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2 Kin 24:1-4

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

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, 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 spake by his servants the prophets.

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;

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

2 Chr 33:3,5-7

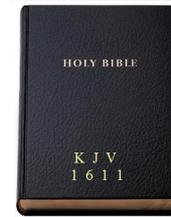
3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever:

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- The king of Babylon was brought against Judah to destroy them and take them captive as judgment, in part, for the sins of Manasseh
- Manasseh was the son of Hezekiah, who was one of the best kings (if not the best) of Judah
- Manasseh on the other hand was arguably the most evil king of Judah
- Manasseh reigned for 55 years (2 Kin 21:1; 2 Chr 33:1), longer than any other king of Israel or Judah
- Manasseh was born 3 years after the Lord healed Hezekiah of his terminal illness and granted him an additional 15 years to live (i.e.- if Hezekiah would have died then Manasseh would not have been born)
- The sins of Manasseh included all forms of idolatry and witchcraft including setting up a CARVED image (i.e.- an image made of WOOD) in the house of God- this could be a picture of the abomination of desolation (Matt 24:15; Rev 13:14-15)
- The sin that was the “last straw” was his shedding of innocent blood, which is defined as children passing through the fire in sacrifice to Molech cf. (Psa 106:38)- Manasseh did this with his own children and inspired others to do the same with theirs

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- The phrase INNOCENT BLOOD appears 20x and only refers to two specific individuals- Jesus Christ (Matt 27:4) and David (1 Sam 19:5), who is a type of Christ
- This is important because the only other time in history when Israel was removed from the land and the temple destroyed was 70 AD at the hand of the ROMANS
- There were many reasons why the Lord brought judgment against the Jews at the hand of the Romans but none more significant than the fact they shed the innocent blood of their Messiah and welcomed the condemnation that came with it

Matt 27:4,24-25

4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

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- There is a clear connection between BABYLON in the OT and ROME in the NT
- What Babylon did to Judah between 606 BC- 587 BC foreshadowed what Rome did to the Jews in 70 AD
- What Rome did in 70 AD was only a partial fulfillment of Israel's judgment for rejecting and crucifying their Messiah- far worse is yet to come at the hands of Revised Rome and the Antichrist during the Tribulation

1 The 2:14-16

14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of **the Jews**:

15 **Who both killed the Lord Jesus**, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for **the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost**.

- The horrors of the Holocaust did not fulfill this judgment but served to prepare the stage for the fulfillment of this judgment by fostering global sympathy for the creation of a Jewish state in the Holy Land

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- The current nation of Israel represents a gathering of the Jewish people together to pass under the rod of chastening through the Antichrist
- The chastening (judgment) will consist of a PURGING and a PURIFICATION- 2/3 of all Jews will die and the remaining 1/3 will endure unprecedented affliction that leads to their repentance and regeneration

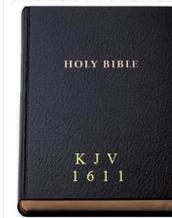
Isa 10:5

O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.

Eze 20:37-38

37 And I will cause you to **pass under the rod,** and I will bring you into **the bond of the covenant:**

38 And I will **purge out from among you the rebels,** and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.



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