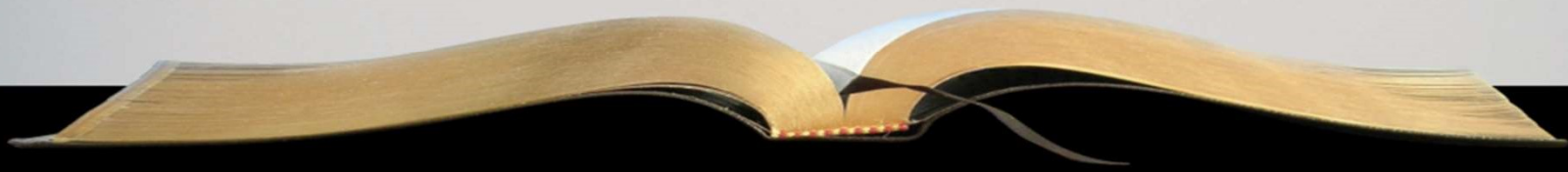


Lesson 28

Prophets

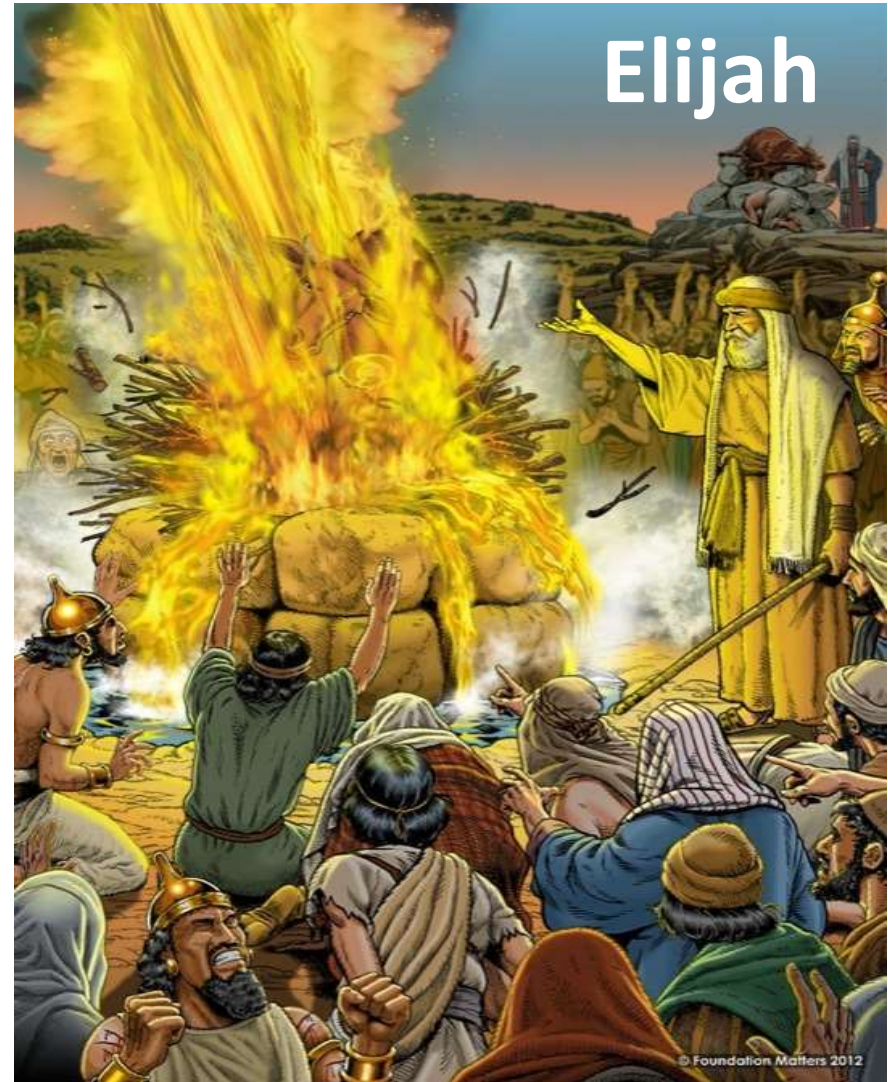


*God spoke **to people**—
Adam, Cain, Abraham,
Jacob...

