

## Rise and Fall of Jerusalem

Jerusalem was once the shining epicenter of Yahweh's faith — the city where He placed His Name, the place all Israel was commanded to pilgrimage three times a year, and the spiritual capital that drew kings and nations from around the world. Millions would pilgrimage to Beit Yahweh (the Temple) to keep the feasts of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles as commanded in the bible. But that same city became the center of rebellion, corruption, and the very system that replaced Yahweh's Name and profaned His sanctuary. This is the overview of the Rise and Fall of Jerusalem.

### The Journey of Beit Yahweh — From Luz to Shiloh to Jerusalem

As you should know by now if you read our segment on “The True Name of the Faith” and “Yahweh's Name replaced” Beit Yahweh was the name of the Faith and the place Yahweh always chose to establish His name. However Beit Yahweh did not begin in Jerusalem. It began centuries earlier in the land of Luz and then followed Yahweh's presence as a single, fixed proper name.

#### 1. Beit Yahweh First Established in Genesis — The Land of Luz

In Genesis 28, while fleeing from Esau, Jacob stopped for the night in the place called Luz. Yahweh appeared to him in a dream with a ladder reaching to heaven. When Jacob awoke, he took the stone he had used as a pillow, set it up as a pillar, poured oil on it, and made this vow:

“And this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be **Beit Yahweh**, and of all that You shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto You.”

— Genesis 28:22

He then called the place **Beth Yahweh**. Yahweh Himself later confirmed it:

“I am Yahweh from **Beth Yahweh**, where you anointed the pillar, and where you made a vow to Me.”

— Genesis 31:13 (BOY)

The same name appears again in Genesis 35:

“Arise and go up to **Beth Yahweh**, and stay there, and make an altar there to Yahweh...”

— Genesis 35:1 (BOY)

“And he built there an altar, and called the place **Beth Yahweh**; because there Yahweh was revealed unto him...”

— Genesis 35:7 (BOY)

“And Jacob called the name of the place where Yahweh spake with him, **Beth Yahweh**.”

— Genesis 35:15 (BOY)

This ordinary stone became the very first physical establishment of Beit Yahweh on earth — the foundation of the faith. This also represented a ordinary man (stone) becoming the chosen vessel to establish Yahweh’s work on earth. The 1st Beit Yahweh in Genesis was in the land of Luz. There in the land of Luz it operated for a long time before the children of Israyl were taken as slaves in Egypt.

## 2. Beit Yahweh Moves to Shiloh, Israyl

This occurred after Yahweh miraculously delivered His people from slavery in Egypt, led them through forty years in the wilderness with the Tabernacle Moses had built (along with the ark of the covenant) according to the pattern shown on the mountain (Exodus 25–40), and finally brought them into the Promised Land under Joshua. Joshua then established the Tabernacle at Shiloh as the central place of worship for all the tribes of Israel.

It was here at Shiloh that the final division of the land took place. The whole congregation assembled at Shiloh, and Joshua cast lots before Yahweh at the door of the Tabernacle of Meeting so each tribe would receive its inheritance:

*“And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before Yahweh: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.”*

— **Joshua 18:10**

*(The final division was completed “in Shiloh before Yahweh, at the door of the tabernacle of meeting” —*  
**Joshua 19:51.**)

So we can see Beit Yahweh moved from Luz to Shiloh Israyl and yet retained its proper name and status as the place to seek to inquire of Yahweh. We know they inquired of Yahweh in Shiloh because during the days of the book of Joshua we see they are casting lots for the division of the land for each tribe to get its inheritance.

For approximately 300 years during the period of the Judges, Shiloh served as the official headquarters of Beit Yahweh. Scripture always calls it **Beit Yahweh** in the Hebrew:

*“So it was, year by year, when she went up to the tabernacle of Yahweh at Shiloh...”*

— **1 Samuel 1:7**

*“She... brought him to the tabernacle of Yahweh in Shiloh.”*

— **1 Samuel 1:24**

*“...before the lamp of God went out in the temple of Yahweh, where the ark of God was...”*

— **1 Samuel 3:3**

Although many translations translated “Tabernacle of Yahweh” or “tabernacle of the Lord” or “house of the Lord,” its original Hebrew shows you it was “Beit Yahweh” — the exact name of the Faith where Yahweh dwelled.

