

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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The Riddle and a Parable

Ezekiel 17:1 "And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel;."

Q1. Ezekiel chapter 17 is a _____ and a _____.

I. The riddle is about the nation of Israel taken captive.

- A. The two eagles are the two nations used by God to scatter Israel among the nations.**
- B. The twig is the king of Judah and his seed, and the cedar tree is the nation of Israel.**
- C. The City of merchants is Babylon.**
- D. The spreading vine is the remnant of Israel scattered among all nations.**
- E. God fulfilled the riddle using King Nebuchadnezzar.**

II. The parable is about the return of Israel as a nation.

- A. God, not the eagles, will return Israel to its land as the world's ruling nation.**
- B. The cedar tree is Israel, and the high mountain is in Israel.**

Ezekiel 17:22 "Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set *it*; I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon an high mountain and eminent:"

Q2. Who will take the highest branch of the high cedar and set it? _____

Q3. Who will crop a tender twig and plant it on an important mountain? _____

Jeremiah 23:5 "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth."

Q4. The Branch is a _____.

Luke 1:31 "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Q5. The Branch is _____ on the _____ of David.

- C. The branch is Jesus, and the tender twig is Jesus.**

Ezekiel 17:23 "In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell."

Q6. The mountain is in _____.

Q7. God will _____ the branch and it will become a _____ cedar.

Q8. Under the tree will dwell _____ the fowl of every wing.

Genesis 18:18 " Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?"

Q9. Under the nation of Israel, _____ the nations of the earth will be blessed.

D. The goodly cedar is the nation of Israel, the fowls and trees are the nations of the world.

Ezekiel 17:24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I the LORD have spoken and have done *it*.

Q10. All the _____ of the field shall _____ that God is in control.

Q11. They shall know that God brought _____ the high tree and _____ the low tree.

Q12. They shall know that God _____ up the green tree and made the dry tree to _____.

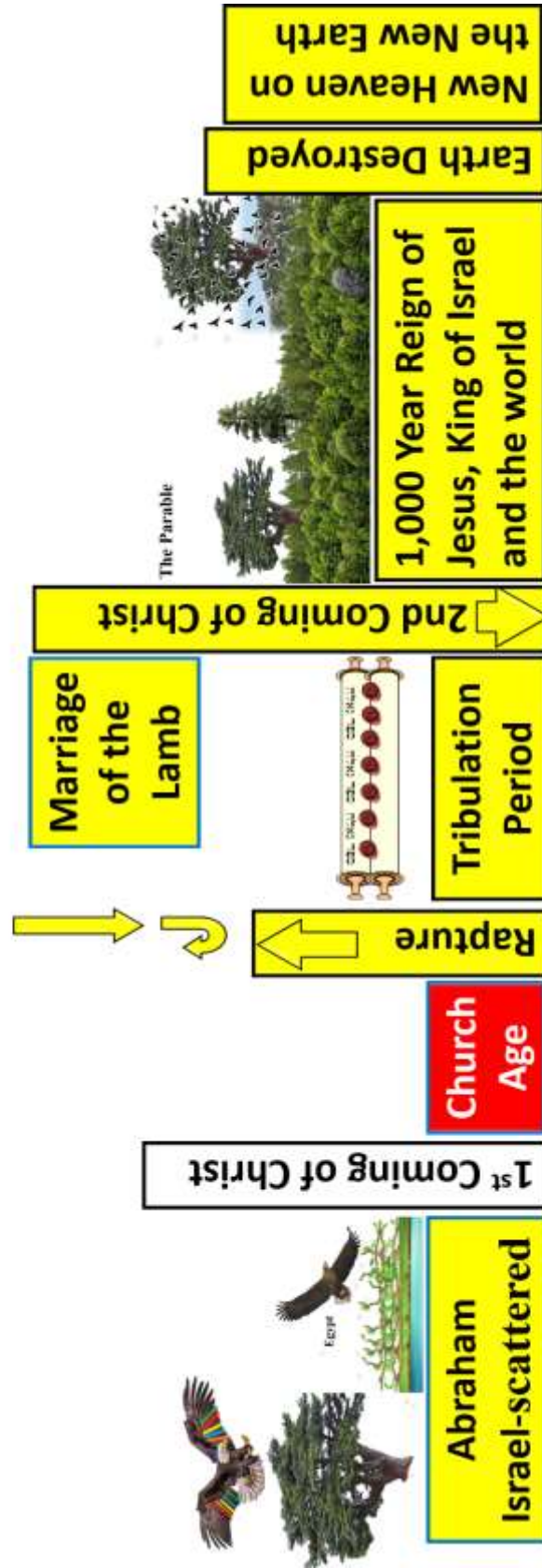
Nebuchadnezzar had a dream recorded in Daniel 4:1-7 about his nation as a great tree that was cut down and only the stump was left and later the tree was restored. The purpose of this dream is in Daniel 4:17 "This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men."

Q10. Only God _____ in the kingdom (nations) of men.

Daniel 4:35 "And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"

E. Jesus will fulfil the parable at his second coming.

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