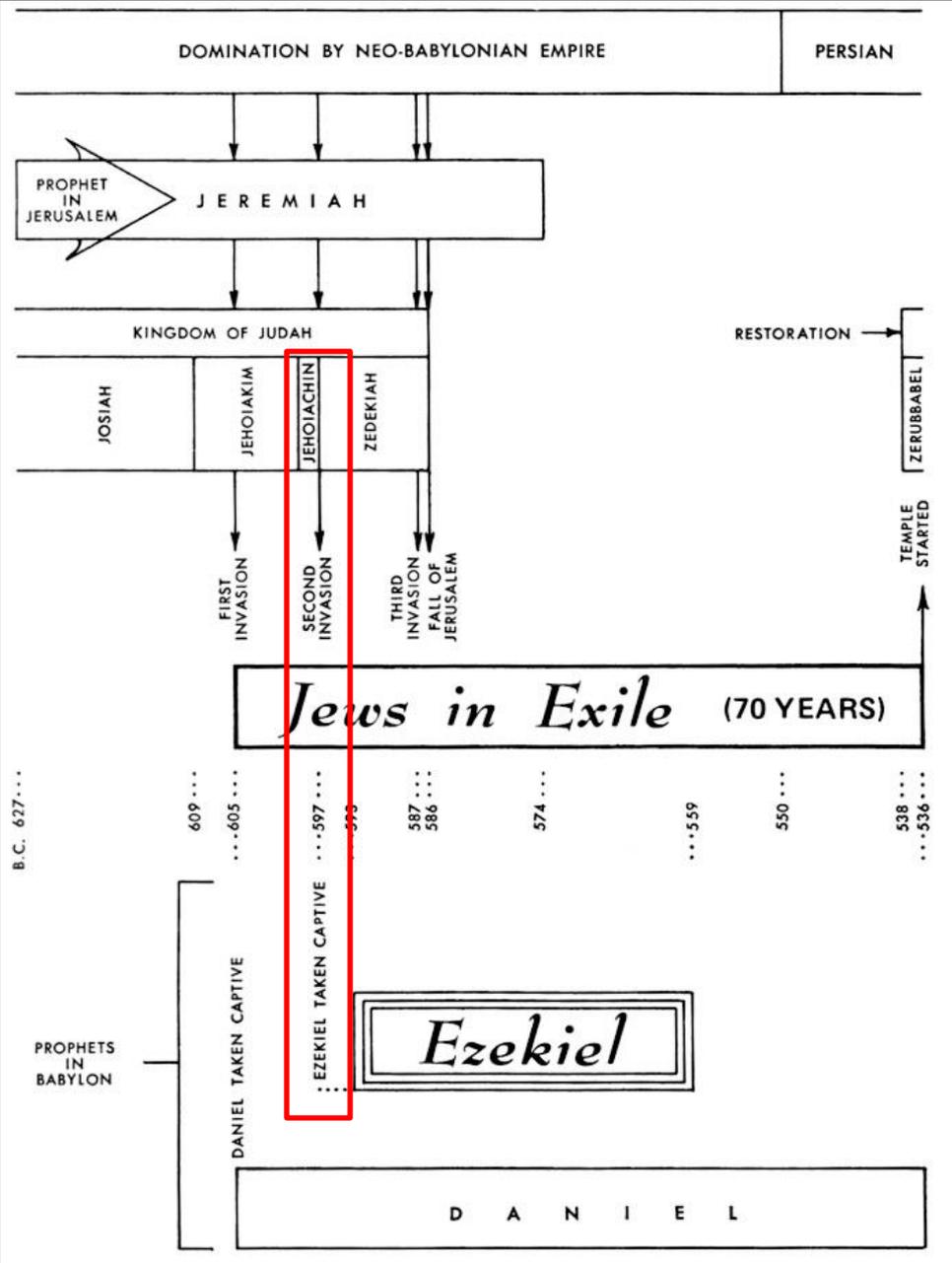


MAKING UP  
THE HEDGE





**Ezekiel**







# **Outline of Ezekiel**

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# JUDGEMENT IS NEAR

**Luke 21:28**

**And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**

# **I. God Knows What Is Going On**

## **Ezekiel 13:1-6**

- 1 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,**
- 2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD;**
- 3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!**
- 4 O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.**
- 5 Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.**
- 6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them: and they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.**

**THE PROPHETS  
WERE LYING TO  
THEMSELVES**

**THE PROPHETS  
WERE USELESS  
TO GOD**

## **II. God Wants Righteous Judgment**

**John 7:24**

**Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.**

**Ezekiel 22:1-2**

**1 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,  
2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations.**

