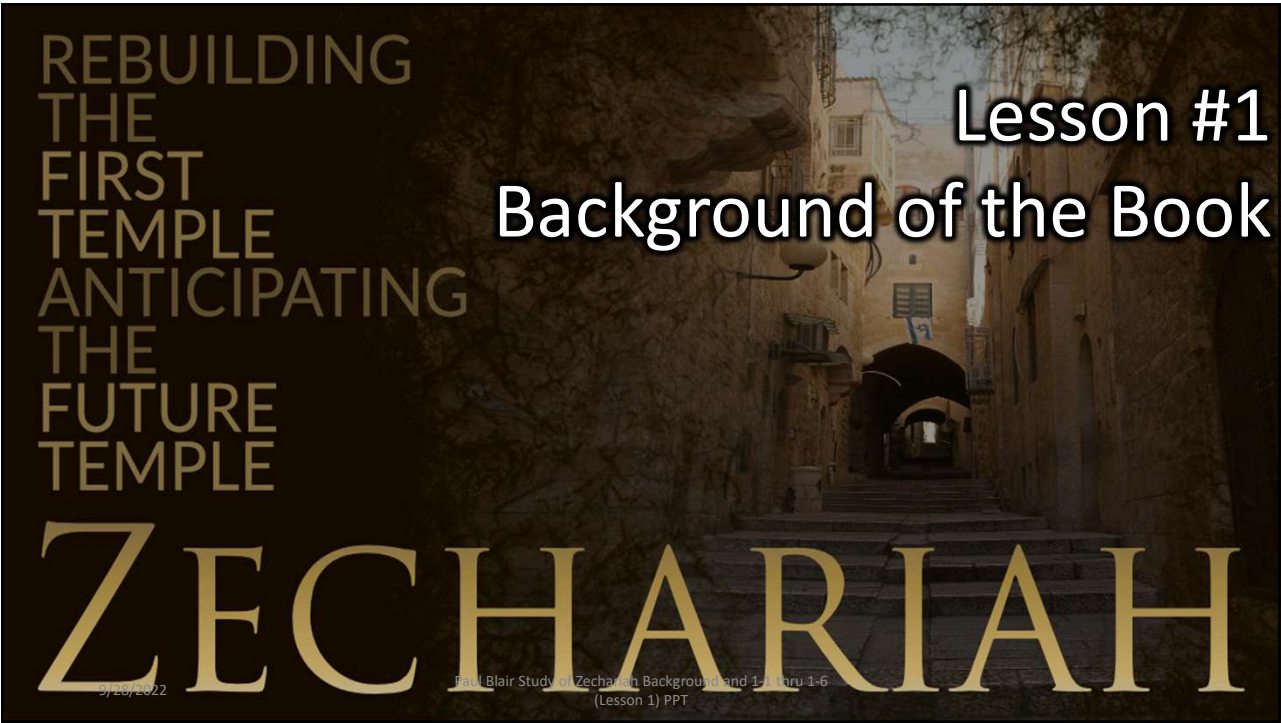


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Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the
Heaven and the earth.

