

# Fall of Judah

- 2 Kings 18-34
- 2 Chronicles 29-36





King Solomon Dies Of Old Age Waiting For  
700 Wives To Decide On Restaurant



# The world's first great empire.

Assyria's ancient history has been heavily documented with a wealth of archaeological finds, including thousands of inscriptions, ornate wall decorations and art pieces, alongside large buildings and palaces. The Assyrians also feature heavily in the biblical record. Most references describe their interactions with the kings of Israel and Judah. Through the Prophet Isaiah, God calls the Assyrians "the rod of my anger, the staff of my fury!" (Isaiah 10:5).



# King Hezekiah

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**2 Kings 18:1** In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. <sup>2</sup> He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother's name was Abijah daughter of Zechariah. <sup>3</sup> He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father David had done. <sup>4</sup> He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it.



# King Hezekiah

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<sup>5</sup> Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. <sup>6</sup> He held fast to the LORD and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the LORD had given Moses. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him. <sup>8</sup> From watchtower to fortified city, he defeated the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory.





# Hezekiah and Isaiah

According to Jewish tradition:

- Isaiah was the grandson of King Joash
- Hezekiah married Isaiah's daughter
- Isaiah was killed by his grandson, King Manasseh
  - Hebrews 11:37 They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword...



# Assyrians

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- 6<sup>th</sup> year of Hezekiah:
  - Shalmaneser captured Samaria and deported Israel
- Assyria distracted by Babylonian revolt
- 14<sup>th</sup> year of Hezekiah:
  - Sennacherib attacked secondary cities of Judah
  - Hezekiah sent peace offering of 11 tons of silver and 1 ton of gold
  - Sennacherib approaches Jerusalem anyway
  - Conversation at the wall





# King Hezekiah

2 Kings 19:1 When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and went into the temple of the LORD...

<sup>5</sup> When King Hezekiah's officials came to Isaiah, <sup>6</sup> Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard—those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. <sup>7</sup> Listen! When he hears a certain report, I will make him want to return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword.'"

<sup>8</sup> When the field commander heard that the king of Assyria had left Lachish, he withdrew and found the king fighting against Libnah. *(then against Egypt / Ethiopia)*





# King Hezekiah

**2 Kings 19:14** Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD: “LORD, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. <sup>16</sup> Give ear, LORD, and hear; open your eyes, LORD, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God.

<sup>17</sup> “It is true, LORD, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and their lands. <sup>18</sup> They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. <sup>19</sup> Now, LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, LORD, are God.”





