

A Historical Study On The Book Of Luke
Teaching #32: Jerusalem's Redemption: Part Nine
Luke 2:38; 21:28; 24:21

In our previous studies, we have been examining the redemption of Jerusalem based on the three mentions of redemption in the book of Luke.

The Three Mentions of Redemption

- **First Mention – By Anna – Luke 2:38**
- **Second Mention – By Jesus – Luke 21:28**
- **Third Mention – By The Two Men On The Road To Emmaus – Luke 24:21**

We have looked at these three mentions in Parts 1-3.

To understand the redemption of Israel, we have been examining in Daniel 2:

- The Statue with its four earthly kingdoms
- The Stone (Jesus) cut of the Mountain (Israel) that became a fifth kingdom – The Kingdom of God/Heaven, the spiritual kingdom of grace – (Ephesians 2:11-21)
- The Latter Days of Corrupt Old Covenant Israel, which would be a perverse generation (Daniel 2:28; Deuteronomy 31:29; 32:5; Acts 2:40)
- The Days of the Kings in Daniel 2:44-45, Psalm 2:1-2, and Acts 4:23-27 when the leaders of Rome mixed with the leaders of corrupt Israel (the Fourth Kingdom) and banded together to:
 - persecute and crucify **Jesus** (**Matthew-John**)
 - persecute his **apostles** (ultimately killing one of his apostles – James, see Acts 12) (**Acts 4-12**)
 - persecute and kill **Stephen** (**Acts 6-7**)
 - persecute and kill **believers** (**Acts 4-9**)
 - persecute and try to kill **Paul** (**Acts 9-28**)

In 68 AD, the leaders of Rome and Israel (the fourth kingdom of iron mixed with clay) were successful in killing Paul.

In 68 AD, **Paul was beheaded in Rome.**

In 70 AD, **Jerusalem was destroyed by Rome.**

Jesus foretold of the destruction of Jerusalem in Matthew 23-24; Mark 13; and Luke 21.

This leads us to the redemption of Jerusalem.

Jesus spoke of both:

- The **destruction** of Jerusalem.
- The **redemption** of Jerusalem.

We will examine more fully Jesus' remarks concerning the destruction and redemption of Israel in upcoming studies.

However, for us to understand Jesus' words about the destruction and redemption of Jerusalem, **we need to understand the Law of Moses**.

Because of Israel's disobedience to the law of Moses, the people of Israel were in bondage to their **enemies** – they were **ATTACKED** and **CAPTURED** by foreign nations (Assyria, Babylon, then **Rome, during the time of Anna, Jesus, and the two men on the road to Emmaus**).

Through Moses, God told the nation of Israel that **if they broke the law**, the judgment against them for breaking the law would be **other nations coming against them** (Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28).

- The Jewish Scriptures record the Jewish prophets **WARNING** the people about the judgments to come because they broke the law. However, the people of Israel would not listen; and thus they continued in their rebellion, bringing upon themselves attacks from foreign nations.
- The Jewish Scriptures record other nations **WAGING** war against the nation of Israel as judgment upon them for breaking the law.

Let's look in the Law of Moses about other nations being used as judgment against the nation of Israel for breaking the law.

The law included the **BLESSINGS** and **CURSINGS** for disobeying the law (see **Leviticus 26** and **Deuteronomy 28-32**).

INTERESTING NOTE: The judgments upon the people of Israel contained in Leviticus 26 and 28 are the basis for the judgment to unbelieving, Jesus-rejecting first century Israel in **Revelation 6**, which is what Jesus foretold would happen.

- To learn more about the judgments of Leviticus 26 and Revelation 6:

- click here to read my teachings on the topic: [**The Must-See Connection Between Leviticus 26 and Revelation 6**](#)

Let's look of the blessings and curses associated with the law contained in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28.

Deuteronomy 28 is based on Leviticus 26.

Deuteronomy 28:1-3

*If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God: You will be **BLESSED** in the **CITY** and blessed in the country.*

Deuteronomy 28:15-16

*However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you: You will be **CURSED** in the **CITY** and cursed in the country.*

Deuteronomy 28:49-50

***The Lord will bring A NATION AGAINST YOU from far away**, from the ends of the earth, like an eagle swooping down, a nation whose language you will not understand, a fierce-looking nation without respect for the old or pity for the young.*

During the days of Anna, Jesus, and the two men on the road to Emmaus, the nation of **Rome occupied the land of Israel because Israel had broken the covenant of law**. Consequently, the people of Israel were living under the judgment (curses) of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28.

How did this occupation happen?

The **Book of Daniel** gives us insight into how the land of Israel became occupied by the Romans.

In Daniel 2, Daniel prophesied, through the interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the Jewish people and land would be taken captive by four kingdoms: **Babylon**, **Medo-Persia**, **Greece**, and **Rome mixed with Clay**.