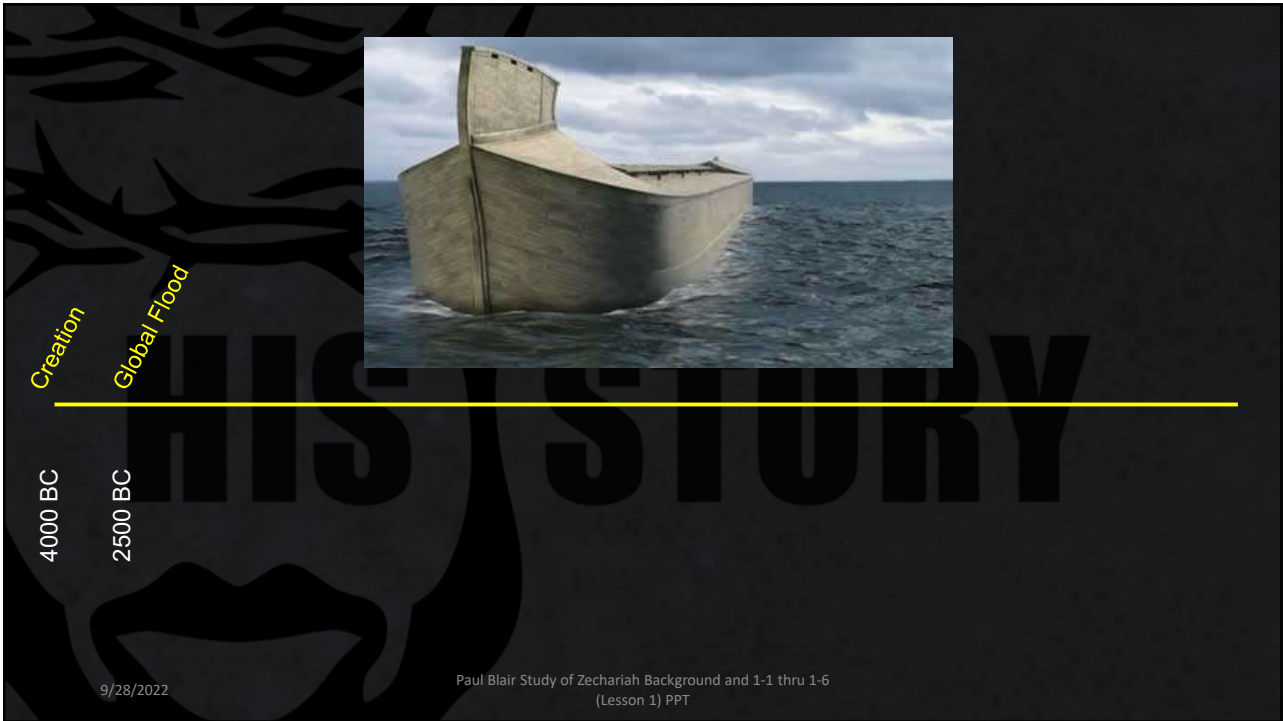
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A map of Mesopotamia and surrounding regions. The Euphrates River flows from the north to the south, and the Tigris River flows from the north to the south, joining the Euphrates. The region is divided into several areas: HITTITES to the west, HORITES to the north, ASSYRIA to the north, MESOPOTAMIA in the center, ACCAD to the east, ELAM to the east, BABYLONIA to the south, and SYRIA to the west. The Persian Gulf is located to the south. The city of Babel (Shinar) is marked on the Euphrates River.

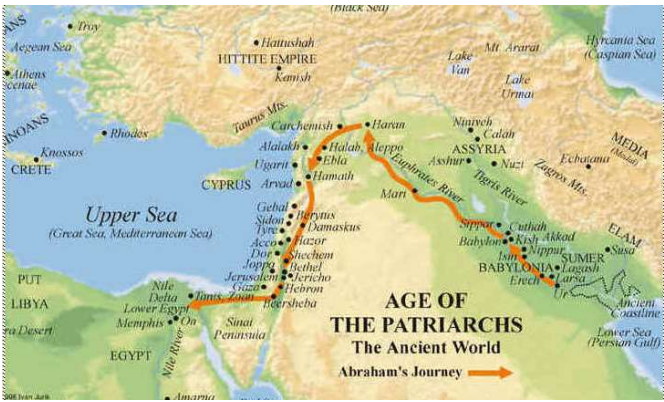


A dramatic illustration of a bearded man, likely a prophet or king, wearing a red robe and a golden crown. He is standing against a background of a sunset or sunrise sky with orange and yellow clouds. He has his arms outstretched, and a city with blue walls is visible at his feet.


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A map of the Ancient World showing the journey of Abraham. The map includes the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf, and the Nile River. Key locations marked include Troy, Hattushah, Carchemish, Baran, Alalakh, Halab, Aleppo, Ugarit, Ebla, Arvad, Hamath, Gubha, Sidon, Tyre, Damascus, Acco, Hazor, Dor, Shechem, Joppa, Bethel, Jerusalem, Gaza, Hebron, Beer Sheva, Ramat, Gaza, and Jerusalem. The journey of Abraham is shown as a red line starting from Mesopotamia, going to Egypt, and back to Mesopotamia. The map also shows the Hittite Empire, Assyria, Elam, and Sumer. The title 'AGE OF THE PATRIARCHS The Ancient World' is at the bottom, with 'Abraham's Journey' indicated by a red arrow.



A dramatic illustration of a bearded man, likely a prophet or king, wearing a white robe and a white head covering. He is standing against a background of a sunset or sunrise sky with orange and yellow clouds. He has his hands clasped in prayer, and a city with blue walls is visible at his feet.

