

# What Do You Want? Jeremiah 45:1-5



“The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, ‘Woe is me! For the Lord has added sorrow to my pain. ‘I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest.’ Thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord: Behold, what I have built I am breaking down, and what I have planted I am plucking up – that is, the whole land. And do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not, for behold, I am bringing disaster upon all flesh, declares the Lord. But I will give you your life as a prize of war in all places to which you may go.”

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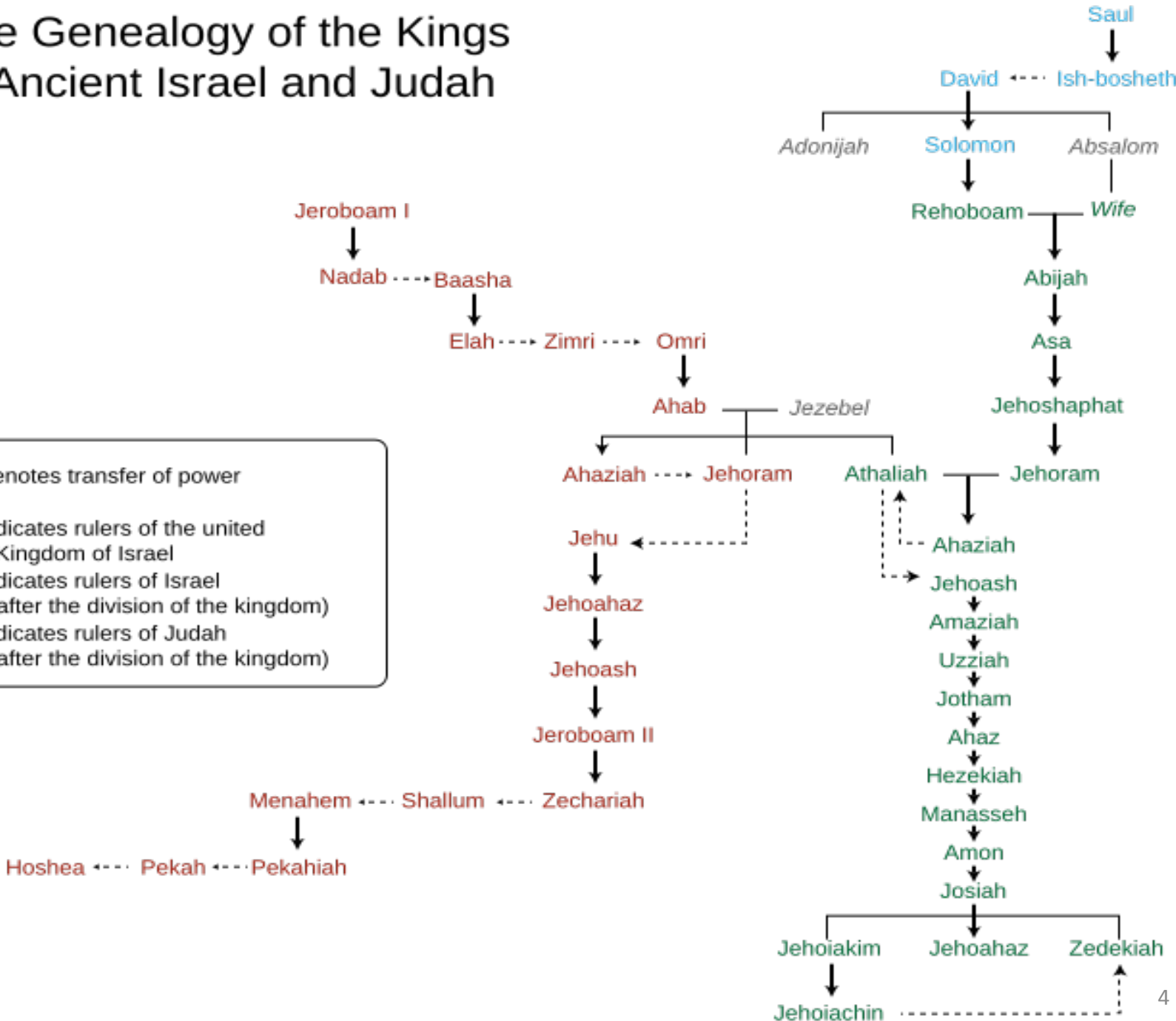
# The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah