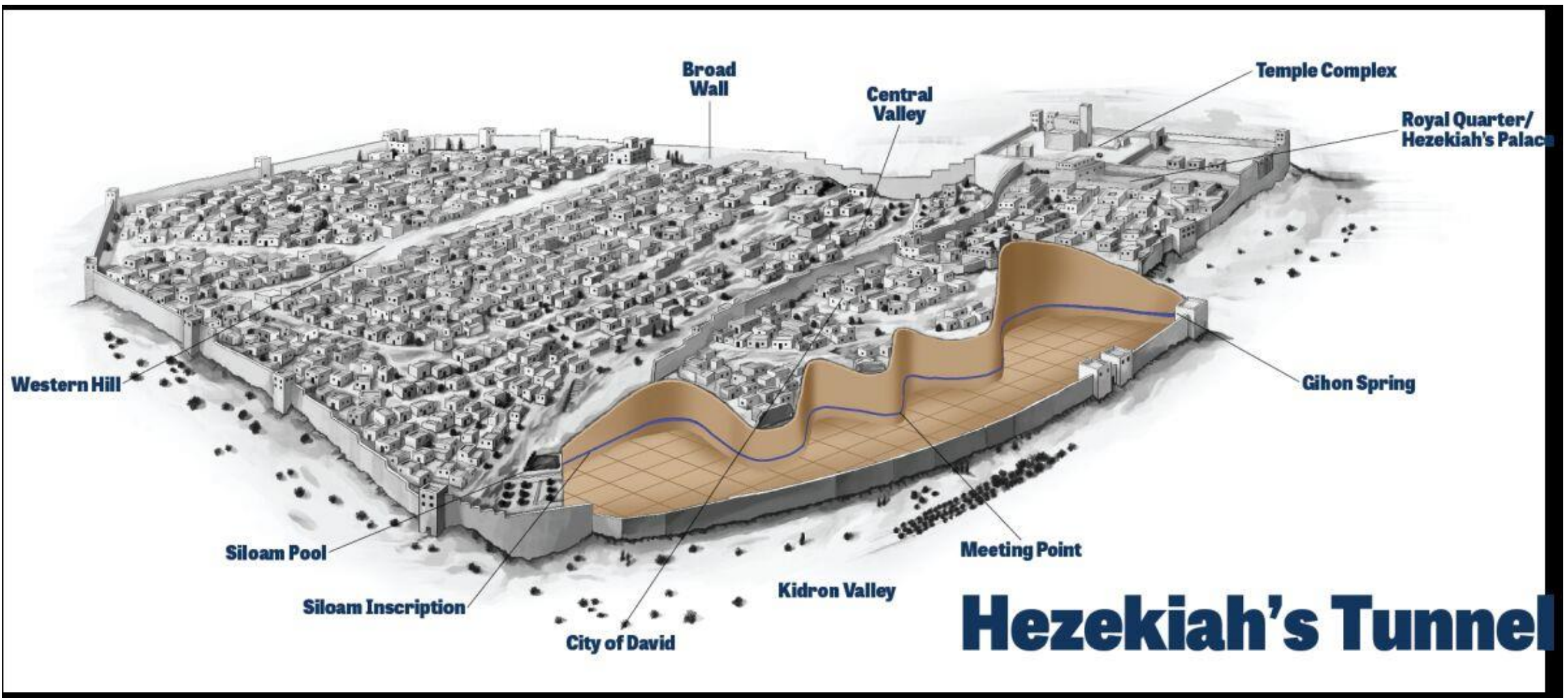
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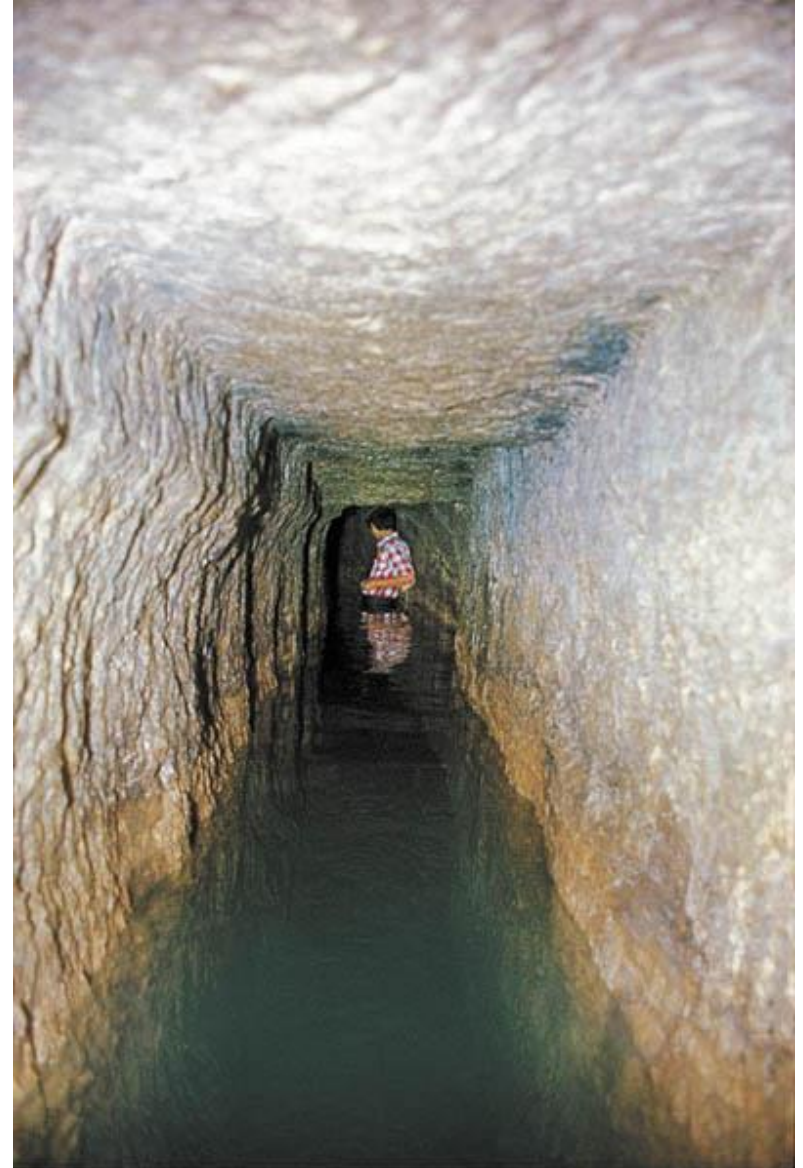
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# Hezekiah's illness

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<sup>2</sup> **Kings** <sup>20</sup> In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, “This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”

<sup>2</sup> Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, <sup>3</sup> “Remember, LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.



# Hezekiah's illness

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<sup>4</sup> Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>5</sup> “Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.’”









