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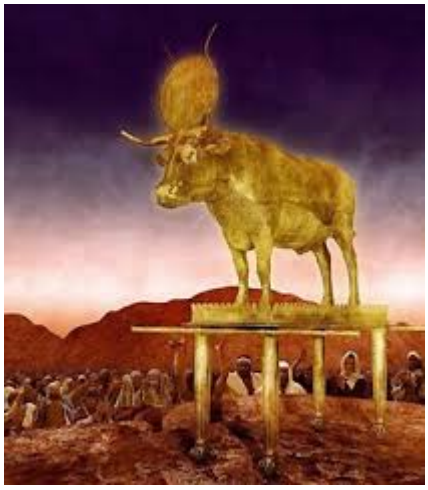
Isra'el's History of Rebellion
Ezeki'el 20: 1-49

The tenth of Ab, 591 BC during the eleven-year reign of Zedekiah



The scene in 20:1-49 is a reply to some of the elders who came to the prophet to inquire about the ultimate fate of Jerusalem and perhaps also to request that he might invoke God's mercy to annul His decree regarding the impending destruction of Judah. On divine authority Ezeki'el replies that the tragic fate of Jerusalem was irrevocable, for the same stubbornness and disobedience to the Torah that characterized their ancestors in Egypt, the wilderness and the Land were still prevalent among their fellow citizens.