◀ 1 Samuel 1:24 ▶

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Keep this in mind that Yahweh may move the place where He establishes His name, but never does He change the name of the faith (Tabernacle of Yahweh, Temple of Yahweh, House of Yahweh, Family of Yahweh are all just descriptive translations)

### 3. Beit Yahweh Moves to Jerusalem and Becomes World Famous

Under King David, Yahweh chose Jerusalem as the permanent location for His Name. David prepared the site, and Solomon built the magnificent Temple (Beit Yahweh). From that moment **Jerusalem became world famous precisely because it contained Beit Yahweh — Solomon’s Temple.**

### 4. Solomon’s Dedication of Beit Yahweh in Jerusalem (the transfer from Shihloh)

When the Temple building was finished, Solomon dedicated it with this powerful prayer:

“Now, O Yahweh my Father, let Your eyes be open and Your ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place... Now therefore arise, O Yahweh, into Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength... **For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever.**”

— 1 Kings 8:29–30, 8:10–11 (cloud filling the house)

Solomon also prayed specifically for the stranger and foreigner who would come from far countries:

“Moreover concerning the stranger, who is not of Your people Israel, but comes from a far country for Your great name’s sake... when he shall come and pray toward this house, hear from heaven... **that all people of the earth may know Your name.**”

One of the most hidden secrets I believe in the scriptures is the fact the 12 tribes including the Levitical priesthood were SUPPOSED to be teaching the nations as an example to all nations. They were instructed to bring a harvest to Yahweh at the end of all nations and tribes (read The Parable of the Tenants) They were set high above all nations as teachers of the law (Deut 28:1, ). You can read more about this in our section on [yhwh.com](http://yhwh.com) called “The Levitical Priesthood rejected”.

— 1 Kings 8:41–43

That same night Yahweh appeared to Solomon and gave His answer. He confirmed that He had chosen this place forever:

“I have heard your prayer... I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart shall be there perpetually.”

— 2 Chronicles 7:12, 7:16

Yahweh repeated this promise of permanence in the very next chapter:

“I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice... For now I have chosen and sanctified this place, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart shall be there perpetually.”

— 2 Chronicles 7:12–16 (see also 1 Kings 9:3)

However, Yahweh also gave a very clear warning. He told Solomon that this **“forever” promise was conditional**: if the people turned away, served other gods, and broke His commandments, He would remove them from the land and reject the very house He had sanctified:

“But if you turn away and **forsake My statutes and My commandments** which I have set before you, and shall **go and serve other gods and worship them**, then I will pluck them up by the roots out of My land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for My name, will I cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all nations. And this house, which is exalted, shall be a wonder to everyone who passes by it, so that he will say, ‘Why has Yahweh done thus to this land and this house?’ Then they will answer, ‘Because they forsook Yahweh their Father who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this evil on them.’”

— 2 Chronicles 7:19–22 (see also 1 Kings 9:6–9)

This shows that although Yahweh chose Beit Yahweh in Jerusalem as the place for His Name forever, that promise was conditional upon the people remaining faithful and not turning to other gods. The very place He had sanctified could be cast out of His sight if they rebelled.

— 1 Kings 8:29–30, 8:10–11 (cloud filling the house)

Solomon specifically asked Yahweh to hear the prayers of **both Israelites and foreigners**:

“Moreover concerning the stranger, who is not of Your people Israel, but comes from a far country for Your great name’s sake... when he shall come and pray toward this house, hear from heaven... **that all people of the earth may know Your name.**”

— 1 Kings 8:41–43

Notice again this is the place where Yahweh put His name so that **ALL THE EARTH MAY KNOW HIS NAME**. This was their commission, to be at the top and not at the bottom teaching Yahweh’s ways. This is why in Isaiah chapter two we see all nations will flow to Beit Yahweh in the USA because this is the COMMISSION of a priesthood to bring in all nations to Yahweh.

Yahweh answered Solomon the same night:

“I have heard your prayer... I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart shall be there perpetually.”

— 2 Chronicles 7:12, 7:16

### **The Feasts Were Commanded in the Torah**

This was the exact place Moses commanded all believers — Jew and non-Jew alike — to pilgrimage three times a year:

“Three times in a year shall all your males appear before Yahweh your Father in the place which He shall choose...”

— Deuteronomy 16:16 (also Exodus 23:14–17; Deuteronomy 12:5–6)

Millions came to **Beit Yahweh in Jerusalem** to keep the feasts commanded by Moses. Jerusalem became world-famous because it housed the one true Beit Yahweh. This same fame is what Yahweh is going to transfer to Beit Yahweh in the top nation of all nations. This is a transfer from one old epicenter to a new location where it will become the epicenter of the world for Yahweh.

