

The Exodus to the Exile and Back Again

The Question

Why Compare the Exodus to the Exile?

What Got My Attention - 1

- Appearance of Cloud of Fire
 - Ezekiel 1:4 As I looked, behold, a storm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud with fire flashing forth continually and a bright light around it, and in its midst something like glowing metal in the midst of the fire
 - Exodus 13:31 “The Lord was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night
- Transport to a Foreign Land
 - **Exodus:** House of Israel moves to Egypt and subsequently returns to the land
 - **Exile:** House of Israel is deported to Babylon and subsequently returns to the land

What Got My Attention - 2

- 430 years
 - Exile: 430 Years for Iniquity of Israel & Judah
 - Ezekiel 4:4-5, 390 days for House of Israel
 - Ezekiel 4:6, 40 days for House of Judah
 - Total of 430 years House of Israel in Egypt
 - Exodus 12:40-41 “Now the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years...”
- Ezekiel Chapter 20 ties Exodus to Exile
 - Verse 36: “As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you,” declares the Lord God.

Ezekiel 4:4-6

- 4 “As for you, lie down on your left side and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel on it; you shall bear their iniquity for the number of days that you lie on it.
- 5 For I have assigned you a number of days corresponding to the years of their iniquity, **three hundred and ninety days**; thus you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.
- 6 When you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side and bear the iniquity of the house of Judah; I have assigned it to you for **forty days**, a day for each year.

Summary of Motivations

Egypt/Exodus

- A great cloud with fire flashing forth. Ez 1:4
- Going into a foreign land and then returning
- 430 years in Egypt. Ex 12:40-41
- Ezekiel references Exodus events

Babylon/Exile

- A pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night Ex 13:31
- Going into a foreign land and then returning
- 430 years of iniquity. Ez 4:4-6
- Ez chapter 20 draws a parallel between the Exodus and the Exile

