

Return Don't Replace



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Jeremiah 29:4-7 — 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**.”

Jeremiah 1:1-2 — The words of Jeremiah **son of Hilkiah**, one of the priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. The word of the Lord came to him **in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah** son of Amon king of Judah.

1 Samuel 8:6-8 — But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. ⁷ And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but **they have rejected me as their king**. ⁸ As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you.

1 Samuel 8:19-20 — But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “**No!**” they said. “**We want a king over us**. ²⁰ Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and **fight our battles**.”

2 Chronicles 34:1-3 — **Josiah was eight years old** when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ² **He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord** and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

³ In the **eighth year** of his reign, **while he was still young**, he began to **seek the God** of his father David. In his **twelfth year he began to purge** Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles and idols.

Israel Replaced God

Baal | Asherah | Sun, Moon, Constellations
| High Places | Idols | Molech | Teraphim

You can't neglect God's **PRESENCE** and expect to live under his **PROTECTION**.

You can't forget God's **WORD** and expect to be **WIN**.

You can't disrespect God's **HOUSE** and expect to live under his **HAND**.

Romans 1:25 — They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and **worshiped and served created things** rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

2 Chronicles 34:31 — The king stood by his pillar and **renewed the covenant** in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book.

Jeremiah 24:7 — “I will give them **a heart to know me**, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will **return to me** with all their heart.”

Joel 2:13 — “**Return to the Lord** your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.”

Acts 3:19 — “Repent, then, and **turn to God**, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of **refreshing may come from the Lord**.”