

Jeremiah

c. 650–570 BC

6-18-23

chapters

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Lamentations

7:2-3 Stand at the gate of the LORD's House ...

LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says

Reform your ways and your actions,

and I will let you live in this place.



**What is the Nature of
Destruction**



Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of
Jerusalem, c. 1630, by Rembrandt

Jeremiah 7-10 – About Coming Destruction
Most likely Several Messages ... over a year
AFTER Betrayal ... Destruction ... Bikini Atoll



Castle Bravo on the Bikini Atoll ...
15 Megaton Thermonuclear Explosion
Largest ever tested by USA



Destruction

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At 6.45 am, March 1, 1954,
Marshall Islanders woke to a sun in WEST
Castle Bravo at Bikini Atoll thermonuclear bomb

- ✓ Estimated 1,000x more powerful Hiroshima
- ✓ Hiroshima 20 Kilotons
- ✓ Bravo 15 Megaton – 15 million tons of TNT
- ✓ Worst nuclear disaster
- ✓ Generations of health problems

Jerusalem will
NOT repent

"As soon as the WWII ended, we located the one spot on earth
that hadn't been touched by the war

and blew it to HELL."

— Bob Hope commenting on Operation Crossroads ...



Today ... the USA & a lot of the world
Host a lot of people with NO desire for FAITH in God
Largest NUKE tested Russia's *Tsar Bomba* 50 Megatons
NEWBREAK: *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* (6-14-23)

Russian Poseidon Torpedo

- ✓ **Powered Compact Nuclear Reactor**
- ✓ **Almost 6 Feet in Diameter**
- ✓ **Possible speed 100+ MPH *underwater***
- ✓ **Depth of 3,200+ Feet**
- ✓ **RANGE 6,200+ Miles**
- ✓ **Evade Acoustic Tracking**
- ✓ **Minimum Yield Several Megatons**
- ✓ **Reports suggest yield up to**

100 Megatons

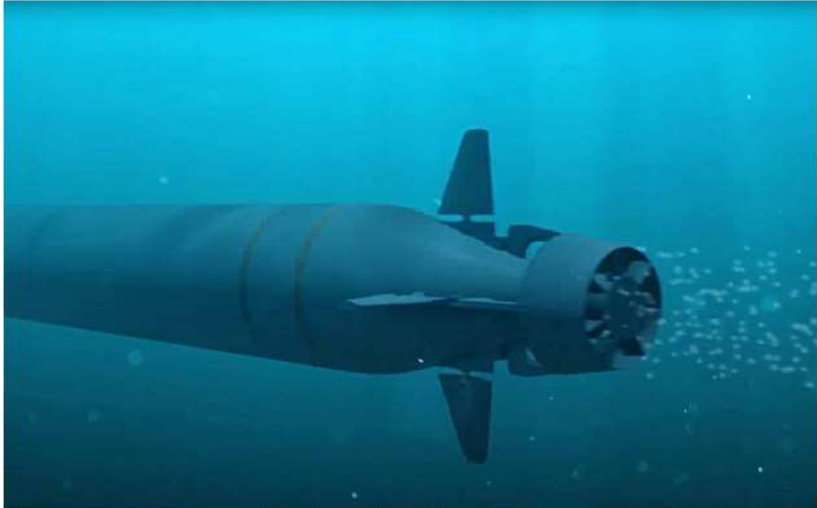
**Not sure how Russia or U.S.
will be JUDGED**



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One nuclear-armed Poseidon torpedo could decimate a coastal city. Russia wants 30 of them

By Silky Kaur | June 14, 2023



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Jerusalem's Judgments **START** after Josiah
 8th Year at 16 yrs old, Josiah seeks God
 12th Yr at 20, Josiah purges Astarte High Places
 2 Ch. 34:3 Astarte Jeremiah's "Queen of Heaven"
 13th yr Josiah > Jeremiah Called to Minister
 18th yr Josiah Book of Law FOUND 1 Kings 22

> Josiah WEEPS - Institutes Passover

LOT takes place *internationally* 2-20 under Josiah
 Babylon on the RISE ...

609 B.C. Egypt KILLS Josiah @ Megiddo

605 B.C. Babylon x Egypt @ Charchemish
Babylon x Egypt (w remnant of Assyria)

By Jeremiah 21 – Last Judean King Zedekiah
inquires about Babylon's Nebuchadnezzar

Jeremiah Timeline		
Samaria-Destroyed	721/22	
Good King Josiah	640	reforms initiated
Jeremiah Called in 13th yr Josiah	626	Perhaps 20 yrs old
Nabopolassar RAISES Babylon	625	reigns 625-605
Babylon-takes-Nineveh/Assyria-	612	
Egypt's Neco KILLS Josiah @ Megiddo	609	
Jeremiah Laments death of Josiah		II Chron 35:25
Jehoahaz	609	
Jehoiakim	609	
Babylon - Nebuchadnezzar	605	reigns 605-562
Babylon x Egypt's Neco @ Charchemish	605	
Neb @ Jerusalem ~ Daniel to Babylon	605	1st Deportation
	600	
Neb @ Jerusalem appoints Jehoiachin	598	3 months
Neb @ Jerusalem	597	2nd Deportation
Neb renames Josiah's son Zedekiah	597	Josiah's son Mattaniah
Jeremiah foretold 70 yrs Captivity		Jer. 25-29
Jeremiah persecuted ch 38		Jer. 36-38
Babylon-Neb-Destroys JERUSALEM-	586	3rd Deportation
Zedekiah Flees, is killed		Fall itself - Jer. 39-45
Jeremiah w Gedaliah ch 39		
Jeremiah - others to Egypt ch 43		Jeremiah if 30 in 626
Last words of Jeremiah 44:24-30		he's 70+ yrs old
Words of Jeremiah to Baruch		
Cyrus the Great - Jews to Return	538	67 yrs later
Second Temple Complete	515	under Zerubbabel
Ezra in Jerusalem	458	His bk written c. 440
Nehemiah in Jerusalem	445	His bk written c. 430

Judean Kings	
Josiah	640-609 B.C.
Jehoahaz	609 B.C.
Jehoiakim	609-598 B.C.
Jehoiachin	598-597 B.C.
Zedekiah	597-586 B.C.