Overview of Events

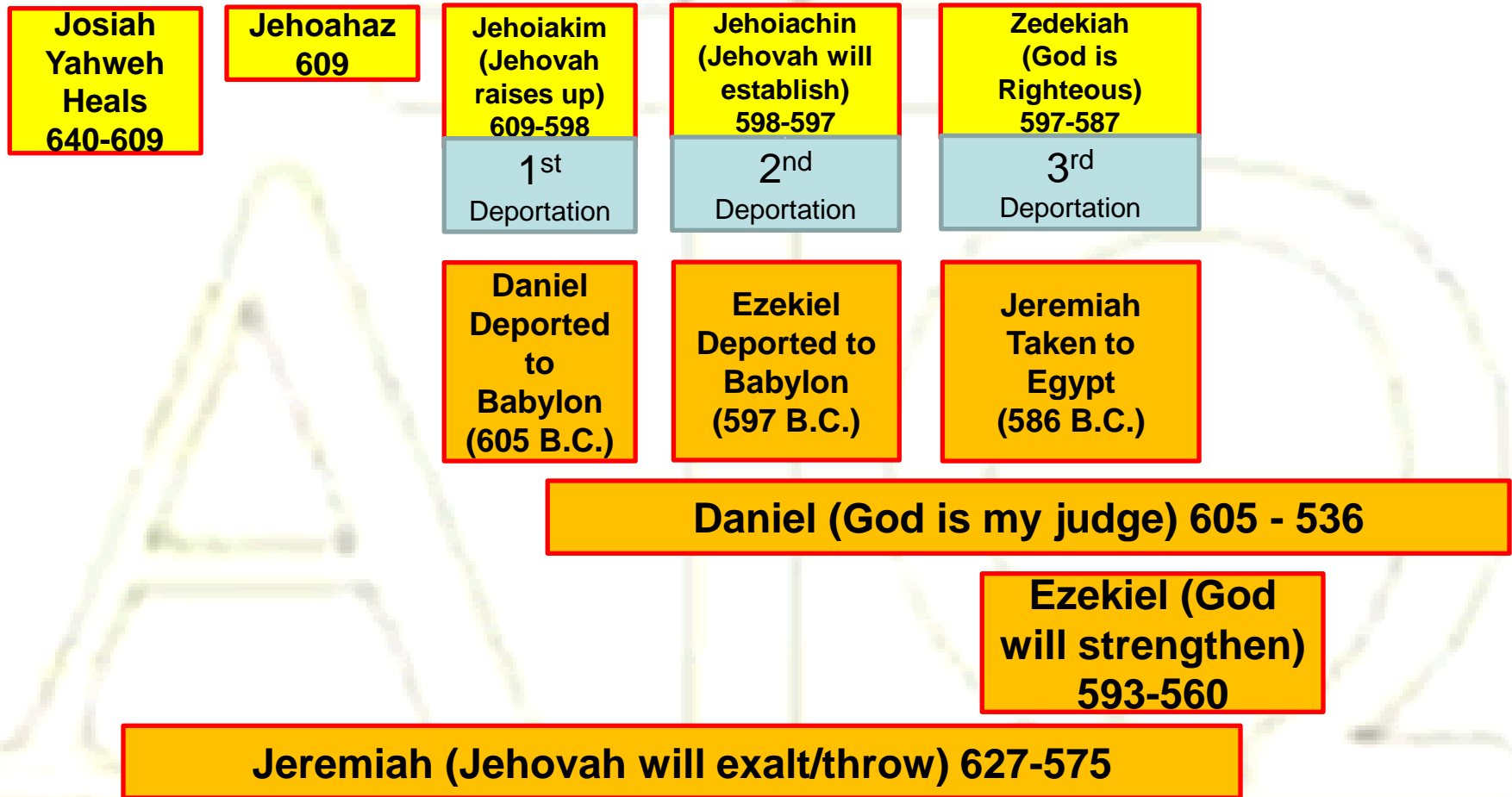
Egypt/Exodus

- The House of Israel went to Egypt as a free people, a family of 70 persons, became slaves and were freed by God through Moses 430 years later, against the wishes of Pharaoh. During the subsequent 40 years in the desert, the Exodus generation died off and the Torah (Doctrine) was given through Moses

Babylon/Exile

- The House of Israel was deported to Babylon as slaves, primarily people from Judah, some several thousand people. After 70 years in exile, God motivated Cyrus to decree that the Jews who wanted to leave Babylon and return to their land could. During the exile, Ezekiel provided prophetic teaching to the people relating it to the Exodus from Egypt.

Kings & Prophets to the Exile



Entering Egypt: Details

- Why did the House of Israel move to Egypt?
 - Simple answer is for food, physical food.
 - As Jacob says, “...so that we may live and not die.” Gen 42:2
- There were three “moves” to Egypt:
 - **Joseph** Genesis chapter 37
 - **Simeon** Genesis 42:24 (play on words v23)
 - **The rest** of the family Genesis 46:2-7

Entering Babylon: Details

- Why did the House of Israel move to Babylon?
 - Simple answer is for spiritual food – they turned against God and His spiritual information (spiritual food).
- There were three deportations to Babylon
 - 605 B.C. which included Daniel
 - 597 B.C. which included Ezekiel
 - 586 B.C. which included most of the rest of the House of Israel

Joseph Becomes Ruler

- Joseph taken to Egypt. Genesis 37
- Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's dream.
Gen 41:25-32
- Joseph promoted.
Gen 41:39-46; 42:6; 44:18; 45:8
 - Lord over Pharaoh's Household
 - Ruler over all of the land of Egypt
 - 2nd in command to Pharaoh

Daniel Becomes Ruler

- Daniel taken to Babylon. Dan 1:1-6
- Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
Dan 2:26-45
- Daniel promoted. Dan 2:48
 - Chief prefect over all wisemen
 - Ruler over the whole province of Babylon
 - Became “3rd ruler” in kingdom (temporarily)
Dan 5:29

Benefit of Jewish Rulers

- Joseph said in Gen 45:7 “God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.”
- Daniel evangelized Nebuchadnezzar, suffered trials which ended in the freedom of Jews to worship their God and ensure their physical security. Dan 6:26-28; 4:34-37; 2:46-49
- God set up these two men to protect the children of Israel in a foreign land. God is in charge of history. God protects His own. Joseph & Daniel provided physical protection for God’s people.

God Provided Doctrine

- God Gave Moses the Torah
 - Given with miraculous signs causing the people to be afraid, in other words, it got their attention
 - History of Man to the Israel's entrance into the land
 - Sets up Priesthood (Worship & Teaching)
- God Gave the Exiles the Prophets
 - People taught with “street theater” which entertained them, in other words, it got their attention
 - History of Man from the Jewish exile through the Tribulation & Millennium
 - Provided Priests (Jeremiah & Ezekiel) to Teach Doctrine Based upon New Revelation & Torah
- God Provided Spiritual food. Without the temple, the emphasis has to be on walking by faith.

Exiting Egypt

- Phase 1: Moses led the people out of Egypt to the Red Sea
- Phase 2: Moses led the people across the Red Sea to the Wilderness to the Jordan River
- Phase 3: Joshua led the people across the Jordan River into the land
- Pharaoh tried to keep the people in Egypt
 - Moses provided the people with the Torah
 - Priesthood established; Tabernacle built

Exiting Babylon

- 1st Return: Zerubbabel led the people out of Babylon as a result of Cyrus' edict
- 2nd Return: Ezra led more out of Babylon
- 3rd Return: Nehemiah went to finish construction
 - God continued to provide prophetic information
 - During the Exile: Jeremiah, Daniel, Ezekiel
 - After the Exile: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
 - Temple rebuilt