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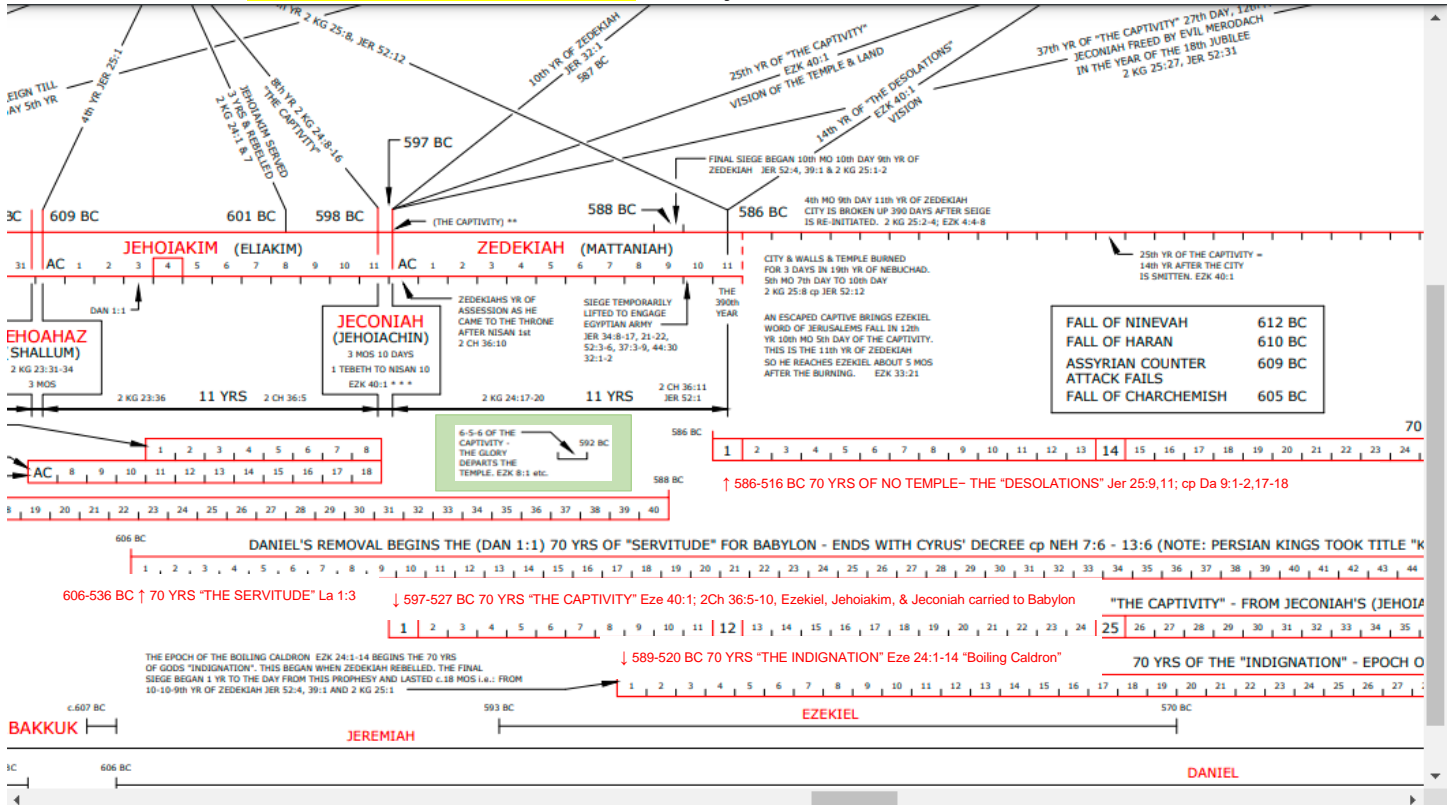
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JUDE 3: YE SHOULD EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS

BkEze 8-9. WHY THE HOLY SPIRIT BEGINS LEAVING THE TEMPLE

Text: Ezekiel 8-9 LightHouse Ranch Church James P. Porteous 02-19-23

Ex 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:



Eze 8:1 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.

Eze 8:2 Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.

Eze 8:3 And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. (read on, see why)

Eze 8:4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

Eze 8:5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and **behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.** (*significant, read on*)

Eze 8:6 He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.

Seest what they do? Go in and behold...	
Who	the house of Israel
What	committing great abominations; idols; demonic images portrayed
Where	at the gate of the altar; (<i>of the temple</i>) the door of the court; a hole in the wall; a hidden door in the wall
Why	that I should go far off from my sanctuary

Eze 8:7 And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall.

Eze 8:8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door.

Eze 8:9 And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.

Eze 8:10 So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about.

Eze 8:11 And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up.

Eze 8:12 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.

Eze 8:13 He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.

Eze 8:14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which *was* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.

So I went in and saw	
Saw Who	seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel; representing elders of Israel chosen by God, Nu 11:16-17 ; the Sanhedrin in Christ's day
What	every man his censer in his hand; burning incense to idols and demons in the dark; women weeping for false gods
Why	they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth

Eze 8:15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations than these.

Eze 8:16 And he brought me into	
Where	the inner court of the LORD'S house, (<i>the holy place where the shewbread, the candlestick, and the altar of incense is where only priests offer incense to the LORD, not into the holiest of holies where the ark of the covenant and the mercy seat are</i>)
Why	and, (<i>to</i>) behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, <i>were</i> about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

Eze 8:17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

Eze 8:18 Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.

Significance of the image of jealousy in Eze 8:1-5	
<p>Eze 8:3 And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.</p> <p>Eze 8:4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.</p> <p>Eze 8:5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.</p>	<p>The LORD caused Ezekiel to be an eye witness of the wickedness and complete disregard of the LORD by hypocritical leaders performing their temple duties in the light, but in the dark worshipping and sacrificing to demons and false gods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. in Jerusalem and 2. in the temple, <p>provoking Him to jealousy. The temple mount is to the north and just outside of old city Jerusalem. (Ex 20:3-6; 34:14; Na 1:2-5)</p>
<p>De 32:21 They have moved me to jealousy with <i>that which is</i> not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with <i>those which are</i> not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.</p>	<p>God said through Moses before the Israelites entered Canaan (De 32)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. you make me jealous with your spiritual wickedness; 2. I will make you jealous by bringing in the Gentile to be a people unto me.

Eze 9:1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.

Eze 9:2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them

Ezekiel sees in a vision actual spiritual warfare going on in the heavenlies that will ultimately play out on earth, especially in the tribulation period and by Christ at His second advent.

Six men: angelic servants of God with oversight over Jerusalem.

Man; linen; writer's inkhorn: describing a head angel or archangel; a type of Christ.

Mark on the forehead: God's seal noting those who hate iniquity and love righteousness. God's care for the righteous; a type of the rapture.

Slay utterly: portrays second death for those who disregard and do not love and live God and His Word.

was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.

Eze 9:3 And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house.

And he called to the man clothed with linen, which *had* the writer's inkhorn by his side;

Eze 9:4 And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.

Eze 9:5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:

Eze 9:6 Slay utterly old *and* young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which *were* before the house.

Eze 9:7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city.

Eze 9:8 And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?

Eze 9:9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah *is* exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.

Eze 9:10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will recompense their way upon their head.

Eze 9:11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which *had* the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me. ([John 8:28-31](#))