

This chapter is a key intersection in the Old Testament, to understand it is to know what is going on in our 21<sup>st</sup> century. Ezekiel is going to hear about a significant change that will take place to the House of Israel, that might have been lost to man, but not to God. Where did Jeremiah go to build and plant?

## <sup>18</sup> The word of the LORD came to me again.

<sup>19</sup> you also son of man, appoint two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; both will come from one land and choose a place, choose it



at the head of the way to the city / Moffat says, Son of man, trace two roads for the sword of the king of Babylon to take; both roads will come from the same place. The LORD God asks Ezekiel -- like a military strategist, to draw up routes of attack. Both places will be ruined; the option is: who will be first.

<sup>20</sup> Choose the way that the sword comes to Rabbath of the Ammonites, and to **Judah** in **Jerusalem** the **fortified** city / considered impregnable. And what we read next in God's word is sort of funny.

<sup>21</sup> For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination / Nebuchadnezzar arrived at the intersection Ezekiel is strategically working up for the Lord. Here is the king of Babylon at this intersection, apparently, his wise men stayed home; It seems Nebuchadnezzar stood there clueless; as he tried to conjure up the demons for advice.

**he made his arrows bright** / Moffat says, he shook his arrows. Okay! apparently he put two arrows in his quiver and shook it like you'd shake the dice in Las Vegas. For how long? We don't know; but we do know lots of hocus pocus was going on.

**next he consulted the household idols** / most likely wooden or rock idols. He probably pulled them out of the suitcase to seek advice. I mean... what do you say to some wooden block, or rockhead? And, how long do you wait around for an answer? So, after he repacked his idol... we read.

then he looked in the liver / hmm? And was it a desert delicacy... like a lizard liver? I doubt it was a chicken liver. That doesn't sound like something Nebuchadnezzar would consult, does it? And once again, inspecting an animal's liver... whatever it was... how long do you think that took? I remember when Mom used to make... liver and onions. And as kids, we looked at the liver also -- for about 10 seconds... and then, looked around for the dog! But back to Nebuchadnezzar, he's going through all these gyrations! Even scratching his head and probably his butt too, asking himself, what's next?! And God who is not blind, just overlooks it all because HE and Ezekiel are finalizing drawing up the plans; while Nebuchadnezzar stands there scratching clueless! Though some will say, brilliantly enlightened!



<sup>22</sup> At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem / probably pulling the first arrow out of his quiver; in other words, Jerusalem won the coin toss!

to appoint captains, to give orders and prepare for the slaughter, to lift up the voice with battle cries; to select battering rams against the gates, to raise ramparts, and build a fort. / suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers are on the move! And God, even though world leaders who do not know Him will achieve His purposes: a change is taking place!

<sup>23</sup> And it will come to them like a false divination in their sight / to the residents of Judah in Jerusalem; the leaders and citizens of Jerusalem said, there's nothing to fear; God would never let that happen. God would never do that; GOD... is a God of love! We're Abraham's children we're a race of kings and priests:. God is with us! And HE was... when they were faithful.

to those who sworn oaths, but The Lord will remember their crimes that they be taken / those who pledged and made promises to God; but they hadn't sworn their oaths to God! They made alliances with all the neighbors. Yet to those in Jerusalem it was just a lot of saber-rattling, a lot of empty threats; though the Lord recalled their inequity, their uneven balances; they kept two laws, one for widows, orphans, foreigners and poor, and the other for the elites who thought they were above the law.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord GoD; Because you caused your crimes to be remembered, in that your stepping over the lines are discovered so that in whatever you do your sins come to light; that you are remembered, and you will be taken by the hand / they endlessly moved the proverbial goal post; so they are not skipping off to the park. They will be seized and dragged away.

And you, profane wicked prince of Israel / can you imagine talking like that to a leader of a country? Zedekiah is the last prince of Israel... and though he was not the worst, he was bad enough to merit this redress. And if Ezekiel had not been a prophet, he would not have spoken so boldly in Zedekiah's face! By the way, Zedekiah is from the lineage of Perez... and not from the lineage of Zarah. Now remember that because a change is coming! Even though 99% of the church says, Who cares?!

Ezekiel says...