↓ Denotes transfer of power

■ Indicates rulers of the united Kingdom of Israel

■ Indicates rulers of Israel (after the division of the kingdom)

■ Indicates rulers of Judah (after the division of the kingdom)



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“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

**2 Cor 5: 20-21**

“Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

**Matt 27: 45-46**



“And the Lord said to Moses, “this very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord’. ,,,,,, “But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” And the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.”

**Exodus 33: 17-23**

“Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you.”

### **Jeremiah 3: 14**

“The person to whom it is addressed hath an eminently happy position. Satan will be very busy with you, believer in Christ, to-night. He will say, “What right have you to believe that God is married to you?” ,,, the text is found addressed, not to Christians in a flourishing state of heart, not to believers upon Mount Tabor, transfigured with Christ, not to a spouse all chaste and fair, and sitting under the banner of love, feasting with her lord; but it is addressed to those who are called “backsliding children.” God speaks to his church in her lowest and most abject estate, and though he does not fail to rebuke her sin, to lament it, and to make her lament it too, yet still in such an estate he says to her, “ I am married unto you.”

“Do not rejoice in this that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

**Luke 10: 20**

“Jesus Christ is saying here, “Don’t rejoice in your successful service for Me, but rejoice because of your right relationship with Me.” The trap that we may fall into in Christian work is to rejoice in successful service – rejoicing in the fact that God has used you. Yet you will never be able to fully measure what God will do through you, if you do not have a right-standing relationship with Jesus Christ. If you keep your relationship right with Him, then regardless of your circumstances, He will continue to pour “rivers of living water” through you. And it is actually by His mercy that He does not let you know it. ,,,, remember that whatever your circumstances may be, you have been placed in them by God. And God uses the reaction of your life to your circumstances to fulfill His purpose, as long as you continue to “walk in the light as He is in the light”. All that our Lord gives His attention to in a person’s life is that person’s relationship with God – something of great value to His Father. Jesus is “bringing many sons to glory.”

***Oswald Chambers***<sup>11</sup>

## What does it mean to have a right relationship with God?

“O that all believers would make it a priority to grow in answering that question! What a relationship with God means is that we are receiving communications from God about Himself both through His Word and through history. He comes to us in Jesus Christ, in His teaching, in His cross, in His apostles, through His Word, and He is speaking to us. And his speaking is made vital to us by the present presence of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. That’s half the relationship; He takes the initiative.

We receive His communications and, by the Spirit, are made alive to them. We see them coming – his communications of Himself, His character, and His work on our behalf – and we are awakened to them. Then we return to Him – likewise through the Word, by the Spirit, and through the name of Jesus Christ – prayers, acts of gratitude, resolutions to fight the fight of faith, and acts of obedience. The result is that our lives are going Godward, while His life toward us is coming manward.

***John Piper***

## A.W. Tozer's Five Vows for Spiritual Power: Affirmations for Personal Revival

“There are many religious tramps in the world who will not be bound by anything. They have turned the grace of God into personal license. But the great souls are ones who have gone reverently to God with the understanding that in their flesh dwells no good thing. Make certain vows before the Lord and proceed to keep them. They can help harmonize your heart with the vast powers that flow from the throne where Christ sits at the right hand of God.”

1) Deal thoroughly with sin

Romans 14: 17, Ezekiel 18: 4,20

2) Never own anything

Exodus 20: 17, Matt 6: 19-21, Luke 16: 19-31

3) Never defend yourself

Exodus 23: 22, Isaiah 54: 17

4) Never pass anything on about anybody else that will hurt them

Matt 7: 2, 1 Peter 4: 8

5) Never accept any glory

John 17: 10, 1 Cor 10: 31, 2 Cor 3: 18