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Creation

Global Flood

Abraham's Call

The Exodus

4000 BC

2500 BC

2000 BC

1500 BC

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Ex 29:45

And I will dwell among the children of Israel,
and will be their God.

Isa 56:7

...for mine house shall be called an house of
prayer for all people.


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Jewish Timeline

Creation	Global Flood	Abraham's Call	The Exodus	The Judges	Kingdom Years	Divided Kingdom	Assyria captures North	Babylon Captures South	Zerubbabel's Return – 70 yrs	Ezra's Revival	Nehemiah's rebuild	Malachi
4000 BC	2500 BC	2000 BC	1500 BC	1450 BC	1050 BC	930 BC	722 BC	606 BC	536 BC	458 BC	445 BC	395 BC




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Creation	Global Flood	Abraham's Call	The Exodus	The Judges
4000 BC	2500 BC	2000 BC	1500 BC	1450 BC



Ezek 5:5

Thus saith the Lord God; **This is Jerusalem:**

I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.

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Divided Kingdom

Assyrian Empire

Babylonian Empire

North

South

4000 BC

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Isa 9:6-7

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, **upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

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Assyrian and Babylonian Kingdoms, 9th to 6th Centuries B.C.

Assyrian Kingdom about 824 B.C.

Assyrian Kingdom about 640 B.C.

Babylonian Kingdom about 550 B.C.

Three Conquests Three Prophets

606BC – **Daniel** taken to Babylon

597BC - **Ezekiel** take to Tel Aviv

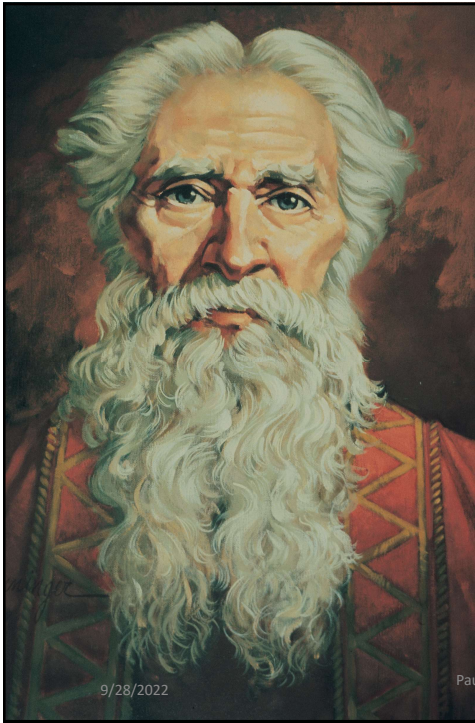
Ezekiel called about 592BC.

586BC – Jerusalem destroyed (**Jeremiah**)

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140 years before Jerusalem fell, God foretold of their return

Isaiah 44:26-28

²⁶ That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

²⁷ That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

²⁸ That saith of **Cyrus**, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

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51 [11.1] (Josephus Antiquities)

their temple, and enjoy their ancient prosperity. And these things God did afford them; for he stirred up the mind of Cyrus, and made him write this throughout all Asia: "Thus saith Cyrus the king: Since God Almighty hath appointed me to be king of the habitable earth, I believe that he is that God which the nation of the Israelites worship; for indeed he foretold my name by the prophets, and that I should build him a house at Jerusalem, in the country of Judea."

2. This was known to Cyrus by his reading the book which Isaiah left behind him of his prophecies; for this prophet said that God had spoken thus to him in a secret vision: "My will is, that Cyrus, whom I have appointed to be king over many and great nations, send back my people to their own land, and build my temple." This was foretold by Isaiah one hundred and forty years before the temple was demolished. Accordingly, when Cyrus read this, and admired the Divine power, an earnest desire and ambition seized upon him to fulfill what was so written; so he called for the most eminent Jews that were in Babylon, and said to them, that he gave them leave to go back to

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70th Week of Daniel

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's (ISRAEL's) trouble; but he (Israel) shall be saved out of it.

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and for your holy city.

