

Sefer Yirmiyahu - When Politics & Religion Clash

Class #5 - What caused the destruction of Temple

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Intro:

As the 'nine days' begin this week, our shiur today will focus on the events that led to the destruction of the Temple, and the second wave of Exile.

I. Review, the Decree in Year 4 Yehoyakim /Chapter 25

א הַדְּבַר אֲשֶׁר-הָיָה עַל-יְרֵמְיָהוּ, עַל-כָּל-עַם יְהוּדָה, בַּשָּׁנָה הָרְבִיעִית, לִיהוֹיָקִים בֶּן-יֹאשִׁיָּהוּ מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה: הִיא, הַשָּׁנָה הָרִאשׁוֹנִית, לְנְבוּכַדְרֶאצַּר, מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל....

1 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

ח לָכֵן, כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת: יַעַן, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-שָׁמַעְתֶּם אֶת-דְּבָרַי.

8 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts: Because ye have not heard My words,

ט הִנְנִי שֹׁלֵחַ וְלִקְחָתִי אֶת-כָּל-מְשֻׁפָּחוֹת צָפוֹן נְאֻם-יְהוָה, וְאֶל-נְבוּכַדְרֶאצַּר מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל עַבְדִּי, וְהִבֵּאתִים עַל-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת וְעַל-יֹשְׁבֵיהָ, וְעַל כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה סָבִיב; וְהִחַרְמֹתִים--וְשִׁמְתִים לְשִׁמָּה וְלִשְׁרָקָה, וְלִחְרָבוֹת עוֹלָם...

9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and I will send unto Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

יא וְהָיְתָה כָּל-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת, לְחֵרֶבָה לְשִׁמָּה; וְעַבְדוּ הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה, אֶת-מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל--שְׁבַעִים שָׁנָה.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and a waste; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

That was followed by Yirmiyahu's prophecy that the Temple 'could be destroyed' - the same fate that befell the Mishkan in Shilo - chapter 7

Followed by Yirmiyahu's trial in chapter 26 - for that prediction
Then we studied chapter 36 - proving Yehoyakim's primary anger with Yirmiyahu was b/c of the political implications of his prophecy re; the rise of Bavel (i.e. chapter 25) :

II. Review key points of chapter 36 - 'burning the Book'

- א** וַיְהִי בַשָּׁנָה הָרְבַעִית, לַיהוֹיָקִים בֶּן-יֹאשָׁיָהוּ מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה; הָיָה הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה, אֶל-יִרְמְיָהוּ, מֵאֵת יְהוָה, לֵאמֹר.
- 1** And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:
- ב** קַח-לְךָ, מְגִלַּת-סֵפֶר, וְכָתַבְתָּ אֵלַיָּה אֶת כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר-דִּבַּרְתִּי אֵלֶיךָ עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל-יְהוּדָה, וְעַל-כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם--מִיּוֹם דִּבַּרְתִּי אֵלֶיךָ, מִיּוֹם יֹאשָׁיָהוּ, וְעַד, הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה.
- 2** 'Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.
- ג** אִוְלִי יִשְׁמְעוּ, בַּיַּת יְהוּדָה, אֶת כָּל-הַרְעָה, אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי חֹשֵׁב לַעֲשׂוֹת לָהֶם--לְמַעַן יָשׁוּבוּ, אִישׁ מִדַּרְכּוֹ הַרְעָה, וְסָלַחְתִּי לְעֹנָם, וּלְחַטָּאתָם. ... {ס}
- 3** It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way, and I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.' {S}
- כג** וַיְהִי כִּקְרוֹא יְהוּדִי, שְׁלֹשׁ דָּלְתוֹת וְאַרְבָּעָה, יִקְרָעָהּ בְּתֵעַר הַסֵּפֶר, וְהִשְׁלִיךְ אֶל-הָאֵשׁ אֲשֶׁר אֶל-הָאֵח: עַד-תָּם, כָּל-הַמְּגִלָּה, עַל-הָאֵשׁ, אֲשֶׁר עַל-הָאֵח.
- 23** And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier.
- כד** וְלֹא פָחַדוּ, וְלֹא קָרְעוּ אֶת-בְּגָדֵיהֶם--הַמְּלָךְ, וְכָל-עַבְדָּיו, הַשְּׂמָעִים, אֶת כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה.
- 24** Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.
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- כז** וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה, אֶל-יִרְמְיָהוּ--אַחֲרֵי שָׂרָף הַמְּלָךְ, אֶת-הַמְּגִלָּה וְאֶת-הַדְּבָרִים, אֲשֶׁר כָּתַב בְּרוּךְ מִפִּי יִרְמְיָהוּ, לֵאמֹר.
- 27** Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying:
- כח** שׁוּב קַח-לְךָ, מְגִלָּה אַחֲרָת; וְכָתַב עָלֶיךָ, אֶת כָּל-הַדְּבָרִים הָרִאשׁוֹנִים, אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ עַל-הַמְּגִלָּה הָרִאשׁוֹנָה, אֲשֶׁר שָׂרָף יְהוֹיָקִים מֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה.
- 28** 'Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.
- כט** וְעַל-יְהוֹיָקִים מֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה תֹּאמַר, כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה: אַתָּה שָׂרַפְתָּ אֶת-הַמְּגִלָּה הַזֹּאת, לֵאמֹר, מִדּוּעַ כָּתַבְתָּ עָלֶיךָ לֵאמֹר בֹּא-יָבוֹא מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל וְהִשְׁחִית אֶת-הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת, וְהִשְׁבִּית מִמָּנָה אָדָם וּבְהֵמָה. {ס}
- 29** And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah thou shalt say: Thus saith the LORD: Thou hast burned this roll, saying: Why hast thou written therein, saying: The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? {S}
- ל** לָכֵן כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה, עַל-יְהוֹיָקִים מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה, לֹא-יְהִיָּה לוֹ יוֹשֵׁב, עַל-כִּסֵּא דָוִד; וְנִבְלָתוֹ תִּהְיֶה מִשְׁלֶכֶת, לַחֲרֹב בַּיּוֹם וּלְקָרַח בַּלַּיְלָה....
- 30** Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.

