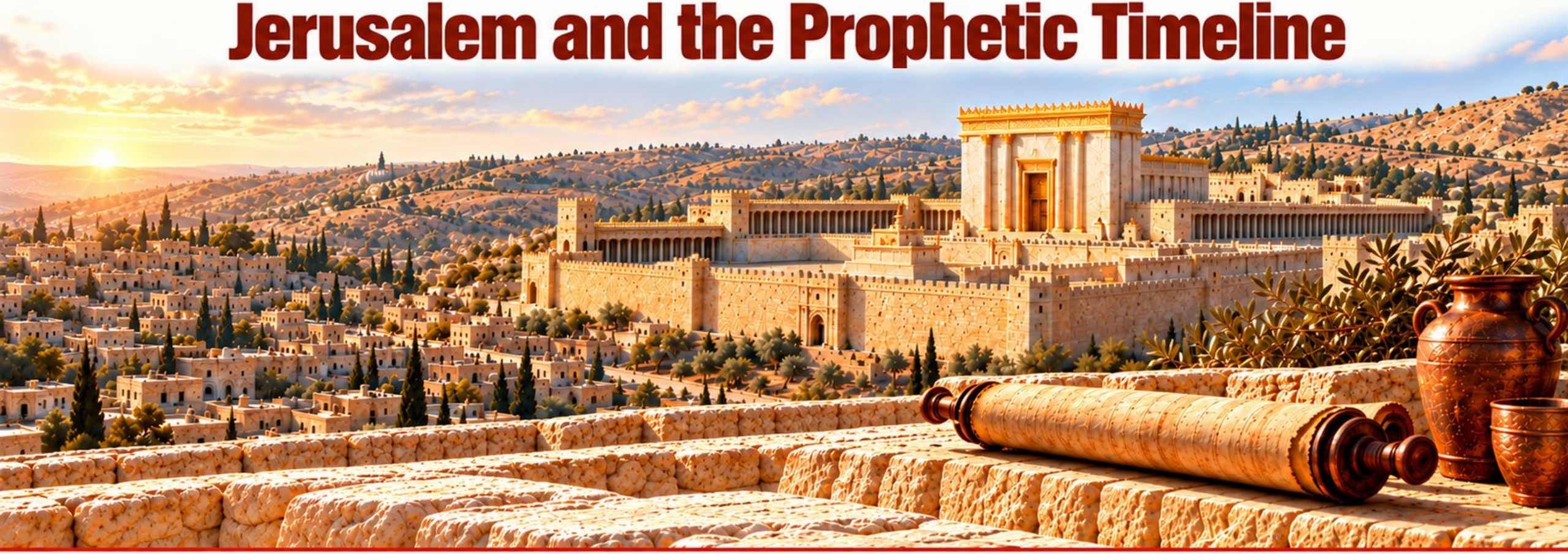
The Mystery of Babylon the Great

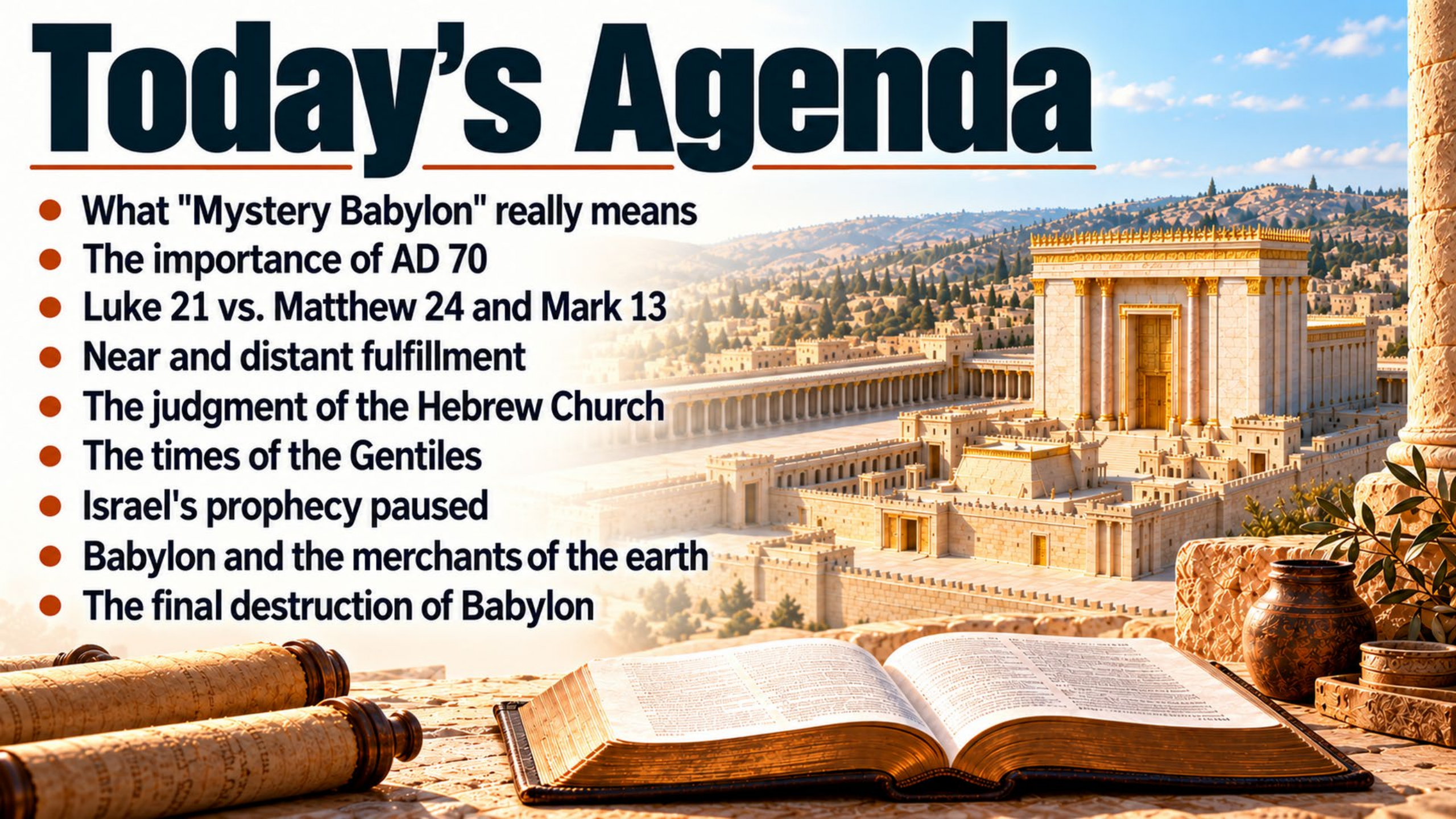
Jerusalem and the Prophetic Timeline



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Today's Agenda



- What "Mystery Babylon" really means
- The importance of AD 70
- Luke 21 vs. Matthew 24 and Mark 13
- Near and distant fulfillment
- The judgment of the Hebrew Church
- The times of the Gentiles
- Israel's prophecy paused
- Babylon and the merchants of the earth
- The final destruction of Babylon

WHAT DOES "BABYLON" REALLY MEAN?



Many believe the literal city of Babylon
will be rebuilt on the Euphrates River.

But what does Scripture say?

Isaiah 13:19–20

**"And Babylon... shall never be inhabited,
neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation..."**

- Scripture says Babylon would never again be inhabited.
- So who is the Babylon in Revelation?

LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

Mystery, Babylon the Great



Revelation 17:5

“And upon her forehead was a name written,
MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT…”

