

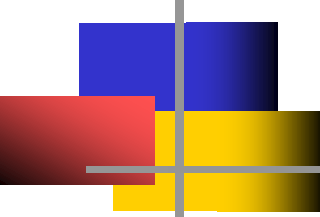


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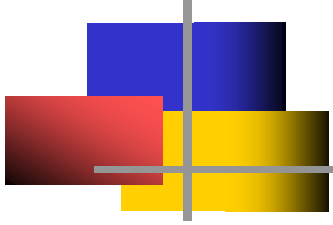
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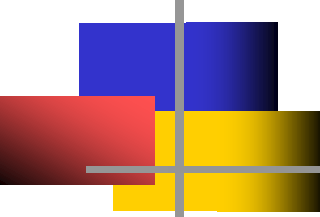
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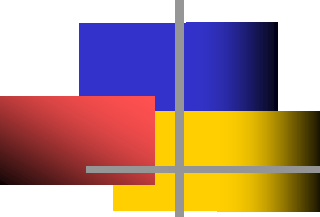


The First Five Messages of Hope Preached by Ezekiel

1. A remnant will remember the Lord (6:8-10)
2. A remnant will have a new heart (11:14-21; 12:16)
3. A remnant will be ashamed of their sin (16:60-63)
4. A remnant will be blessed by a Messiah (17:22-24)
5. A remnant will serve the Lord in holiness
(20:33-44)

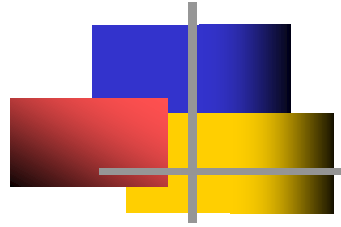
The Four Prophetic Viewpoints

1. Present-Day Viewpoint “Pageview”	2. Near-Future Viewpoint “Hillview”	3. Distant-Future Viewpoint “Bird’s-eye view”	4. Far-Distant Future Viewpoint “Mountain view”
God’s people (and nations) are in sin and need to come back to God’s law and covenant.	God’s people (and nations) will be judged for their wickedness and refusal to repent.	God’s people will be brought back to their land after a period of punishment.	God’s people will be granted many “new” blessings in the future days of the Messiah.
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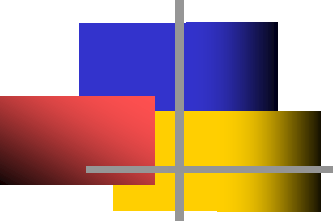
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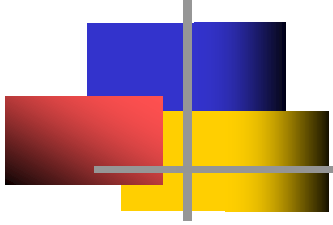
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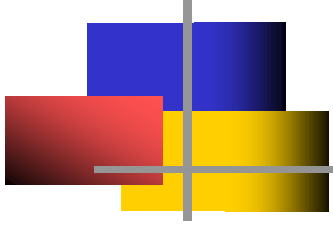
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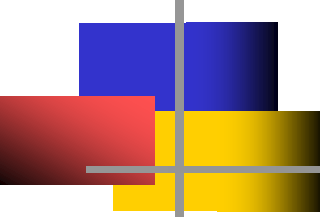
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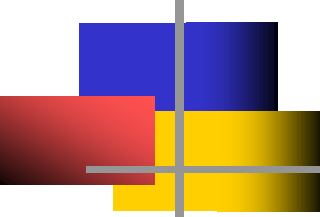
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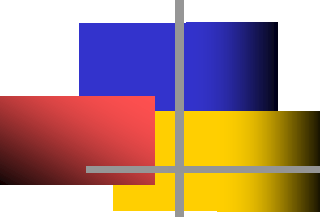


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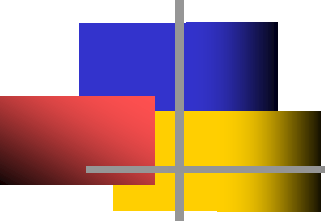
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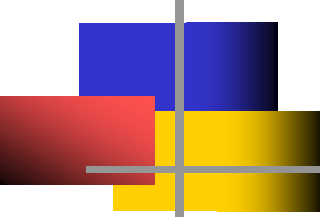
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- The bloody city (22:1-16)
- The smelting pot (22:17-22)
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The Sins of Jerusalem and Judah

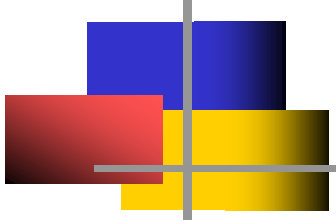
- Blood shed, idols (22:1-6)
- Mistreatment, profane sabbaths, blood shed, bribes (22:6-12)
- Dishonest gain, blood shed, filthiness (22:13-16)
- The Lord's anger and wrath (22:17-22)
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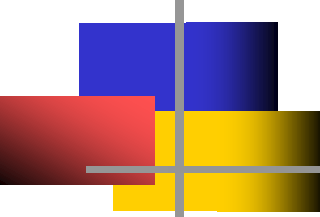