*God also spoke to people
through prophets—**Noah,**
Moses, Elijah...

(1 Kings 18:17-40)

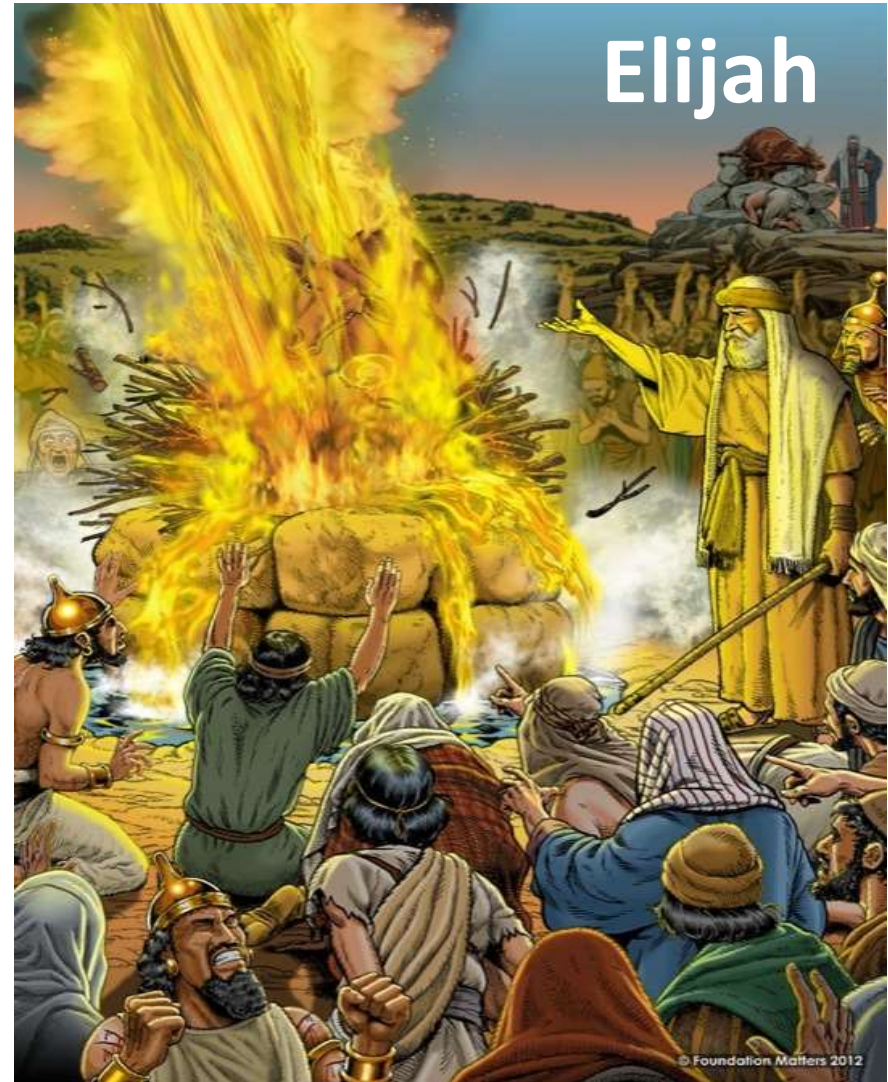
*God's prophet, **Elijah,**
called down fire from God
to prove that God is the only
true God.