The word **Mystery** is important.

Could **Babylon** be another name for a different city?

Has God done this before? **Yes.**

Jerusalem Called "Sodom and Gomorrah"

Look at how God speaks to Jerusalem and Judah.



Isaiah 1:9-10

"Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah."

Then:

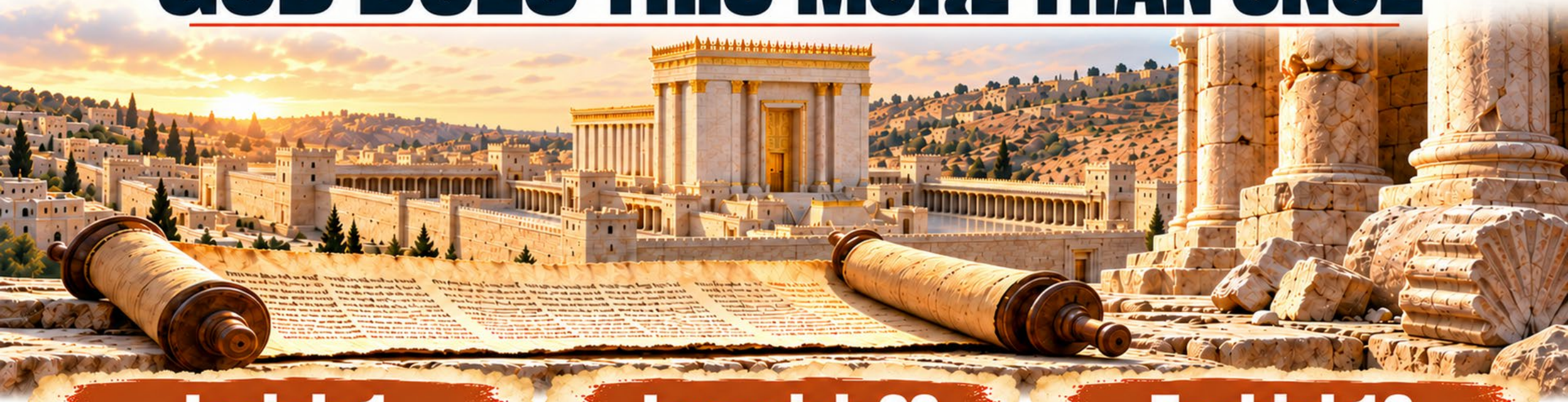
"Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah."

God calls them:

- **Sodom**
- **Gomorrah**

Yet He is talking to Judah and Jerusalem.

GOD DOES THIS MORE THAN ONCE



Isaiah 1

Jerusalem/Judah →
Sodom and Gomorrah

Jeremiah 23

Jerusalem →
compared with Sodom

Ezekiel 16

Jerusalem →
compared with Sodom

Ezekiel 16 is specifically directed toward Jerusalem and then compares Jerusalem with Sodom.

GOD HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED THE PATTERN.
Apostate Jerusalem can be called by the name of another wicked place.

JERUSALEM'S ABOMINATIONS

Isaiah 1:10 (KJV)

10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

Jeremiah 23:14 (KJV)

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

Ezekiel 16 (KJV)

