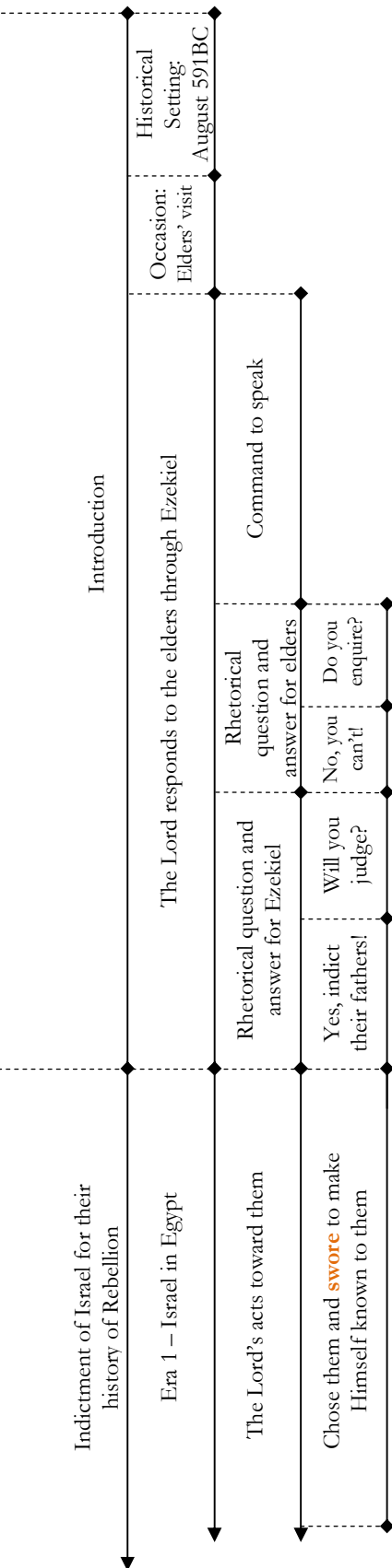


Ezekiel 20:1-44

Ezekiel's Revisionist History of Israel



¹ And it came to pass
in the seventh year,
in the fifth *month*,
the tenth *day* of the month,
that certain of the elders of Israel
came to enquire of the LORD, and
sat before me.

² Then came
the word of the LORD
unto me, saying,

³ Son of man,
speak
unto the elders of Israel, and
say
unto them,

Thus saith the Lord GOD;

Are ye come to enquire of me?
As I live,
saith the Lord GOD,
I will not be enquired of by you.

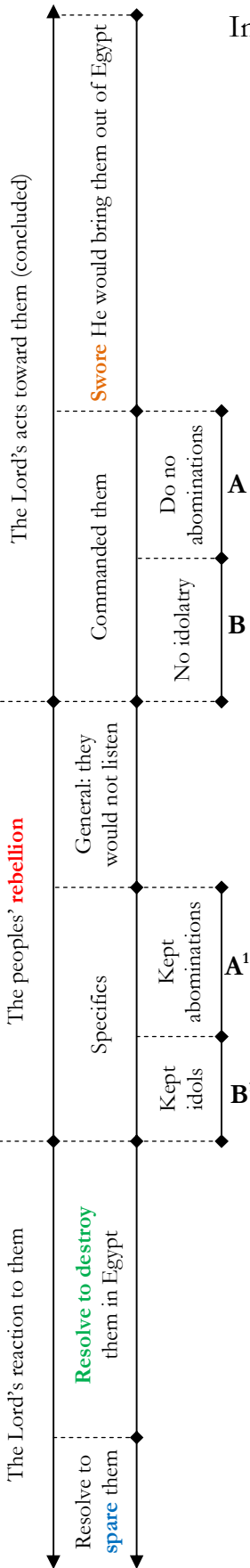
Frame with v.31

⁴ Wilt thou judge them,
son of man,
wilt thou judge *them*?
cause them to **know**
the abominations
of their fathers: ⁵ And
say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord GOD;
In the day when I
chose Israel, and
lifted up mine hand
unto the seed
of the house of Jacob, and
made myself **known**
unto them
in the land of Egypt,
when **I lifted up mine hand**
unto them, saying,
I *am* the LORD your God; ⁶

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Era 1 – Israel in Egypt (continued)



In the day *that*

I lifted up mine hand

unto them,
to bring them forth
of the land of Egypt
into a land

that I had espied for them,
flowing with
milk and
honey,

which *is* the glory of all lands: ⁷

Then said I unto them,

Cast ye away
every man

the abominations of his eyes, and
defile not
yourselves

with the idols of Egypt:

I *am* the LORD your God.

