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## THE FOURTH YEAR OF JEHOIAKIM.

Jer. 25:1; 36:1; 45:1; 46:2.

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When we meet a frequently recurring statement or phrase in Scripture it is well not to pass it with a glance, but ask the reason, for we may be sure there is a reason. The phrase herein given is an illustration. It not only occurs in these words as above cited, but a similar form is also given nearly as often. We ask, then, what is this date that appears so prominent in these chapters? Jeremiah is prophesying in the last years of the kingdom of Judah. His term covers the last half of the good, kind Josiah's reign and that of his son Jehoaz, taken captive in Egypt, and Jehoiakim, who reigned eleven years, and his son Jehoiachin, taken captive to Babylon, and Zedekiah, under whom the city fell, the kingdom perished and the seventy years' captivity began.

The first nineteen chapters of Jeremiah are pleadings with the nation to repent and escape the terrible penalty rushing down upon them. Up to a certain time this was possible, and then there was no longer escape; so that this date is a *line of doom* to Judah. It is also a *dispensational line* and a *line of prophecy*.

1. The *line of doom* to Judah. After this the judgment may be no longer delayed or escaped. Under the good king Josiah there was a great reformation. He destroyed idolatry out of the land, repaired and opened the Temple and kept a passover such as the land had never seen. If this reformation had been deep and lasting it would have warded off the divine judgments. But it was not a radical and heart-searching revival. Not once does Jeremiah refer to it save in words of censure. Their pride over the re-opened Temple led them to say: "The Temple of the Lord! the Temple of the Lord are we." Jeremiah tells them it is but "a den of thieves." He says there is not an honest man in all Jerusalem. So the judgment descends. The fourth year of Jehoiakim is like that added year of the barren fig tree, which later in their history was also the line of judgment. It is so still to the oft-warned sinner, for:

"There is a line by man unseen  
That crosses every path,  
The hidden boundary between  
God's mercy and His wrath."

2. But this fourth year of Jehoiakim was a *dispensational line*. In it the age passed from Israel's independent rule to the first year of the "times of the Gentiles." It was Nebuchadnezzar's first year. In it was fought the battle of Carchemish that drove Egypt

those who have been "chosen" in the "furnace of affliction."

"The Story of Job," says the author. "teaches us that this innermost knowledge of God is only given when the soul has been stripped of all that may—even unknowingly—dim its inner vision, and keep it pre-occupied even with its blessings instead of God; or the *work* rather than the *will* of God, and present knowledge about the Lord, *may even keep us from the deepest knowledge of God Himself.*"

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A. A. POLLARD.

*The Jewish Encyclopedia. A descriptive record of the history, religion, literature and customs of the Jewish people from the earliest times to the present day. Complete in 12 volumes, embellished with more than 2,000 illustrations. New York and London. Funk & Wagnalls Co.*

It is a pleasant task to review a work which is almost free from weaknesses and blemishes, and deserves scarcely anything but unstinted praise. Such a work is the Jewish Encyclopedia, of which 9 volumes are now in our hands, so that it is well possible to form an opinion of the whole work.

When, four years ago, we read the prospectus of the work we had some doubts and misgivings if publishers and editors would be able to make good all their promises. We are glad that we are able to say today, thus far they have kept all their promises,

yea, in many respects they have done far more than they promised. Each of the nine volumes hitherto published shows the same high-class scholarship and knowledge in its wonderfully comprehensive articles. The Orthodox and the Reform Jewish master minds have worked in harmony and peace together and have not hesitated to call Christian savants to their help, that to the readers might be presented a complete and, as far as possible, impartial book. Thus the editorial board, of which each member is an acknowledged authority in his special department, has succeeded in bringing out a gigantic work, the greatest Jewish work, we think, since the Talmud was completed, which in a scientific or historic way presents what the Jewish people have done for the world in different ages and countries. Naturally the articles are written from the standpoint of the Jew, so that the Christian reader will not and cannot agree with all that is said concerning Christ, Christianity, conversion, gospels and so on. But, after all, these articles are eminently fair, as fair in fact as anything that Jewish pens have written concerning these subjects. The subject, "Missions to Jews," has been left out, we think, purposely, for at the close of his article on Institutum Judaicum, vol. VI., Dr. Deutsch wrote "see Mission," but "Mission" is not to be found in its proper place. Perhaps it was too painful to the Jewish heart to record the undeniable progress of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the Jews and to speak of the slowly, but surely increasing missionary efforts among them. We find no fault with this omission, but mention it that none of our readers may expect to find in the Jewish Encyclopedia a history of Christian Missions to the Jews. But, aside from this one thing, Christians will find in it almost everything concerning the Jewish history, religion, literature and customs that is of any interest. The Jewish Encyclopedia is a veritable storehouse of information concerning the Jews, and that information is authoritative and authentic. The fine illustrations, the numerous maps, and the reproductions of valuable books and manuscripts add greatly to the value of the whole work. Print and binding also are worthy of the greatness of the work, so that the publishers have kept their promises of superiority no less than the editorial board. We think the publishers have done a work worthy of great commendation in bringing out the Jewish Encyclopedia, especially since it never can be a money-making book. Its cost, we are told, amounts to almost \$500,000, so that its retail price had to be put quite high, in fact so high that it is not within the reach of every scholar and cannot become popular. But we believe that

to those who can afford to spend \$72 for the 12 volumes of the Jewish Encyclopedia, the money will be well spent. To the Christian scholar it will furnish much additional information concerning God's ancient people, while to those whose love to Christ causes them to pray and labor for the evangelization of the Jews it will bring a vast amount of knowledge concerning Jewish religion, literature, and customs which is absolutely necessary for successful work among them. It ought to be found in the library of every Jewish Mission, and every prayer circle for Israel ought to secure a copy.

LOUIS MEYER.

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