KINGDOM

(Age of the Messiah /1000 Year Millennial Reign of Christ)

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed:

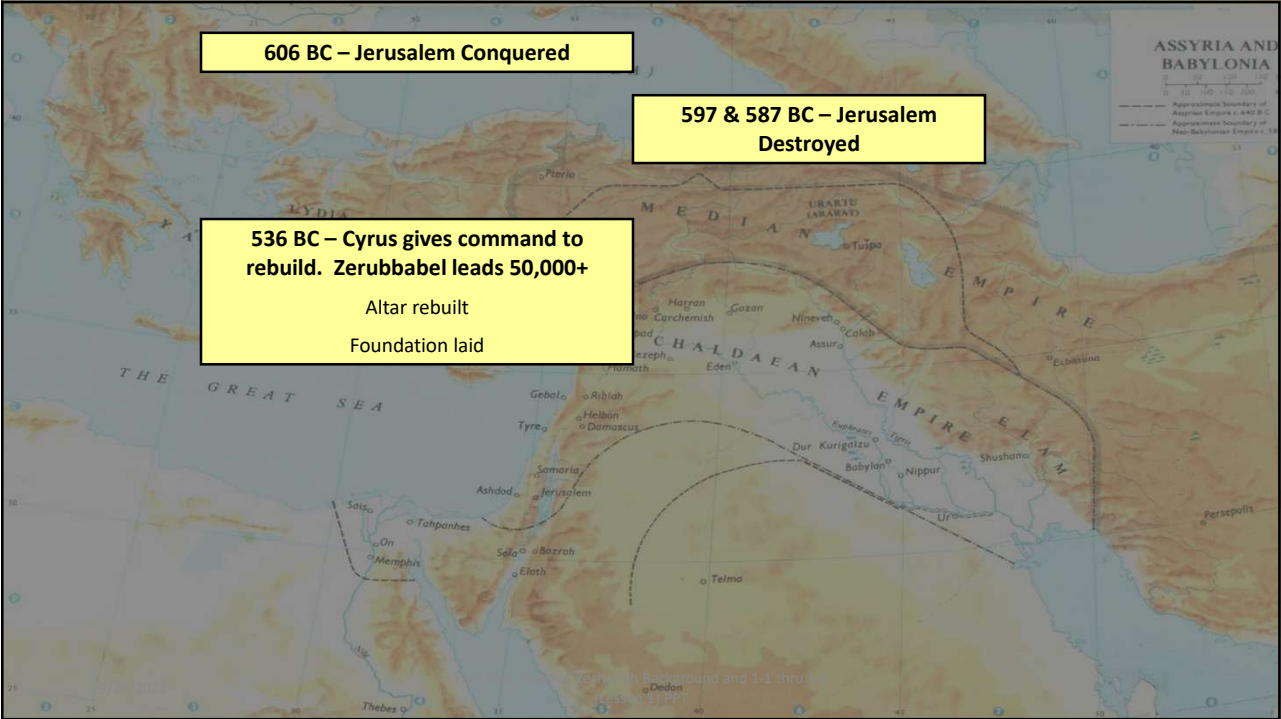
Mic 4:2-4 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the Lord shall go forth from Jerusalem, and shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.

THIS is Bible Prophecy!

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Sargon II and Samaria


When King Sargon II conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BCE he led many Israelites into slavery to Babylon. To insure loyalty Samaria was populated with inhabitants of city of Cutha (40 miles north of Babylon).

The people of ancient Near East believed that each land has its own deities attached to it and it was normal for settlers to adopt local gods. When new settlers from Babylon experienced hardships, a priest was brought back from the Assyrian Empire to teach them how to worship the God of Israel.

A map of the ancient Near East showing the movement of people. A green arrow points from Samaria (in modern-day Israel) to Babylon (in modern-day Iraq), labeled 'Israelites from Samaria'. A red arrow points from Babylon to Samaria, labeled 'Cuthians from Babylon'. The map includes labels for Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and Kuwait. A red pin marks the location of Iraq.

