

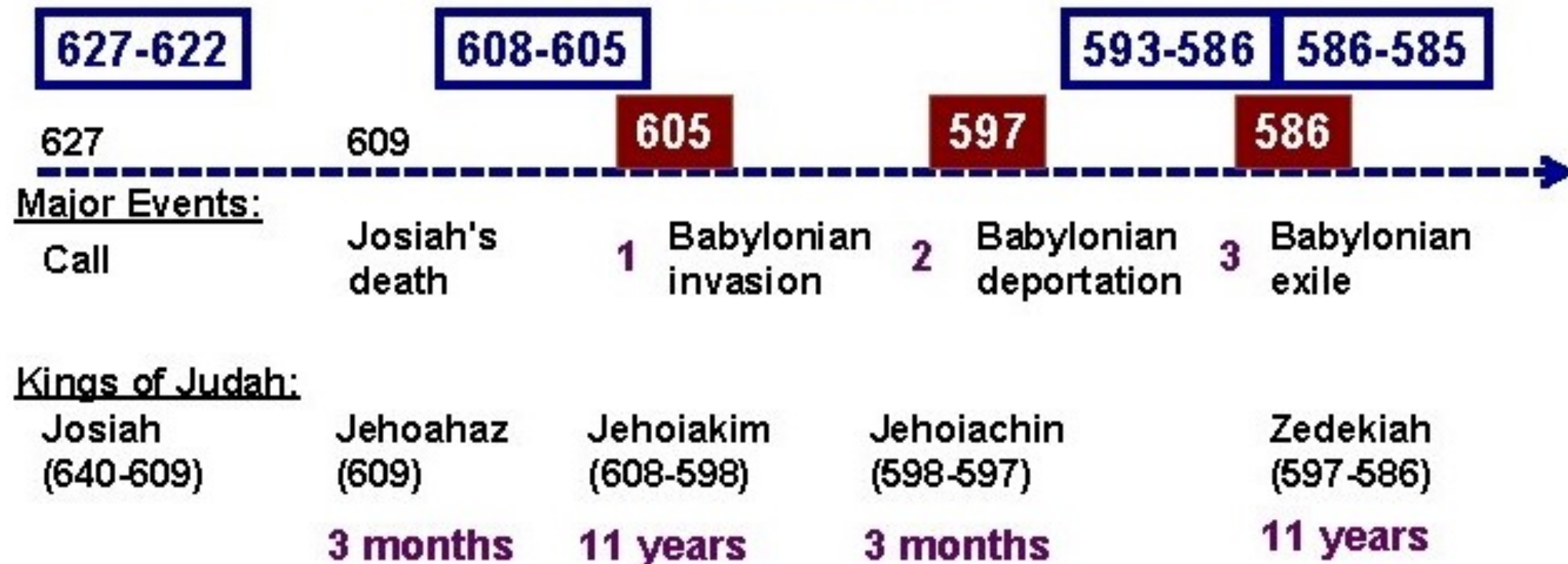


AUTHENTIC SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

- INSIGHTS FROM JEREMIAH THE PROPHET
 - PART 5
- RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Chronology of Jeremiah

PERIODS OF PROPHETIC MINISTRY



**Jeremiah prophesied from the 13th year of Josiah (627 BC)
past the fall of Judah (586 BC) to about 580 BC.**

JEREMIAH 1

1 These are the words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, one of the priests from the town of Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. **2** The LORD first gave messages to Jeremiah during the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah. **3** The LORD's messages continued throughout the reign of King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, until the eleventh year of the reign of King Zedekiah, another of Josiah's sons. In August of that eleventh year the people of Jerusalem were taken away as captives.

4 The LORD gave me this message:

5 "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."

6 "O Sovereign LORD," I said, "I can't speak for you! I'm too young!"

7 The LORD replied, "Don't say, 'I'm too young,' for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. **8** And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and will protect you. I, the LORD, have spoken!" **9** Then the LORD reached out and touched my mouth and said,

JEREMIAH 1

“Look, I have put my words in your mouth! **10** Today I appoint you to stand up against nations and kingdoms. Some you must uproot and tear down, destroy and overthrow. Others you must build up and plant.”

