotham (15:30), which was 732 b.c. Jotham’s 20 years (750-732) included his 16-year reign from 750 to 732 appears to be 18 or 19 years, but it was considered 20 years because he reigned 18 full years and parts of two other years.” (Baker, Zuck, & Blaising, 1985, p. 570)

“...Pekah was assassinated after or shortly before Tiglathpileser’s return to Assyria. Peka’s assassination and Hoshe’s accession may...be dated in the second half...of 732 bc, which is equivalent to the first half of the Israelite year which began in the autumn of 732 b.c...Hoshea’s accession to the Israelite throne inaugurated the final chapter in the history of the northern kingdom, which came to an abrupt end shortly afterwards with the Assyrian siege and capture of Samaria” (Hughes, 1990, p. 204-205)

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THERE WAS A PROPHECY AGAINST ISRAEL AT THE BEGINNING

**Isaiah 7:1, 8** “And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and **within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken**, that it be not a people.”

“...The prophet Hosea often referred to Ephraim, a leader in apostasy among the tribes of Israel, as a symbol of the apostate nation...” (Prophets & Kings, p. 280)

- *This prophecy began in B.C. 742; Israel’s captivity was B.C. 723 or 19 years later. What happened 46 years later (to complete the 65 years)?*

**2 Kings 16:1** “**In the seventeenth year of Pekah** the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.”

“Ahaz succeeded to the throne of Judah in the seventeenth year of Pekah, (B.C. 742,) the last able or powerful monarch of Israel. Pekah entered into a confederacy with Rezin, king of Damascus, to invade Judea.” (Milman, 1829, p. 299)

“About the year 742 B.C., Ahaz began to reign in Jerusalem, and Pekah, King of the Israelites made a league with Rezin, King of Damascus, to unite their armies and attack Jerusalem...” (Danvers, 1877,p. 33)

“Satisfactory agreement between the Bible and the Assyrian Inscriptions commences with the expedition in which Tiglath-Pileser came to the help of Ahaz. According to the Bible the reign of Ahaz, sixteen years, was from about B.C. 742 to 746, and the wars between him and Pekah commenced at the beginning of his reign...” (Transactions of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, 1873, p. 324)

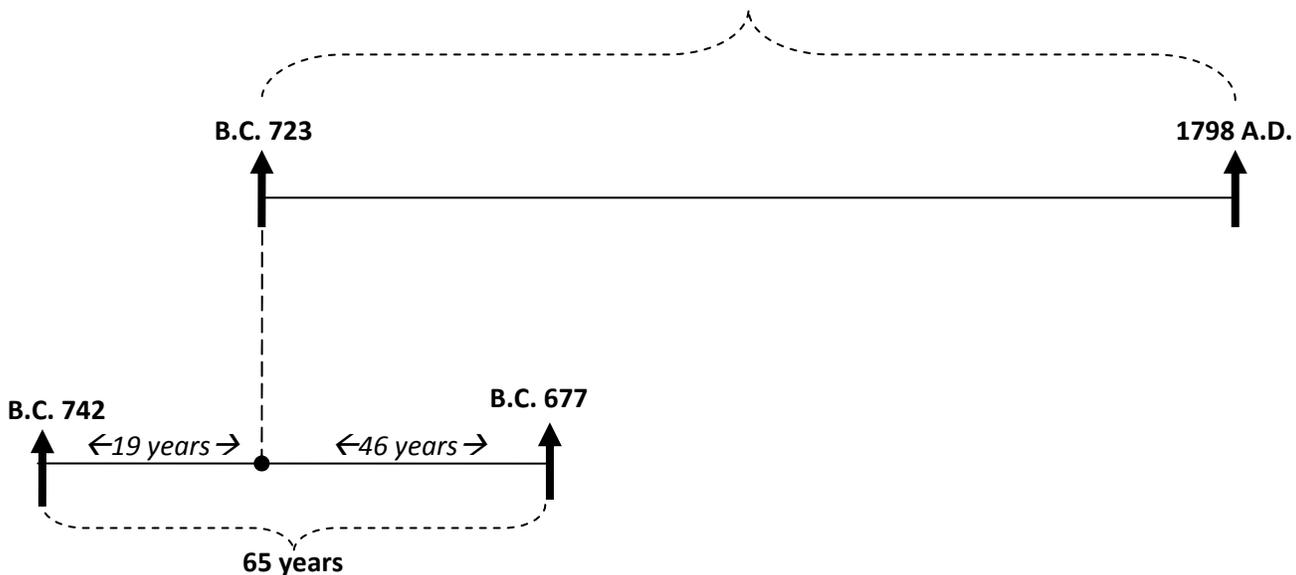
“...From the first year of Ahaz, King of Judah, when he was threatened with destruction by the confederate kings of Syria and Israel, B.C. 742, to the Final overthrow of the kingdom of Israel, B.C.; sixty five years.” (Habershon, 1840, p. 19)