Jeremiah 7-10 *the "Temple Message/s"* Nature of Coming Destruction

chapters

7 Disloyal Jerusalem to PERISH

8 Dead Exposed to Stars ...

wives to other men ... fields to other owners

Harvest Past ... No Balm in Gilead ... No Healing

9 Oh, that my head were a spring ... eyes a fountain of tears
... I would WEEP day & night

What man is wise enough to understand this?

10 Like a scarecrow in a melon patch,
idols CANNOT speak

Chaps 7-10 **Destruction Coming**



REASON Judgments to start **AFTER** Josiah

2 Kings 22:19-20

after finding Book of Law 18th Year of Josiah

19 Because your heart was responsive & humbled yourself before the LORD when you **HEARD** what I have spoken ...

Book of Law AND HEARD Jeremiah?

because you tore your robes & **WEPT** in my presence, I also have heard **YOU**

2 Kgs 22:20 Therefore, I will gather you to your ancestors ... be buried in peace.

Your eyes will NOT see all the disaster

I am going to bring on this place

Especially & Likely Jeremiah 2-10 ...

Josiah HEARS & weeps & does ALL he can



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome



In midst coming judgment—Two Passages NOT to Miss

Jer. 9:23 LORD says: “Let NOT wise boast of their wisdom or the strong in their strength or rich boast of their riches,
24 but let the one who boasts boast on THIS: they have the understanding to KNOW ME, I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice & righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight

Jer. 10:6-16 No one is like you, Lord; You are GREAT
And your name is mighty in power ...
Made the Earth ... Makes clouds Rise ...
Stretched out the Heavens ... Sends the Lightning
Maker of All things ...
Lord Almighty is His Name

Jer. 10:17-25 Destruction Coming



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Jeremiah 7:1 Word ... to Jeremiah ...

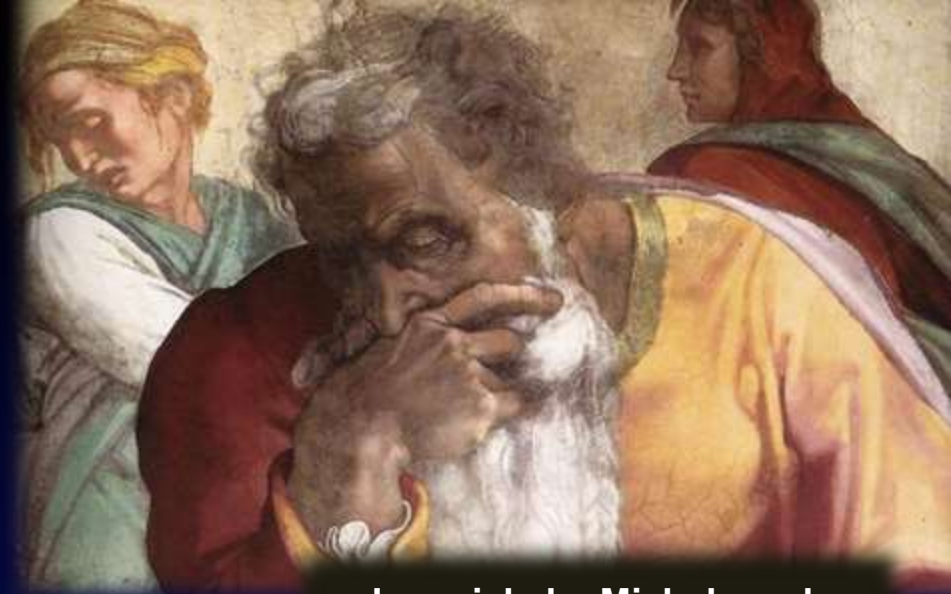
2 “Stand at the Gate of the LORD’s House and proclaim this message:

**“Hear the word of the LORD,
ALL you people of Judah who come
thru these gates to Worship the LORD.**

**3 What the LORD Almighty, God of Israel, says:
Reform your ways and your actions,
and I will let you LIVE in this place.**

**Worship concurrent w Betrayal to Baal
with evil deeds & sex galore (chaps 2-6)**

**17:19 Lord said: “Stand at the Gate of the People,
thru which the kings of Judah go in & out,
also at ALL the other Gates of Jerusalem**



Jeremiah, by Michelangelo
Ceiling of Sistine Chapel, Rome



Jeremiah 7:4 Do NOT ...

Do **NOT** trust in deceptive words, and say, “This is the Temple of the LORD, the Temple of the LORD, the Temple of the LORD!”

Just as we CANNOT grasp worship of a STONE

We CANNOT grasp superstitious use “Temple of LORD”

One of the best renditions of superstition is portrayed in

1941 movie “The Shepherd of the Hills” w John Wayne

His father comes incognito to buy property from Hillbillies

GREAT MOVIE ... of redemption



Jeremiah 7:5 If you

REALLY change your ways & actions
& deal with each other justly,

6 if you do **NOT** oppress the foreigner,
the fatherless, or the widow &

do **NOT** shed innocent blood ...

NOT follow other gods to your own harm,

7 Then I will **LET YOU LIVE** in this place ... ever & ever.

8 But look, you are **TRUSTING** in deceptive words....

What kind of "TRUST" is that? What's the nature of that Trust?