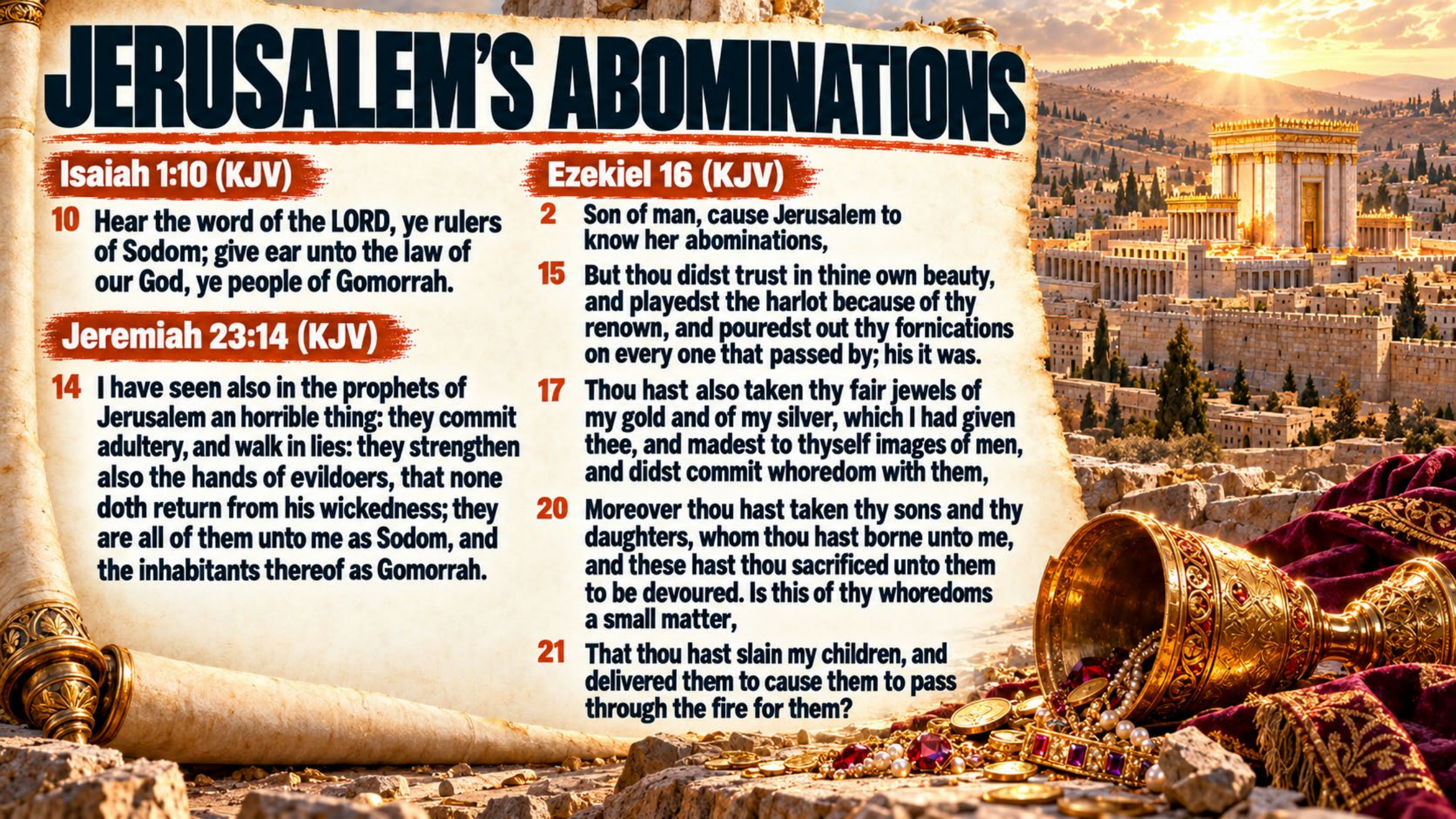
2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

15 But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.

17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them,

20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter,

21 That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?



JERUSALEM IS THE HARLOT

Ezekiel 16:2 (KJV)

2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

Ezekiel 16:30, 33–35 (KJV)

30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

33 They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

34 And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD:

Ezekiel 16:48, 51–52 (KJV)

48 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.

52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

Ezekiel 16:32 (KJV)

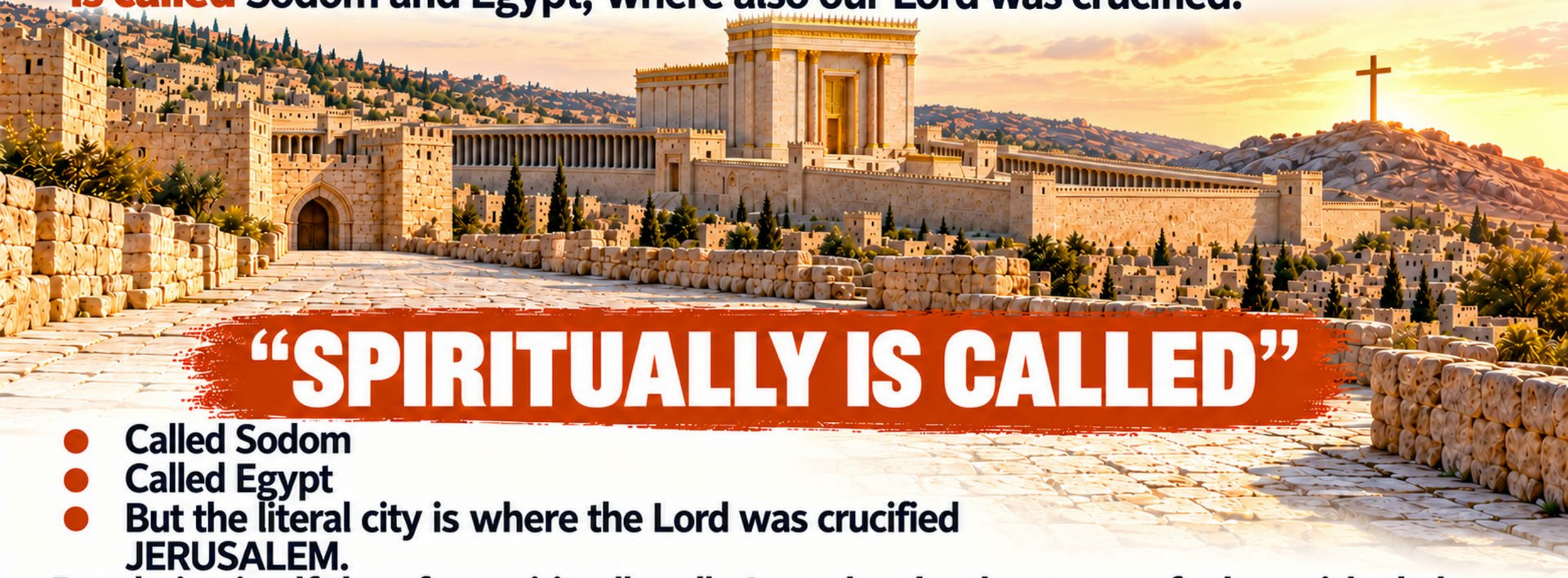
“But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!”



REVELATION DOES THE SAME THING

Revelation 11:8

"And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."



"SPIRITUALLY IS CALLED"

- Called Sodom
- Called Egypt
- But the literal city is where the Lord was crucified JERUSALEM.

Revelation itself therefore spiritually calls Jerusalem by the names of other wicked places.

THE WOMAN IS THAT GREAT CITY

Revelation 17:1 (KJV)

"…I will shew unto thee the judgment of the **great whore**…"

Revelation 17:3 (KJV)

"…I saw **a woman** sit upon a scarlet coloured beast…"

Revelation 17:5 (KJV)

"…MYSTERY, **BABYLON THE GREAT**…"



Revelation 17:18 (KJV)

"And **the woman which thou sawest is that great city,** which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

THE WHORE IS THE WOMAN. THE WOMAN IS THE GREAT CITY.