# Hezekiah Entertains Babylonians



# Bullae of Hezekiah and Isaiah





# Manasseh

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- Reigned 55 years
- Worst of Judah's kings
  - Idolatry
  - Innocent blood
- Son Amon
  - Assassinated after 2 years





**Where in the bible does it say it's man's job to wash dishes!**



**2 Kings 21:13 Says  
\*.....And I will wipe  
Jerusalem as a man wipeth  
a dish, wiping it, and turning  
it upside down.**



# Josiah

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- Reigned from age 8 to 39
  - Began to “seek God” at 16
  - Began reforms at 26
- Guided by:
  - Mother: Jedidah
  - High priest: Hilkiah
  - Prophets: Jeremiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Huldah
- 2 Kings 22:2 He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

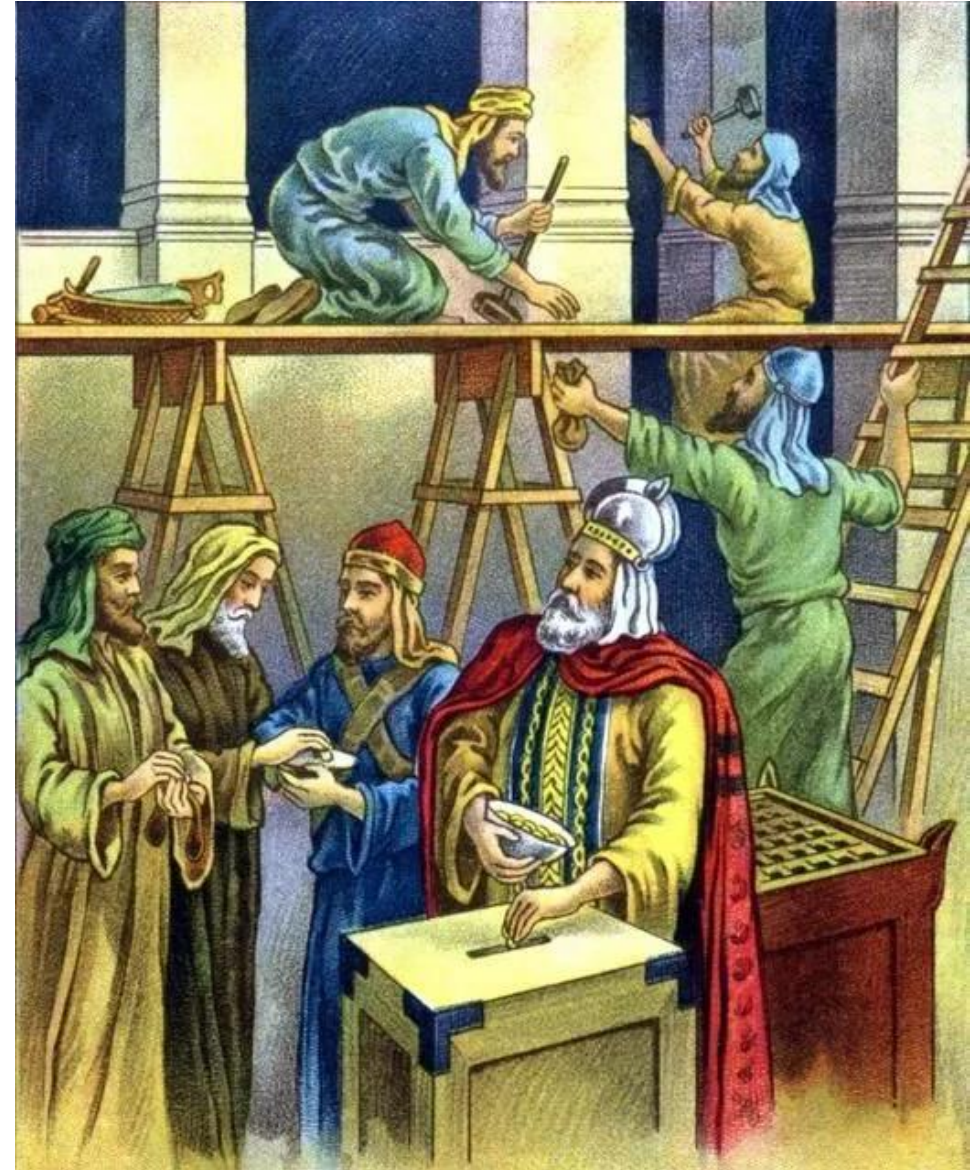




# Renovating Temple

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<sup>8</sup> Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. <sup>9</sup> Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple." <sup>10</sup> Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.







# Josiah

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<sup>11</sup> When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. <sup>12</sup> He gave these orders to Hilkiah the priest...: <sup>13</sup> “Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD’s anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us.”