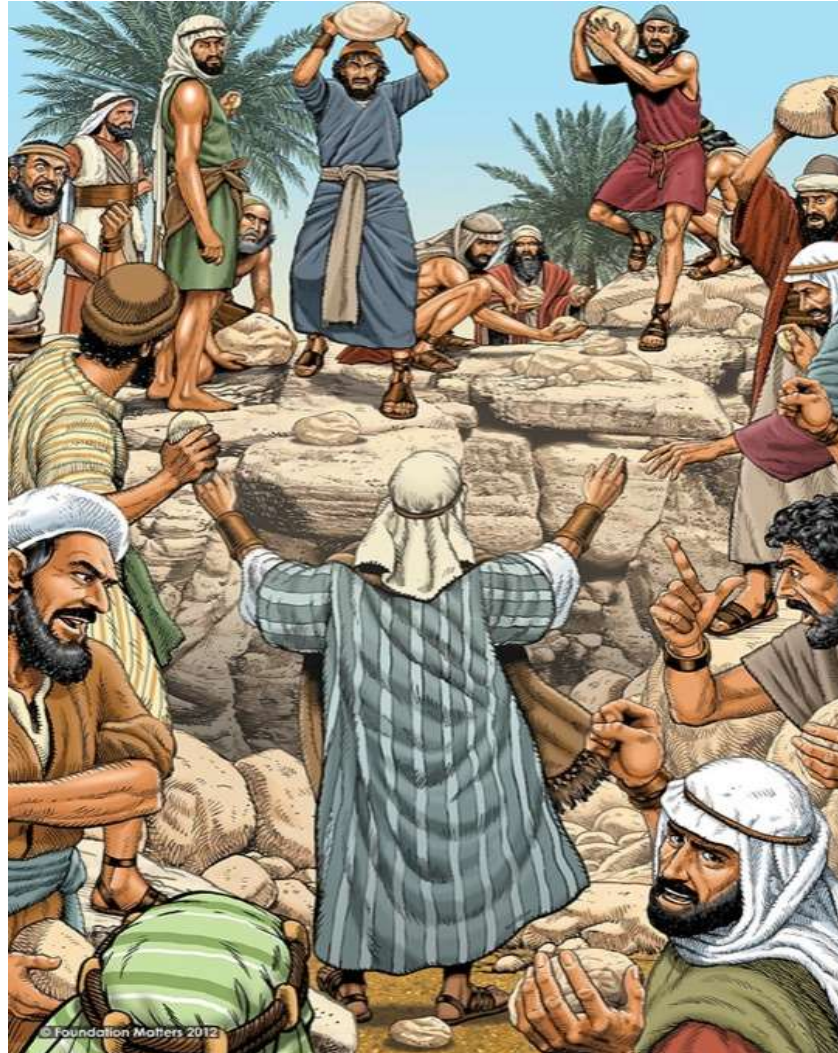
God made people, and
God loves people.

God wants people to
know that He is the only
true God.

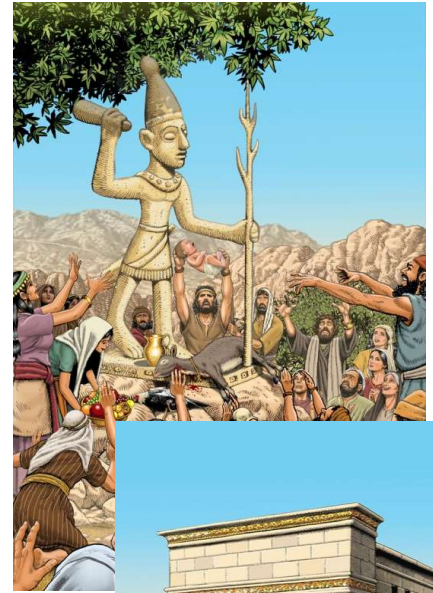
God's prophets warned
Israel and other nations of
sins' punishment.



