

## The End is Near The Siege Begins

Sequence	of Events
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King	What happened to him?
1. Josiah (the last good king)	Killed in battle by Pharaoh Neco
2. Jehoahaz	
3. Jehoiakim (with an "m")	
4. Jehoiachin (with an "n")	
5. Zedekiah	

It was about this time that the Lord showed Jeremiah a vision of two baskets of figs.  The good figs represent  The bad figs represent	
Jeremiah wrote a letter to the exiles in Babylon, telling them to	
That made Shemaiah, the false prophet, angry. Shemaiah's downfa was his	.1)
589 BC, about 8 years into King Zedekiah's reign, Zedekiah forms a alliance with and stops paying tribute to Nebuchadnezzar.	
Nebuchadnezzar responds first by laying siege to, but withdraws briefly to	.•
During this respite, the Israelites call an official of	

During this year, theaccording to l	Israelites were not to nor lev 25.
Th	who had become indentured servants were to be is was supposed to happen every 7 <sup>th</sup> year as ear of Jubilee. The Israelites did this. Then the
	ribe had sold was to be given back to the eminder that the and the
•	home, but was arrested and thrown into a first), then King Zedekiah allowed him to be
placed in the	But then the King
allowed some officia	ls to throw Jeremiah in a
	the King into granting Jeremiah mercy and he
	aoh Hophra returned to Egypt, and
The siege lasted	years.
During the siege, the	e Lord told Jeremiah to
_	rd that one day He would regather the Jews to
the Promised Land.	
Chapters 30, 31 and	33 in Jeremiah are often called the Book of The very end of Ch 30 specifically say
"In the	you will understand this "

Gal 4:4-7 But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, (5) to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. (6) Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." (7) So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

## There's another couple of really cool verses buried in Jeremiah's Book of Consolation.

Jer 31:21-22 "Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the highway, the road that you take. Return, O Virgin Israel, return to your towns. (22) How long will you wander, O unfaithful daughter? The LORD will create a new thing on earth— a woman will surround a man."

See John F. Hobbins, an author, pastor, and linguistic expert with advanced degrees in Hebrew, blog on "Ancient Hebrew Poetry." http://ancienthebrewpoetry.typepad.com/ancient\_hebrew\_poetry/2007/09/jeremiah-3122-a.html