They are **BELIEVING** what they want ... **NOT** the *Reality*

"Temple" has become kind of **PAID** Tribute to **DO ANYTHING**

Dark Ages, some knights would **PAY** church for forgiveness before **EVIL**



Jeremiah 7:9 Will you steal
murder ... adultery ... perjury ...
Incense to Baal ...

10 THEN come & stand before me
in **THIS** House, which bears my Name,
and say, “We are Safe”—

safe to do all these detestable things?

11 Has this house, which bears my Name,
become a Den of Robbers to you?

But I have been **WATCHING!** declares the Lord.

Remember the Pun on the Almond Tree – *Watching ...*

Do you truly believe that God is WATCHING?



Jeremiah 7:12 “Go now to Shiloh
where I **FIRST** made a dwelling
for my Name, and
see what I did to Shiloh
because of the wickedness of
my people Israel.



13 While you were doing all these things ...
I spoke to you again and again,
but you did **NOT** listen;
I called you, but you did **NOT** answer.

God is going to Burn Down the HOUSE ...

**Former place of Shiloh ... north his Home in Anathoth
oh ... JUDGMENT is Coming ... maybe for USA too**

**Sister of Perpetual Indulgence honored
by the LA Dodgers!**

- ✓ **Nastily MOCK Christ, Mary, the Cross**
- ✓ **MOCK Mother Teresa & ALL Nuns**
women who gave their *LIVES* to Christ
- ✓ **Attack ALL Christian Values**

God hates Adultery & Idolatry

Yet Most of ALL HATES Blasphemy

**N.T. added NO FORGIVENESS
for Blaspheming Holy Spirit**

God will DESTROY

Jerusalem

for LESS than these do



God will DESTROY Jerusalem

for LESS than some do today in USA

In SUM—Ark at Shiloh after Conquest

c. 1050 B.C. ... 1 Sam 4 Israelites used
Ark as good-luck charm at Ebenezer

Philistines BEAT Israel Twice – Philistines Take Ark

Ark tours Philistia about 6 months

God topples Dagon, gives Tumors ... Philistines return Ark

Philistines DESTROY Shiloh ... assumed ... from Jeremiah

Ark TOURS Israel until Solomon's Temple Built

Jeremiah WARNS – Jerusalem destroyed by Babylon 586 B.C.



1 Samuel 4:1 – 7:17

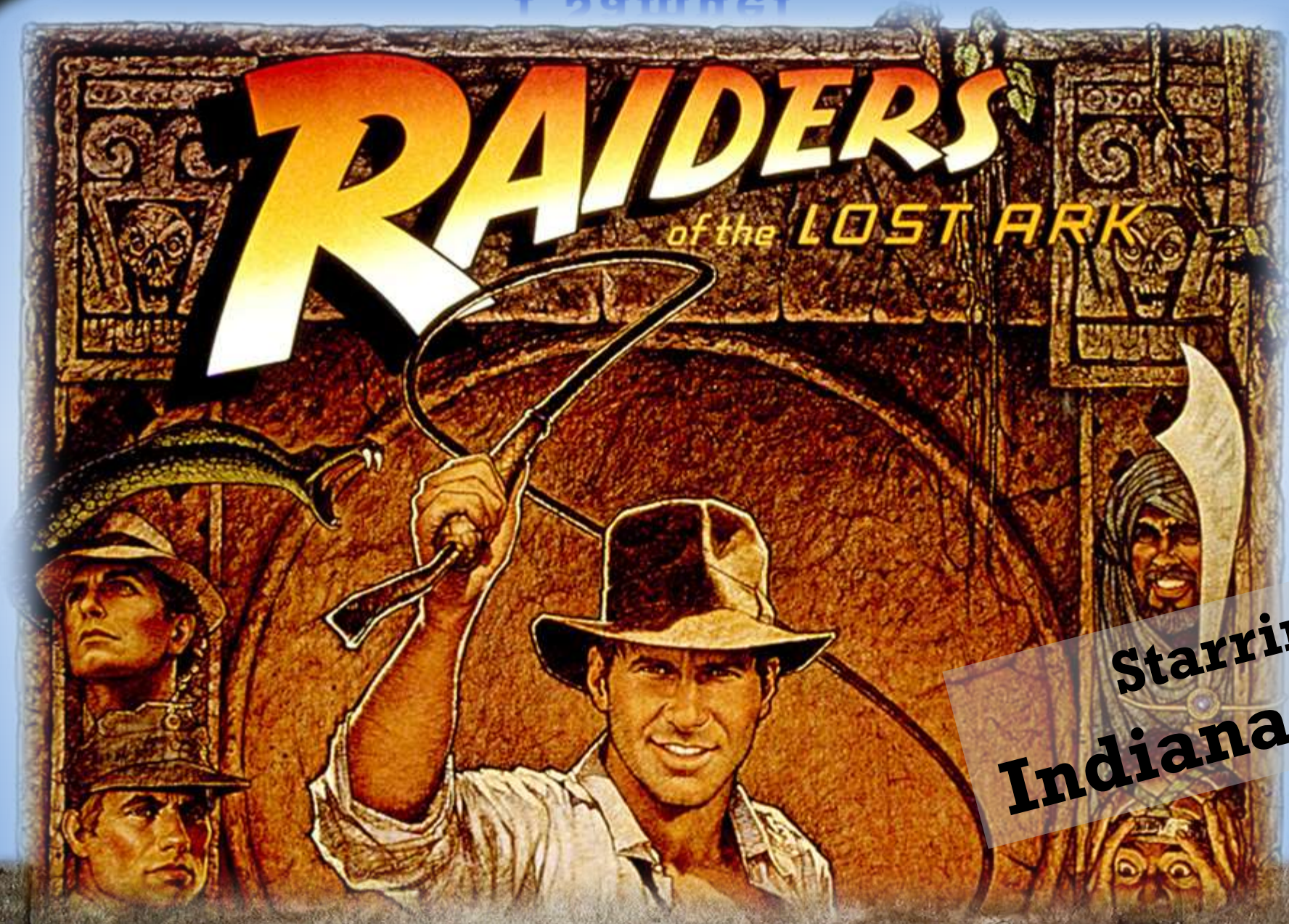
June 19, 2016 – almost *exactly* 7 years ago