GOD'S HARSHEST WORDS WERE FOR ISRAEL

Isaiah 1:21 (KJV)

"How is the faithful city become an **harlot!**"

Hosea 1:2 (KJV)

"…take unto thee a wife of **whoredoms**…"

Ezekiel 8:6 (KJV)

"…the great **abominations** that the house of Israel committeth…"



Amos 3:2 (KJV)

"You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."

THE HARSHEST LANGUAGE IS FOR THOSE IN COVENANT.

SO WHAT ABOUT BABYLON?

Now go back to:

Revelation 17:5

"MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT..."



We already have the pattern:

Jerusalem → Sodom **Jerusalem → Gomorrah** **Jerusalem → Egypt**

So why could not apostate Jerusalem also be called:

BABYLON?

Especially when the identifying marks of Babylon keep pointing us back to apostate Jerusalem.

The Blood of the Prophets



Revelation 18:24

"And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints..."

Compare:
Luke 13:33-34

"...it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets..."

And:
Matthew 23:35

"THAT UPON YOU MAY COME ALL THE RIGHTEOUS BLOOD SHED UPON THE EARTH..."

Who is charged with the blood of the prophets? Jerusalem.

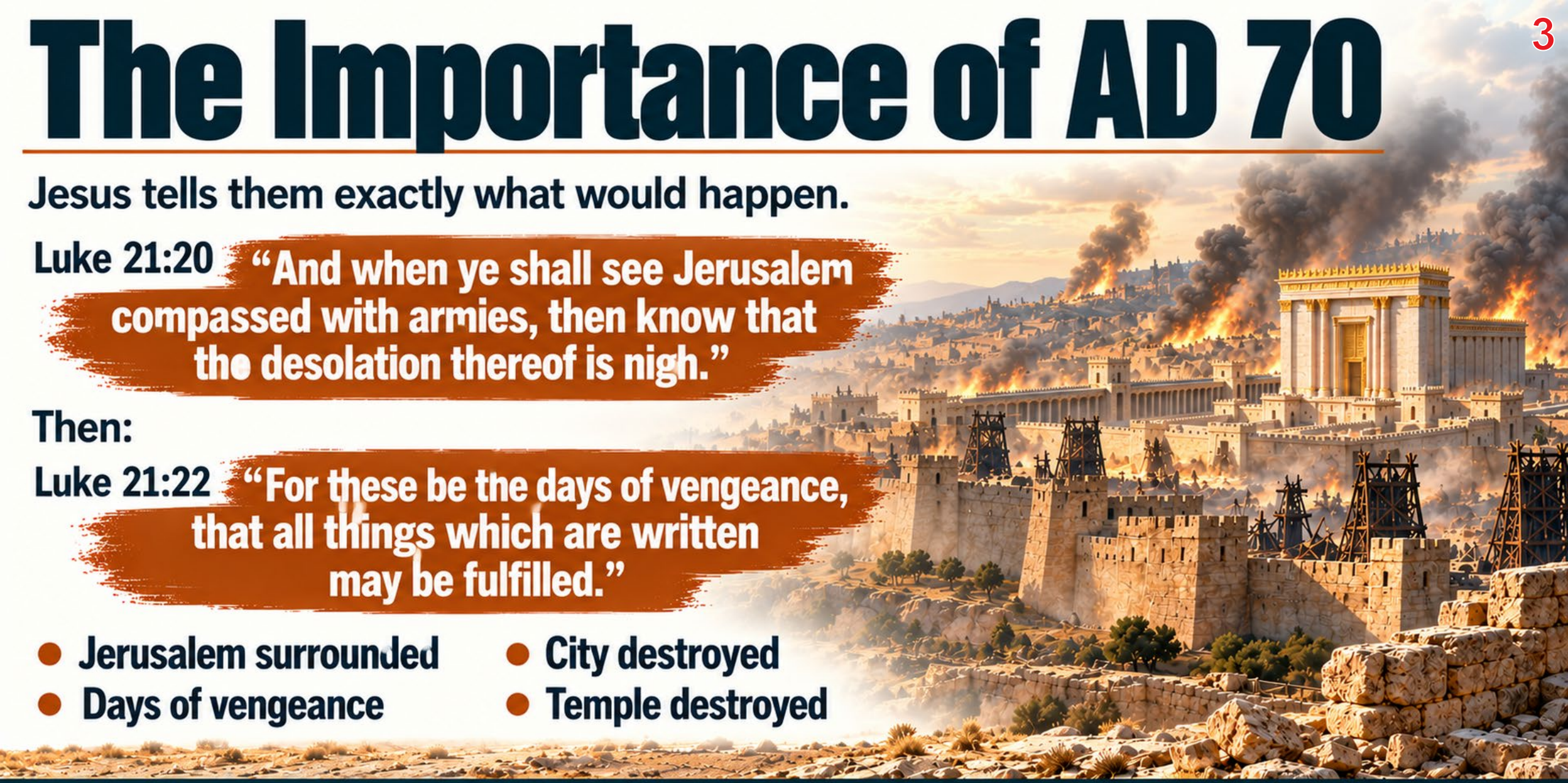
The Importance of AD 70

Jesus tells them exactly what would happen.

Luke 21:20 "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh."

Then:

Luke 21:22 "For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled."



- Jerusalem surrounded
- Days of vengeance
- City destroyed
- Temple destroyed

This happened in AD 70. But was this the complete fulfillment?

AD 70 SEALED THE DISMISSAL

Israel's dismissal is divorcement: lo-ammi, "not My people."

1 DIVORCEMENT
The dismissal is the long-threatened divorcement of Israel.

2 PRONOUNCED (DE JURE)
During the Saviour's public ministry.

3 STAY OF EXECUTION
A reprieve and second appeal at Pentecost.

4 EFFECTED (DE FACTO)
Acts 28: the dispersed Jew shows the same unbelief.

5 GENTILE PROMINENCE
A mystery is introduced; Isaiah 6:9, 10 fulfilled.

6 AD 70 SEALED IT
Temple destroyed and ploughed up. Micah 3:12, Matt. 23:38, Matt. 24:2 fulfilled.

7 PAUL'S PRISON MINISTRY
Bridges the gulf to the dispensation of the mystery.



NATIONAL AND FINAL.

