

The End of the Old Testament / Temple Destroyed (586BC) / Babylonian Captivity / (Abomination of Desolation pt. 1)

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The Prophet Joseph Smith (History of the Church, 5:423–24)

Questions

1. What is the object of Gathering the people of God in any age?
2. What year was Lehi commanded to depart Jerusalem?
3. What year was Jerusalem and Solomon’s Temple destroyed?
4. What specific sins and issues were happening in Jerusalem and in the Temple to deserve being taken away?
5. Which do you think was the most offensive to God? Why?
6. Who was the King of Babylon when they conquered the Kingdom of Judah?
7. Who was the King of Judah when the Kingdom of Babylon came and conquered them?
8. What specifically did they do to the Temple in Jerusalem? (Solomon’s Temple)
9. Which awesome Old Testament prophet prophesied of the return of the Jews to Jerusalem long before it happened?
10. Which Persian King allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem to build a Temple?
11. How long were the Jews in Babylon?
12. What is the name of the man who led the Jews back to Jerusalem and built the Temple? (starts with a Z)
13. Which Old Testament books are the last Historical books? (In other words the history ends with them—they are the ones who report on the Jews return)?
14. Which Old Testament Prophet gave the most descriptive prophecies of the Last Days and was endorsed by Nephi, Mormon, and the Savior?
15. What is the Abomination of Desolation?
16. How does the Old Testament end? (final verses)
17. How do these events relate to us today and the prophecies of the Last Days?

Babylonian Captivity/End of Old Testament

- a. **Prophets Warnings** (Jeremiah & Lehi)
- b. **Abomination of Desolation #1** (Devastating to LORD)
 - i. **Jeremiah 11:1-5, 9-10**
 - ii. **Ezek 32:34**

- iii. **Jer 2:13**
- iv. **Jer 19:4-8**
- v. **Ezek 5:11**
- vi. **Jer 23:34**
- vii. **Jer 7:30-34**
- viii. **Jer 23:20 & Jer 30:24**
- ix. **2 Nephi 28:4-5**
- c. **Babylonian Captivity** (2 Kings 24-25)
 - i. **2 Kings 24:10-14;**
 - ii. **2 Kings 25:4,7,9,10,21**
 - iii. **Jeremiah ch. 39 & 52**
- d. **Hezekiah's Tunnel** – REAL stories/people
 - i. (2 Kings 20:20) **VT (Hezies Tunnel)**
- e. **Joseph Descendants Escape prior to Temple Destruction 600BC** (Lehi)
- f. **Jews Return 539BC to Jerusalem to Rebuild the Temple, etc.** (Isaiah prophecies by name, that Cyrus will allow the Jews to return (Isa. 44:28 -45:1, 13). The Persian King Cyrus allows the Jews to return.
- g. **Old Testament ends with promised return of Elijah** (Malachi 4/D&C2/D&C 110)

Quoted References:

Old Testament:

Book of Jeremiah

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/jer/2?lang=eng>

Book of 2 Kings

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/2-kgs/24?lang=eng>

Book of Isaiah

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/isa/44?lang=eng>

Book of Ezekiel

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/ezek/5?lang=eng>

Book of Ezra

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/ezra/1?lang=eng>

Book of Mormon:

2 Nephi 28

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/bofm/2-ne/28?lang=eng>

Purpose of Gathering

<https://history.churchofjesuschrist.org/content/the-house-of-the-lord?lang=eng>

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