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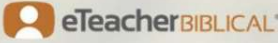
Cuthians and Israel's God

24 The king of Assyria brought men from Babylon and from Cuthah and from Avva and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and settled them in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel... 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Take there one of the priests whom you carried away into exile and let him go and live there; and let him teach them the custom of the god of the land." 28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away into exile from Samaria came and lived at Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the Lord. 29 But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the houses of the high places which the people of Samaria had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived. (2 Kings 17: 24,27-29)

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Samaritan Israelites

Lunar and Solar Calendar

Mt. Gerizim (near Shechem) is the sacred mountain/center of the world

Sacred Texts: Torah (Only Five Books of Moses)

Ancient Hebrew Script (Paleo-Hebrew/Phoenician influenced)


Judean Israelites

Typically Lunar Calendar

Mt. Zion (Jerusalem) is the sacred mountain/center of the world

Sacred Texts: Hebrew Bible (Torah, Prophets, Writings)

Square Hebrew Script (Persian/Aramaic influenced)

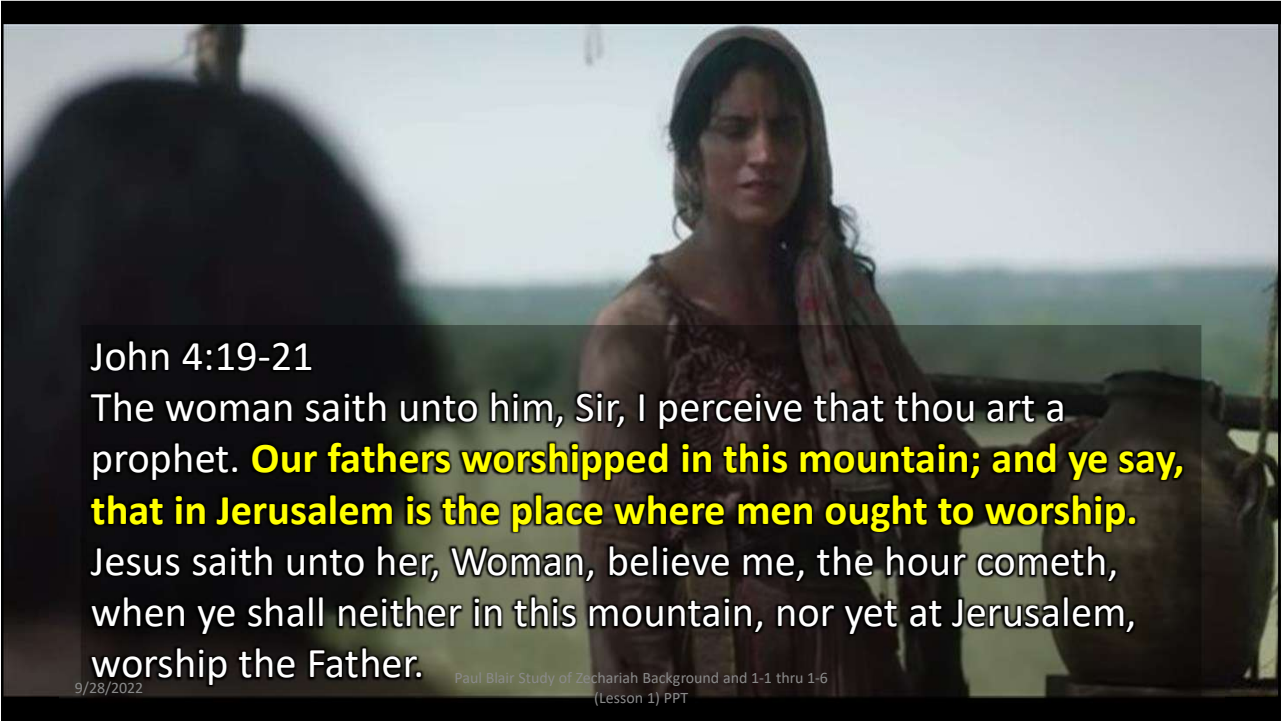


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John 4:19-21

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. **Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.**

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

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Terminology

29 But every nation still made gods of its own and put them in the houses of the high places which the **people of Samaria** (הַשְׁמֶרִיטִים) had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived. (2 Kings 17: 29)

It is reasonable to assume that **some** of the local Israelite population in Samaria mixed with newcomers, **but not all** of them did.



שְׁמֶרִיטִים

Inhabitants of Shomron

שְׁמֶרֶן

(city of Samaria)

According to Samaritan Israelites **Shomronim** was the name given to outsiders who settled in the area. LXX translated this word as

οἱ Σαμαριῖται

(hoi Samatiai)

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Rebuilding the Temple

Not all Israelites were led into captivity by Sargon II. Some remained in Northern Israel, retained their identity, preserved their ancestral ways and their hereditary connection to their forefather Jacob.