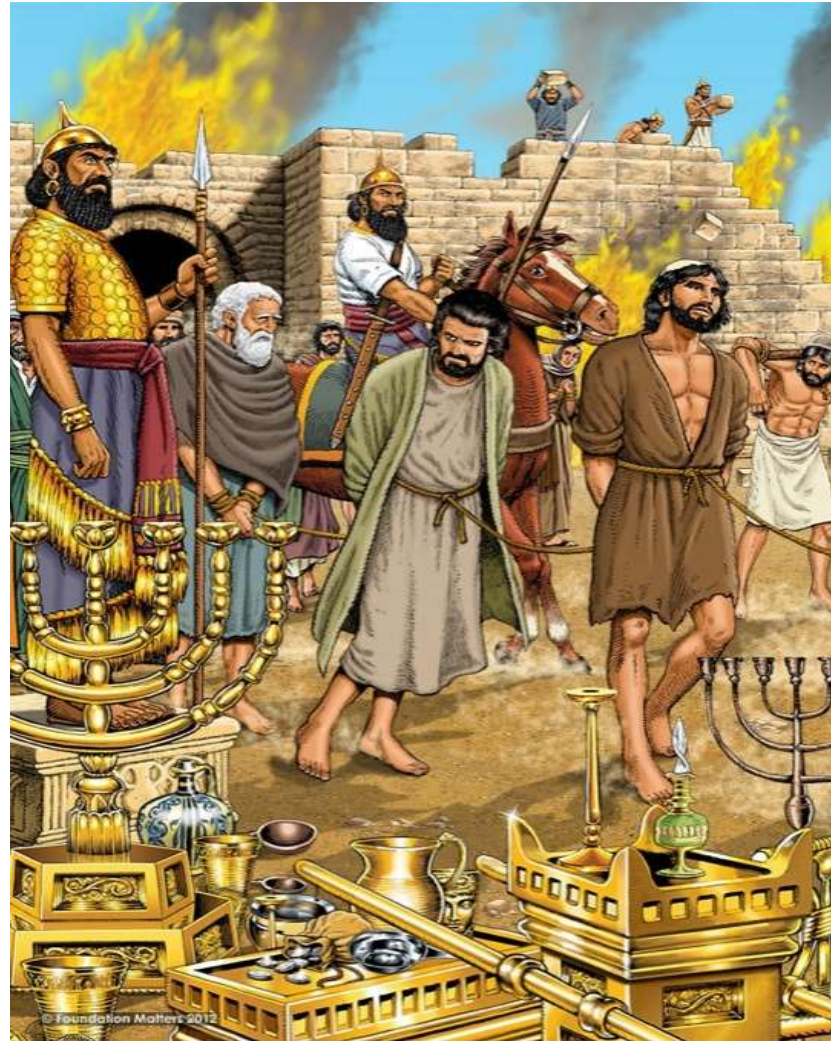
2. Israel Did NOT Believe God's Prophets.



- * Israel worshipped idols.
- * Israel continued to go to Temple.
 - * Israel mixed God's worship with idolatry.
- * Israel had many false prophets—they said God will NOT punish sin—this is a lie (**false**). Same Satan lied to Eve and said she would NOT die if she sinned against God.
- ** Same Eve believed Satan—same Israel believed false prophets.



