

**General Topics :: The Parable of the Two Eagles and the Vine****The Parable of the Two Eagles and the Vine - posted by Coolwater, on: 2012/7/28 10:56****The Parable of the Two Eagles and the Vine**

This parable setting forth God's judgement on Israel described a situation in Israel when Zedekiah was ruling (about 592 -591 B.C.) God describes a great eagle that cut off the top of cedar and carried it to a distant land where it prospered with abundant water. It became a spreading vine.

God then described another eagle which attracted the vine to send out its roots and branches toward the second eagle. God declared that the vine would not prosper.

Explaining the parable, God commanded the first eagle to Babylon which conquered Jerusalem in 605 B.C. and carried off many of its leaders and inhabitants in 597 B.C. After this Zedekiah was placed by Babylon over Israel left in the land. The second eagle described the enticement of Egypt which caused Zedekiah to rebel against Nebuchadnezzar and rely on the armies of Egypt. Jeremiah had warned Zedekiah that it would result in disaster if he rebelled against Babylon. When Zedekiah tried to escape, he was caught by the Babylonians and had to watch as his sons and nobles were killed. Then Nebuchadnezzar blinded Zedekiah and took him to Babylon. This Corresponded to the word of the Lord in Ezekiel.

Following Zedekiah's downfall in 586 B.C. in fulfillment of this prophecy of Jeremiah, God declared in Ezekiel that He himself would take a shoot from the top of the cedar, plant it on the mountains of Israel, and it would grow and prosper. Ezekiel, who had been carried off captives, probably in 597 B.C. recorded this prophecy which was fulfilled in the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.