Only God is worthy of worship and praise

Context 4:1 – 7:17

- 4:1-22** Ark brought from Shiloh to Ebenezer to help fight
Philistines Defeat Israel TWICE – Take Ark!
- 5:1-5** **The Holy God – Dagon Down!**
- 5:6** **Judgment Experienced – Lord's Heavy Hand**
- 5:7 – 6:10** **Ark Goes on Tour**
- 6:11-12** **Instructions Followed – Cows Take Over: Mooove Ark**
- 6:13-16** **Worship Offered – Beth Shemesh Welcome Ark Home**
- 6:17 – 7:17** **Beth Shemesh, oops – Ark off to Kiriath Jearim**

1 Samuel



**Starring
Indiana Jones**

1 Samuel

alternative alternate title



Starring the **Philistines**
of Ancient Ashdod, Gath and Ekron

**4:1-22- Philistines Defeat Israel TWICE – Take Ark!
Eli's sons die, Eli dies at new ... Ichabod born**

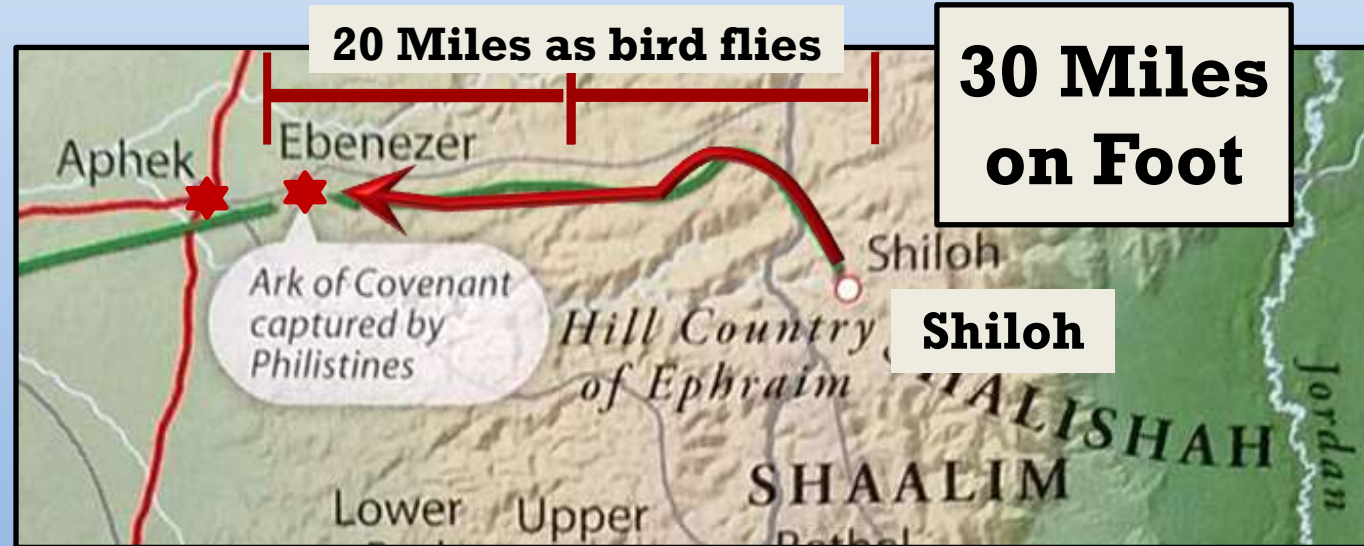
Woe Unto Israel

¹ **“Samuel’s word came to all Israel”—Go Fight!**
*until 7:2 – don’t hear from Samuel for 20+ yrs?
i.e., chapters 4-6 = 7 months, then 7:2 = 20 yrs!*



4:2-4 – Israelites face Philistines.

- Israelites at Ebenezer
- Philistines at Aphek.
- Philistines kill 4,000!
- Israel wants Ark to come and **SAVE** them—*help!*
- Ark from Shiloh to Ebenezer



Where Is the Lost Ark of the Covenant?

*Did the Ark REALLY get stored in
a U.S. Government warehouse?*



***4:1-22 Samuel's word & Philistines defeat Israel TWICE
Eli's sons die, Eli dies at new ... Ichabod born***

Woe Unto Israel x TWO

4:6-8 – Ark arrives Ebenezer ... Israel HAPPY ... Philistines AFRAID

Philistines said, “A god has come into the camp, Oh no! Nothing like this has happened before. We’re doomed! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? They are the gods who struck the **Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness.”**

Notice the NEWS of the Egyptian Exodus – Even Philistines KNOW

4:9 – Mr. Motivator: “Be strong, Philistines! Be men, or you will be subject to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Be men, and fight!”

4:10 – Second the Philistines KILL 30,000 of Israel!

4:11 – Ark of God captured, and Eli's two sons die.

4:1-22 Samuel's word & Philistines defeat Israel TWICE
Eli's sons die, Eli dies at new ... Ichabod born
Woe Unto Eli and sons

1 Sam. 4:12-13

Benjamite RAN to Shiloh, tells all – “Whole town sent up a cry.”
about 25 miles ... FIRST Marathon, only to deliver news of defeat



***4:1-22 Samuel's word & Philistines defeat Israel TWICE
Eli's sons die, Eli dies at new ... Ichabod born***

Woe Unto Eli and sons

4:14-18 Blind Eli, 98 yrs old, "What's meaning of this uproar?"

Benjamite tells Eli all ... also that his sons are dead.