⁸ But **they rebelled**
against me, and
would not hearken
unto me:

they

did not every man
cast away

the abominations of their eyes,
neither did they

forsake
the idols of Egypt:

then I said,

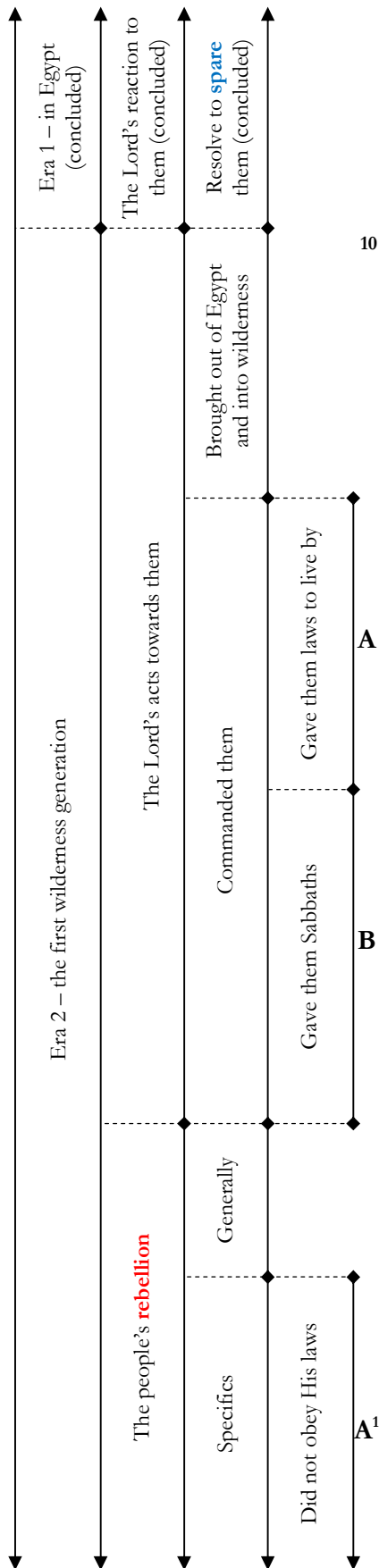
I will pour out
my fury
upon them,

to accomplish
my anger
against them

in the midst of the land of Egypt.

⁹ But **I wrought**
for my name's sake,
that it should not be polluted

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before the heathen,

among whom they *were*,
in whose sight

I made myself **known** unto them,
in bringing them forth
out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁰ Wherefore

I
caused them
to go forth
out of the land of Egypt, and
brought them
into the wilderness. ¹¹ And

I

gave them
my statutes, and
shewed them
my judgments,
which
if a man do,
[then] he shall even live in them.

¹² Moreover also I

gave them
my sabbaths,
to be a sign between
me and
them,
that they might **know**
that I *am* the LORD
that sanctify them.

¹³ But **the house of Israel**
rebelled

against me

in the wilderness:

they
walked not
in my statutes, and
they
despised
my judgments,

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Era 2 – the first wilderness generation (continued)

The Lord's reaction to them

People's rebellion
(concluded)

Specifics
(concluded)