“...Ahaz succeeded Jothan early in the year 742 B.C., and upon his assuming the reins of government, both Rezin and Pekah ‘came to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz but could not overcome him’ (2 Kings 16:5).” (Hopps, 1893, p. 17)

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GOD ALSO SCATTERED JUDAH

“The government of the kingdom of Israel was completely broken for the first time in the days of Manasseh king of Judah, when the captains of the host of Assyria came to Jerusalem and took it; and took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. Before that, Judah had sometimes been oppressed by their enemies, and sometimes Israel. But one or the other of the two kingdoms remained independent up to that time, when both were carried away captive and the pride of their power was broken. This captivity, according to all chronologers, was 677 B.C.” (Litch, 1842, p. 125)

**2 Kings 21:10-14** “And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying, Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies;”

**2 Chronicles 33:9-11** “So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

**Jeremiah 15:3, 4** “And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy. And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.”

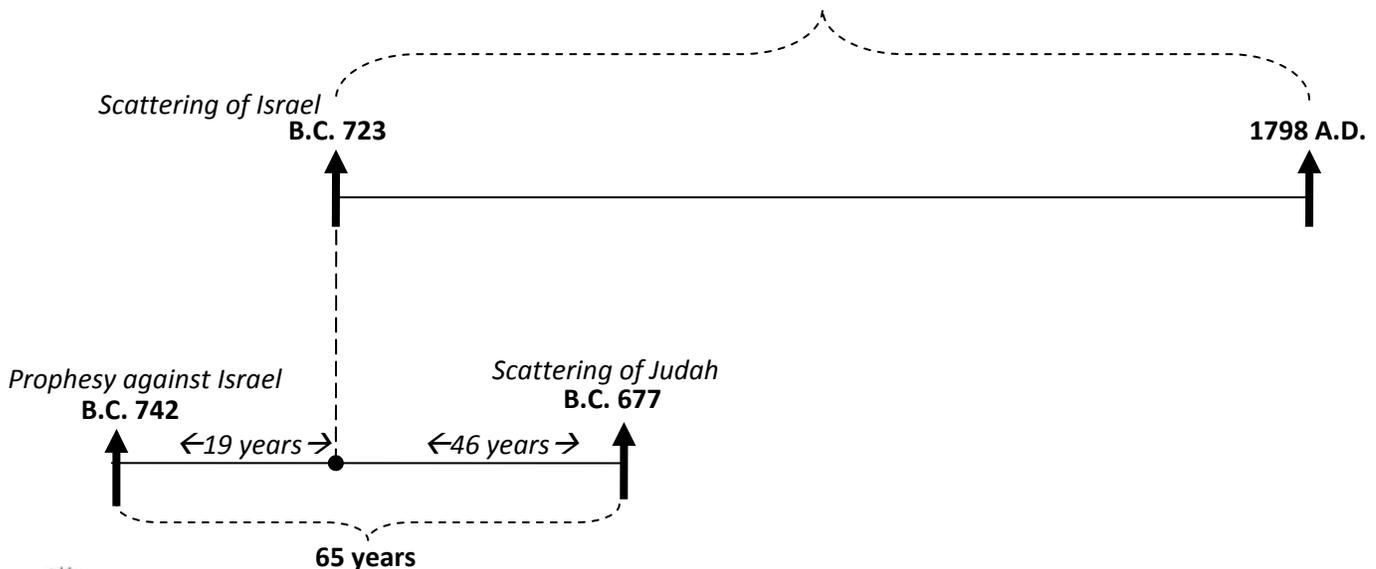
“Manasseh...carried into Assyrian captivity by Esarhaddon, 677” (Wheeler, 1853, p. 136)