Israelite worship that developed in the Northern Kingdom included the rejection of Jerusalem and Davidic dynasty. **These Israelites would not offer help to Judeans in rebuilding their temple.** The offer came from the new foreign settlers.



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Rebuilding the Temple



1 Now when **the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin** heard that the returned exiles were building a temple to the Lord, the God of Israel, 2 they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' houses and said to them, **"Let us build with you, for we worship your God as you do, and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria who brought us here."** 3 But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses in Israel said to them, **"You have nothing to do with us** in building a house to our God..." (Ezra 4: 1-3)

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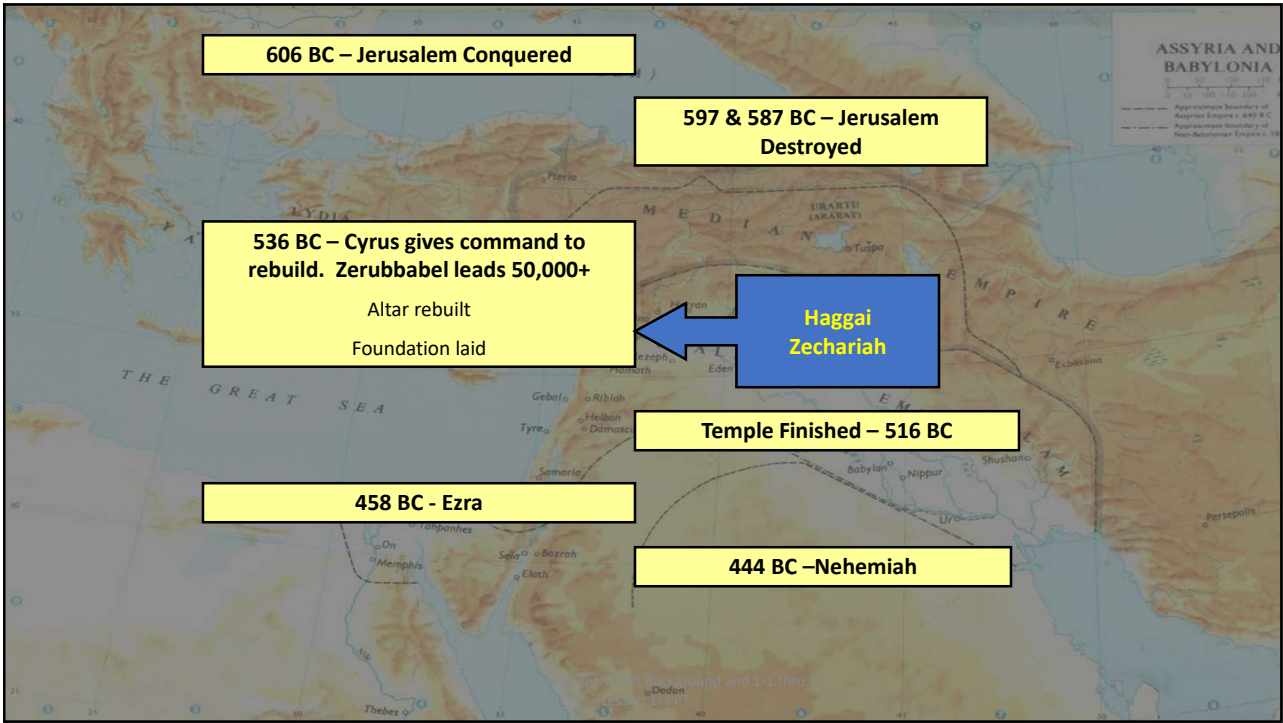
Cyrus Command:
Ezra 1:3
Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and **build the house of the Lord God of Israel**, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem.

Ahasuerus New Concern:
Ezra 4:21
Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that **this city be not builded**, until another commandment shall be given from me.