Review Chapter 27 - The 'yoke' & its symbolism

[note - this prophecy relates to both Yehohaykim & Tzidkiyahu]

- א בְּרֵאשִׁית, מִמַּלְכַת יְהוֹיָקִים בֶּן-יְאוֹשָׁיָהוּ--מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה:** הָיָה הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה, אֶל-יְרֻמְיָה, מֵאֵת יְהוָה, לֵאמֹר.
- ב** כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה, אֵלַי, עֲשֵׂה לְךָ, מוֹסְרוֹת וּמִטּוֹת; וּנְתַתָּם, עַל-צַוְאָרְךָ.
- ג** וְשַׁלַּחְתָּם אֶל-מֶלֶךְ אֲדוּם וְאֶל-מֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב, וְאֶל-מֶלֶךְ בְּנֵי עַמּוֹן, וְאֶל-מֶלֶךְ צַר, וְאֶל-מֶלֶךְ צִידוֹן--בְּיַד מְלָאכִים הַבָּאִים יְרוּשָׁלַם, אֶל-צִדְקִיָּהוּ מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה.
- ד** וְצִוִּיתָ אֹתָם, אֶל-אֲדֹנֵיהֶם לֵאמֹר: כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, כֹּה תֹאמְרוּ, אֶל-אֲדֹנֵיכֶם.
- ה** אֲנֹכִי עָשִׂיתִי אֶת-הָאָרֶץ, אֶת-הָאָדָם וְאֶת-הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר עַל-פְּנֵי הָאָרֶץ, בְּכַחַי הַגָּדוֹל, וּבְזְרוּעֵי הַנְּטוּיָה; וּנְתַתִּיהָ, לְאֲשֶׁר יִשֶׁר בְּעֵינָי.
- ו** וְעַתָּה, אֲנֹכִי נֹתַתִּי אֶת-כָּל-הָאָרְצוֹת הָאֵלֶּה, בְּיַד נְבוּכַדְנֶאצַּר מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל, עַבְדִּי; וְגַם אֶת-חַיַּת הַשָּׂדֶה, נֹתַתִּי לוֹ לְעֶבְדוֹ.
- ז** וְעֶבְדוּ אֹתוֹ כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם, וְאֶת-בָּנוֹ וְאֶת-בְּנֵי-בָנוֹ--עַד בְּאֵת אֶרְצוֹ, גַּם-הוּא, וְעֶבְדוּ בוֹ גּוֹיִם רַבִּים, וּמְלָכִים גְּדֹלִים.
- ח** וְהָיָה הַגּוֹי וְהַמְּמַלְכָה, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יַעֲבֹדוּ אֹתוֹ אֶת-נְבוּכַדְנֶאצַּר מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל, וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִתֵּן אֶת-צַוְאָרוֹ, בְּעַל מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל--בַּחֶרֶב וּבַרְעָב וּבַדָּבָר אֲפָקֵד עַל-הַגּוֹי הַהוּא, נָאִם-יְהוָה, עַד-תִּמְּי אֹתָם, בְּיָדוֹ.
- ט** וְאַתֶּם אֵל-תִּשְׁמְעוּ אֶל-נְבִיאֵיכֶם וְאֶל-קִסְמֵיכֶם, וְאֶל חִלְמֹתֵיכֶם, וְאֶל-עֲנִינֵיכֶם, וְאֶל-כַּשְׁפֵּיכֶם--אֲשֶׁר-הֵם אֹמְרִים אֵלֵיכֶם, לֵאמֹר, לֹא תַעֲבֹדוּ, אֶת-מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל.
- י** כִּי שָׁקֵר, הֵם נְבִיאֵים לָכֶם, לְמַעַן הִרְחִיק אֶתְכֶם מֵעַל אֲדַמְתְּכֶם, וְהִדְחִתִּי אֶתְכֶם וְאַבְדֶּתֶם.
- 1** In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:
- 2** Thus saith the LORD to me: Make thee bands and bars, and put them upon thy neck;
- 3** and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers that come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;