**To Avoid Judgment You Need To Build a Hedge**

## **II. God Wants Righteous Judgment**

### **A. Against idolatry**

**Ezekiel 22:4**

**Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.**

## **II. God Wants Righteous Judgment**

### **B. Against oppression**

**Ezekiel 22:7**

**In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.**

## **II. God Wants Righteous Judgment**

### **C. Against ungodliness**

**Ezekiel 22:8**

**Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.**

### **D. Against immorality**

**Ezekiel 22:9**

**In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness.**

## **II. God Wants Righteous Judgment**

### **E. Against greed**

**Ezekiel 22:12**

**In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.**

### **F. Cannot be ignored**

**Ezekiel 22:14**

**Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it.**

**GOD WANTS A  
HEDGE**

# **III. There Will Be No Change If No One Cares**

## **Ezekiel 22:23-30**

**23 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,**

**24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.**

**25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.**

### **III. There Will Be No Change If No One Cares**

**Ezekiel 22:23-30 - continued**

**26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.**

**27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.**

### **III. There Will Be No Change If No One Cares**

#### **Ezekiel 22:23-30 - continued**

**28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken.**

**29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.**

# **III. There Will Be No Change If No One Cares**

**Ezekiel 22:23-30 - continued**

**30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.**

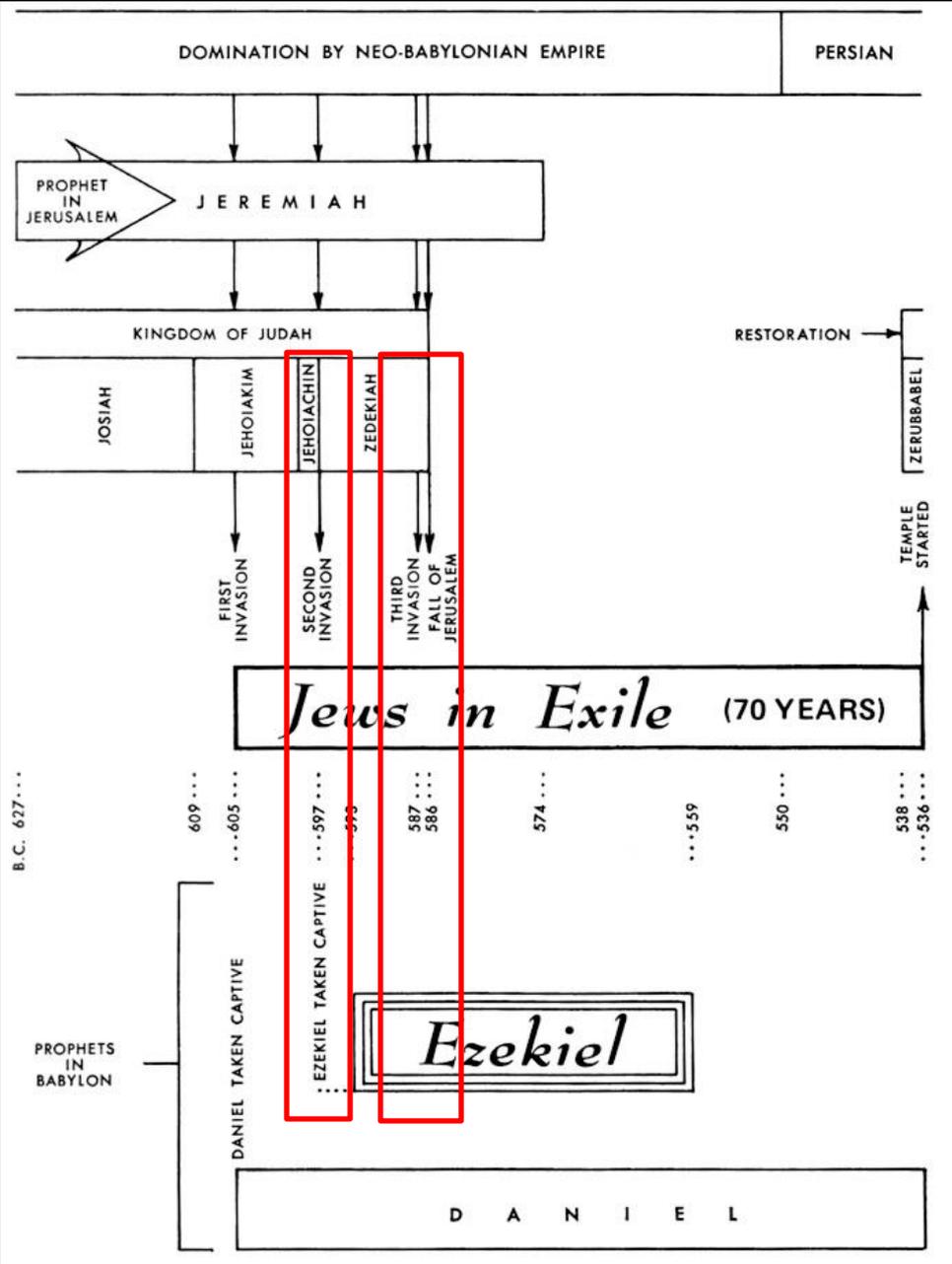
**Opportunity does not show a relationship with God**

**Obedience does show a relationship with God**

## **IV. No One Caring Means All Condemned**

**Ezekiel 22:31**

**Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.**



**TAKE A STAND**

**TODAY!!**