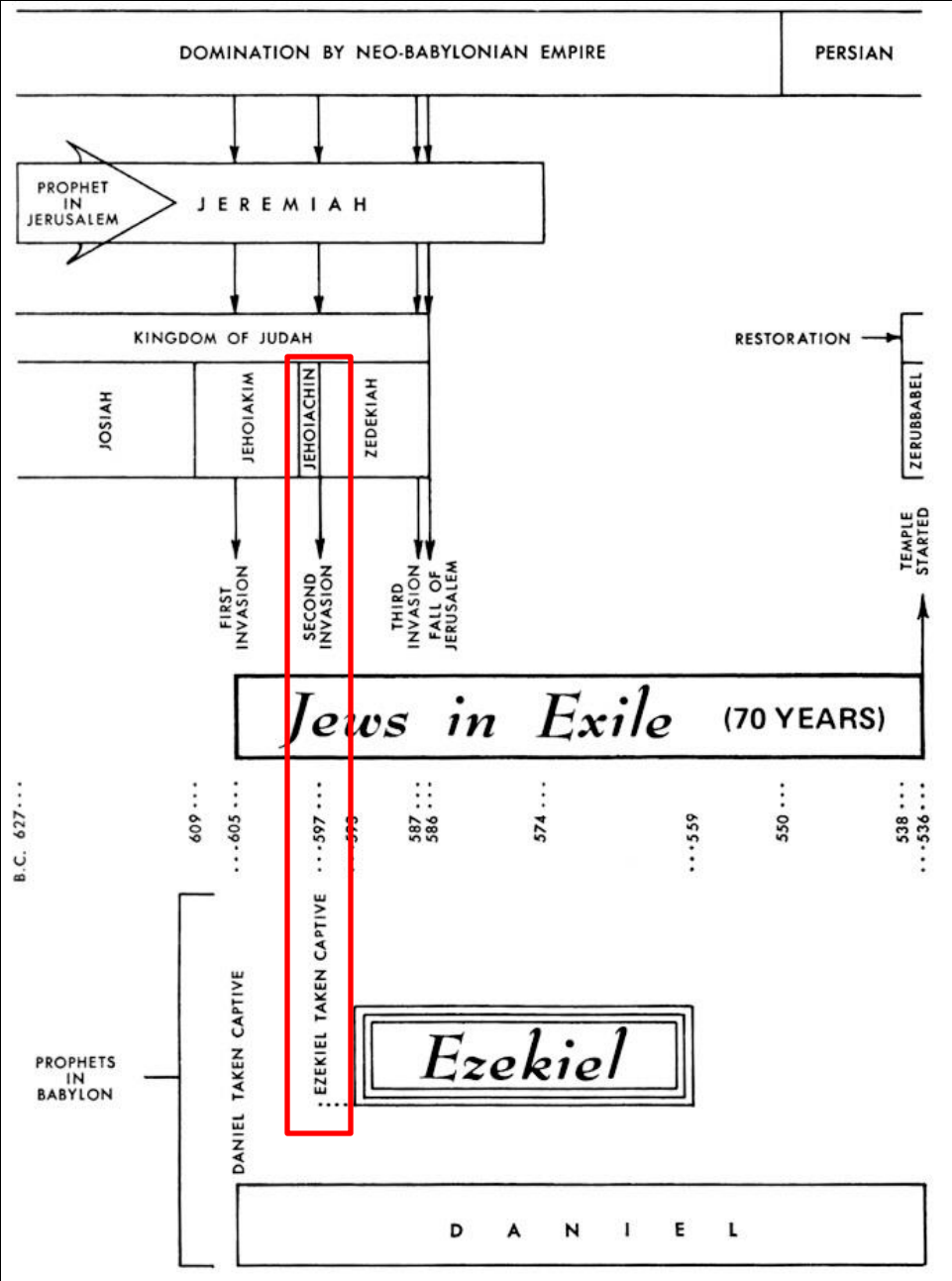


**MAKING UP
THE HEDGE**





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.