- 4** and give them a charge unto their masters, saying: Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say unto your masters:
- 5** I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the face of the earth, by My great power and by My outstretched arm; and I give it unto whom it seemeth right unto Me.
- 6** And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts of the field also have I given him to serve him.
- 7** And all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come; and then many nations and great kings shall make him their bondman.
- 8** And it shall come to pass, that the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I visit, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.
- 9** But as for you, hearken ye not to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, that speak unto you, saying: Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon;
- 10** for they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out and ye should perish.

III. Why the Temple was saved during the first conquest:

Melachim bet - chapter 24 re: Yehoyakim

א בְּיָמָיו עָלָה, נְבֻכַדְנֶאֱצַר מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל; וַיְהִי-לוֹ
יְהוֹיָקִים עֶבֶד שְׁלֹשׁ שָׁנִים, וַיִּשָּׁב וַיִּמְרֹד-בּוֹ.

1 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.

ב וַיִּשְׁלַח יְהוָה בּוֹ אֶת-גְּדוּדֵי כַּשְׂדִּים וְאֶת-גְּדוּדֵי
אַרְם וְאֶת גְּדוּדֵי מוֹאָב, וְאֶת גְּדוּדֵי בְנֵי-עַמּוֹן,
וַיִּשְׁלַחם בִּיהוּדָה, לְהַאֲבִידוֹ: כַּדְבַר יְהוָה--אֲשֶׁר
דִּבֶּר, בְּיַד עֲבָדָיו הַנְּבִיאִים.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Arameans, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by the hand of His servants the prophets.

ג אַךְ עַל-פִּי יְהוָה, הִיָּתְהָ בִּיהוּדָה, לְהִסִּיר, מֵעַל
פָּנָיו--בַּחֲטָאֵת מְנַשֶּׁה, כָּל אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה.

3 Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of His sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

ד וְגַם דָּם-הַנָּקִי אֲשֶׁר שָׁפַךְ, וַיִּמְלֵא אֶת-
יְרוּשָׁלַם דָּם נָקִי; וְלֹא-אָבָה יְהוָה, לְסַלַּח.

4 and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not pardon.

ה וַיִּתֵּר דְּבָרֵי יְהוֹיָקִים, וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה: הֲלֵא-
הֵם כְּתוּבִים, עַל-סֵפֶר דְּבָרֵי הַיָּמִים--לְמַלְכֵי
יְהוּדָה.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

ו וַיִּשְׁכַּב יְהוֹיָקִים, עִם-אֲבֹתָיו; וַיִּמְלֹךְ יְהוֹיָכִין
בְּנוֹ, תַּחֲתָיו.