Eli fell backward off his chair, broke his neck and died –

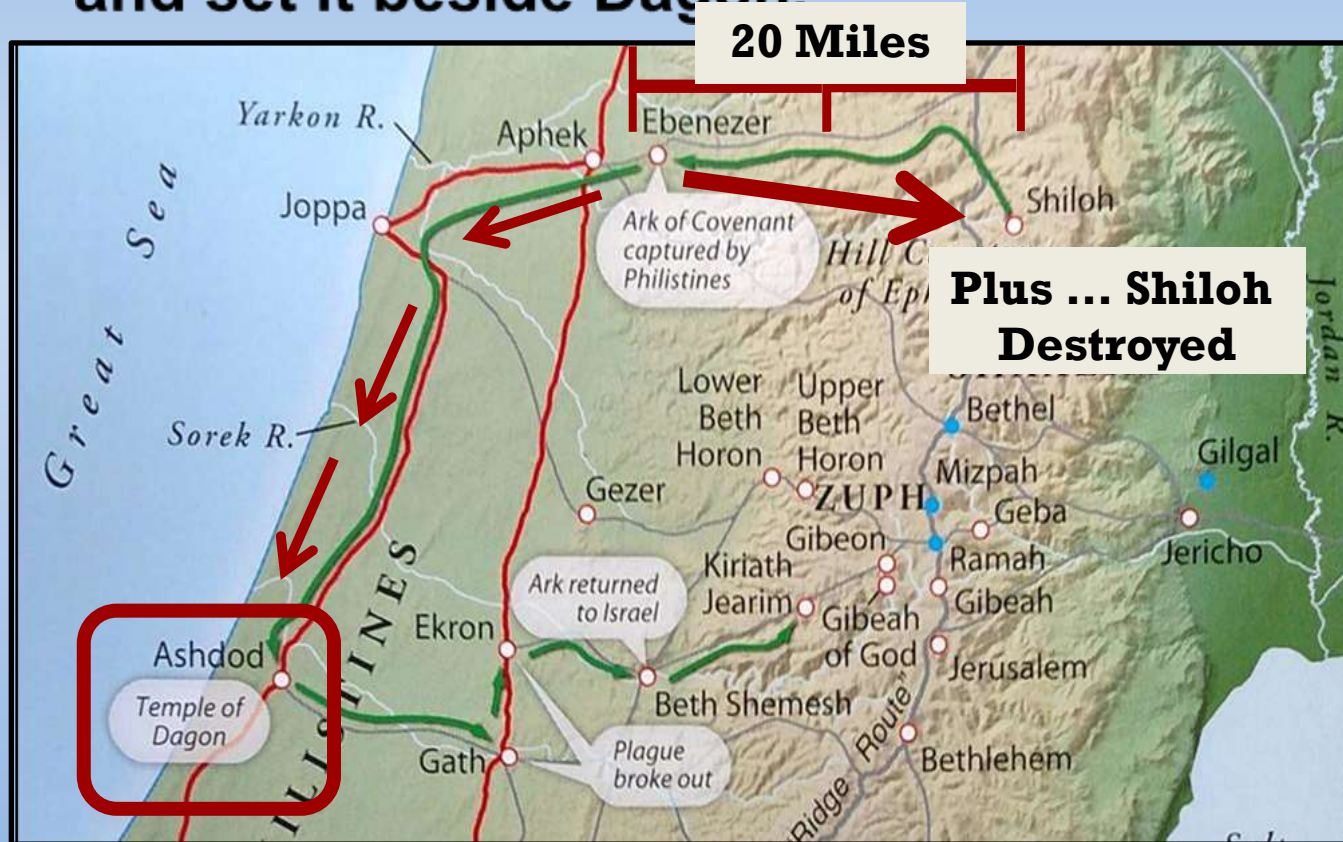
Judged Israel 40 years

4:19-22 – Eli's daughter-in-law, wife of Phinehas, dies giving birth, but is able to name baby boy Ichabod, saying,

"The Glory has departed from Israel."

5:1-5 – The Holy God – Dagon Down!

¹ After the Philistines had captured the Ark of God, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. ² Then they carried the Ark into Dagon's temple and set it beside Dagon.



Dagon – base relief at Louvre

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³ When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on HIS FACE on the ground before the Ark of the LORD!

shocking ...

They took Dagon & put him back in his place.

What irony – they what?

They put their GOD back in his place!

Hah—you NEVER hear that of YHWH!



Dagon – bas-relief at Louvre

5:1-5 – The Holy God – Dagon Down!

⁴ But the following morning when they rose, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the LORD!

His head & hands had been broken off and were lying on the threshold; only his body remained.

⁵ That is why to this day neither the priests of Dagon nor any others who enter Dagon's temple at Ashdod step on the threshold.

That is ... the head and hands were **CUT OFF** and **PLACED** on the Threshold of Temple!!

Hebrew:
CUT OFF!!



Fall of Dagon by Philip James de Loutherbourg, 1793.

