

“Blinded By Rebellion”
Ezekiel 12:1-28

*“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, ‘Today, if you **hear His voice, do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness.’” (Hebrews 3:7-8; cf. Matthew 13:15,18-22)*

*“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. **Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live!**” (Isaiah 55:1,3a)*

“Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be dismayed and terrified. Behold, you are nothing, and your work is less than nothing; an abomination is he who chooses you.” (Isaiah 41:22-24)

- **The Babylonian Captivity:** 606 BC - 536 BC — 70 years of Captivity (Jeremiah 25:4-7,12).
 - There were three different deportations into Babylon:
 - **Daniel’s — 606 BC:** Daniel 1:1-7; 2 Kings 24:1-7 — Jehoiakim was King of Judah during this time.
 - **Ezekiel’s — 597 BC:** Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2 Kings 24:11-14 — Jehoiachin was King of Judah during this time.
 - **The Final Deportation — 586 BC:** Ezekiel 25; 33:21; 2 Kings 24:18-25:21 — **Zedekiah** was King of Judah during this time.
 - Jeremiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel are the prophets during this time. Daniel was the prophet in the Babylonian king’s presence and Ezekiel was the prophet of the Exiles in Babylon, Jeremiah was the prophet in Israel.
- 2 Kings 24:3-12; Ezekiel 12:12-16
 - They fled by night.
 - The Chaldeans caught them.
 - The king was captured.
 - They slaughtered the king’s sons.
 - They plucked out the king’s eyes.
 - The king was taken into captivity.
- Three claims why they did not believe or repent:
 - *“The days grow long, and every vision comes to nothing.” (12:22; cf. 2 Peter 3:4)*
 - *“For there shall be no more any false vision or flattering divination.” (12:24)*
 - *“The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of times far off.” (12:27)*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** If you participated in our November Donations by taking an Angel Tag off of the Angel Tree, please return

★**CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND FELLOWSHIP:** We will be decorating the church for Christmas TOMORROW. We will be starting at 6pm, we would love for you all to join us for music, decorating, fun, and fellowship! Please let Kathleen Riley know if you are interested in participating in this!

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We will be having a Members' Meeting THIS Sunday, December 8th, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the 2025 Budget that was proposed at the November Members' Meeting. If you are a Church Member, please mark your calendars and plan on attending this important meeting.

★**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** Our Christmas Eve Service will be on Tuesday, December 24th, at 6pm. *A note to all parents: ***There will be NO Children's Ministry for the Christmas Eve service.*** Please know that you are welcome to use the Flex Room at the back of the sanctuary if at any point you need to remove your child from our gathering. One parent must be in the Flex Room with their child at all times.

→We will NOT be having a worship service on Thursday, December 26th.

★**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:** Our annual New Year's Eve Party will be on Tuesday, December 31st, starting at 6pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). Please bring a snack or finger food to share with everyone and bring your favorite board or card game as well. EVERYONE is invited to join us for this wonderful time of fun and fellowship!

★**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** On January 5th we are going to offer a Sunday School for all people at Legacy from 9-10am each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall to see what kind of interest there might be for teaching the Scriptures before the worship service at 10:30am. We will be studying the book of Daniel, "God's Sovereignty over Nations and Israel and the Future Millennial Age." The book of Daniel is the most comprehensive prophetic revelation of the Old Testament, giving the only total view of world history from Babylon to the second coming of Christ. There is more information about this class in the November Newsletter. Please let Elder Richard know if you are interested so he can prepare notes for each one attending. There will be coffee and donuts each Sunday for class.