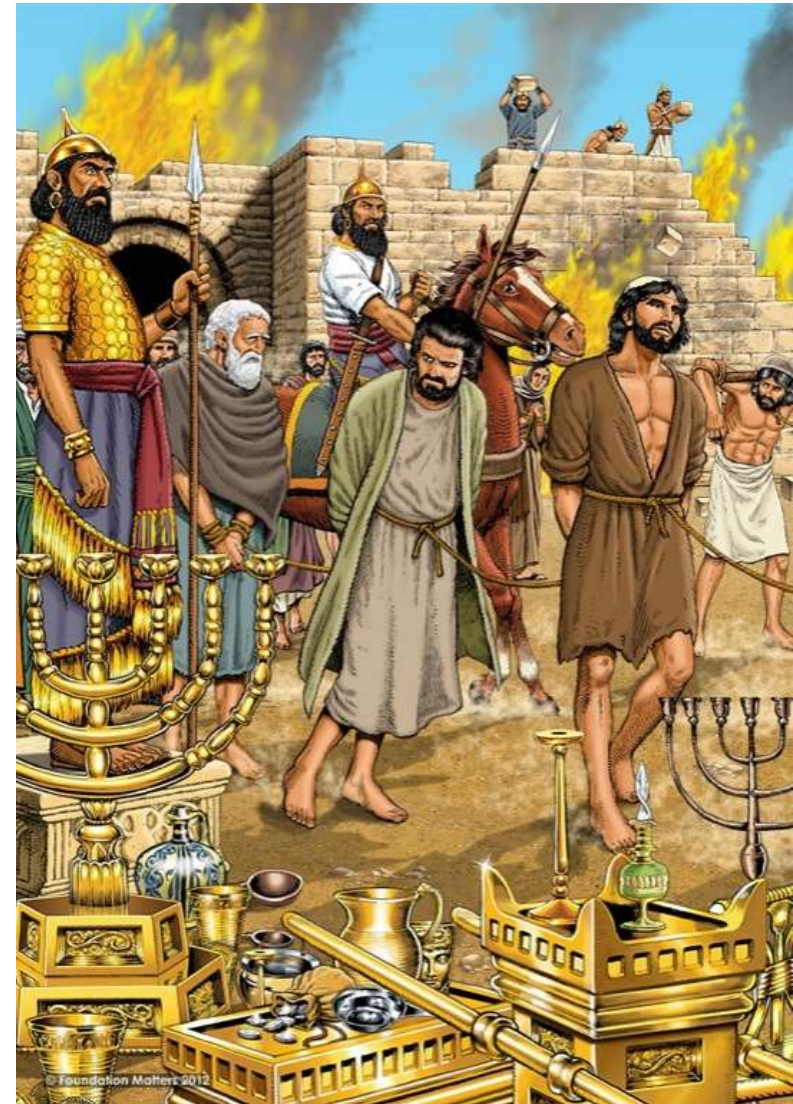
3. God Punished Israel and Judah.



*God is patient. He does not quickly punish sinners. (Adam and Eve, Flood, Canaanites...)

*God was patient with Israel. God sent many prophets to warn Israel and Judah.

*Prophets said = God angry with sin; Israel must repent; NO repent = punishment



Isaiah was God's prophet; Isaiah spoke to Israel (Northern Kingdom).



Isaiah said, “Assyria will destroy Israel.”



Jeremiah was God's prophet; Jeremiah spoke to Judah (Southern Kingdom).