<sup>15</sup> She said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me, <sup>16</sup> ‘This is what the LORD says: I am going to bring disaster on this place and its people, according to everything written in the book the king of Judah has read. <sup>17</sup> Because they have forsaken me and burned incense to other gods and aroused my anger by all the idols their hands have made, my anger will burn against this place and will not be quenched.’ <sup>18</sup> Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard: <sup>19</sup> Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people—that they would become a curse and be laid waste—and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I also have heard you, declares the LORD. <sup>20</sup> Therefore I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place.’”



**Scythians**

**Carchemish**

**Medes**

**Assyria**

**Megiddo**

Aka: Har Megiddo,  
Armageddon

King Josiah

**Babylon**

King Nabopolassar  
Commander-in-chief Nebuchadnezzar

Pharoah Neco II

**EGYPT**



**Josiah**

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graph TD; Josiah --> Jehoahaz; Josiah --> Eliakim["Eliakim (Jehoiakim)"]; Josiah --> Mattaniah["Mattaniah (Zedekiah)"]; Eliakim --> Jehoiachin;
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**Jehoahaz**

**Eliakim  
(Jehoiakim)**

**Mattaniah  
(Zedekiah)**

**Jehoiachin**

# Three exiles of Judah to Babylon

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605/606: Pay tribute.

King Jehoiakim

Daniel

597/598: Rebellion.

King Jehoiachin

2<sup>nd</sup> deportation.

587/588: Rebellion.

King Zedekiah

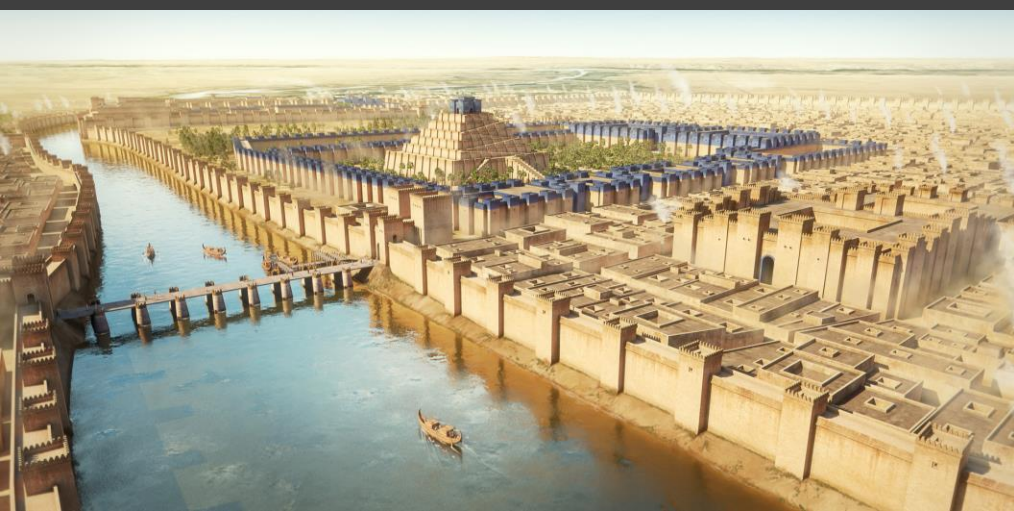
3<sup>rd</sup> deportation

Temple destroyed

Gedaliah. Flee to Egypt







Babylon



# Grading the Kings of Judah

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Wilbur's grades, based on:

- Obedience to God
- Quality of Reign

A		Excellent
B		Good
C		Average
D		Below Average
F		Fail



# Fail, with damaging results

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Rehoboam (17 years)

Jehoram (8 years)

Athaliah (6 years)

Manasseh (55 years)



# Bad, but mostly inconsequential

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Abijah (3 years)

Ahaziah (1 year)

Ahaz (16 years)