6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers; and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

ז וְלֹא-הִסִּיף עוֹד מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם, לְצֵאת
מֵאֶרְצוֹ: כִּי-לָקַח מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל, מִנְּחַל מִצְרַיִם עַד-
נְהַר-פָּרַת, כָּל אֲשֶׁר הִיָּתְהָ, לְמַלְךְ מִצְרַיִם. {פ}

7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land; for the king of Babylon had taken, from the Brook of Egypt unto the river Euphrates, all that pertained to the king of Egypt. {P}

ח בֶּן-שְׁמֹנֶה עָשָׂרָה שָׁנָה, יְהוֹיָכִין בְּמַלְכוֹ,
וּשְׁלֹשָׁה חֳדָשִׁים, מֶלֶךְ בִּירוּשָׁלַם; וְשֵׁם אִמּוֹ,
נְחֻשְׁתָּא בַת-אֶלְנָתָן מִירוּשָׁלַם.

8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jerusalem three months; and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

ט וַיַּעַשׂ הָרַע, בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה, כָּל אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה,
אָבִיו.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

י בָּעֵת הַהִיא--עָלָה (עָלוּ) עֲבָדֵי נְבֻכַדְנֶאֱצַר
מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל, יְרוּשָׁלַם; וַתִּבֵּא הָעִיר, בְּמָצוֹר.

10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

יא וַיָּבֹא נְבֻכַדְנֶאֱצַר מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל, עַל-הָעִיר;
וַעֲבָדָיו, צָרִים עָלֶיהָ.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came unto the city, while his servants were besieging it.

יב וַיֵּצֵא יְהוֹיָכִין מֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה, עַל-מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל,
הוּא וְאִמּוֹ, וְעֲבָדָיו וְשָׂרָיו וְסָרִיסָיו; וַיִּקַּח אֹתוֹ
מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל, בַּשָּׁנָה שְׁמֹנֶה לְמַלְכוֹ.

12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers; and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

יג וַיֹּצֵא מִשָּׁם, אֶת-כָּל-אוֹצְרוֹת בַּיִת יְהוָה,
וְאוֹצְרוֹת, בַּיִת הַמֶּלֶךְ; וַיִּקְצֹץ אֶת-כָּל-כְּלֵי הַזָּהָב,
אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה שְׁלֹמֹה מֶלֶךְ-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּהֵיכַל יְהוָה,
כַּאֲשֶׁר, דִּבֶּר יְהוָה.

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

יד וְהִגִּילָה אֶת-כָּל-יְרוּשָׁלַם וְאֶת-כָּל-הַשָּׂרִים
וְאֶת כָּל-גְּבוּרֵי הַחַיִל, עֹשֵׂה (עֲשָׂרֹת) אֲלָפִים
גֹּלָה, וְכָל-הַחֲרָשׁ, וְהַמִּסְגָּר: לֹא נִשְׁאַר, זֹלַת
דַּלַּת עַם-הָאָרֶץ.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

טו וַיִּגַּל אֶת-יְהוֹיָכִין, בְּבָלָה; וְאֶת-אִם הַמֶּלֶךְ
וְאֶת-נָשָׁי הַמֶּלֶךְ וְאֶת-סָרִיסָיו, וְאֶת אוֹלֵי (אֵילֵי)
הָאָרֶץ, הוֹלִיד גֹּלָה מִירוּשָׁלַם, בְּבָלָה.

15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the chief men of the land, carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

טז וְאֶת כָּל-אֲנָשֵׁי הַחַיִל שְׁבַעַת אֲלָפִים, וְהַחֲרָשׁ
וְהַמִּסְגָּר אֶלֶף--הַכֹּל, גְּבוּרִים עֹשֵׂי מְלָחָמָה;
וַיְבִיאֵם מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל גֹּלָה, בְּבָלָה.