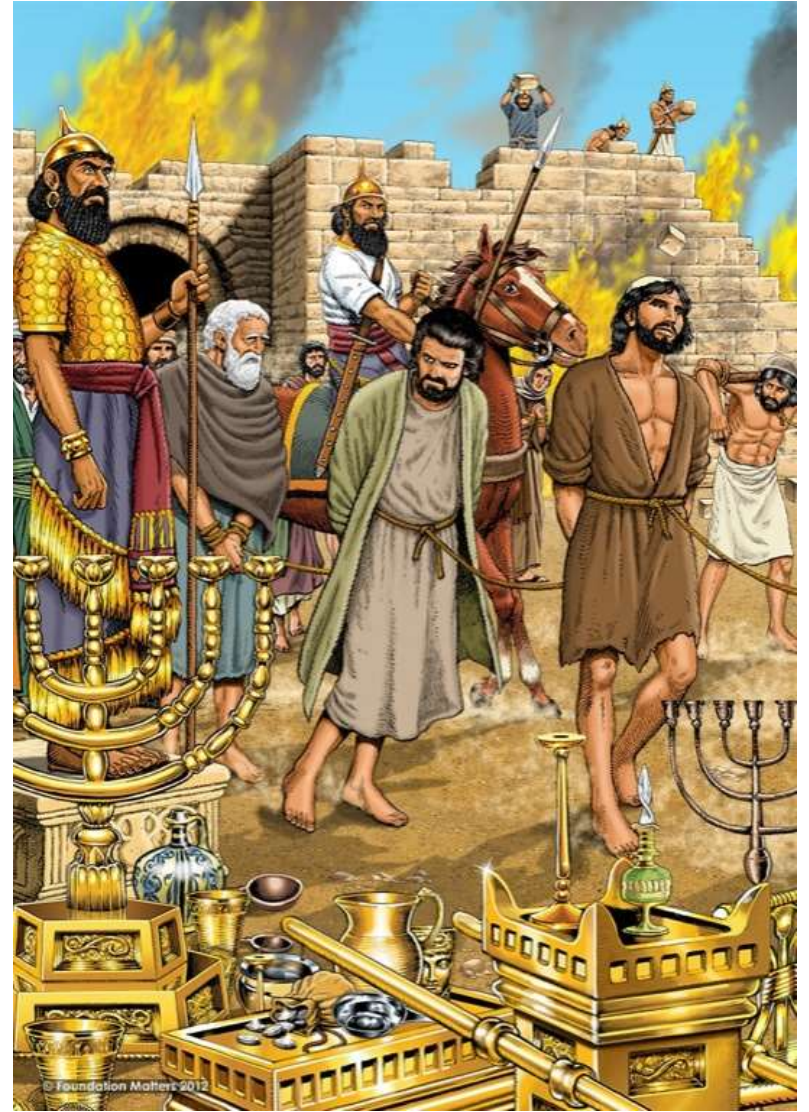


Jeremiah said, “Babylon will destroy Judah.”



When Babylon conquered Judah, many Jewish people were exiled (**taken out**) as captives (**prisoners**).

Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed.

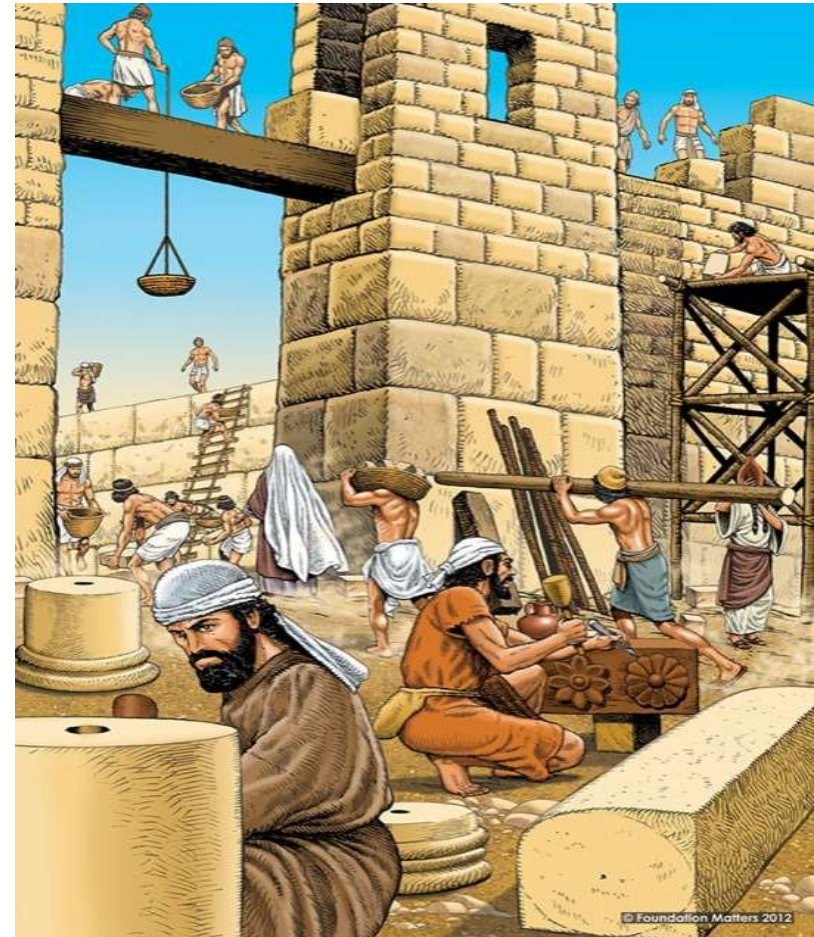


(Ezra 1:1–4, 2 Chron 36:22–23)