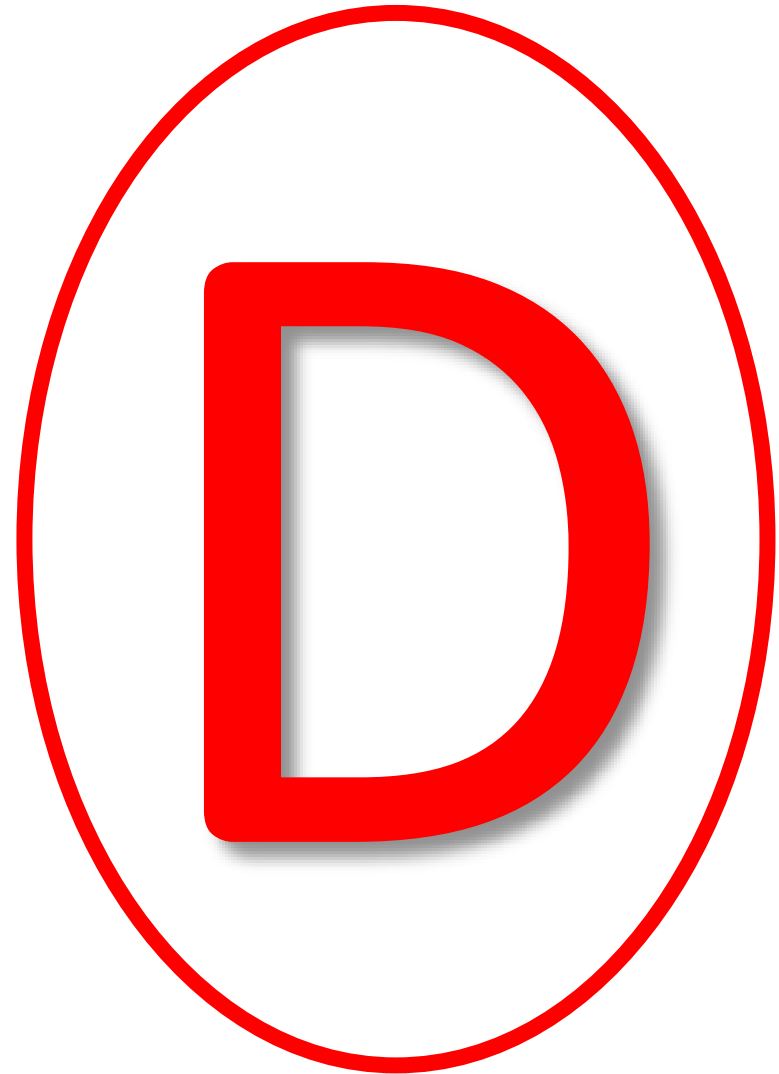
Amon (2 years)

Jehoahaz (3 months)

Jehoiakim (11 years)

Jehoiachin (3 months)

Zedekiah (11 years)

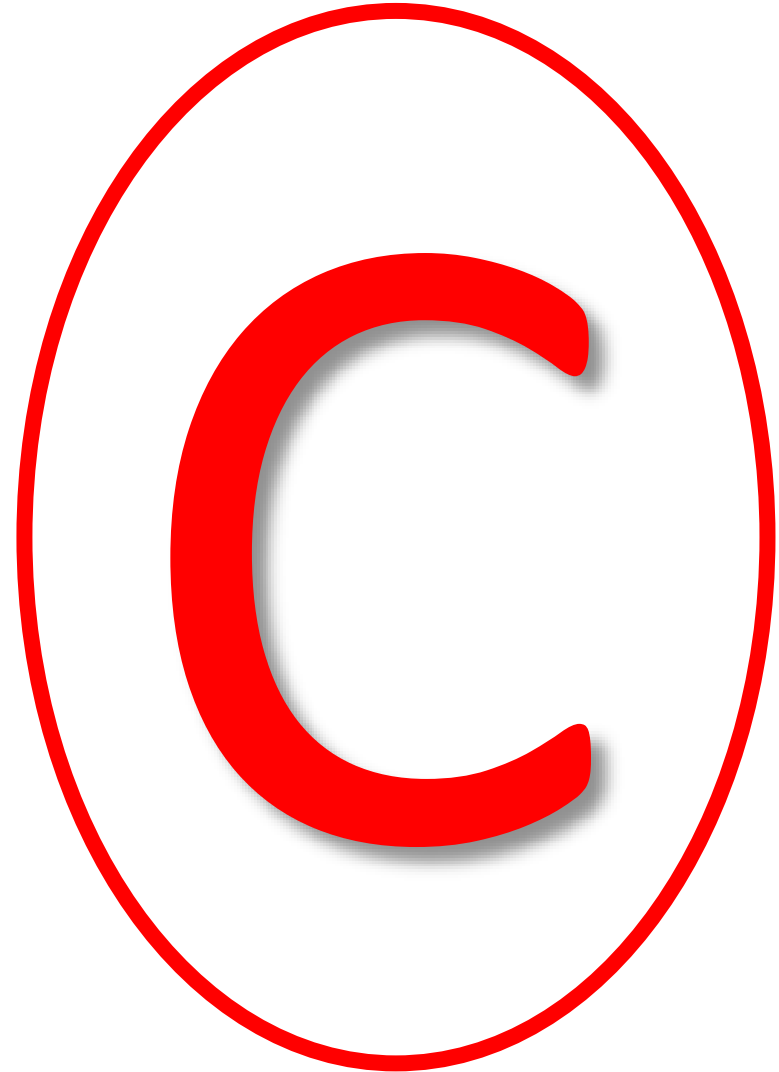




# Average



None



# Mostly good

4 consecutive generations, 137 years

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**Joash** (40 years)