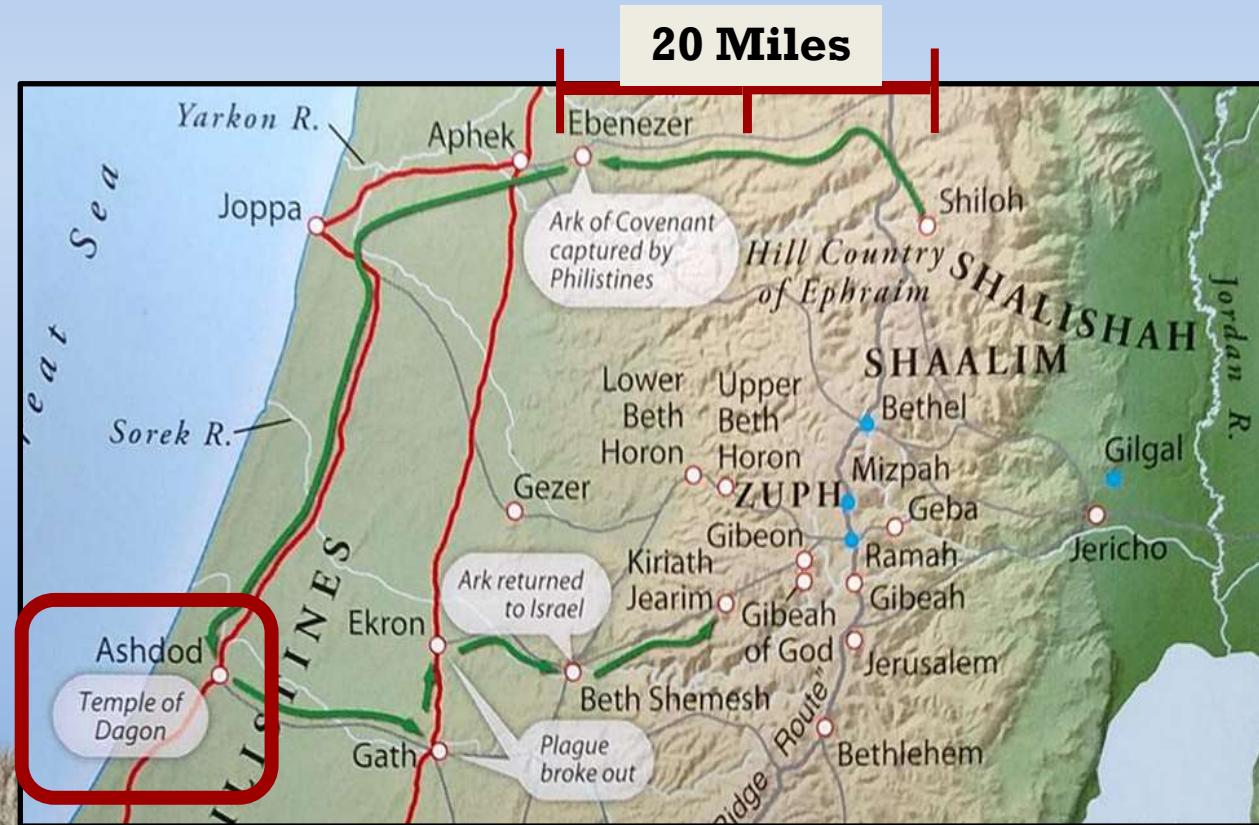
5:6 – Judgment Experienced – Lord’s Heavy Hand

Ark on Tour ... or ... Tour de Tumorville

6 The LORD’s hand was heavy on the people of Ashdod and its vicinity; he brought devastation on them and afflicted them with TUMORS.

Language is “Posterior Tumors”!

No ... NOT want to see illustrations of Tumorville



Philistines Take Ark – oops!

5:7 – **Ashdod** – get the Ark of God out of town –
GET OUT OF TOWN!



5:8 – to **Gath** it goes ... they will take it ... more **TUMORS**

5:10 – to **Ekron**, but EKRONITES *read* the newspapers – **NO, NO, NO!**

Twitter Tweets ... Instagram Shots ... Facebook Videos – **Not HERE**

5:11 – **Tumorville Convention** – *aaahh* – **SEND THE THING BACK!**

5:12 – “Outcry went up to heaven.”

6:1 – Ark in Philistia 7 months – Israel priests say “Send it back with
offering of 5 gold rats and 5 gold tumors”

6:6 – Why do you harden your hearts as the Egyptians and Pharaoh did?

NOTICE—News of 400-yr-old Egyptian deliverance still FELT in Philistia!

5:7 – 6:10 – Ark on Tour – Tour de Tumorville
Philistines Want the Ark OUT of Town!

6:8-10 – What to do?

