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JUDE 3: YE SHOULD EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS

**BkEzekiel 1. THE THIRTIETH YEAR** (a prelude to Ezekiel) **Text:** [Eze 1:1-2](#)  
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**Ezekiel 1:1** Now it came to pass in the **thirtieth year**, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

**Ezekiel 1:2** In the fifth *day* of the month, which was the **fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity**,

*What is the thirtieth year? Thirty years from what? Why is it important to Ezekiel? These answers are revealed in understanding the scope of Ezekiel and the entire Bible: "ye shall know that I am the LORD" (Ge 1:1; Joh 1:1-3; 1Jo 5:6-8; Joh 1:18; 5:39; Psa 40:7; 2Ti 2:15; 3:16-17); a must: knowing what God meant when He said it and how He said it. It is all revealed in biblical context.*

**1. Ezekiel's prophetic ministry began exactly 30 years after the beginning of king Josiah's monumental 13 years of revival** (background [2Ch 34:1-13](#)).

**2. But what sparked the revival?** ([2Ch 34:14-33](#); [35:1-19](#); [2Ki 23:1-25](#)).

592 BC	<b>fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity</b> , ( <a href="#">Eze 1:1-2</a> ) – Ezekiel's prophetic ministry begins.
+30 622 BC	king Josiah's 13 years of sanctifying revival began thirty years earlier (see heading above).
- 13 609 BC	king Josiah dies, revival ends; Judah becomes a vassal kingdom of Egypt ( <a href="#">2Chr 35:20-27</a> ).
- 3 606 BC	king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon sieges Judah – 1 <sup>st</sup> deportation to Babylon includes Daniel ( <a href="#">Da 1:1-7</a> ).
- 1 605 BC	king Nebuchadnezzar defeats Egypt at Carchemish, Judah & Egypt become vassals of Babylon ( <a href="#">Jer 46:2</a> ).
- 8 597 BC	king Nebuchadnezzar's 2 <sup>nd</sup> deportation of Judah to Babylon includes king Jehoiachin and Ezekiel (2Ki 24:15).
- 5 592 BC	five years to the <b>fifth year of king Jehoiachin's captivity</b> , ( <a href="#">Eze 1:2</a> ) which is called the <b>thirtieth year</b> ( <a href="#">Eze 1:1</a> ). ...the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ( <a href="#">Eze 1:1</a> )

**This message shows what God will do with **one person**, even a child who:**

1. has a heart (a) for God, (b) to seek God, (c) to study and to know God;
2. fears and has great respect for the Word of God and is committed do it;
3. teaches righteousness, effectively destroying all false religious doctrines; and
4. works to use their influence to remove all evil and demonic practices.

**GOD WILL USE THESE PRACTICES TO SUPPLY REVIVAL**

**Josiah's sanctifying revival was prophesied c.383 years earlier [1Ki 13:1-6](#)  
why? so "ye shall know that I am the LORD"**

**1 Kings 13:2** And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. [2Ch 34:1-5](#)

**Divided kingdom background: [1Ki 11:1-13](#), [26-43](#)**

**Israel's Divided Kingdom (G) = good king, (B) = bad king**

**why? because of their sins but also so "ye shall know that I am the LORD"**

Judah – Southern 2 Tribes		Israel – Northern 10 Tribes, aka Ephraim		
King	Reign (BC)	King	Reign (BC)	Prophets (BC)
1. Rehoboam (B)	975-958, 17 yrs	1. Jeroboam I (B)	975-954, 22 yrs	
2. Abijah (B)	958-955, 3 yrs	2. Nadab (B)	954-953, 2 yrs	
3. Asa (G)	955-915, 41 yrs	3. Baasha (B)	953-930, 24 yrs	
4. Jehoshaphat (G)	914-889, 25 yrs	4. Elah (B)	930-929, 2 yrs	
5. Jehoram (B)	893-886*, 8 yrs	5. Zimri (B)	929-925*, c.4 yrs	
6. Ahaziah (B)	886*, c.1 year	6. Omri (B)	929-918*, 12 yrs	Micaiah ( <a href="#">1Ki 22:8</a> )
7. Athaliah (B) Queen	886-879*, 6 yrs	7. Ahab (B)	918-897*, 22 yrs	Elijah 918-910? 910-897
8. Joash (G)	879-839, 40 yrs	8. Ahaziah (B)	898-897*, 2 yrs	
9. Amaziah (G)	839-810, 29 yrs	9. Joram (B)	897-886, 12 yrs	Elisha 897-838
10. Azariah, Uzziah (G)	810-758*, 52 yrs	10. Jehu (B)	886-857, 28 yrs	Jonah c.825
11. Jotham (G)	758-742*, 16 yrs	11. Jehoahaz (B)	857-840, 17 yrs	Joel c.820
12. Ahaz (B)	742-726, 16 yrs	12. Jehoash (B)	840-825, 16 yrs	Amos c.788
13. Hezekiah (G)	726-697, 29 yrs	13. Jeroboam II (B)	825-784, 41 yrs	Hosea 785-720
114. Manasseh (B)	697-842, 55 yrs	INTERREGNUM	784-773, 11 yrs	Isaiah 759-697
15. Amon (B)	642-640, 2 yrs	14. Zachariah (B)	773, 6 months	Micah 754-697
16. Josiah (G) ( <a href="#">2Ki 23:25</a> ; <a href="#">Jer 3:6-10</a> )	640-609, 31 yrs Revival 622-609 BC Josiah's 18 <sup>th</sup> yr 622 BC	15. Shallum (B)	772, 1 month	Nahum 663-615?
		16. Menahem (B)	771-761, 10 yrs	Zephaniah c.610
		17. Pekahiah (B)	761-759, 2 yrs	Habbakuk c.607
17. Jehoahaz (B)	609, 3 months	18. Pekah (B)	759-739, 20 yrs	Daniel 606-534
18. Jehoakim (B)	609-598, 11 yrs	INTERREGNUM	739-730	Ezekiel 593-570
19. Jehoachin (B)	598-597, 3 mo 10 days	19. Hoshea (B)	730-721, 9 yrs	Obadiah 585
20. Zedekiah (B)	597-586, 11 yrs	<b>No good kings – no revival</b>		Haggai 520
<b>Total: 390 years</b>		<b>Total: 254</b>		Zechariah 520-519

\* Co-regency

**586 BC: King Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and deported Judah to Babylon**

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**Babylonian Captivity Deportations**

Date	606 BC	597 BC	586 BC
<b>Deported to</b>	Kings Court	Nebuchadnezzar's Canal	Nebuchadnezzar's Canal
<b>Notable Deportees</b>	Daniel and friends key royal families	King Jehoiachin, Ezekiel, 10,000 skilled craftsmen	King Zedekiah, balance of the people except a few poor