C. H. Welch
The Berean Expositor

LUKE 21: THE TIMELINE

Bullinger's key: verse 12 goes back chronologically



Luke 21:8–9: First sign speedily fulfilled

Luke 21:10–11: Beginnings of sorrows, not completed before AD 70

BUT BEFORE ALL THESE

Luke 21:12

Jesus goes back to events before the beginnings of sorrows.

Luke 21:12–24a

JERUSALEM'S DESTRUCTION

Persecution, Jerusalem surrounded, AD 70, deaths and captivity.

Luke 21:24b

UNTIL

Jerusalem trodden down by Gentiles until their times are fulfilled. This continues beyond AD 70.

Luke 21:25–27

YET FUTURE

Future signs and the coming of the Son of Man.

VERSE 12 BACKS UP THE TIMELINE

E. W. Bullinger · The Companion Bible, Appendix 155

LUKE 21:1-25

vv. 1–4 Temple treasury | vv. 5–7 Temple's destruction foretold | vv. 8–11 Warnings and signs

"BUT BEFORE ALL THESE..."

Luke 21:12 (KJV)

vv. 12–19
PERSECUTION AND TESTIMONY
Synagogues and prisons.
Before kings and rulers.
v. 13 "And it shall turn to you for a testimony."

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vv. 20–24a
AD 70
"And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh."
Death and captivity

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v. 24b
UNTIL
"...and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

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v. 25
YET FUTURE
"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;"

FROM THEN UNTIL AD 70



LUKE 21:1–7

Luke 21:1–4 (KJV)

1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:

4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

Luke 21:5–7 (KJV)

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,

6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?



LUKE 21:8–11

Luke 21:8–9 (KJV)

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.

Luke 21:10–11 (KJV)

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:

11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.



LUKE 21:12–19

Luke 21:12–15 (KJV)

12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

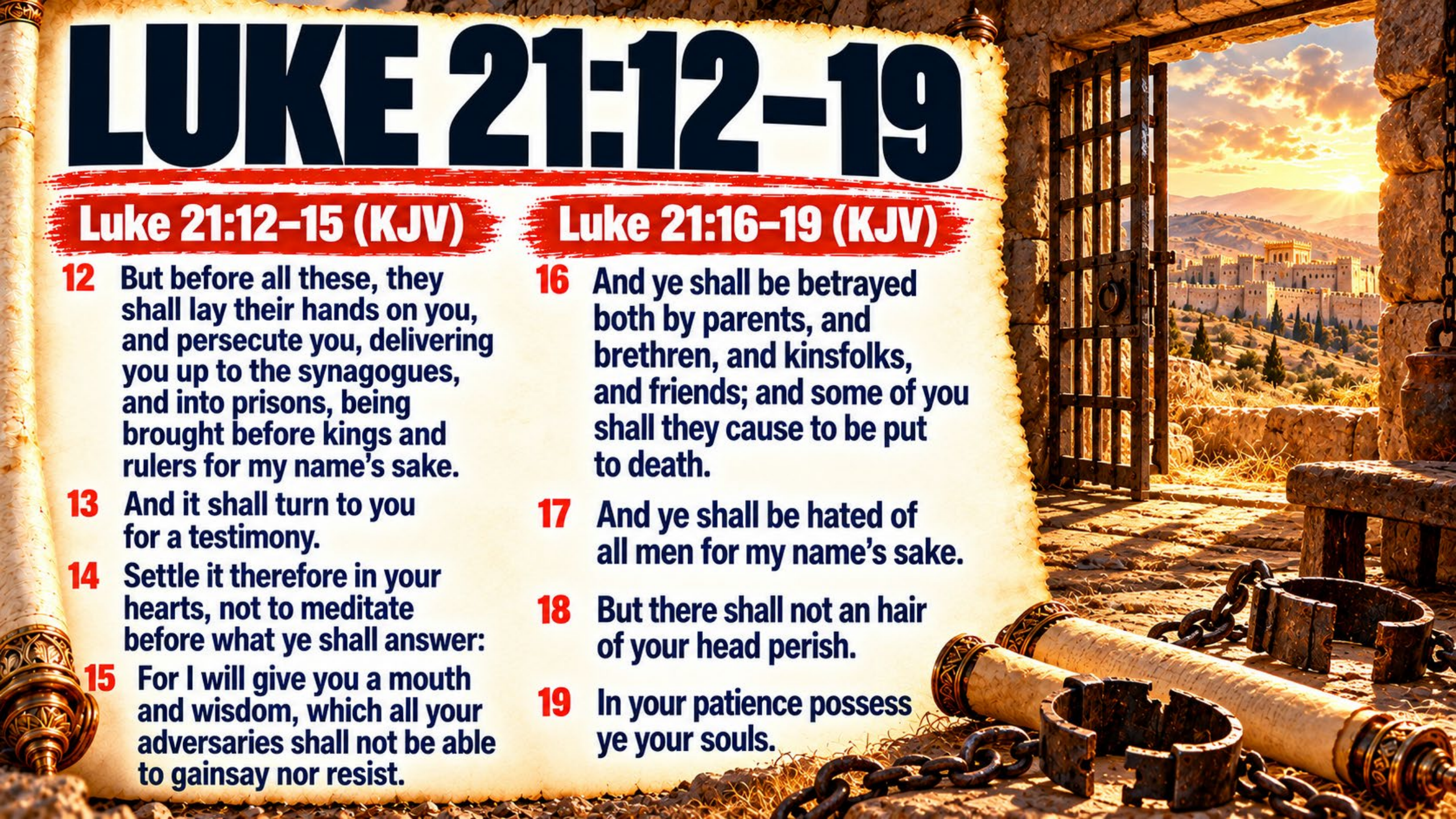
Luke 21:16–19 (KJV)

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

19 In your patience possess ye your souls.



LUKE 21:20–24

Luke 21:20–22 (KJV)

20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh.