told to load the Ark ... send it to Beth Shemesh ... follow it



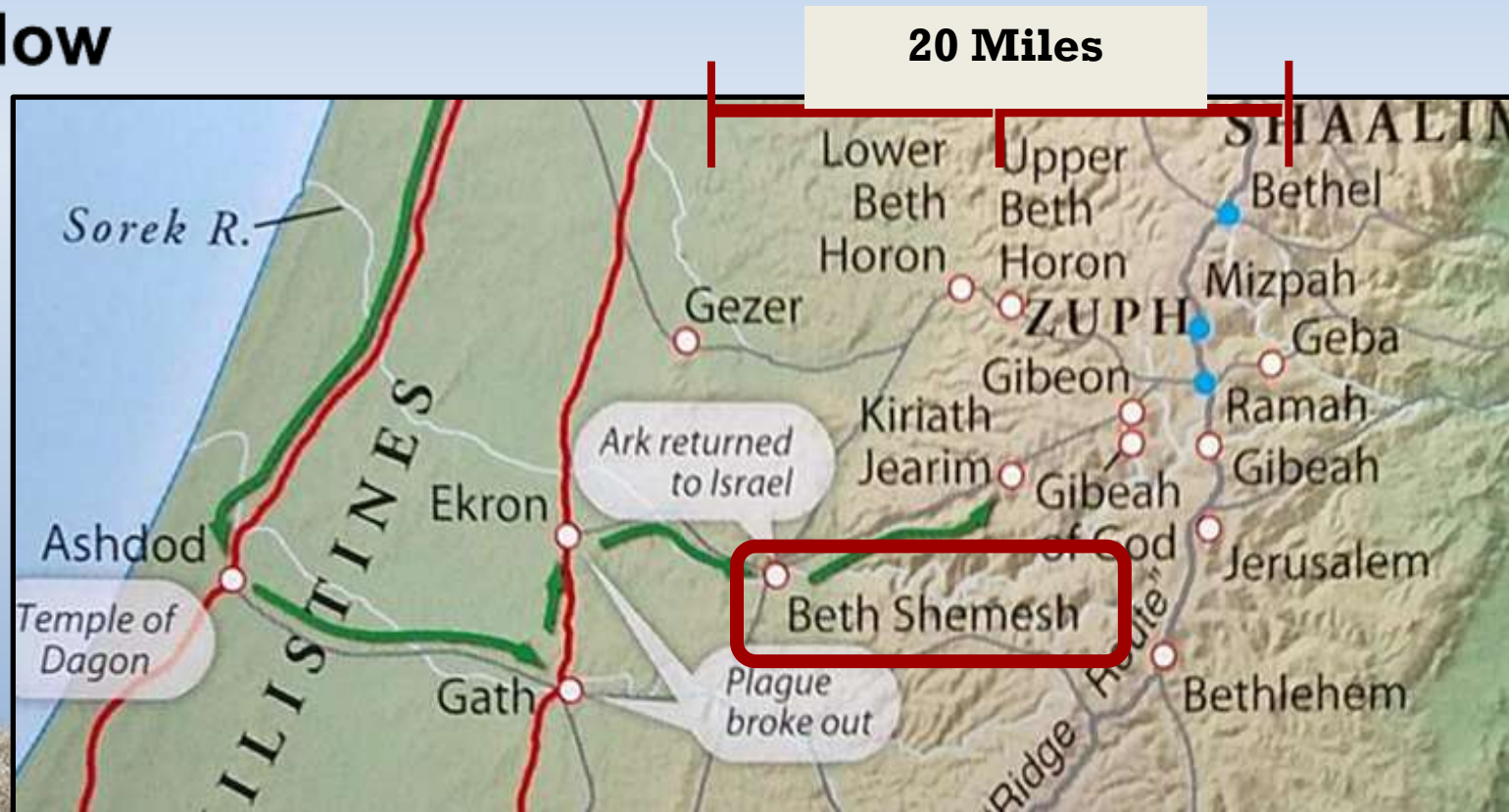
Cows to Beth Shemesh – Mooove Ark ... Whew!

6:11-12 – Philistines load all &
cows went toward Beth Shemesh

Cows Mooo-ooving the Ark along

Philistines Rulers follow

to border of
eth Shemesh.



Cows to Beth Shemesh – Mooo ... Whew!

¹³ People of Beth Shemesh were harvesting their wheat looked up and saw the Ark ... rejoiced at the sight.

Cart came to the field of Joshua of Beth Shemesh ... stopped beside a large rock....

¹⁵ The Levites took down the ark of the LORD ... placed them on the **Large Rock**.

people of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and made sacrifices to the LORD.

¹⁶ **FIVE Rulers** of the Philistines saw all this & then returned that same day to Ekron.



6:17 – 7:17 – Beth Shemesh, oops – off to Kiriath Jearim

Rest of the Story . . . Beth Shemesh **NOT Ready**

- 19 God struck down some of the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh, putting 70 to death because they looked into the Ark of the LORD....**
- 20 People of Beth Shemesh asked, “Who can stand in the presence of the LORD, this holy God? To whom will the ark go up from here?”**
- 21 They sent messengers to Kiriath Jearim, saying,
“The Philistines have returned the Ark of the LORD.**

Come down & take it up to your town.”

NOT said, but assumed, Philistines DESTROY Shiloh

Let's recap ...

Ark of the Covenant BEFORE Shiloh

Ex. 25:10-22 & 37:1-9

- ✓ Moses given specs on Mt. Sinai
- ✓ Ark made by Bezalel to specs
4'2" long x 30" high
- ✓ Made of acacia overlaid in gold
- ✓ Two angels faced each other
- ✓ Same from Exodus to Temple
- ✓ Temple of Solomon, two huge angels stand on each side
- ✓ **Contents:** Ten Commandments, gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff
- ✓ Placed inside Tabernacle in the Holy of Holies
- ✓ Carried for 40 Years in Wilderness
- ✓ Carried during Conquest
- ✓ Went before Joshua at Jericho
- ✓ Resides Shiloh AFTER Conquest



Ark of the Covenant **AFTER** Shiloh

AFTER Shiloh

- ✓ From Ebenezer – Tours Philistia
- ✓ Returned to Beth-Shemesh
- ✓ To Kiriath Jearim
- ✓ David placed it with Obed-Edom 3 months
- ✓ David put in tent in Jerusalem
- ✓ Then in Solomon's Temple
- ✓ **400 years later Jeremiah called**
- ✓ **BABYLON destroys Temple 586 B.C.**
NO word if Ark with vessels taken
- ✓ Talmudic tradition says Josiah hid Ark "in its place" beneath woodshed
(*Encyclopedia Judaica*)