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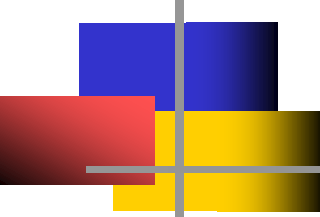
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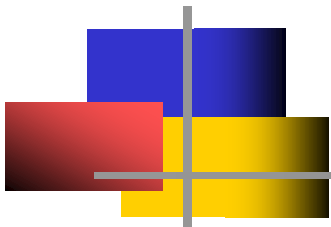
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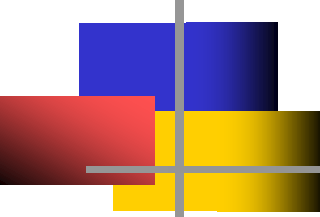


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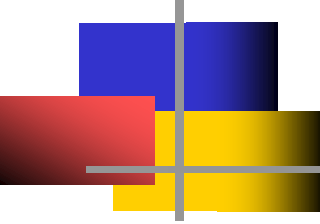
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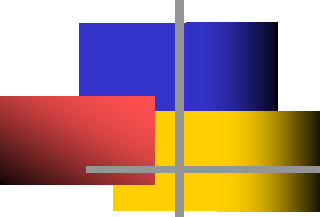
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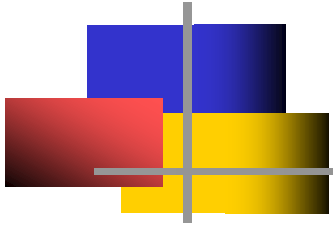
The Ninth Year of Zedekiah

- 2 Kings 25:1-3; Jeremiah 39:1; 52:1-4; Ezekiel 24:1-2
- Zedekiah's rebellion and alliance with Egypt (see Ezek. 17:15-17), led to Nebuchadnezzar's besieging of Jerusalem (see Zech. 8:19)



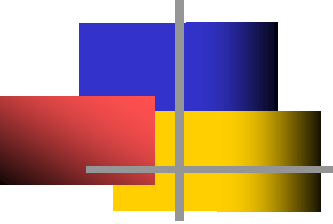
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- Jerusalem will cook like a boiling pot (24:1-14)
 - The parable declared (24:1-5; comp. 11:3, 7, 11)
 - The parable explained (24:6-14)
- Jerusalem will die like a desired wife (24:15-27)
 - The wife's death declared (24:15-18)
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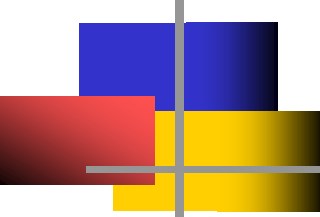
- Shut yourself up and be mute (3:24-27; 24:25-27; 33:21-22)
- Draw a picture of Jerusalem on a brick (4:1-3)
- Lay on your side and eat bread cooked in a specific way (4:4-17)
- Cut your hair and divide it three ways (5:1-4)

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- Clap your hands and stomp your feet (6:11)
- Dig through the wall and carry out your stuff (12:1-6)
- Eat and drink with quaking and trembling (12:17-19)
- Sigh (groan) for the people (21:6-7)
- Mark out two routes for Babylon's king (21:19-23)

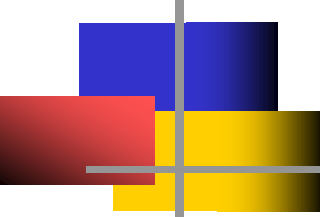
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- Do not mourn for your wife's death (24:16-17)
- Take two sticks and write on them for Judah and for Joseph (37:15-23)



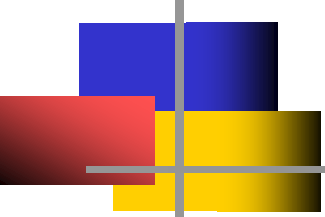
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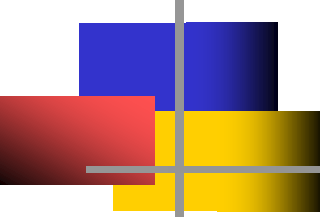
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1. God will judge all rebellion (24:3; Heb. 2:2).
2. A person may look good on the outside, but inwardly be full of corruption (24:6, 11; Mt. 23:27).
3. Unrepentant sin brings God's wrath (24:8; 1 Thess. 2:16).



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4. You can reach a point with God when he will not change his mind about your judgment (24:14; Jn. 5:29; Mt. 25:46).
5. We all are judged by God according to our ways (24:14; Mt. 16:27).
6. Husband, is your wife the “desire of your eyes” (24:16; Song of Solomon 7:10; 1 Pet. 3:7)?



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7. Do what the Lord commands you even though it is challenging (24:17-18; 1 Jn. 4:4).
9. God's people desired the temple, but they did not desire the God of the temple (24:21, 25; Mt. 23:16-22).
10. The way of the transgressor is hard (24:23; Prov. 13:15).