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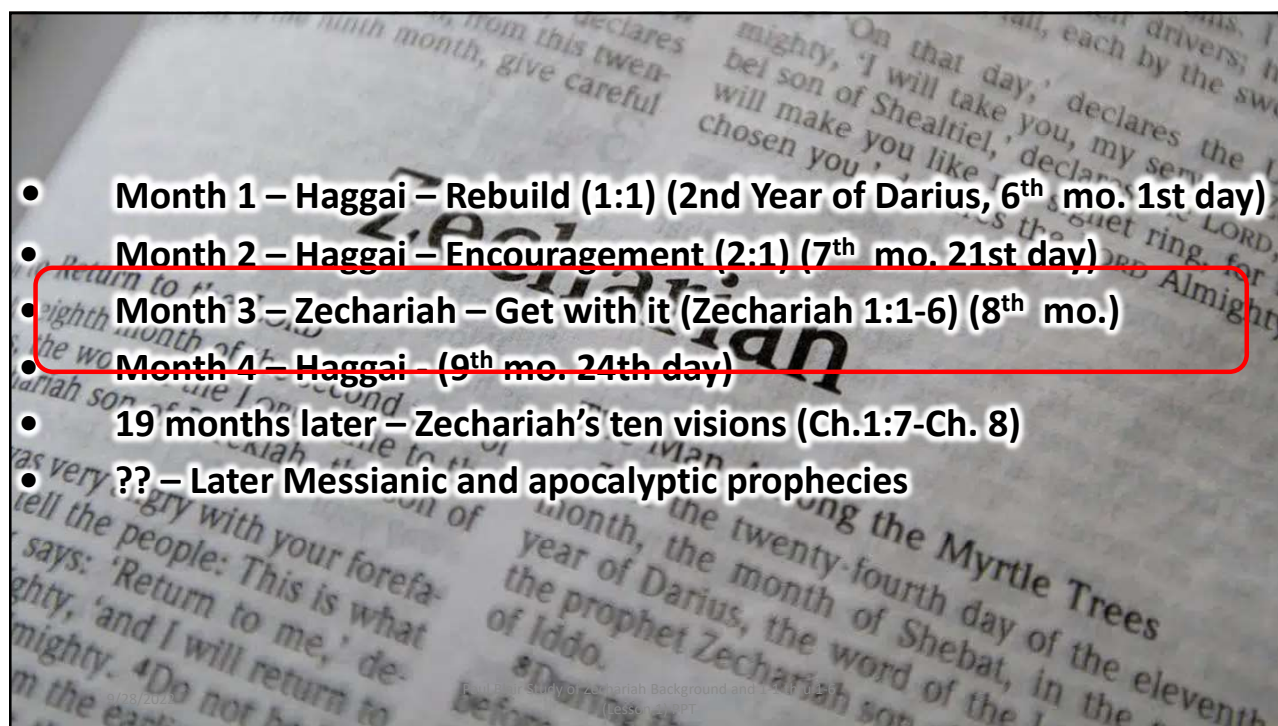
Zechariah will have series of visions, ten of which occur in one night, early in his ministry. More will follow late in his life. The visions predict the:

- **Overthrow of Gentile world powers**
- **The judgment of apostate Jews**
- **The cleansing restoration and glory of a remnant**
- **The future prosperity of Jerusalem.**
- He also presents the King entering Jerusalem humbly on an ass, betrayed and rejected for 30 pieces of silver, smitten as the good shepherd, returning in power on the Mt. of Olives to rule the world.

