

#1146 The Curse of Jehoiakim and the Lineage of Jesus Christ – The *signet ring* prophecy against Jehoiachin and the *signet ring* prophecy favorable to Zerubbabel, part 1

A *signet* is a small seal, usually fixed in a finger ring, or a small seal in official use, usually employed to give authentication or authority to a document. Think of the word's close relationship with the word *signature*, such as a person authenticating a document with his signature. A king would seal an official document with a signet. A *signet ring* is a finger ring containing a signet, or seal. The ring is pressed to a document so that it leaves the imprint of the signet, or seal.

Key Understanding: *The signet ring prophecies.* Through **Jeremiah** the Lord gave a *signet ring* prophecy against **Jehoiachin**, while through **Haggai** the Lord gave a *signet ring* prophecy in favor of **Zerubbabel**, Jehoiachin's grandson. The two *signet ring* prophecies are related.



The *signet ring* prophecy against Jehoiachin (Jeconiah, Coniah)

Jeremiah 22:24-30 (KJV) As I live, saith the LORD, THOUGH CONIAH [Jehoiachin, Jeconiah] **the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah WERE THE SIGNET UPON MY RIGHT HAND, yet would I pluck thee thence;** [NIV . . . “As surely as I live,” declares the Lord, “even if you, Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim the king of Judah, were a signet ring on my right hand, I would still pull you off.”]

25 *And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.*

26 *And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.*

27 *But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.*

28 *Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?*

29 *O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.*

30 **Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: FOR NO MAN OF HIS** [Jehoiachin's] **SEED SHALL PROSPER, SITTING UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, AND RULING ANY MORE IN JUDAH.**

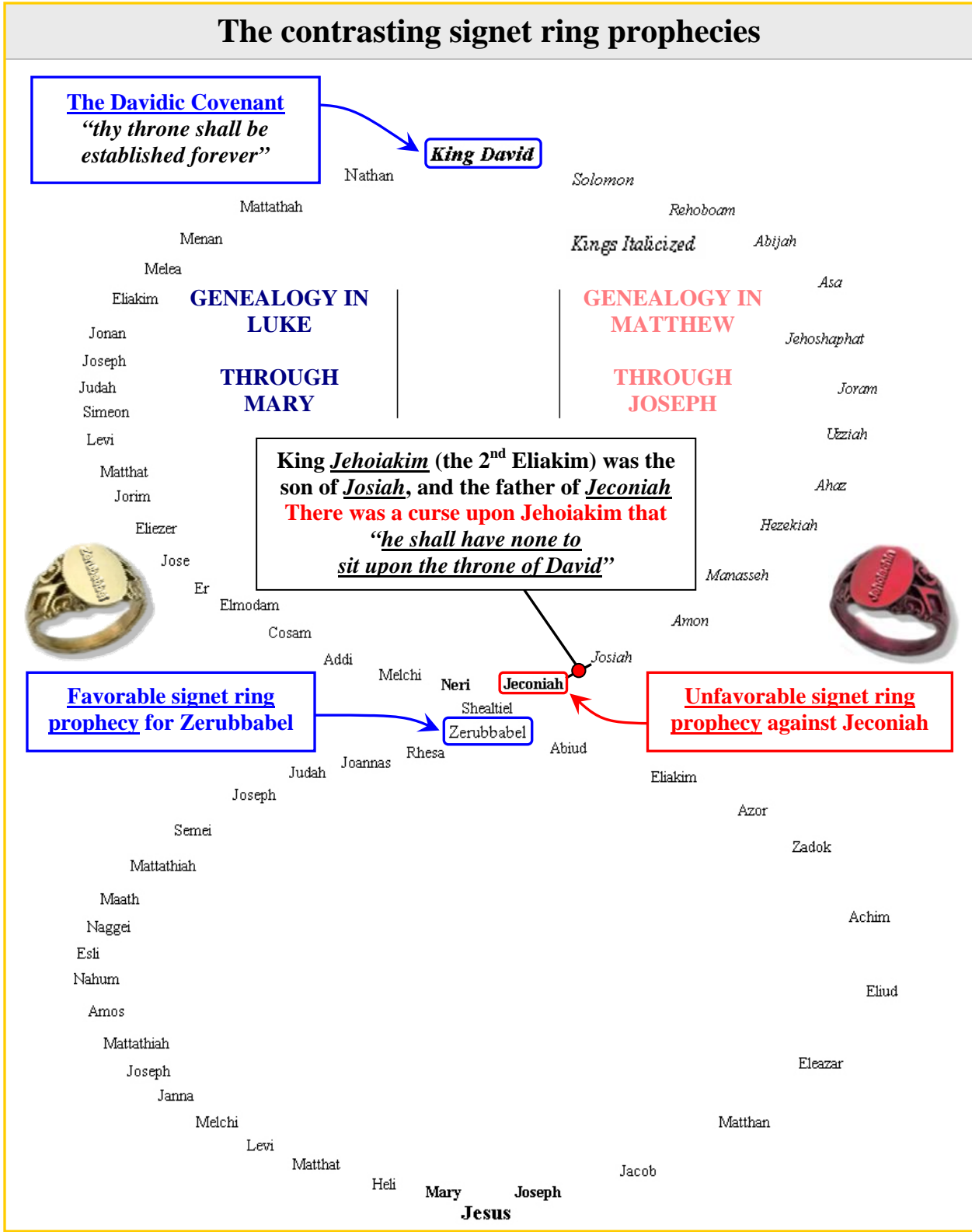
The *signet ring* prophecy favorable to Zerubbabel

Haggai 2:21-23 (KJV) SPEAK TO ZERUBBABEL, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

22 **And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms,** and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

23 **In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O ZERUBBABEL, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, AND WILL MAKE THEE AS A SIGNET:** for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts. [NIV . . . ““On that day,” declares the Lord Almighty,

‘I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,’ declares the Lord Almighty.’”]



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