And you, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come when crimes / and inequity and injustice, will end,

<sup>26</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown / and again I ask, can you imagine saying that to a leader of a nation?

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# This, not that! Exalt the low, abase the high.

**Exalt**...lift up the low, the minor... the royal remnant of the lineage of **Zarah**. **Abase**... put down the high, the major... the royal lineage of **Perez**... Zedekiah's lineage!

<mark>Zarah</mark>... not Perez!



### <sup>27</sup> I will overturn, overturn, overturn

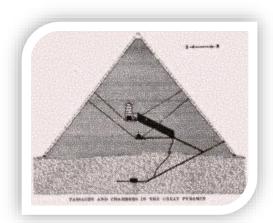
and no more / in Hebrew: awwah, awwah, awwah... 3

times: the word means: to ruin. And when you ruin a dynasty, you topple it and overturn it. But notice, it will still be around, because Ezekiel adds:

until He comes whose right it is. I will set Him in place. / this Hebrew word is: mishpat... whose judgment; literally: who silences the serpent's mouth. Now, the One who does that... and there is only One who can do that... is the One whose right it is to reign!

And what is this all about? God is talking about the national kingdom... promised first to David, who was both king of <a href="ISRAEL">ISRAEL</a> and king of <a href="JUDAH">JUDAH</a>. Remember, in the Matthew genealogy we read: And Judah begat Perez and Zarah; twin brothers of Tamar; and it was mostly Perez's descendants... Perez's children followed Moses by land, out of Egypt.

Yet according to Diodorus Siculus -- the Greek historian living around the time of Christ... he wrote that, The sons of Zarah exodused by sea... and formed the Greek and Meletian city-states... moving westward to populate Zaragoza -- in Spain... and the Iberian peninsula... named for <a href="Eber">Eber</a> -- the ancient father of the Hebrews, and his children -- <a href="Genesis 11">Genesis 11</a>; and ultimately, to New Iberu... in the islands of Ireland, Scotland and England. Read about the ancient histories of: Ireland; Scotland -- the land of the Sukkot -- those ancient wanderers who came from Egypt; according to their most ancient history recorded in <a href="the Declaration of Arbroath">the Declaration of Arbroath</a> - April 6, 1320



Isn't genetics and DNA research interesting?



Scotia -- where Scotland gets its name, according to ancient Irish history, was the daughter of an Egyptian pharaoh; in Egypt during the Hyksos era, numerous mummies of pharaohs with red hair are found – red hair is the least common color of hair, the distribution of red hair is about 1% in the world, but in Scotland and Ireland around 10 – 13 % of the population has red hair, with 30 – 45% carrying the red hair gene; 70% of men in Britain have a genetic profile related to King Tutankhamen of Egypt (while less than 1% of modern day Egyptians have that same genetic connection) But back to Ezekiel...



# Where did the Lord GOD overturn, overturn, overturn and then no more?

- 1. from Palestine to Ireland
- 2. from Ireland to Scotland
- 3. from Scotland to England



...to the place that would become: Ephraim's seat of authority, the great Commonwealth of Nations... carrying with them the nation's birthright blessings given Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Ephraim: 3 overturns: and don't worry if they are NOT worthy of this blessing, or had forgotten this blessing from Almighty God; nobody will ever be worthy of God's blessings; when Ezekiel wrote the people of God weren't doing well, so it's nothing new. What is new and fresh to see is our great God's faithfulness in time; when He speaks, when He says something... He does it – often, to His own hurt – Psalm 15:4.

when He comes it will be with great power and glory; Because the Lord God will make it happen!

#### until He comes whose right it is. I will set Him in place.

Where is Israel?

<u>Jeremiah in Ireland</u>

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Within 5 years of Jeremiah going to Egypt – <u>Jeremiah 44</u>, the Chronicles of Ireland, ancient history records Ollamh Folha, the great prophet of ancient Ireland along with a royal princess Tia Tephi whose name means: <u>light</u>... thought by some to be the daughter of a pharaoh, along with Simon Brch, Brech, Brach, Baruch... all end up in Ireland and from them forms a structure of common law... that spreads through the British Isles also influencing American history. <u>the royal daughters</u> were at his side. Hmm?! So they weren't going to plant tomatoes!

Is that why Jerry is a popular name there in Ireland?