### **Jerusalem — The Ancient Epicenter of Religious Power and Influence**

Jerusalem (meaning “City of Peace”) was once the epicenter of religious influence, dominance, and power in the ancient world. For generations it was the place where Yahweh chose to place His Name — the spiritual capital of His covenant people. Millions from all over the known world descended on this city to worship Yahweh and seek answers from the priests.

“But you shall seek the place where Yahweh your Father chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.”

— Deuteronomy 12:5

## Commanded Pilgrimage to Jerusalem

Three times a year, all the congregation of Israel were commanded to go up to Jerusalem for Yahweh's appointed Feasts. This law applied no matter where in the world they lived.

“Three times a year all your men are to appear before Yahweh your Father in the place He will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles. No one should appear before Yahweh empty-handed.”

— Deuteronomy 16:16

Jerusalem was chosen in the days of King David and Solomon to be the city where Yahweh placed His Name. From then on, it became the center of national worship and global religious reverence.

## Reverence from Kings and Nations

Jerusalem's fame extended beyond Israel. Kings, queens, and diplomats from foreign nations traveled to the city to pay homage to its Temple and Yahweh. Even non-Israelites gave reverence to the house dedicated to Yahweh.

“And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of Yahweh, she came to prove him with hard questions.”

— 1 Kings 10:1

Jerusalem was the religious capital of Yahweh's people, and its influence was known throughout the ancient world. It still carries a shadow of that awe to this very day (but its remaining luster will be stripped as Beit Yahweh rises in the West).

## From Replacing the Name to Open Rebellion Against Yahweh

Eventually the religious system of Jewish priests, scribes, and leaders did more than just replace Yahweh's Name. They turned entirely to worshiping other gods and goddesses, practicing corruption, and committing every kind of evil Yahweh warned against.

### Idolatry and Corruption in Leadership

The prophets recorded how these religious leaders became utterly corrupt. They didn't just mislead the people — they sold justice for a price, used their positions to enrich themselves, and led the nation into sin:

“Hear, I pray you, **O heads of Jacob, and you princes of the house of Israel**; Is it not for you to know judgment? Who hate righteousness, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones.”

— Micah 3:1–2

“The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon Yahweh, and say, Is not Yahweh among us? none evil can come upon us.”

— Micah 3:11

Yahweh exposed their hypocrisy — occasionally claiming His Name, yet serving other gods.

### **Murder, Adultery, Bribery, and Canabolism**

These leaders turned Yahweh’s temple into a place of injustice. The prophets repeatedly condemned their actions:

“For among My people are found wicked men: they lie in wait, as he that sets snares; they set a trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit.”

— Jeremiah 5:26–27

“Her princes in the midst thereof are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow. Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.”

— Zephaniah 3:3–4

**“They commit adultery and walk in lies; they strengthen also the hands of evildoers,** that none doth return from his wickedness.”

— Jeremiah 23:14

Yahweh sent prophet after prophet to warn them to repent and turn from their evil ways, but they hardened their hearts and killed the very messengers sent to save them.

**Who also eat the flesh of my people,** and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

— Micah 3:3

Notice every type of evil they did and even strengthened the hand of evil doers. The EXACT OPPOSITE of what they were commissioned to do. They were supposed to strengthen the hand (encourage) righteousness.

### **Yahshua Confronted the Same Religious System**

By the time Yahshua walked the earth, that same religious spirit — now entrenched in Pharisaic and scribal leadership — remained just as corrupt. He did not come into conflict with sinners on the street but

with priests, Pharisees, scribes, and lawyers who had built their power on man-made traditions, hypocrisy, and control.

Yahshua directly accused them of being responsible for the blood of the prophets:

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous... Wherefore you be witnesses unto yourselves, that you are the children of them which killed the prophets.”

— Matthew 23:29–31

He also called them what they were:

“**You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do.** He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth.”

— John 8:44

### **Yahshua Pronounces the Kingdom Taken Away**

Yahshua did not only confront the corruption of the priests and scribes — He directly announced that the kingdom itself was being taken away from them because of their rebellion and refusal to produce fruit for Yahweh (the harvest).

In the Parable of the Tenants (Matthew 21:33-46), Yahshua told the story of a landowner who planted a vineyard, rented it to tenants, and sent servants to collect the fruit. The tenants beat and killed the servants, and finally killed the landowner’s own son. Yahshua then asked the religious leaders:

“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

They answered, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and rent the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his share of the fruit in their seasons.”

Yahshua replied:

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of Yahweh will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”

— Matthew 21:43

As you can see again clearly from this parable, the JOB of a priesthood is to PRODUCE FRUIT for Yahweh. Specifically righteous people that willfully serve Yahweh and turn from sin so that Yahweh can use them and work through each person as a tool of Yahweh.