21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

Luke 21:23–24 (KJV)

23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.



1 Thessalonians 2:16 (KJV)

"...for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost."

LUKE 21:25–28

Luke 21:25–26 (KJV)

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Luke 21:27–28 (KJV)

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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



LUKE 21:29–33

Luke 21:29–30 (KJV)

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

Luke 21:31–33 (KJV)

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.



NEAR AND DISTANT FULFILLMENT

There is a near fulfillment and a distant completion.



NEAR

- Israel blinded
- Jerusalem surrounded
- Days of vengeance
- City and Temple destroyed
- Hebrew Church judged afterward

DISTANT

- Israel returns to the land
- Apostasy again
- Jerusalem judged again
- Holy seed remains

AD 70 DID NOT EXHAUST THE PROPHECY.

There is more to come.

Isaiah 6

This same pattern is considered in Isaiah 6.

ISRAEL BLINDED

Isaiah 6:9-10 - Paul quotes these verses at the close of Acts (Acts 28:25-28).

THE LAND DESOLATE

Isaiah 6:11-12 - **"Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate..."**

The national judgment at the close of Acts and the physical destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 are distinct events in this study.

BLINDNESS - THEN DESTRUCTION

But Isaiah does not stop there.



“IT SHALL RETURN” — RETURN WHERE?

Isaiah 6:13

“But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return,
and shall be eaten… so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.”

RETURN WHERE?

TO THE LAND.

- Israel blinded
- Land desolated
- Israel returns
- Another purging
- Holy seed remains



AD 70 DID NOT EXHAUST THE PROPHECY.

There is more to come.

WHAT ABOUT REVELATION?

This brings up an important question:

DID SOME OF REVELATION BEGIN TO COME TO PASS?

Could some of Revelation have a near fulfillment around AD 70
and afterward, while its complete fulfillment remains future?



NEAR

AD 70, followed by the
judgment of the Hebrew Church.

DISTANT

The future Day of the Lord
and the complete fulfillment.

SIGNS IN THE TEMPLE

Josephus records unusual events before the Temple was destroyed:

- A bright light around the altar
- A great gate opening by itself
- Strange signs around Jerusalem
- A voice saying, “Let us remove hence”

THEN THE TEMPLE WAS DESTROYED.

Compare:
Matthew 22:7

“…he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.”

JERUSALEM AND ITS TEMPLE COME UNDER JUDGMENT.

Source: Josephus, *The Jewish War*, Book 6, chapter 5, section 3.



MATTHEW 22:1-9

Matthew 22:1–4 (KJV)

1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

Matthew 22:5–9 (KJV)

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.



CITY BURNED – THEN THE HIGHWAYS MINISTRY



Matthew 22:7

"...destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city."

THEN

Matthew 22:8–9

"Then saith he to his servants... Go ye therefore into the highways..."

Notice the order:

CITY BURNED → **HIGHWAYS MINISTRY**

The city is burned first.

Then the invitation goes out into the highways.

THE HEBREW CHURCH IN THE DIASPORA

James 1:1

"...to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad..."



HEBREW BELIEVERS AMONG THE NATIONS

These are believers in Messiah living among the nations.
James addresses these scattered Hebrew believers.

James 2:2

"For if there come unto your assembly..."

ASSEMBLY: SYNAGOGUE

James is Hebrew in its address and character.
Their calling is different from Paul's Mystery calling.

1 John 2:18 (NKJV)

“Little children, it is the last hour… even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.”

JAMES WARNS THE RICH



James 5:1

“Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.”

Then:

James 5:3

“…Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.”

Then:

James 5:9

“…behold, the judge standeth before the door.”

RICHES → LAST DAYS → JUDGMENT

This becomes important again when we get to the riches of Babylon.

THE JUDGE STANDETH BEFORE THE DOOR

James 5:7–9

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord…"

"…for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."



"BEHOLD, THE JUDGE STANDETH BEFORE THE DOOR."

James warns the Hebrew brethren of approaching judgment.

1 Thessalonians 2:16 (KJV)

"Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost."

KEEP THE JUDGMENTS DISTINCT

CLOSE OF ACTS

Israel is nationally blinded.

AD 70

Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed.

AFTER AD 70

The surviving Hebrew Church comes under judgment.

THESE ARE NOT ALL THE SAME EVENT.

JUDGMENT BEGINS AT THE HOUSE OF GOD

1 Peter 4:17

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God..."

Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed.

BUT THE HEBREW CHURCH CONTINUES.

The Hebrew assemblies survive among the nations.
Then Revelation shows the Lord standing among those assemblies and warning them.

JAMES | The Judge is at the door.
PETER | Judgment begins at the House of God.
REVELATION | The Lord warns the assemblies.



THE JUDGMENT IS NOT FINISHED WITH AD 70.

THE HEBREW CHURCH IS JUDGED

Revelation 1–3 shows the Lord among the assemblies.

Revelation 2:5

“Repent… or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place…”



REPENT | HOLD FAST | OVERCOME

- **James:** The Judge is at the door.
- **Peter:** Judgment begins at the House of God.
- **Revelation:** The Lord judges the assemblies.

The Hebrew Church had survived the destruction of Jerusalem.

NOW THE HEBREW CHURCH IS SWEPT AWAY. ISRAEL’S PROPHETIC CLOCK STOPS.

"UNTIL" — THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

Now go back to Luke 21.

Luke 21:24

"…and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

UNTIL

During this present dispensation:

- Israel's prophetic clock is stopped
- The Mystery continues
- The highways ministry continues
- The Times of the Gentiles run their course

LUKE PASSES OVER THIS PRESENT DISPENSATION.

Then we come to:

LUKE 21:25

Prophecy picks back up.



TWO CALLINGS RUNNING CONCURRENTLY



PAUL'S MYSTERY

Ephesians 3:9

"...the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God..."

THE HIGHWAYS MINISTRY

Matthew 22:8–9

"Go ye therefore into the highways..."

The highways ministry goes out to the masses:

JEWS AND GENTILES

Paul's final letters minister to those who understand the Mystery.

BOTH CONTINUE AT THE SAME TIME.