“Sennacherib, another king of Assyria, attacked Judah under King Hezekiah in B.C. 713 but the Assyrian army was destroyed. The Assyrians again invaded Judah in B.C. 677 and carried the King Manasseh, captive to Babylon...” (Marden & Devitt, 1907, p. 184)

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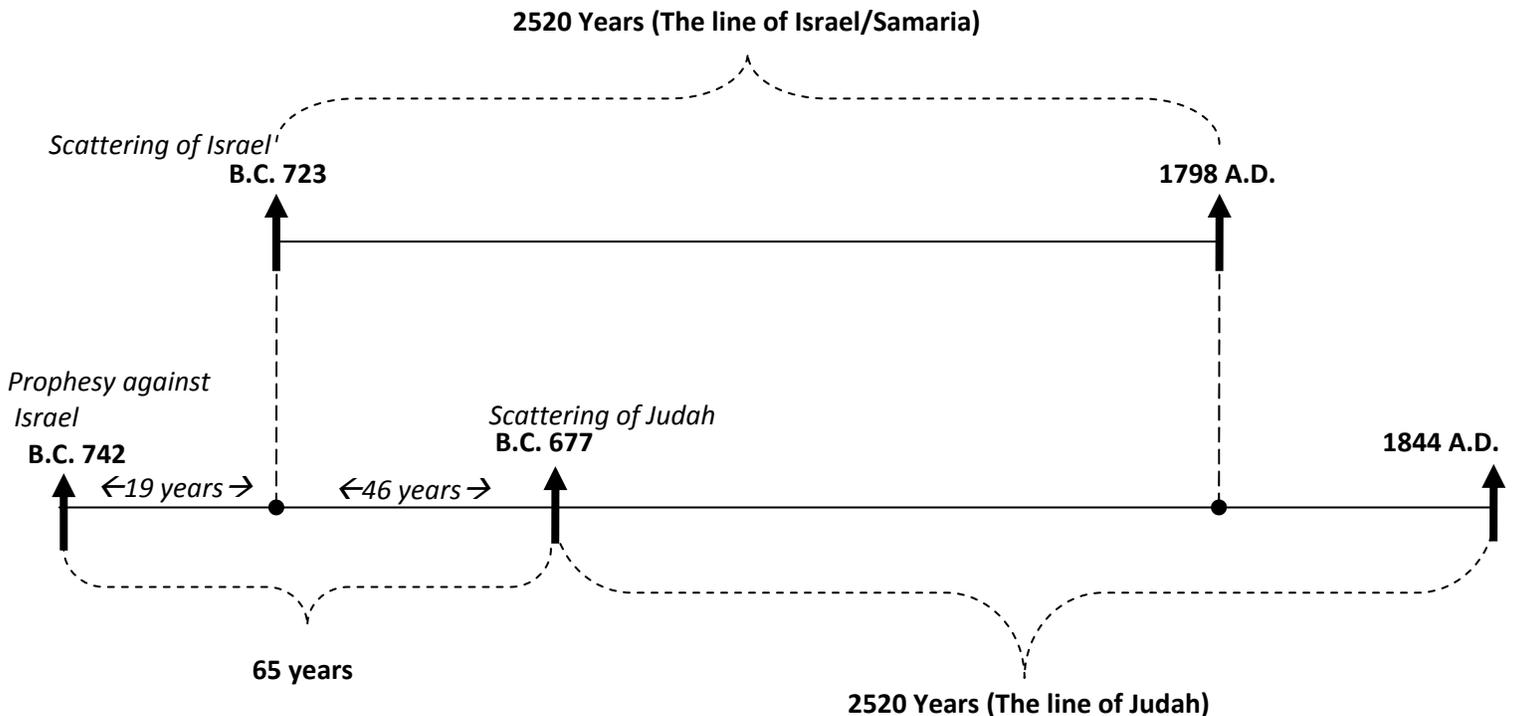


*BOTH ISRAEL & JUDAH WERE SCATTERED AT SEPARATE TIMES & WERE BOTH PROMISED TO RETURN FROM CAPTIVITY (1 KINGS 12:1-21 – SHOWS THAT ISRAEL & JUDAH HAD SPLIT UNDER REHOBOAM)*

**2 Kings 17:18-20** “Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.”

**Jeremiah 30:3, 4** “For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.”

**Jeremiah 33:7** “And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.”



- *Judah's Captivity ended in 1844 A.D.*

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**Romans 11:25-27** “For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.”