Polluted
Sabbaths

Resolve to **destroy**
them in the wilderness

Resolve to **spare** them

Resolve to punish them instead

Reason for punishment

Swears an
oath to do this

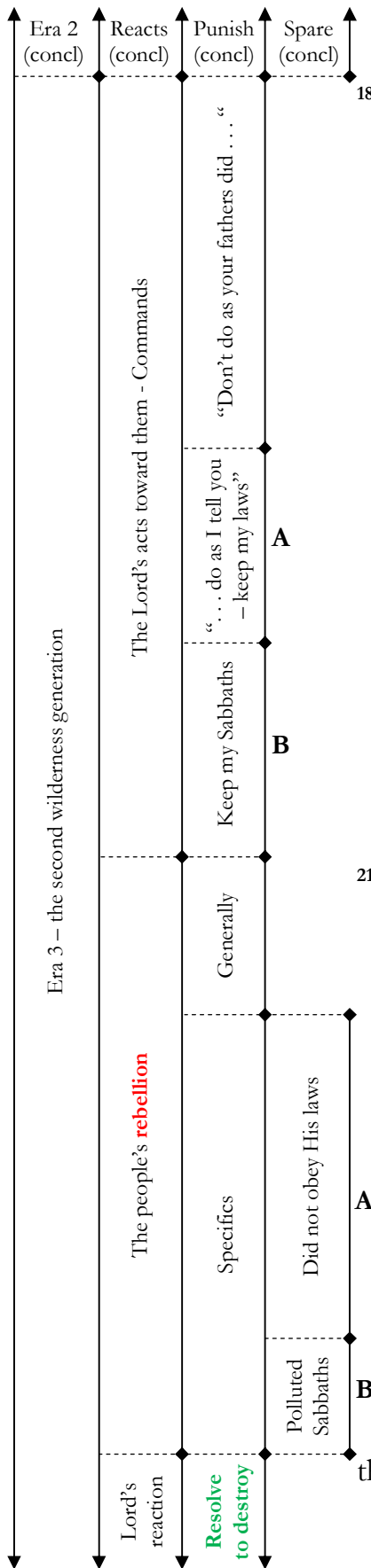
They cannot enter the land

Resolve to spare

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which
if a man do,
[then] he shall even live in them; and
my sabbaths
they
greatly polluted:
then I said,
**I would pour out
my fury
upon them**
in the wilderness,
to consume them.¹⁴
But **I wrought**
for my name's sake,
that it should not be polluted
before the heathen,
in whose sight
I brought them out.
¹⁵ Yet also
I lifted up my hand
unto them
in the wilderness,
that
I would not bring them
into the land
which I had given *them*,
flowing with
milk and
honey,
which *is* the glory of all lands;¹⁶
Because they
despised
my judgments, and
walked not
in my statutes, but
polluted
my sabbaths:
for their heart
went after their idols.
¹⁷ Nevertheless
mine eye spared them
from destroying them,

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neither did I make an end of them
in the wilderness.

¹⁸ But I said
unto their children
in the wilderness,
Walk ye not
in the statutes of your fathers,
neither observe
their judgments,
nor defile
yourselves with their idols:
¹⁹ I *am* the LORD your God;
walk
in my statutes, and
keep
my judgments, and
do them; ²⁰ And
hallow
my sabbaths; and
they shall be a sign
between me and you,
that ye may **know**
that I *am* the LORD your God.

²¹ Notwithstanding
**the children
rebelled
against me:**
they
walked not
in my statutes,
neither kept
my judgments
to do them,
which
if a man do,
[then] he shall even live in them;
they
polluted
my sabbaths:
then I said,
**I would pour out
my fury**

Indictment of Israel for their history of rebellion (continued)

Era 3 – the second wilderness generation (continued)

The Lord's reaction to them (continued)

Resolve to destroy them (concluded)