And even after the Hebrew Church is swept away:

THE HIGHWAYS MINISTRY CONTINUES. **THE MYSTERY CONTINUES.**

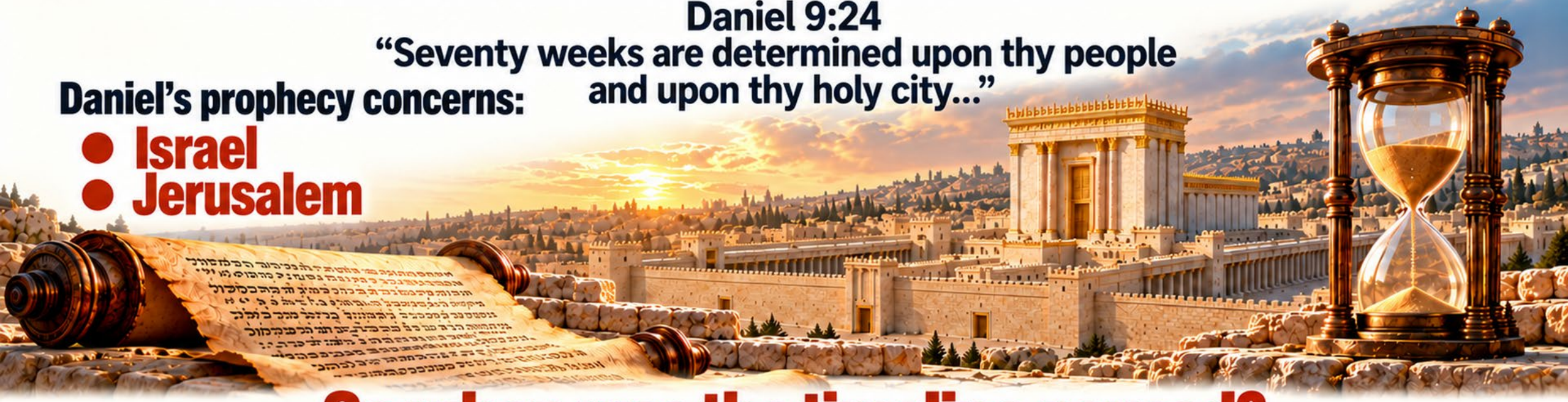
WHEN WAS DANIEL'S TIMELINE PAUSED?

Daniel 9:24

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city..."

Daniel's prophecy concerns:

- **Israel**
- **Jerusalem**



So when was the timeline paused?

ACTS 28?

Israel was nationally blinded.

AD 70?

Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed.

OR WHEN THE HEBREW CHURCH WAS SWEPT AWAY?

The Hebrew assemblies survived AD 70. They were later judged.

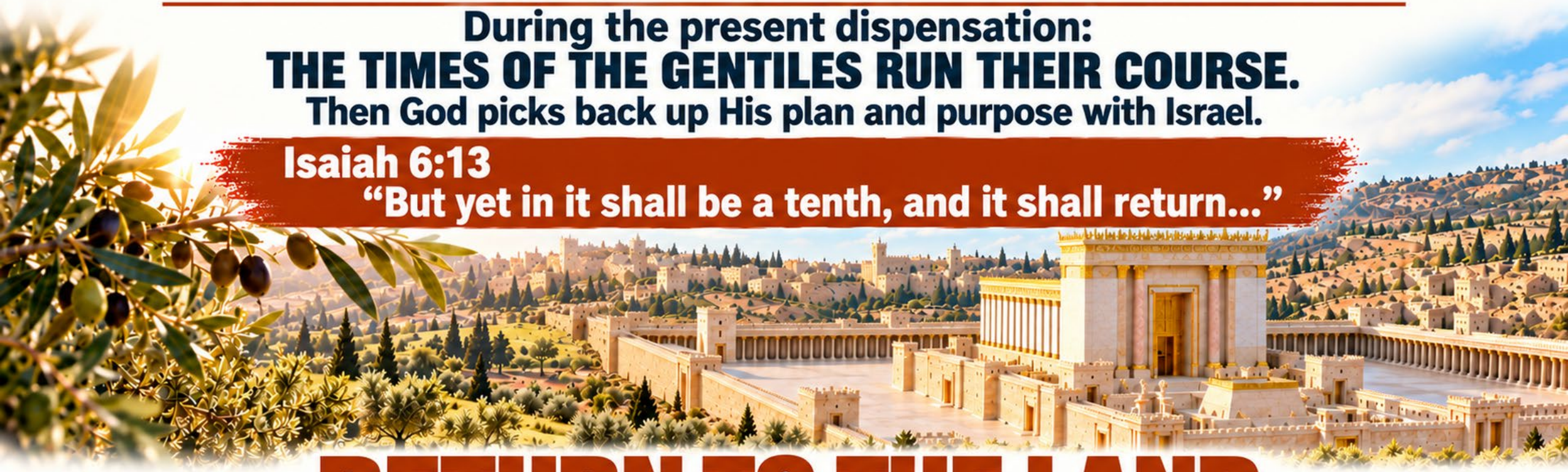
THE HEBREW CHURCH IS SWEPT AWAY.

ISRAEL'S PROPHETIC CLOCK STOPS.

GOD PICKS BACK UP WITH ISRAEL

During the present dispensation:
THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES RUN THEIR COURSE.
Then God picks back up His plan and purpose with Israel.

Isaiah 6:13
"But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return..."



RETURN TO THE LAND.

- A Temple again
- Sacrifices again
- A covenant is made

Daniel 9:27 "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week..."

JERUSALEM IS BACK AT THE CENTER OF PROPHECY.
DANIEL'S PROPHECY STARTS AGAIN.

JEWISH COMMERCE IN THE DAYS OF CHRIST

In Jerusalem the Lord found:

- **Buying**
- **Selling**
- **Money changing in the Temple.**

Matthew 21:12–13



THE JEWISH DIASPORA

Edersheim describes commerce among Jews dispersed throughout the nations as:

"the grand staple of their existence"

Speaking particularly of Alexandria and the Egyptian grain export trade, he writes:

"The provisioning of Italy and of the world was the business of the Jews."

Edersheim is describing Jewish commerce around the time of Christ, especially Alexandria's grain trade supplying Italy and the Roman world.