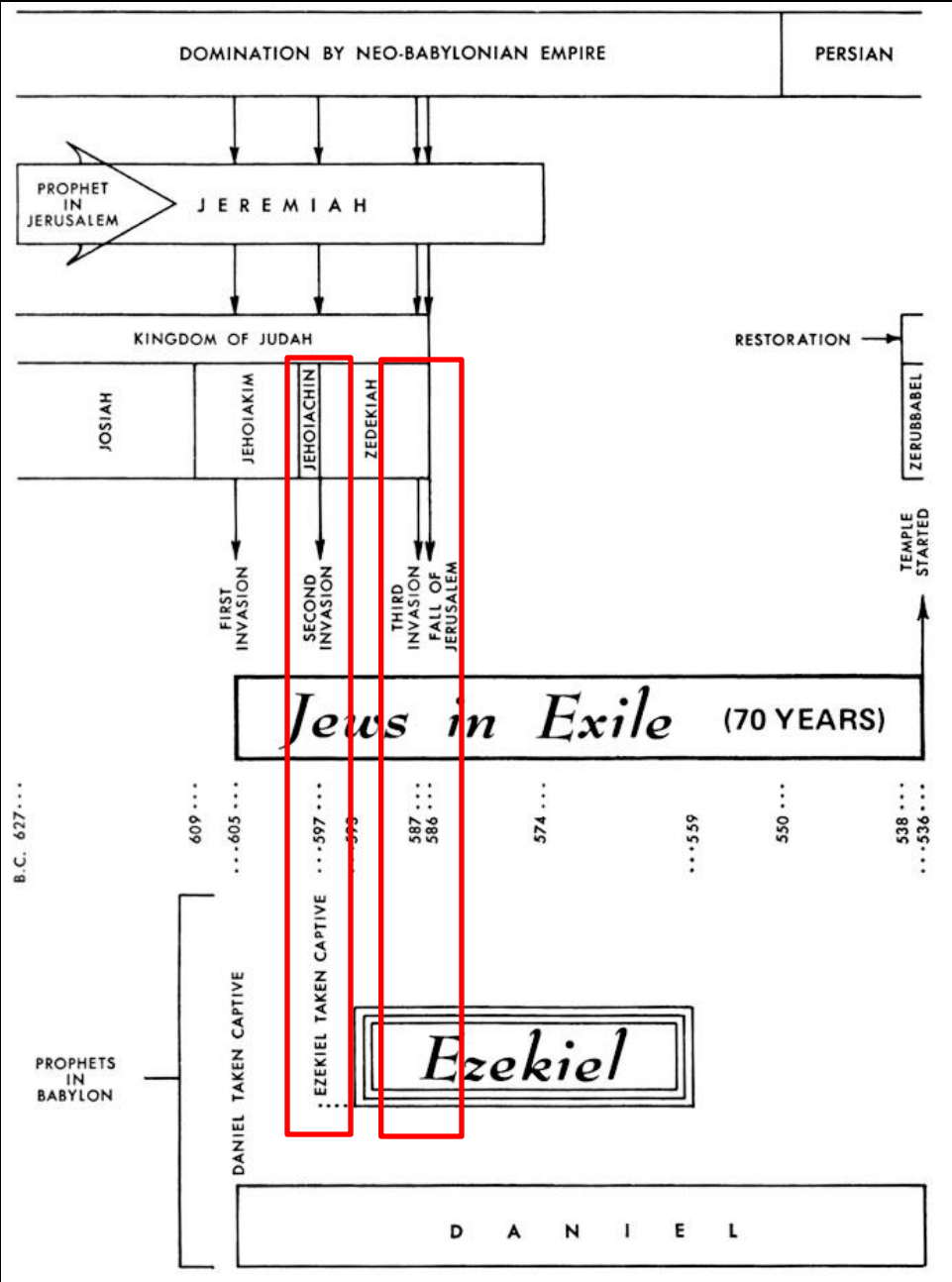
Opportunity does not show a relationship with God

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!!