11 Then the LORD said to me, “Look, Jeremiah! What do you see?”

And I replied, “I see a branch from an almond tree.”

12 And the LORD said, “That’s right, and it means that I am watching, and I will certainly carry out all my plans.”

13 Then the LORD spoke to me again and asked, “What do you see now?”

And I replied, “I see a pot of boiling water, spilling from the north.”

14 “Yes,” the LORD said, “for terror from the north will boil out on the people of this land

15 Listen! I am calling the armies of the kingdoms of the north to come to Jerusalem. I, the LORD⁴, have spoken!

JEREMIAH 1

“They will set their thrones at the gates of the city.

They will attack its walls and all the other towns of Judah.

16 I will pronounce judgment on my people for all their evil—
for deserting me and burning incense to other gods.

Yes, they worship idols made with their own hands!

17 “Get up and prepare for action.

Go out and tell them everything I tell you to say.

Do not be afraid of them, or I will make you look foolish in front of them.

18 For see, today I have made you strong like a fortified city that cannot be captured,
like an iron pillar or a bronze wall. You will stand against the whole land— the kings, officials,
priests, and people of Judah. **19** They will fight you, but they will fail. For I am with you, and I will
take care of you.

I, the LORD, have spoken!” – NLT 2

PROPHECY OF HULDAH FOR JOSIAH

2Kings 22:14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Acbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to the New Quarter of Jerusalem to consult with the prophet Huldah. She was the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, the keeper of the Temple wardrobe.

15 She said to them, “The LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken! Go back and tell the man who sent you, **16** ‘This is what the LORD says: I am going to bring disaster on this city and its people. All the words written in the scroll that the king of Judah has read will come true. **17** For my people have abandoned me and offered sacrifices to pagan gods, and I am very angry with them for everything they have done. My anger will burn against this place, and it will not be quenched.’

18 “But go to the king of Judah who sent you to seek the LORD and tell him: ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the message you have just heard: **19** You were sorry and humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I said against this city and its people—that this land would be cursed and become desolate. You tore your clothing in despair and wept before me in repentance. And I have indeed heard you, says the LORD. **20** So I will not send the promised disaster until after you have died and been buried in peace. You will not see the disaster I am going to bring on this city.’” So they took her message back to the king. —

2. JEREMIAH SPOKE PROPHETICALLY TO THE REMNANT

Jeremiah 29:4 This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: **5** “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. **6** Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. **7** Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” **8** Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. **9** They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord. – NIV

2. JEREMIAH SPOKE PROPHETICALLY TO THE REMNANT

10 This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. **11** For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **12** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **13** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.” – NIV

Christian Faith and American Culture Transition over last 90 years

1

CHRISTIANITY

Dominant Mainstream Culture

- Judeo-Christian values agreed base of USA culture
- Not everyone was Christian
- Many in Christian Churches were not disciples
- Increasingly smaller percentage of "Christians" actually walked in a Christian worldview

2

CHRISTIAN

Sub-Culture - Present State

- Scopes Monkey Trial - Evangelicals withdraw
- Judeo-Christian values challenged in Courts with decreasing public access (1954 Churches prohibited from endorsing candidates)
- Christians increasingly marginalized in public life
- Prayer out of Schools
- Word banned in public spaces
- Feminist view of sexuality and gender vs. Biblical view
- Internet - increasingly toxic collective consciousness

3

JESUS FOLLOWERS

Benevolent Counter-culture Future State

- Where God is wanting to take us!
- Focus on the Remnant (Transition in Jeremiah)
- Reformation of Church
- 7% ers to 100% ers
- Passive to active/ Consumers to disciples
- Everyone - knows their identity, functions in their gifts, bears Godly fruit, Does Jesus' Ministry
- Jesus followers able to function in multi-cultural and neo-pagan environment

3. JEREMIAH'S CALL IS A CALL TO US IN GOD'S REMNANT CHURCH TODAY

➤ Three steps of action and obedience from Jeremiah's call for us

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HOUSE CHURCH DISCUSSION & PRAYER?

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about the times we live in and what He wants to do in America and in the Church?
- Pray for the Remnant
 - To be BIG – The Harvest
 - To fully accomplish God's will and design for the Church in this season
 - For supernatural power, signs, and wonders