The chief priests and Pharisees in this parable understood He was talking about them. The kingdom that had been entrusted to Israel through the Temple and priesthood in Jerusalem was **now being removed from them and given to others who would obey.**

This same truth is shown clearly in Yahshua's conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4). She argued about the proper place of worship — whether on her mountain or in Jerusalem. Yahshua answered:

“Woman, believe Me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.”

— John 4:21-23

Even before the Temple was destroyed, Yahshua was already declaring that the old system centered in Jerusalem was ending. True worship would no longer be tied to that physical location.

Finally, in one of the most heartbreaking moments, Yahshua stood over Jerusalem and cried out:

“**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.”

— Matthew 23:37

They were **not** willing. They rejected the very One who came in His Father's Name. Because of this, the kingdom was taken from them, just as Yahshua had warned in the parable.

Notice what Yahshua says next in vs 38-39:

Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, **you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of Yahweh'**.

He says their house is going to be desolate (no longer the chosen place) and then He names from prophecy who is chosen out of the nations ( “Blessed” is not a action, it's a name of someone, we will get into that another time).

This rejection sealed the fall of the old Jerusalem system. The mountain of Beit Yahweh that once stood there would be plowed like a field — but the story was not over. The authority and the true faith would be carried westward to a new people who would produce the fruit.

### **Yahweh's Contention Was with the Priesthood**

Jerusalem's priests and religious rulers were supposed to represent the gold standard of righteousness. Instead, they became the gold standard of idolatry and corruption. That's why Yahweh's contention was not first with the people — but with the priests themselves.

“Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O priest.”

— Hosea 4:4

The word “contention” means a legal dispute or charge. The line literally reads: “With you is My contention, O priest.” This proves Yahweh’s controversy was with the priesthood — the religious leadership in Jerusalem and the Temple who led not only Israyl into sin, but the entire world.

### **A Corrupt Priesthood**

“Hear the word of Yahweh, you children of Israel: for Yahweh has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of Yahweh in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, in bloodshed after bloodshed.”

— Hosea 4:1–2

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you [priests] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, **that you shall be no priest to me.**”

— Hosea 4:6

The priesthood rejected knowledge, corrupted Yahweh’s law, and led the nation astray. The very system Yahweh designed to be a light to the nations became a source of idolatry and sin.

### **The Fall — Profaneness Goes Out into All the World**

Because of this very thing the false prophets of Jerusalem did, the whole world followed suit in their rejection of the Name of Yahweh and His commandments.

“Therefore thus says Yahweh of hosts concerning the prophets: ‘Behold, I will feed them with wormwood and make them drink the water of gall; **for from the prophets of Jerusalem profaneness has gone out into all the land.**”

— Jeremiah 23:15

The Hebrew word translated “**land**” is *erets* (Strong’s 776), which also means “**the earth**” or “**the world**.” Profaneness did not stay in Jerusalem — **it spread to the whole world**. Not only replacing Yahweh’s name but encouraging sin went to the entire world as it is today.

### **Zion Plowed Like a Field**

Now notice Yahweh’s judgment on them in the last verse of Micah 3:

“Therefore **because of you Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the temple shall become like the bare hills of the forest.**”

— Micah 3:12

Because of the prophets and priests and leaders of Israyl and their wickedness the priesthood and their status of authority over all nations was stripped as Yahweh is now in the process of making them the tail as He promised. Notice how the amplified bible translates Deut 28:13

The LORD will make you the head (leader) and not the tail (follower); and you will be above only, and you will not be beneath, **if you listen *and* pay attention to the commandments** of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today, to observe them carefully.

Failing to follow Yahweh's commands leads to a loss of influence, subjection, and becoming "the tail" rather than "the head". This same status is now in the final stages of transferring to another people in the West who WILL bring forth the harvest so that Yahweh can fulfil His word spoken to make them jealous by a foolish nation (one who had no understanding previously).

They have moved Me to jealousy with that which has no power; they have provoked Me to anger with their vanities. And I will move them to jealousy with those who are not a people; I will **provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.**

— Duet 32:21

What began as the glorious house where Yahweh caused His Name to dwell ended in judgment. The mountain of Beit Yahweh that once stood in Jerusalem would be plowed like a field and was plowed like a field — but the story does not end in destruction. The authority, the priesthood, and the true faith would be carried westward exactly as the prophets foretold. The fall of the old Jerusalem made way for the prophesied restoration of Beit Yahweh in the West as we will discuss in other segments.