- “righteous all the days of Jehoiada the priest”

**Amaziah** (29 years)


- “He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, but not as his father David had done”

**Uzziah** / Azariah (52 years)

- sought the Lord “during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God.”
- Pride later in life led to mistakes – died of leprosy

**Jotham** (16 years)

- “Jotham grew powerful because he walked steadfastly before the Lord his God”



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# Good

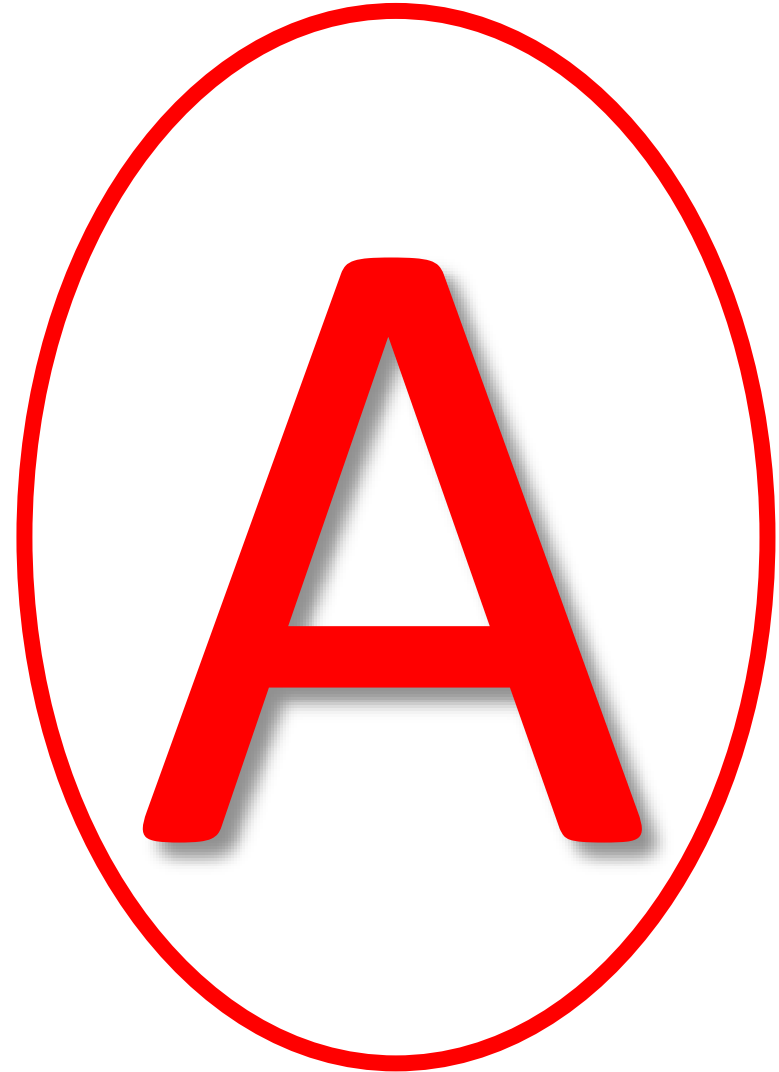
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## **Asa** (41 years)

- Reforms. Removed idols
- “did what was good and right”
- Did not trust God in later years

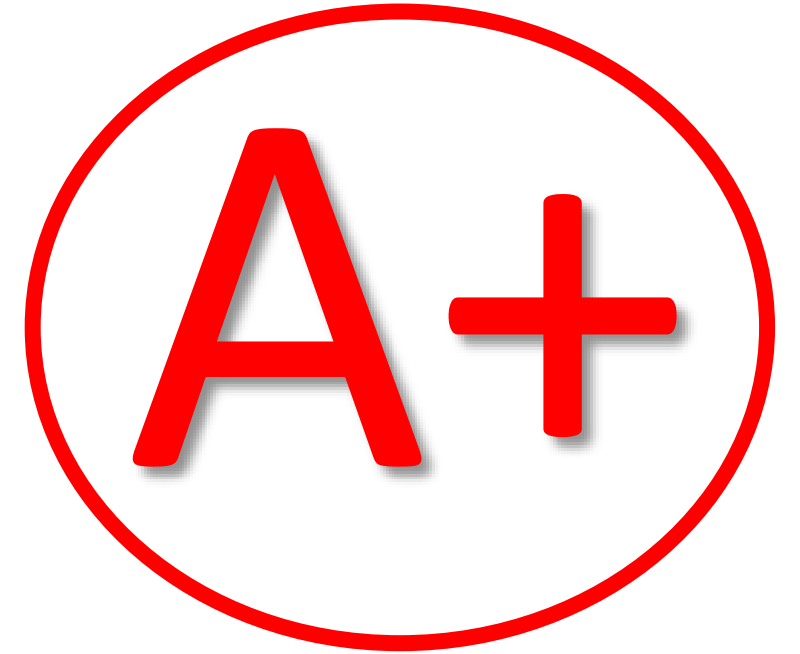
## **Jehoshaphat** (25 years)