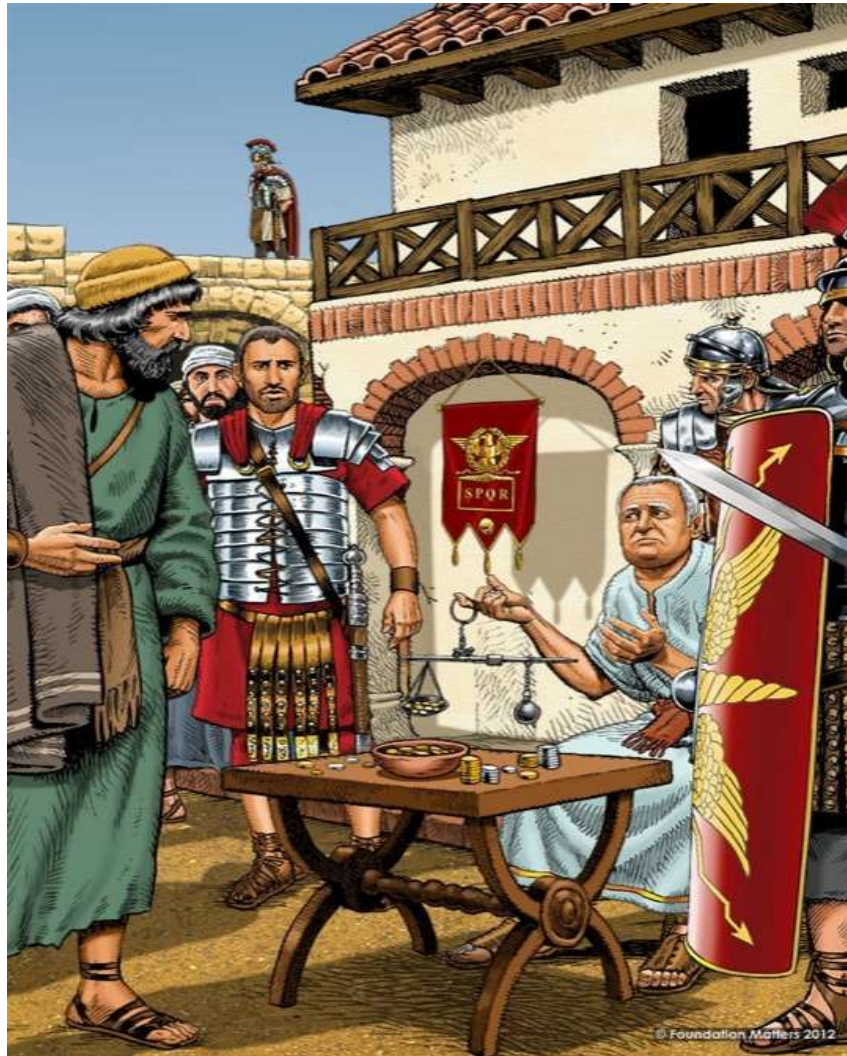
The Jews again built the Temple in Jerusalem.

(Nehemiah)

The Jews again built the walls and city of Jerusalem.



5. God Allowed Other Nations to Rule Israel.



The **Persians** (539 BC) ruled Israel.

The **Greeks** (330 BC) ruled Israel.

The **Romans** (63 BC) ruled Israel.



- *Romans worshipped many idols and also worshipped Caesar (**Roman king**).
- *The Jews spread throughout the world.
- *In every city the Jews built synagogues (**Jewish church**).
- *They learned and taught the Old Testament Bible.



6. Only Some Jews Believed God.

*The Jews continued to worship and do sacrifices in the Temple; their heart was not right.

*Many Jews did NOT believe they had sin and needed God's mercy—they were proud.

*Some Jews believed God;

these believing Jews were waiting for Jesus to come.