16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand, all of them strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

יז וַיַּמְלֵךְ מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל אֶת-מַתַּנְיָה דָדוּ, תַּחֲתָיו;
וַיִּשַׁב אֶת-שְׁמוֹ, צִדְקִיָּהוּ. {פ}

17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah. {P}

יח בֶּן-עֶשְׂרִים וְאַחַת שָׁנָה, צִדְקִיָּהוּ בְּמַלְכוֹ,
וְאַחַת עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה, מֶלֶךְ בִּירוּשָׁלַם; וְשֵׁם אִמּוֹ,
חַמְיֻטַל (חַמְיֻטַל) בֵּת-יִרְמְיָהוּ מְלַבְנָה.

18 Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

יט וַיַּעַשׂ הָרַע, בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה, כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה,
יְהוֹיָקִים.

19 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

כ כִּי עַל-אַף יְהוָה, הִיָּתָה בִּירוּשָׁלַם וּבִיהוּדָה,
עַד-הִשְׁלַכּוּ אֹתָם, מֵעַל פָּנָיו; וַיִּמְרֹד צִדְקִיָּהוּ,
בְּמֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל. {ס}

20 For through the anger of the LORD did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until He had cast them out from His presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. {S}

Note, the first several years, Tzidkiyahu remains subservient to Bavel - only in the fourth year, they begin considering a rebellion!

IV. Yirmiyahu Chapter 28 - in light of our review of chapter 27

א וַיְהִי בִּשְׁנַת הַהִיא, בְּרֵאשִׁית מַמְלַכַת צְדָקִיָּה מֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה, בִּשְׁנַת (בִּשְׁנָה) הָרְבַעִית, בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַחֲמִישִׁי; אָמַר אֵלַי חֲנַנְיָה בֶן-עִזּוּר הַנְּבִיא אֲשֶׁר מִגִּבְעוֹן, בְּבֵית יְהוָה, לְעֵינַי הַכֹּהֲנִים וְכָל-הָעָם, לֵאמֹר.

1 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying:

ב כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל-- לֵאמֹר: שִׁבְרֹתִי, אֶת-עַל מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל.

2 'Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

ג בְּעוֹד שְׁנַתִּים יָמִים, אָנִי מְשִׁיב אֶל-הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה, אֶת-כָּל-כְּלֵי, בֵּית יְהוָה--אֲשֶׁר לָקַח נְבוּכַדְנֶצַּר מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל, מִן-הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה, וַיְבִיאֵם, בָּבֶל.

3 Within two full years will I bring back into this place all the vessels of the LORD'S house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon;

ד וְאֶת-יְכֻנְיָה בֶן-יְהוִיָּקִים מֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה וְאֶת-כָּל-גְּלוֹת יְהוּדָה הַבָּאִים בְּבֶלְהָ, אָנִי מְשִׁיב אֶל-הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה--נָאִם-יְהוָה: כִּי אֲשַׁבֵּר, אֶת-עַל מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל.

4 and I will bring back to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went to Babylon, saith the LORD; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.'

ה וַיֹּאמֶר יִרְמְיָה הַנְּבִיא, אֶל-חֲנַנְיָה הַנְּבִיא, לְעֵינַי הַכֹּהֲנִים וְלְעֵינַי כָּל-הָעָם, הָעֹמְדִים בְּבֵית יְהוָה.

5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD,

ו וַיֹּאמֶר, יִרְמְיָה הַנְּבִיא, אָמֵן, כִּן יַעֲשֶׂה יְהוָה; יָקֻם יְהוָה, אֶת-דְּבָרָיךָ, אֲשֶׁר נְבִאתָ לְהָשִׁיב כְּלֵי בֵּית-יְהוָה וְכָל-הַגּוֹלָה, מִבָּבֶל אֶל-הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה.

6 even the prophet Jeremiah said: 'Amen! the LORD do so! the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the LORD'S house, and all them that are carried away captive, from Babylon unto this place!

ז אַךְ-שָׁמַע-נָא הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי דֹבֵר בְּאָזְנֶיךָ, וּבְאָזְנֵי, כָּל-הָעָם.

7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people:

ח הַנְּבִיאִים, אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ לְפָנַי וּלְפָנֶיךָ--מִן-הָעוֹלָם: וַיִּנְבְּאוּ אֶל-אַרְצוֹת רַבּוֹת, וְעַל-מַמְלָכוֹת גְּדֹלוֹת, לְמַלְחָמָה, וּלְרָעָה וּלְדָבָר.