- Son of Asa
- “The Lord was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the ways of his father David before him.
- Praise and worship king
- Partnered with Ahab and Jezebel, son married their daughter



# Outstanding

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## Hezekiah (29 years)

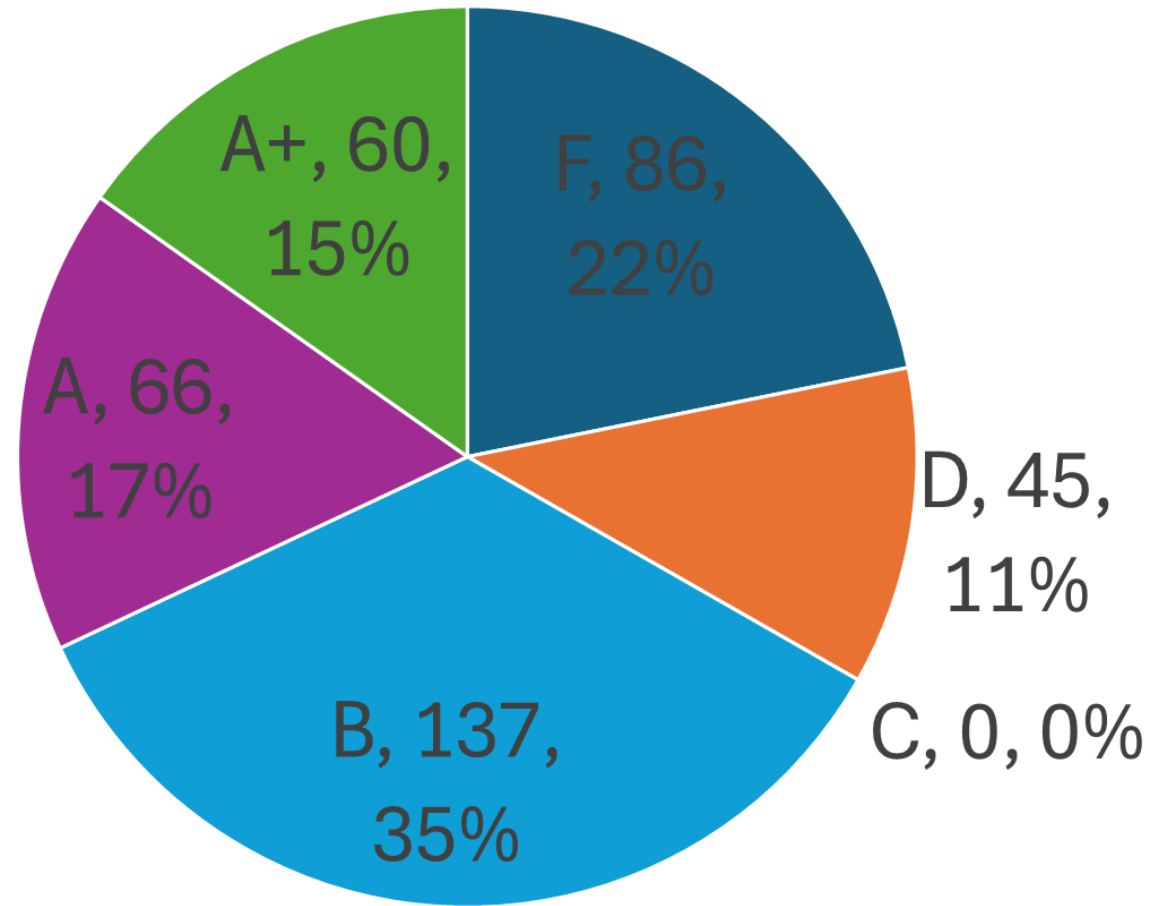
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  - 2 Kings 18:5-6

