

# Exile





# Recent Discovery in Jerusalem

## Jeremiah 34:7

**7 When the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these defenced cities remained of the cities of Judah.**



Even more gripping is the tale told by perhaps the most known [pottery shard] from the period, which was found in Lachish, the largest Judahite town after Jerusalem.

In the dispatch, an official stationed outside the city reports to his commander on the fall of a nearby stronghold, saying that “we can see the signals from Lachish, but we no longer see Azekah.”

Scholars have taken this as a confirmation of the biblical narrative of Jeremiah, which recounts that Azekah and Lachish were the last fortresses of Judah to fall before Jerusalem was besieged and destroyed by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar II.

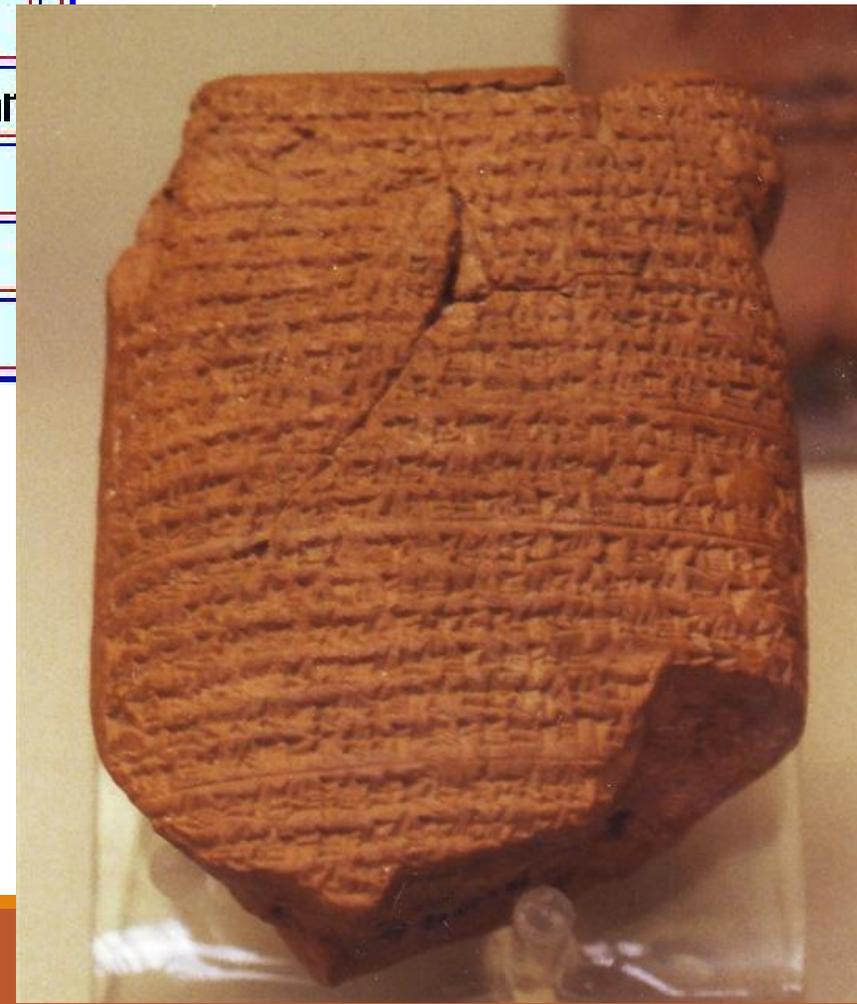
# Oldest “Archetype”

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1	597	Apr	13th	Nebuchadrezzar commences 7th regnal year
2	597	Dec		Nebuchadrezzar marches to Hatti-land.
3	596	Mar	5th	Nebuchadrezzar captures and kills Jehoiakim
4	596	Mar		Nebuchadrezzar appoints Jehoiachin as king.
5	596	Mar		Nebuchadrezzar leaves Jerusalem
6	596	Apr	3rd	Nebuchadrezzar commences 8th Regnal Year
7	596	Jun	7th	Nebuchadrezzar captures Jehoiachin
8	596	Jun		Zedekiah appointed King
9	595	Jan	22nd	Zedekiah commences 1st artificial year.





# Letter to the Exiles

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## Jeremiah 29



# God's Thoughts!

Jeremiah 29:11





A photograph of a dense forest with tall, thin trees and a path leading through them. The trees are mostly deciduous with green leaves. The path is a dirt road that curves through the forest. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day, with sunlight filtering through the canopy. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

# True Principle

**Our God is found by Seekers and Searchers**

# Pres Uchtdorf

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However, seeking God with all our hearts implies much more than simply offering a prayer or pronouncing a few words inviting God into our lives....We can make a great production of saying that we know God. We can proclaim publicly that we love Him. Nevertheless, if we don't obey Him, all is in vain, for "he that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." (1 John 2:4)

We increase our love for our Heavenly Father and demonstrate that love by aligning our thoughts and actions with God's word. His pure love directs and encourages us to become more pure and holy. It inspires us to walk in righteousness-not out of fear or obligation but out of an earnest desire to become even more like Him because we love Him...

My dear brothers and sisters, don't get discouraged if you stumble at times. Don't feel downcast or despair if you don't feel worthy to be a disciple of Christ at all times. The first step to walking in righteousness is simply to try. We must *try* to believe.

Try to learn of God: read the scriptures; study the words of His latter-day prophets; choose to listen to the Father, and do the things He asks of us. Try and keep on trying until that which seems difficult becomes possible-and that which seems only possible becomes habit and a real part of you. ("The Love of God," *Ensign*, Nov 2009, 21-24)

# Jeremiah 31



2 Thus saith the LORD, The people *which were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.

3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built...and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.

6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, *and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither.*

9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim *is* my firstborn.

The New Covenant

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**Jeremiah 31**

**Hebrews 8:8**