Resolve to spare them

Resolve to punish them instead

Swears an oath to do this

He will scatter them

Reason

He gave them "not good" statutes

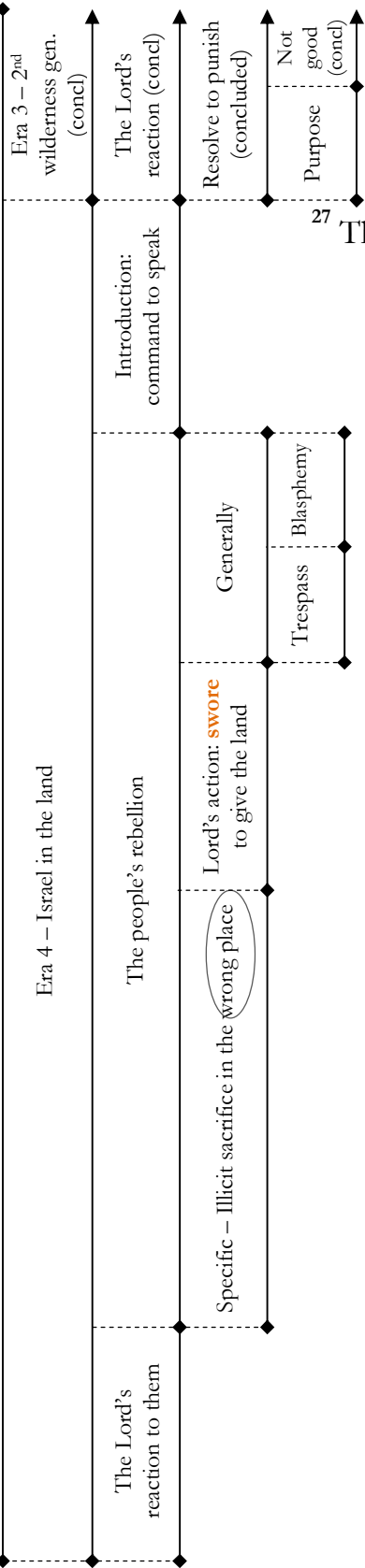
upon them,
to accomplish
my anger
against them
in the wilderness.

²² Nevertheless
I
withdrew mine hand, and
wrought
for my name's sake,
that it should not be polluted
in the sight of the heathen,
in whose sight
I brought them forth. ²³

I
lifted up mine hand
unto them also
in the wilderness,
that I
would scatter them
among the heathen, and
disperse them
through the countries;
²⁴ Because they
had not executed
my judgments, but
had despised
my statutes, and had
polluted
my sabbaths, and
their eyes
were after their fathers' idols.

²⁵ Wherefore
I gave them also
statutes
that were not good, and
judgments
whereby they should not live; ²⁶ And
I polluted them
in their own gifts,
in that

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they caused to pass through *the fire*
 all that openeth the womb,
 that I might make them desolate,
 to the end that they might **know**
 that I *am* the LORD.

²⁷ Therefore,
 son of man,
 speak
 unto the house of Israel, and
 say unto them,
 Thus saith the Lord GOD;

Yet
 in this your fathers
 have blasphemed me,
 in that they
 have committed a trespass
 against me.

²⁸ For
 when I
 had brought them
 into the land,
 for the which **I lifted up mine hand**
 to give it to them,

then
 they saw
 every high hill, and
 all the thick trees, and
 they offered there
their sacrifices, and
there they presented
 the provocation of their offering:
there also they
 made their sweet savour, and
 poured out there their drink offerings.²⁹

Then I said unto them,
 What *is* the high place
 whereunto ye go?
 And the name thereof
 is called Bamah
 unto this day.

Application to present situation using rhetorical questions

“Are you as wicked as
your fathers were?”

Answer: “Yes, you are”

Should
I listen?

Answer: “I
will not”

The Lord addresses their future – a new exodus

He will not allow them
to be like the heathen

He will bring them back

He will rule over
them in fury

He'll bring
them out

³⁰ Wherefore

say unto the house of Israel,
Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Are ye polluted
after the manner of your fathers? and
commit ye whoredom
after their abominations?

³¹ For

when
ye offer
your gifts,
when
ye make
your sons
to pass through the fire,
[then?] ye pollute
yourselves
with all your idols,
even unto this day: and

shall I be enquired of by you,
O house of Israel?
As I live,
saith the Lord GOD,
I will not be enquired of by you.

Frame with v.3

³² And that

which cometh into your mind
shall not be at all,
that ye say,
“We will be
as the heathen,
as the families of the countries,
to serve wood and stone.”

