

- Israelites under siege -

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1) Question: What is a siege?

Answer: Circumventing of a city or enemy army and cutting off supplies in order to force surrender.

2) Question: Do the prophecies predict that Y.H.W.H. would place the house of Israel under siege?

Answer: "Because of the suffering that your enemy will inflict on you during the siege, you will eat the fruit of the womb, the flesh of the sons and daughters Y.H.W.H. your God has given you." (Deuteronomy 28:53)

3) Question: How does Y.H.W.H. expect His chosen people to conduct themselves in a siege?

Answer: "When you march up to attack a city, make its people an offer of peace. If they accept and open their gates, all the people in it shall be subject to forced labor and shall work for you. If they refuse to make peace and they engage you in battle, lay siege to that city. When Y.H.W.H. your God delivers it into your hand, put to the sword all the men in it." (Deuteronomy 20:10-13)

4) The House of Israel has been placed under siege by the command of Y.H.W.H. "Take an iron pan, place it as an iron wall between you and the city and turn your face toward it. It will be under siege, and you shall besiege it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel. (Ezekiel 4:3)

5) The House of Israel was placed under siege for 390 years. "I have assigned you the same number of days as the years of their sin. So for 390 days you will bear the sin of the house of Israel." (Ezekiel 4:5)

6) Question: What did the house of Israel do to provoke the siege?

Answer: "They (the Israelites) sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire. They practiced divination and sorcery and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of Y.H.W.H., provoking Him to anger. So Y.H.W.H. was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence." (2 Kings 17:7-18)

7) Question: Who did Y.H.W.H. use to disperse the house of Israel and what year did this occur?

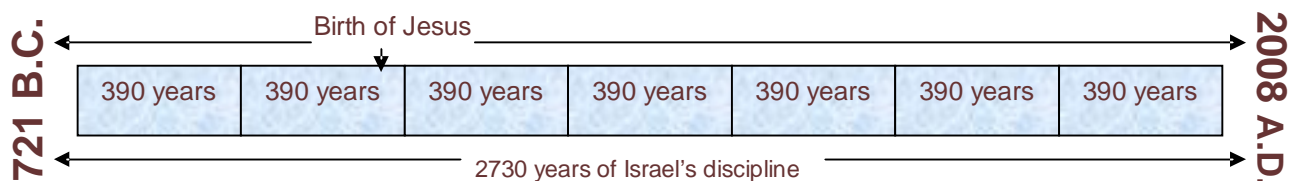
Answer: "In my first year of reign *** the people of Samaria *** to the number of 27,290 ... I carried away. Fifty chariots for my royal equipment I selected. The city I rebuilt. I made it greater than it was before. People of the lands I had conquered I settled therein." – King Sargon II of Assyria – 721 B.C.

8) Question: Since the House of Israel did not yield during the 390 years of Y.H.W.H.'s siege, what would be His next step?

Answer: "If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over. I will break down your stubborn pride". (Leviticus 26:18-19)

9) Question: If Y.H.W.H. multiplied the 390 year siege against the House of Israel seven times, what year would the siege that began in 721 B.C. terminate?

Answer: 2008 A.D. (see chart below)



10) Question: According to the instructions of Moses, what will be the next phase that occurs if the siege fails to bring about surrender?

Answer: "Lay siege to that city. When Y.H.W.H. your God delivers it into your hand, put to the sword all the men in it." (Deuteronomy 20:10-13)

11) Question: According to Ezekiel's prophecy in what manor will Y.H.W.H. execute his judgments against the House of Israel?

Answer: "When the days of your siege come to an end, burn a third of the hair (Ezekiel's hair) with fire inside the city. Take a third and strike it with the sword all around the city. And scatter a third to the wind. For I will pursue them with drawn sword. But take a few strands of hair and tuck them away in the folds (tassels) of your garment." (Ezekiel 5:2-3)

12) Question: What does a woman symbolize in Bible Prophecy?

Answer: "I (John) saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband." (Revelation 21:2).

12) Question: What action will the Dragon take against the woman of Revelation 12?

Answer: "An enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a **third of the stars** out of the sky and flung them to the earth." (Revelation 12:3-4)

13) Question: What do the stars in the Woman's crown represent?

Answer: "I (Joseph) had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and **eleven stars** were bowing down to me." When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and **your brothers** actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" (Genesis 37:9-10)

14) Question: What does Y.H.W.H. allow the Beast of Daniel 8 do to the sons of Israel?

Answer: "Another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and **it threw some of the starry host down** to the earth and trampled on them." (Daniel 8:9-10)

15) Question: Why is the Beast allowed to trample down the people of Y.H.W.H.?

Answer: "I will bring the sword against you to avenge the breaking of the Covenant" (Leviticus 26:25)

16) Question: What particular area of the covenant will the Israelites be negligent?

Answer: "Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and me... Yet the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in my statutes... and they greatly defiled My Sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them." (Ezekiel 20:12-14)

17) Question: Will an Israelite be able to hide the fact from Y.H.W.H. that he is breaking the covenant?

Answer: "You are standing here in order to enter into a covenant with Y.H.W.H. your God, a covenant Y.H.W.H. is making with you this day and sealing with an oath, to confirm you this day as his people, that he may be your God as he promised you and as he swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I am making this covenant, with its oath, not only with you who are standing here with us today in the presence of Y.H.W.H. our God *but also with those who are not here today*...

...Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose **heart turns away** from Y.H.W.H. our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; **make sure there is no root among you that produces such bitter poison**. When such a person hears the words of this oath, he invokes a blessing on himself and therefore thinks, "**I will be safe, even though I persist in going my own way.**" This will bring disaster on the watered land as well as the dry.

Y.H.W.H. will never be willing to forgive him; his wrath and zeal will burn against that man. All the curses written in this book will fall upon him, and Y.H.W.H. will blot out his name from under heaven. *Y.H.W.H. will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for disaster, according to all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law.*" (Deuteronomy 29:12-28).

18) Question: How will the breaking of the covenant affect those of earth who are not Israelites?

Answer: "Your children who follow you in later generations... will see the calamities that have fallen on the land... The whole land will be a burning waste of salt and sulfur— nothing planted, nothing sprouting, no vegetation growing on it. All the nations will ask: "Why has Y.H.W.H done this to this land?"

...And the answer will be: "It is because this people abandoned the covenant of Y.H.W.H. They went off and worshiped other gods and bowed down to them." (Deuteronomy 29:22-27)

19) Question: Has Y.H.W.H. prepared a way to help the world avoid the curse?

Answer: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Y.H.W.H.: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5).

20) Question: What will be the message of this prophet?

Answer: "Remember the instructions of my servant Moses, the decrees and instructions I gave him for all Israel".