8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

ט הַנְּבִיא, אֲשֶׁר יִנְבֵּא לְשָׁלוֹם--בָּבֵא, דָּבָר הַנְּבִיא, יִנְדַע הַנְּבִיא, אֲשֶׁר-שָׁלְחוּ יְהוָה בְּאִמָּתוֹ.

9 The prophet that prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.'

י וַיִּקַּח חֲנַנְיָה הַנְּבִיא, אֶת-הַמוֹטָה, מֵעַל, צוּרָה יִרְמְיָה הַנְּבִיא; וַיִּשְׁבְּרֶהָ.

10 Then Hananiah the prophet took the bar from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and broke it.

יא וַיֹּאמֶר חֲנַנְיָהּ לְעֵינָי כָּל-הָעָם לֵאמֹר, כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה, כִּכָּה אֶשְׁבֵּר אֶת-עַל נְבֻכַדְנֶאצַּר מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל בְּעוֹד שְׁנַתַּיִם יָמִים, מֵעַל צִוְּאָר כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם; וַיֵּלֶךְ יִרְמְיָהּ הַנְּבִיא, לְדַרְכּוֹ. {פ}

11 And Hananiah spoke in the presence of all the people, saying: 'Thus saith the LORD: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from off the neck of all the nations within two full years.' And the prophet Jeremiah went his way. {P}

יב וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה, אֶל-יִרְמְיָהּ: אַחֲרֵי שְׁבוֹר חֲנַנְיָהּ הַנְּבִיא, אֶת-הַמוֹטָה, מֵעַל צִוְּאָר יִרְמְיָהּ הַנְּבִיא, לֵאמֹר.

12 Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying:

יג הָלוֹךְ וְאָמַרְתָּ אֶל-חֲנַנְיָהּ לֵאמֹר, כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה, מוֹטֹת עֵץ, שִׁבַּרְתָּ; וְעָשִׂיתָ תַּחְתֵּיהֶן, מוֹטֹת בַּרְזֶל.

13 'Go, and tell Hananiah, saying: Thus saith the LORD: Thou hast broken the bars of wood; but thou shalt make in their stead bars of iron.

יד כִּי כֹה-אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, עַל בַּרְזֶל נָתַתִּי עַל-צִוְּאָר כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה לְעַבְדֹתָם-נְבֻכַדְנֶאצַּר מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל--וְעַבְדָּהוּ; וְגַם אֶת-חַיַּת הַשָּׂדֶה, נָתַתִּי לוֹ.

14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him; and I have given him the beasts of the field also.'

טו וַיֹּאמֶר יִרְמְיָהּ הַנְּבִיא אֶל-חֲנַנְיָהּ הַנְּבִיא, שְׁמַע-נָא חֲנַנְיָהּ: לֹא-שָׁלַחְךָ יְהוָה--וְאֵתָהּ הַבְּטַחְתָּ אֶת-הָעָם הַזֶּה, עַל-שִׁקְר.

15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet: 'Hear now, Hananiah; the LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

טז לָכֵן, כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה, הִנְנִי מִשְׁלַחְךָ, מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה; הַשָּׁנָה אָתָּה מוֹת, כִּי-סָרָה דְבַרְתָּ אֶל-יְהוָה.

16 'Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will send thee away from off the face of the earth; this year thou shalt die, because thou hast spoken perversion against the LORD.'

יז וַיָּמָת חֲנַנְיָהּ הַנְּבִיא, בַּשָּׁנָה הַהִיא, בַּחֹדֶשׁ, הַשְּׁבִיעִי. {פ}

17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

What happens during the two years - when all the false prophets are predicting the imminent fall of Bavel?

Before we study those events in Sefer Melachim

A quick 'peek' at Sefer Yechezkel

See Yechezkel chapters 1 & 17

V. The years of the first 24 chapters of Yechezkel

. Rebuke of Am Yisrael - chapters 1 thru 24

chapters 1 -> 7 - year five [since galut Yehoyachin]

chapters 8 -> 19 - year six

chapters 20-> 23 - year seven

chapter 24 - year nine - 10th of Tevet / Siege begins

Chapter 17

יא וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה, אֵלַי לֵאמֹר. **11** Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:

יב אָמַר-נָא לְבֵית הַמְּרִי, הֲלֹא יִדְעֶתֶם מָה-
אֵלֶּה; אָמַר, הִנֵּה-בָא מֶלֶךְ-בָּבֶל יְרוּשָׁלַם
וַיִּקַּח אֶת-מֶלֶכָּהּ וְאֶת-שָׂרֶיהָ, וַיֵּבֵא אוֹתָם
אֵלָיו, בְּבָלָה. **12** 'Say now to the rebellious house:
Know ye not what these things mean? tell
them: Behold, the king of Babylon came
to Jerusalem, and took the king thereof,
and the princes thereof, and brought them
to him to Babylon;

יג וַיִּקַּח מִזְרַע הַמְּלוּכָה, וַיִּכְרַת אֹתוֹ
בְּרִית; וַיֵּבֵא אֹתוֹ בְּאֵלֶּה, וְאֶת-אֵילֵי הָאָרֶץ
לְקַח. **13** and he took of the seed royal, and
made a covenant with him, and brought
him under an oath, and the mighty of the
land he took away;

יד לִהְיוֹת מִמְּלָכָה שְׂפֵלָה, לְבִלְתִּי
הִתְנַשֵּׂא, לִשְׁמֹר אֶת-בְּרִיתוֹ, לְעִמּוּדָה. **14** that his might be a lowly kingdom, that
it might not lift itself up, but that by
keeping his covenant it might stand.

טו וַיִּמְרֹד-בוֹ, לְשַׁלַּח מִלְּאָכָיו מִצְרַיִם,
לְתֶת-לוֹ סוּסִים, וְעַם-רָב; הֲיִצְלַח הִימְלִיט
הָעֹשֶׂה אֵלֶּה, וְהִפָּר בְּרִית וְנִמְלָט. **15** But he rebelled against him in sending
his ambassadors into Egypt, that they
might give him horses and much people.
Shall he prosper? shall he escape that
doeth such things? shall he break the
covenant, and yet escape?

טז חִי-אֲנִי, נְאֻם אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה, אִם-לֹא
בְּמָקוֹם הַמְּלָךְ הַמְּמֻלְךְ אֹתוֹ, אֲשֶׁר בָּזָה
אֶת-אֲלֹתוֹ וְאֲשֶׁר הִפָּר אֶת-בְּרִיתוֹ--אֹתוֹ
בְּתוֹךְ-בָּבֶל, יָמוּת. **16** As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely
in the place where the king dwelleth that
made him king, whose oath he despised,
and whose covenant he broke, even with
him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

יז וְלֹא בְחַיִּל גָּדוֹל וּבִקְהָל רַב, יַעֲשֶׂה אוֹתוֹ פְּרִיעָה בַּמִּלְחָמָה, בְּשִׁפְךָ סִלָּה, וּבְבָנוֹת דְּיִק--לְהַכְרִית, נַפְשׁוֹת רַבּוֹת. **17** Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company succour him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts, to cut off many souls;

יח וּבָזָה אֱלֹהִים, לְהַפֵּר בְּרִית; וְהִנֵּה נָתַן יָדוֹ וְכָל-אֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה, לֹא יִמָּלֵט. {ס} **18** seeing he hath despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these things, he shall not escape. {S}

יט לָכֵן כֹּה-אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, חַי-אֲנִי, אִם-לֹא אֶלְתִּי אֲשֶׁר בָּזָה, וּבְרִיתִי אֲשֶׁר הִפִּיר--וּנְתַתִּיו, בְּרֹאשׁוֹ. **19** Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: As I live, surely Mine oath that he hath despised, and My covenant that he hath broken, I will even bring it upon his own head.

כ וּפְרִשְׁתִּי עָלָיו רְשֵׁתִי, וְנִתְפַּשׂ בַּמְצוּדָתִי; וְהִבִּיאֹתִיהוּ בַּבֶּלְהָ, וְנִשְׁפָּטְתִי אִתּוֹ שָׁם, מֵעַלּוֹ, אֲשֶׁר מָעַל-בִּי. **20** And I will spread My net upon him, and he shall be taken in My snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his treachery that he hath committed against Me.