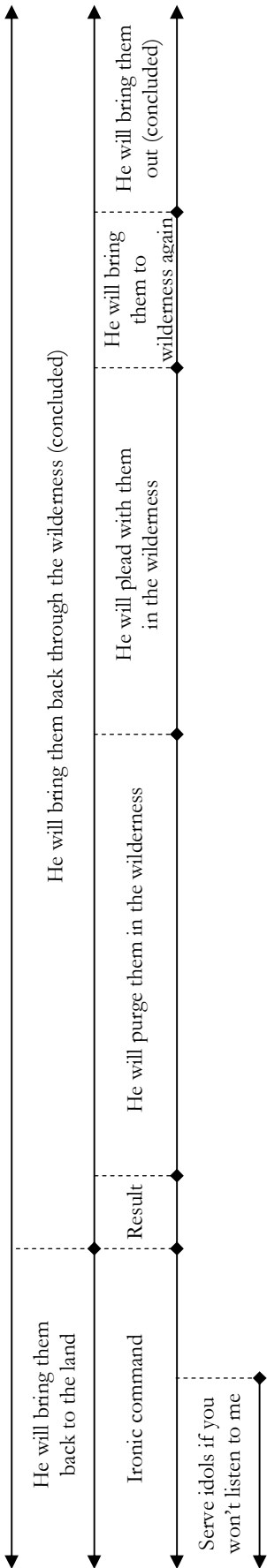
³³ As I live,

saith the Lord GOD,
surely
with a mighty hand, and
with a stretched out arm, and
with fury poured out,
will I rule over you: ³⁴ And

I

will bring you out
from the people, and

The Lord addresses their future – a new exodus (continued)



will gather you
out of the countries
wherein ye are scattered,
with a mighty hand, and
with a stretched out arm, and
with fury poured out. ³⁵ And

I
will bring you
into the wilderness of the people, and
there

will I
plead with you
face to face. ³⁶
Like as I pleaded
with your fathers
in the wilderness
of the land of Egypt,
so will I plead
with you,

saith the Lord GOD. ³⁷ And

I will cause you
to pass under the rod, and

I will bring you
into the bond of the covenant: ³⁸ And

I will purge out
from among you the rebels, and
them that transgress against me:

I will bring them forth
out of the country
where they sojourn, and
they shall not enter
into the land of Israel: and
ye shall **know**

that I *am* the LORD.

³⁹ As for you,
O house of Israel,
thus saith the Lord GOD;
Go ye,
serve ye
every one his idols, and
hereafter *also*,

The Lord addresses their future – a new exodus (continued)

He will bring them back to the land (continued)

See aright
again

They will
remember

They will sanctify Him again

He will be
sanctified

When He brings them
back to the land

When He brings
them out

They will serve the Lord again

They will all serve Him with proper
sacrifices in right place

Ironic command
(concluded)

But don't claim
to be mine??

Serve
idols
(concl)

if ye
will not hearken unto me: but
pollute ye my holy name
no more
with your gifts, and
with your idols.

⁴⁰ For
in mine holy mountain,
in the mountain
of the height of Israel,
saith the Lord GOD,
there shall
all the house of Israel,
all of them in the land,
serve me:
there will I accept them, and
there will I require
your offerings, and
the firstfruits of your oblations,
with all your holy things.

⁴¹ I will accept you
with your sweet savour,

when I
bring you out
from the people, and
gather you
out of the countries
wherein ye have been scattered; and

I will be sanctified
in you
before the heathen. ⁴² And

ye shall **know**
that I *am* the LORD,

when I shall bring you
into the land of Israel,
into the country
for the which

I lifted up mine hand

to give it to your fathers. ⁴³ And

there shall
ye remember
your ways, and

The Lord addresses their future – a
new exodus (concluded)

He will bring them back to the land (concluded)

They will see themselves and the
Lord aright again (concluded)

When He acts for
His name's sake

They will
know
Him

They will
loathe
themselves

Remember

all your doings,
wherein ye have been defiled; and
ye shall lothe yourselves
in your own sight
for all your evils
that ye have committed. ⁴⁴ And
ye shall **know**
that I *am* the LORD,
**when I have wrought with you
for my name's sake,**
not according to your wicked ways,
nor according to your corrupt doings,
O ye house of Israel,
saith the Lord GOD.