Alfred Edersheim, *Sketches of Jewish Social Life*, chapter 12, "Commerce."
Source: ccel.org/ccel/edersheim/sketches.xiv.html

WHAT ABOUT FUTURE JERUSALEM?

Could Jerusalem eventually become the great center of commerce described in Revelation?

BABYLON THE GREAT.

BABYLON BECOMES VERY RICH



Revelation 18:3 "…the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies."

And:

Revelation 18:23 "…for thy merchants were the great men of the earth…"

Notice:

- Great wealth
- Great merchants
- Kings connected with her
- Nations connected with her
- World trade

BABYLON IS A CITY OF MERCHANTS.

Economic and financial power centers around this city.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE, FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

Revelation 18:11

"And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more."



A MARKET WITH INTERNATIONAL REACH

- Precious metals, stones, pearls, and luxury textiles.
- Wood, ivory, metals, marble, spices, and perfumes.
- Wine, oil, flour, wheat, livestock, horses, and chariots.
- The list also includes slaves and souls of men (verses 12–13).

MERCHANTS → SHIPS → NATIONS → KINGS

The merchants and those trading by sea mourn because the city that made them rich is gone (verses 15–19).

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND ECONOMIC POWER.

Could credit, debt and interest also be involved?

THE GREAT MEN OF THE EARTH

Revelation 18:23

"...for thy merchants were the great men of the earth..."



"THE GREAT MEN OF THE EARTH"

Babylon has become:

- Very rich
- A great center of trade
- Connected with the kings of the earth
- A city with tremendously powerful merchants

Then:

Revelation 17:18

"...that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

THIS CITY HAS TREMENDOUS WEALTH AND POWER.

COULD BABYLON'S POWER INCLUDE CREDIT AND DEBT?



REVELATION

- **Merchants become rich through her**
  Revelation 18:3, 15–16
- **Merchants mourn when no one buys their merchandise**
  Revelation 18:11
- **Her merchants are the great men of the earth**
  Revelation 18:23
- **The city reigns over the kings of the earth**
  Revelation 17:18

HOW DOES THIS POWER WORK?

Revelation shows Babylon with enormous wealth, trade, influence, and power.
Does that power also involve lending, credit, debt, or interest?

POSSIBLY.

Revelation does not tell us.

THE TEN KINGS GIVE POWER TO THE BEAST

Revelation 17:12

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings..."

Revelation 17:13

"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

Notice:

- Ten kings
- One mind
- They agree together
- They give their power to the Beast



THE TEN KINGS GIVE POWER TO THE BEAST.

BABYLON'S LOVERS

Revelation 17:2



"With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication..."

So who are Babylon's lovers?

THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.

Jerusalem has joined herself to the kings of the earth. → Later, the ten kings give their power to the Beast. → Then something changes.

HER LOVERS TURN AGAINST HER.

JERUSALEM'S LOVERS TURN AGAINST HER



Now compare Ezekiel 16.

Ezekiel 16:2 — "Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations."

Jerusalem goes after her lovers.

Ezekiel 16:37 — "…I will gather all thy lovers…"

Ezekiel 16:39 — "And I will also give thee into their hand…"

Ezekiel 16:41 — "And they shall burn thine houses with fire…"

JERUSALEM'S LOVERS TURN AGAINST HER.

EZEKIEL 16 AND THE JUDGMENT OF BABYLON

WHO IS EZEKIEL TALKING ABOUT?

JERUSALEM.



EZEKIEL 16

- Lovers gathered against her
- Stripped naked
- Burned with fire

REVELATION 17

- Her lovers turn against her
- Make her naked
- Burn her with fire

SAME HARLOT PATTERN.

Could Ezekiel's pattern reach forward to Jerusalem's final judgment as Babylon the Great?

God Is Behind It

Revelation 17:16

The ten horns hate the harlot, make her desolate and burn her with fire.

Revelation 17:17

“For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will…”

- They agree together
- They give their kingdom to the Beast
- They turn against Babylon
- God uses them to fulfill His will



GOD IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL.

THE FAITHFUL REMNANT – "COME OUT"

Isaiah 6:13 - "...so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof."



JERUSALEM

Luke 21:20–21

When Jerusalem is surrounded:

"...let them which are in the midst of it depart out..."

BABYLON

Revelation 18:4

"Come out of her, my people..."

NOTICE THE PARALLEL:

JERUSALEM → COME OUT. | BABYLON → COME OUT.

LEAVE THE CITY BEFORE JUDGMENT.

If Babylon is apostate Jerusalem, this makes perfect sense.

“IN ONE HOUR”

Revelation 18:17

“For in one hour so great riches is come to nought.”

- **The wealth**
- **The trade**
- **The merchandise**
- **The power**

GONE.



The merchants mourn because the city that made them rich is gone.

AD 70 HAPPENS AGAIN





AD 70

- **Apostate Jerusalem**
  (Matthew 22:3)
- **Nations come against her**
  (Luke 21:20)
- **God's judgment**
  (Luke 21:22)
- **City destroyed**
  (Luke 21:6)
- **Jerusalem burned**
  (Matthew 22:7)

FUTURE

- **Apostate Jerusalem, Babylon the Great**
  (Revelation 17:5)
- **Nations turn against her**
  (Revelation 17:16)
- **God's will fulfilled**
  (Revelation 17:17)
- **City destroyed**
  (Revelation 18:21)
- **Babylon burned**
  (Revelation 18:8)

NEAR AND DISTANT FULFILLMENT

AD 70 gives us a picture of what happens again.

THE WHOLE PICTURE

1 JUDGMENT

1. Israel blinded
2. Jerusalem destroyed, AD 70
3. Hebrew Church continues
4. Hebrew Church judged and swept away

2 THE PAUSE

5. Israel's prophetic clock stops
6. Present dispensation
   - Mystery continues
   - Highways ministry continues
   - Times of the Gentiles run their course
7. Times of the Gentiles fulfilled
8. God picks back up with Israel

3 PROPHECY RESUMES

9. Jerusalem again becomes the center of prophecy
10. Apostate Jerusalem: Babylon the Great
11. Her lovers turn against her
12. The faithful remnant comes out
13. Babylon is destroyed