כא וְאֵת כָּל-מַבְרָחוֹ בְּכָל-אֲגַפְיוֹ בַּחֶרֶב יַפְּלוּ, וְהִנְשָׁאָרִים לְכָל-רוּחַ יִפְרָשׁוּ; וַיִּדְעַתֶּם, כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה דֹּבַרְתִּי. {פ} **21** And all his mighty men in all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward every wind; and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it. {P}

VI. Yirmiyahu chapter 29

א וְאֵלֶּה דְבָרֵי הַסֵּפֶר, אֲשֶׁר שָׁלַח יְרֵמְיָה הַנָּבִיא מִירוּשָׁלַם--אֶל-יְתָר זְקִנֵי הַגּוֹלָה, וְאֶל-הַכֹּהֲנִים וְאֶל-הַנָּבִיאִים וְאֶל-כָּל-הָעָם, אֲשֶׁר הֶגְלָה נְבוּכַדְנֶאצַּר מִירוּשָׁלַם, בַּבֶּלְהָ. **1** Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon,

ב אַחֲרֵי צֵאת יְכַנְיָה-הַמֶּלֶךְ וְהַגְּבִירָה וְהַסָּרִיסִים שָׂרֵי יְהוּדָה וִירוּשָׁלַם, וְהַחֲרָשׁ וְהַמְּסַגֵּר--מִירוּשָׁלַם. **2** after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen-mother, and the officers, and the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;

ג בְּיַד אֶלְעָשָׂה בֶן-שָׁפָן, וּגְמַרְיָה בֶן-חִלְקִיָּה: אֲשֶׁר שָׁלַח צְדַקְיָה מֶלֶךְ-יְהוּדָה, אֶל-נְבוּכַדְנֶאצַּר מֶלֶךְ בָּבֶל--בַּבֶּלְהָ לֵאמֹר. **3** by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, saying:

ד כה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, אֱלֹהֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל: לְכֹל-הַגּוֹלָה--אֲשֶׁר-הִגְלִיתִי
מִירוּשָׁלַם, בְּבָבֶלָה.
4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, unto all the captivity,
whom I have caused to be carried
away captive from Jerusalem unto
Babylon:

ה בְּנוּ בָתִּים, וּשְׁבוּ; וְנָטְעוּ גִנּוֹת,
וְאָכְלוּ אֶת-פְּרִיָן.
5 Build ye houses, and dwell in
them, and plant gardens, and eat the
fruit of them;

ו קַחוּ נָשִׁים, וְהוֹלִידוּ בָנִים וּבָנוֹת,
וְקַחוּ לְבָנֵיכֶם נָשִׁים וְאֶת-בָּנוֹתֵיכֶם תְּנוּ
לְאִנְשֵׁים, וְתִלְדְּנָה בָנִים וּבָנוֹת; וְרַבּוּ-
שָׁם, וְאַל-תִּמָּעֲטוּ.
6 take ye wives, and beget sons and
daughters; and take wives for your
sons, and give your daughters to
husbands, that they may bear sons
and daughters; and multiply ye
there, and be not diminished.

ז וְדַרְשׁוּ אֶת-שְׁלוֹם הָעִיר, אֲשֶׁר
הִגְלִיתִי אֶתְכֶם שָׁמָּה, וְהִתְפַּלְלוּ בְעַדָּהּ,
אֶל-יְהוָה: כִּי בְשְׁלוֹמָהּ, יִהְיֶה לְכֶם
שְׁלוֹם.
7 And seek the peace of the city
whither I have caused you to be
carried away captive, and pray unto
the LORD for it; for in the peace
thereof shall ye have peace.

ח כִּי כֹה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, אֱלֹהֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל, אֶל-יְשֵׁיאוֹ לְכֶם נְבִיאֵיכֶם
אֲשֶׁר-בְּקִרְבְּכֶם, וְקִסְמֵיכֶם; וְאַל-
תִּשְׁמְעוּ, אֶל-חִלְמֹתֵיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר אֲתֶם,
מִחֲלָמִים.
8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts,
the God of Israel: Let not your
prophets that are in the midst of you,
and your diviners, beguile you,
neither hearken ye to your dreams
which ye cause to be dreamed.

ט כִּי בְשִׁקְרָהּ, הֵם נְבִיאִים לְכֶם
בְּשִׁמִּי: לֹא שְׁלַחְתִּים, נְאֻם-
יְהוָה. {ס}
9 For they prophesy falsely unto you
in My name; I have not sent them,
saith the LORD. {S}