**Daniel 8:14** “And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”

WHY IS GOD PUNISHING HIS PEOPLE 7 TIMES?

**Leviticus 26:28** “Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.”

**Psalm 12:6, 7** “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, **purified seven times**. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”

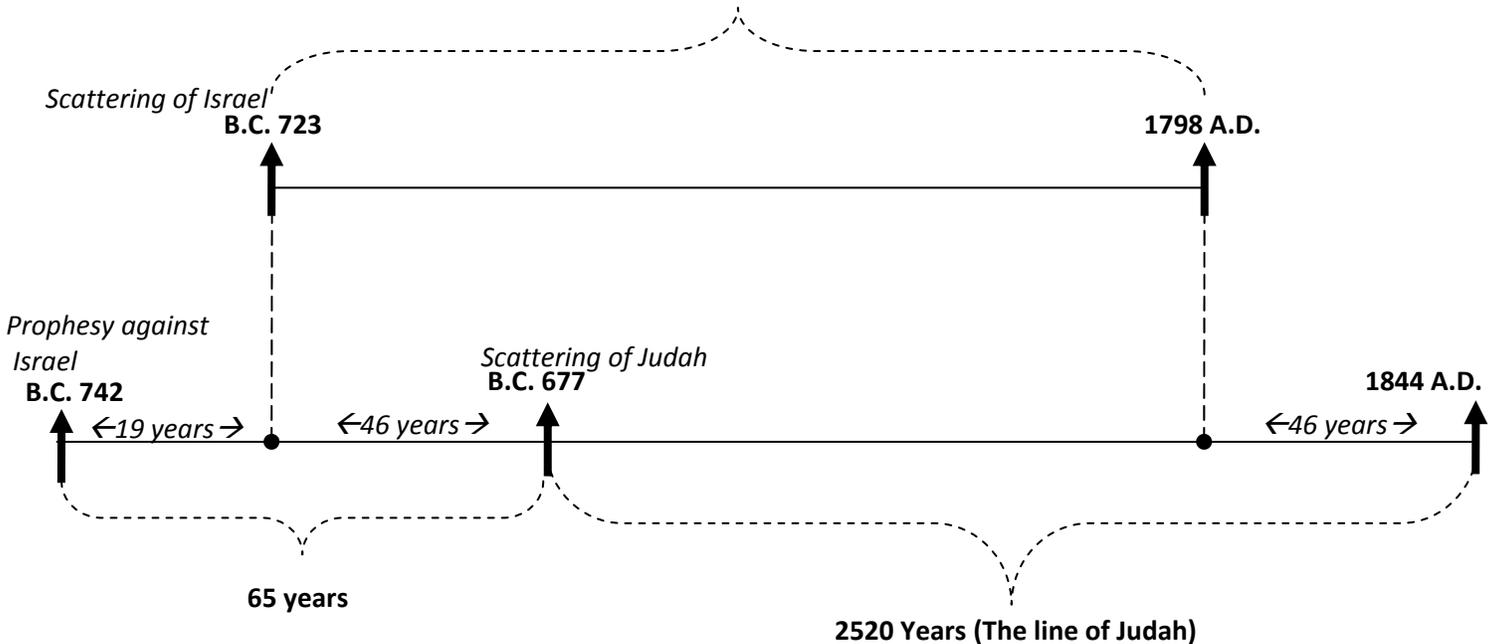
**Hebrews 12:5-11** “... **My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord**, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

**Ezekiel 17:19-20** “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely **mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken**, even it will I recompense upon his own head. And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and **will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.**”

**Ezekiel 16:58-60** “Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD. For thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant. Nevertheless **I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.**”

**Deuteronomy 4:27-31** “And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you... **But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.**”

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**John 2:19-20** “Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, **Forty and six years was this temple in building**, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?”

**Jeremiah 33:7** “And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, **and will build them, as at the first**. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.”

**1 Peter 2:5** “**Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”