Legend in II Maccabees 2:1-7

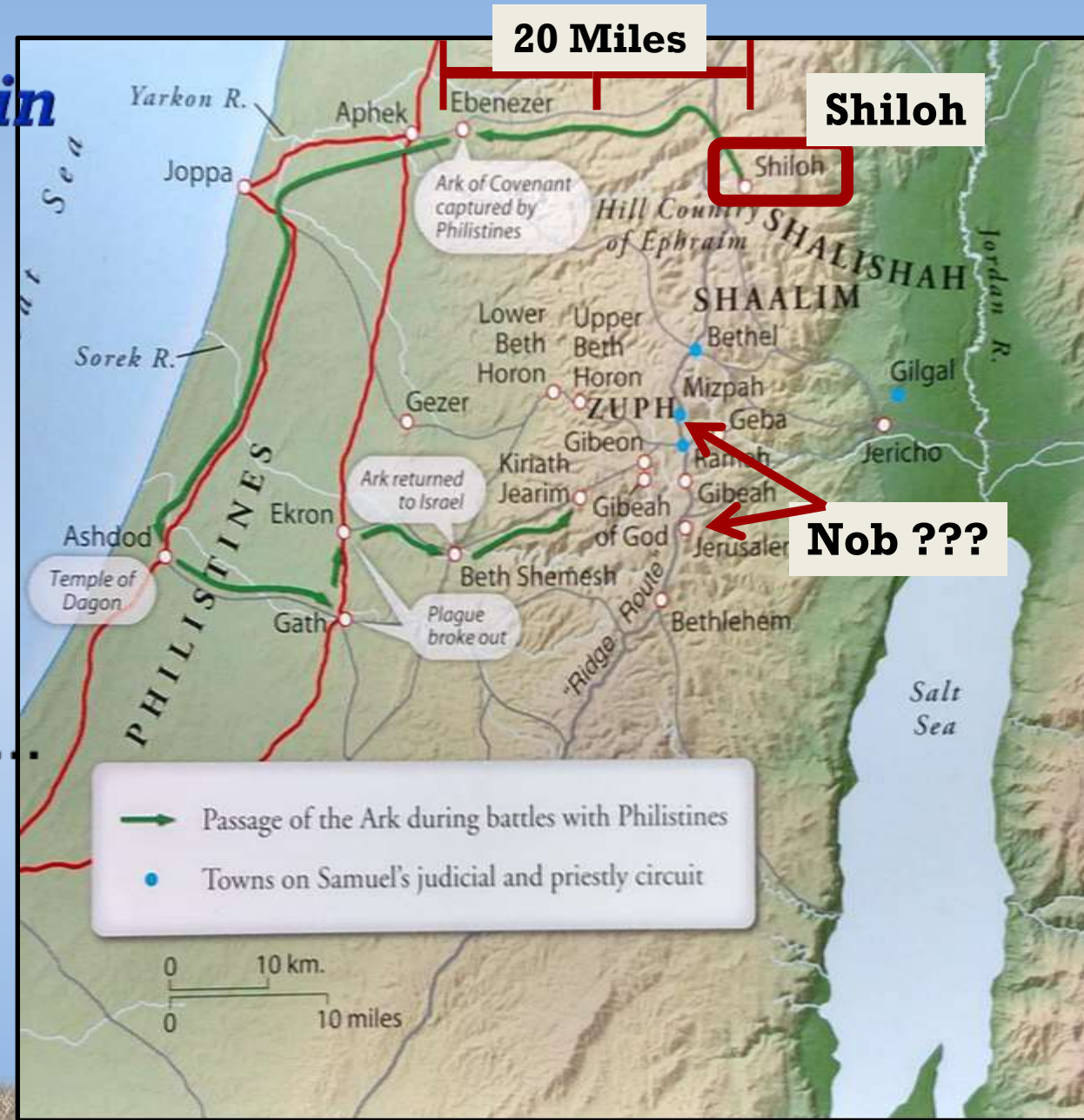
Jeremiah hid Ark on Mt. Nebo

During 2nd Temple – No Ark!

Today—Ethiopian Orthodox Church **claims** to possess the Ark under guard in a treasury near the Church of Our Lady Mary of Zion, Axum, Ethiopia

NOT evident, but certain

- ✓ Philistines attack, LEVEL Shiloh
- ✓ No more from Shiloh as priests flee with Tabernacle stuff
- ✓ Shiloh NEVER mentioned again as a religious center
- ✓ Religious center at Nob, perhaps near Jebus, or Mizpah
- ✓ Then Religious Center to Gibeah ...
- ✓ Excavations at Khirbat Sayūn, Jordan, during 1920–32 suggest Shiloh a ruin for many centuries



Jer 7:14 Therefore, what I did to
Shiloh, I will NOW do to the
House that bears my Name,
Temple you TRUST in
place I gave to you & your ancestors.

15 I will THRUST you from my presence,
JUST as I did all your fellow Israelites....

God will DESTROY Jerusalem

for **LESS** than some do today in the USA

From God's perspective, the Temple was

HIS HOUSE



Jeremiah 7:16 “So
do NOT pray for this people
nor offer any plea or petition ...
do NOT plead with me,
for I will NOT listen to you.

17 Do you NOT SEE what they are doing
in the towns ... streets of Jerusalem?

18 Children gather wood, fathers light fire,
women ... make cakes to offer to the

Queen of Heaven

pour out drink offerings to other gods to arouse my **ANGER**

Queen of Heaven = Astarte = goddess of sexual love



Jeremiah 7:19 But am I the one
they are provoking?”
declares the LORD

Are they not rather harming themselves,
to their own shame?

20 Therefore this is what the
Sovereign LORD says:

My **ANGER** & my **WRATH** will be poured out on this place—
on man and beast ...

trees ... crops of your land—
burn & **NOT** be quenched.

DESTRUCTION - COMING



Jeremiah 7:21-26 Lord Almighty asked
Jeremiah to *repeat a lot - sarcastically*

Go ahead, add your burnt offerings
... eat the meat yourselves!

Brought you out of Egypt
Asked for Obedience
They did NOT LISTEN

followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts.

From time left Egypt ... God sent Judges & Prophets
They did NOT LISTEN

7:28 Truth has PERISHED; it has VANISHED from their LIPS.

God will DESTROY **Jerusalem** for **LESS** than some do today in USA



**Jeremiah 7:29 ... LORD has ...
abandoned this generation
under his wrath.**

**7:30-38 Valley of Ben Hinnom ...
Will be called Valley of Slaughter ...**

**bury the dead ... until there is NO MORE ROOM
Carcasses ... food for the birds & wild animals ...**

**34 I will bring an END to the
sounds of joy & gladness ...
END to voices of bride & bridegroom ...
for the land will become DESOLATE**

If to Jerusalem—How Should We then LIVE?