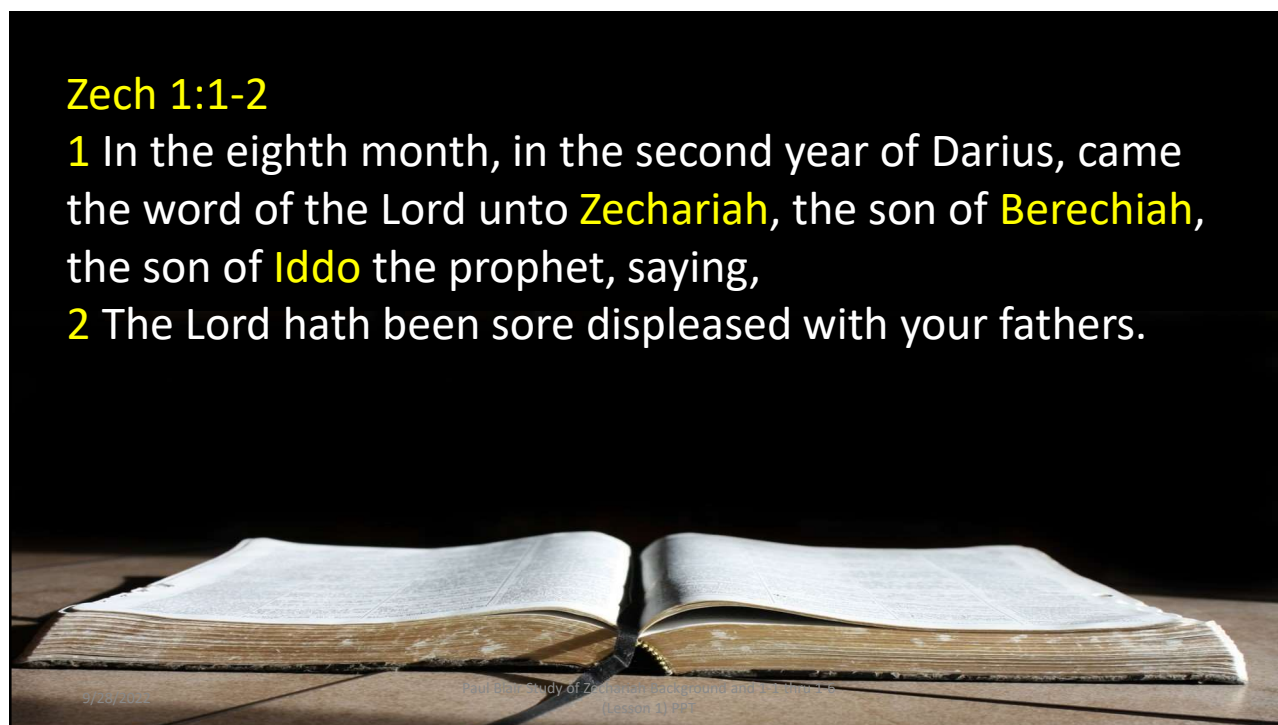
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Zechariah	• <i>“whom Jehovah remembers”</i>
Son of Berechiah	• <i>“Jehovah Blesses”</i>
Son (grandson) of Iddo	• <i>“the appointed time”</i>

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3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts.

4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; **Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings:** but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the Lord.



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Sh'ma Yisrael (Shema)

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

עֲקֹשׁ לֹא־רָשִׁי הַקּוֹי וּנְהַלֵּא הַקּוֹי דְּחָא

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

תִּבְרָאָה וְתֵא הַקּוֹי רַחֵלֵא לְכָבֵר רַבְכָּל לְכָבוֹרְשִׁפִּנ לְכָבוֹרְדָאָה

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OT:8085 שְׁמָעַ shama' (shaw-mah'); a primitive root; to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively, to tell, etc.):

KJV - attentively, call (gather) together, carefully, certainly, consent, consider, be content, declare, diligently, discern, give ear, (cause to, let, make to) hear (-ken, tell), indeed, listen, make (a) noise, (be) obedient, obey, perceive, (make a) proclaim (-ation), publish, regard, report, shew (forth), (make a) sound, surely, tell, understand, whosoever [heareth], witness.

OT:8086 שְׁמָעַ shema' (Ar. maic) (shem-ah'); corresponding to OT:8085:

KJV - hear, obey.

OT:8087 שְׁמָעַ Shema' (sheh'-mah); for the same as OT:8088; Shema, the name of a place in Palestine and of four Israelites:

KJV - Shema.

OT:8088 שְׁמָעַ shema' (shay'-mah); from OT:8085; something heard, i.e. a sound, rumor, announcement; abstractly audience.

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Charges Against Judah:

- Dishonest in Business
- Ignored Sabbatical Release
- Unjust weights and measures
- Removed landmarks
- Bribed judges
- Leaders fed off of the flock rather than caring for it
- Disrespectful to parents and elders.
- Didn't care for their family
- They lived for revelry and drunken parties.
- They murdered their children.
- Religion became big business.
- They were no longer ashamed of immorality even CELEBRATING homosexuality and paraded and reveled in their debauchery.
- Things that common sense and God said was evil, they called good.
- Things that experience and common sense and God called good, they called evil.
- They were proud and arrogant
- Their court system became corrupt
- The government was corrupt
- They denied and abandoned God
- They went through the motions of religion – "Look! We have the Temple."

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The Last Straw? An Economic Injustice

Jer 34:15-17

15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

16 But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus saith the Lord; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

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⁵ Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever?
⁶ But **my words and my statutes**, which I commanded my servants the prophets, **did they not take hold of your fathers?** and they returned and said, Like as the Lord of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

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