- The Fourth Kingdom Rome (Iron) would become mixed with Israel (Clay).
- The leadership of Israel (Clay) would become corrupt, as noted earlier in this study and examined extensively in previous studies.

When Jesus was born:

- The Jewish people were living under the authority of and in bondage to the Romans because of breaking the law of Moses.
- The leadership of Israel was corrupt, just as Deuteronomy 32 stated they would become.

Deuteronomy 31:29 (NKJV)

*"For I know that after my [Moses] death you [Israel] will become **utterly corrupt**, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And **evil will befall you [Israel] in the latter days** [the days of the iron and clay kingdom, which were the days of Jesus through AD 70 when Jerusalem was destroyed], because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD [worship demonic god's, sacrifice your*

children to demonic god's, turn away from the law of Moses], to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.”

Deuteronomy 32:5

They [Israel] are **corrupt** and not his children; to their shame they are a warped and crooked generation [Peter quotes this verse in Acts 2:40, referring to Israel's generation of his time].

- The corrupt leadership of Israel was centered in **Jerusalem**.
- In Matthew 23, Jesus spoke of the corrupt Jewish leaders.

Because of their corruption, Jesus stated that the city of Jerusalem and the temple would be **destroyed** (see Matthew 23-24; Mark 13; Luke 21).

Let's **read the words** of Jesus and **see his tears** concerning Jerusalem.

Luke 19:41-44

As **he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it** and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. **They will not leave one stone on another [70 AD]**, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you.”

Luke 21:5-7

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, “As for what you see here, **the time will come [70 AD] when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.**”

“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

Luke 21:20-24

“When you see **Jerusalem being surrounded by armies [70 AD]**, you will know that **its desolation is near**. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. **Jerusalem** will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Luke 23:26-30

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, “**Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children**. For the time will come [70 AD] when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then

“they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”

and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’

Matthew 23:37-38

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. **Look, your house is left to you desolate [70 AD].”**

Again, to understand the destruction Jesus spoke about, leaving Jerusalem desolate, we must understand the law of Moses and also the history and prophecies about Jerusalem.

THE HISTORY OF AND PROPHECIES ABOUT JERUSALEM

The History of the Building of the Temple in Jerusalem

Solomon, King of Israel, builds and dedicates the temple in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 1:13

Then Solomon went to Jerusalem from the high place at Gibeon, from before the tent of meeting. And he reigned over Israel.

2 Chronicles 2:1

Solomon gave orders to build a temple for the Name of the Lord and a royal palace for himself.

2 Chronicles 3:1

Then Solomon began to build the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem...

2 Chronicles 7:11-22

When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, the Lord appeared to him at night and said:

“I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people [because they have violated the law of Moses – see Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28-32], and if my people [the nation of Israel under the law of Moses], who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways [violations of the law of Moses], then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place [this is for Israel under the old testament of law and is no longer in operation today. The book of Hebrews explains this, as does 2 Corinthians 3-6:2. The old testament of law is gone, and the new testament of grace has come. Under the new testament of grace, forgiveness is received by faith in Jesus. God is no longer judging Israel or any nation for violating the law of Moses. Rather, God is offering forgiveness and righteousness to anyone who believes].

I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. “As for you, if you walk before me faithfully as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, ‘You shall never fail to have a successor to rule over Israel.’

*“But if you [this is a plural you referring to all of Israel at any time in their history when they were under the law of Moses] turn away and forsake the decrees and commands [of the law of Moses] I have given you [plural you referring to all of Israel] and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. **This temple will become a heap of rubble.** All who pass by will be appalled and say, ‘Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and to this temple?’ People will answer, ‘Because they have forsaken the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who brought them out of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, worshiping and serving them—**that is why he brought all this disaster on them.**’”*

The History of the Fall of Jerusalem and the Destruction of the First Temple

Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, invaded Jerusalem and destroyed the temple.

2 Chronicles 36:14-20

*Furthermore, **all the leaders of the priests and the people became more and more unfaithful** [sinful as they violated the law of Moses], **following** [participating in] **all the detestable practices of the nations and DEFILING THE TEMPLE of the Lord, which he had consecrated in JERUSALEM.** [Remember, God set Israel apart from all the nations – Genesis 10-12 – so that they could be a blessing to the nations. Rather than remaining separate from the nations, they joined the nations in the worship of demonic gods and the participation in their evil practices]*

*The Lord, the God of their ancestors, sent word to them [the people of Israel] through his messengers [prophets] again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. But **they mocked God’s messengers**, despised his words and scoffed at his prophets **until the wrath of the Lord was aroused against his people and there was no remedy.***

*He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians [in accordance with Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28], who killed their young men with the sword in the sanctuary, and did not spare young men or young women, the elderly or the infirm. God gave them all into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar. He carried to Babylon all the articles from the temple of God, both large and small, and the treasures of the Lord’s temple and the treasures of the king and his officials. **They set fire to God’s TEMPLE and broke down the wall of JERUSALEM; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.** [Jesus foretold this would happen again ...it happened in 70 AD, which is what the book of Revelation declared was coming.]*

He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant [those in Israel who were not killed, such as Daniel], who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his successors until the kingdom of Persia came to power [Persia was the second kingdom in the statue in Daniel 2].

The History of Jerusalem and the Temple Being Rebuilt

2 Chronicles 26:21-23

The land [the land of Israel] enjoyed its sabbath rests [see Leviticus 25]; all the time of its **desolation** [desolation refers to the destruction by Babylon of the cities in Israel, including Jerusalem and the temple] it rested, until the seventy years [of captivity in Babylon] were completed in fulfillment of the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah [read Jeremiah 29]. In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah [that the people of Israel would be in captivity in Babylon for 70 years], the Lord moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing:

“This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

‘The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me **to build a TEMPLE for him at JERUSALEM** [this is the second Temple built, but it was destroyed in 70 AD as Jesus foretold] in Judah [southern Israel]. Any of his people among you may go up, and may the Lord their God be with them.’ ”

Before Cyrus, king of Persia allowed the people of Israel to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple, **Daniel was praying in Babylon.**

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Daniel was one of the remnant carried off into exile.

Let’s read Daniel’s prayer.

Notice how much it parallels **2 Chronicles 6-7**.

Daniel 9:1-19

Daniel’s Prayer while in captivity in Babylon

*In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom— in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet [Jeremiah 29], that **the desolation of Jerusalem** [see Leviticus 26:33-35] would last seventy years. So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed:*

*“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love [the law was a covenant of love from God to the people of Israel. The desire of God’s heart was to bless them – see Jeremiah 3:19-20] with those who love him and keep his commandments [Israel did not keep God’s commandments; therefore, judgment came], **we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants the prophets**, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.”*

*“Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because we have sinned against you. The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. **All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.**”*

*“Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses [Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28-32], the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing on us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to **Jerusalem**. Just as it is written in the Law of Moses [Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28-32], all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. The Lord did not hesitate to bring the disaster on us, for the Lord our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.”*

*“Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and **your wrath from Jerusalem**, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made **Jerusalem** and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.”*

*“Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your **desolate sanctuary** [temple]. **18**Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see **the desolation of the city** [see Jeremiah 6:8; 7:34] that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”*

NOTE: Notice Daniel is begging for forgiveness based upon the mercy of God. This is old testament, law-based forgiveness. Under the new testament of grace, we possess forgiveness through faith in Jesus. God freely offers forgiveness through Jesus.

To learn more about the difference between forgiveness based upon the old testament of law and the new testament of grace: [CLICK HERE](#)

My book, ***Forgiven and Cleansed: 1 John 1:9 In Context***, also explains the difference between forgiveness under the law and forgiveness under grace. [CLICK HERE](#)

Let's summarize.

In Genesis 10-11, God created the nations. In Genesis 12, he formed one nation that would be a blessing to all nations. This nation was Israel.

God gave the nation of Israel the law of Moses so that they would be a strong nation and would not interact with the sins and demonic God's of the other nations.

The law stated that if they obeyed the law, blessings would come. However, if they disobeyed the law curses would come.

The curses would include destruction of their land and cities.

Yet, if they turned from their sinful ways of violating the law and participating in the sins of the nations, then God would forgive their sins and heal their land.

Through the prophets, God warned the people of Israel what would happen if they continued in disobedience to the law and in participation in the sinful practices of the nations. They refused to listen to the prophets.

Consequently, the judgments of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 came upon them.

The first judgment was Assyria invading northern Israel. The second judgment was Babylon invading southern Israel, destroying Jerusalem and the temple that Solomon had built.

When the city of Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed it became desolate. Daniel and others were carried off to Babylon in exile. While there, Daniel interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream about the Statute of Four Kingdoms and the one other Kingdom that would be a stone and destroy the other kingdoms.

While in Babylonian captivity, Daniel was reading the prophet Jeremiah – Jeremiah 29, which foretold the people of Israel would be in captivity for 70 years. Daniel knew the 70-year time period was nearly over, so in his prayer, he asked God what was next for Israel.

The answer to Daniel's prayer was given by God through the angel Gabriel.

The answer included what would happen to the people of Israel and the city of Jerusalem after they were released from Babylonian captivity.

Let's examine God's answer to Daniel's prayer concerning **the people of Israel** and **the city of Jerusalem**.

The answer to Daniel's prayers seems to be about:

- **Ending** the old covenant of law...
- ...and
- **Establishing** the new testament of grace

This is where we will begin our next study on The Redemption of Jerusalem.

We will examine the Seventy Weeks or 490 years regarding **the people of Israel** and **the city of Jerusalem**.

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