## Josiah (31 years)

- Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.
  - 2 Kings 23:25



Grade Distribution of Kings of Judah by Years of Reign



# Themes and Key Takeaways







# The Nation of Israel

## *Schedule*

1. Overview
2. Israel's Dark Ages: Judges
3. Lights Amid the Darkness: Ruth and Samuel
4. Beginnings of the Monarchy in Israel  
1 Sam 8-15
5. Prelude to the reign of David  
1 Sam 16 – 2 Sam 5
6. The reign of David  
2 Sam 6 - ; 1 Chronicles 28
7. The reign of Solomon  
1 Kings 3, 2 Chron 5, 1 Kings 8,11
8. The division of the kingdom and early ministry of Elijah  
1 Kings 12-18
9. The divided monarchy in the times of Elijah and Elisha  
1 Kings 21-22, 2 Kings 5-7
10. The divided monarch from Jehu to the fall of the northern kingdom  
2 Kings 9-17
11. The kingdom of Judah from Hezekiah to the fall of Jerusalem  
2 Chron 30, 2 Kings 19-34



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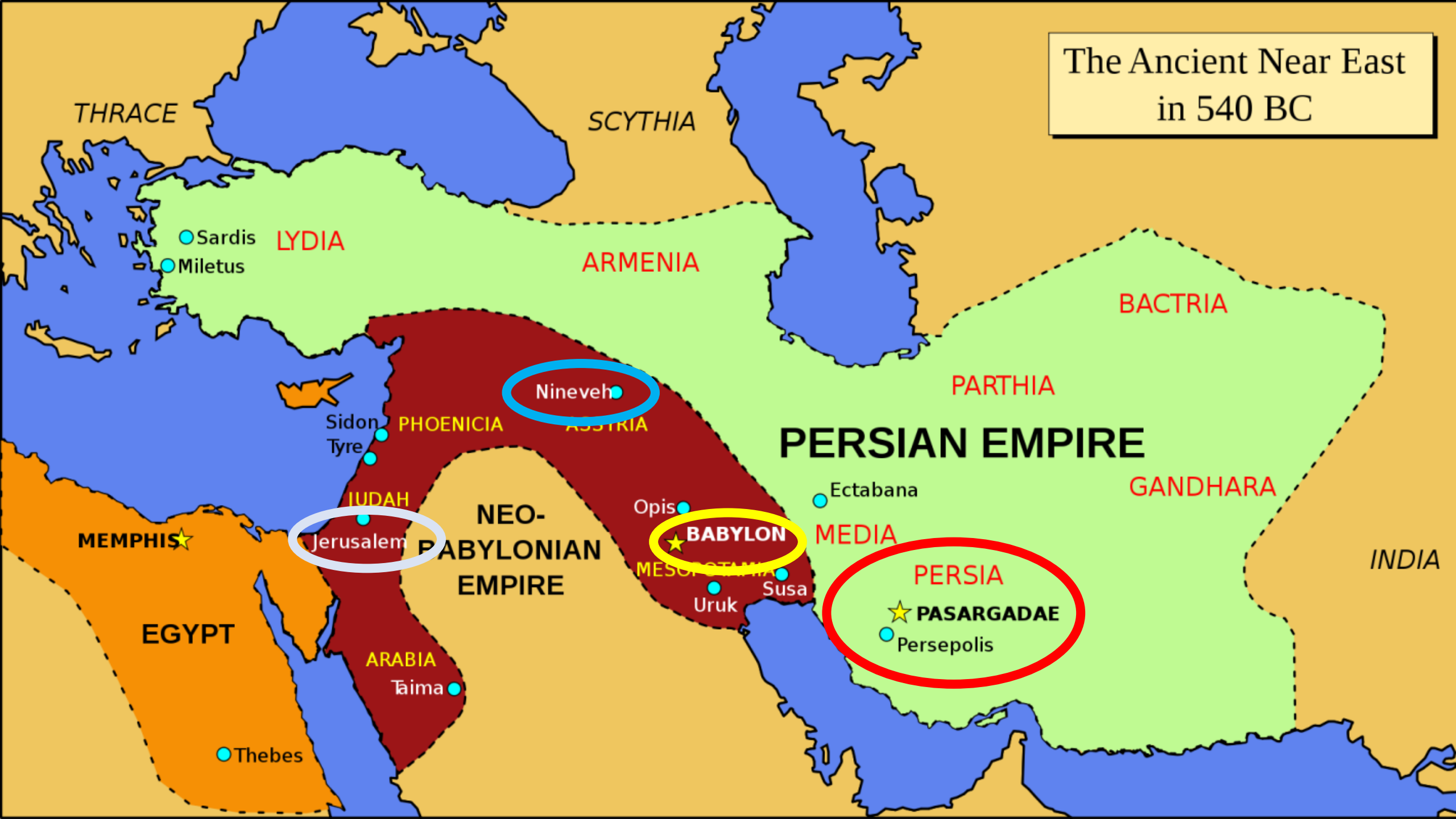
## The History of Israel

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in 540 BC





# Zedekiah—The Final King of Judah's Reign and Fall

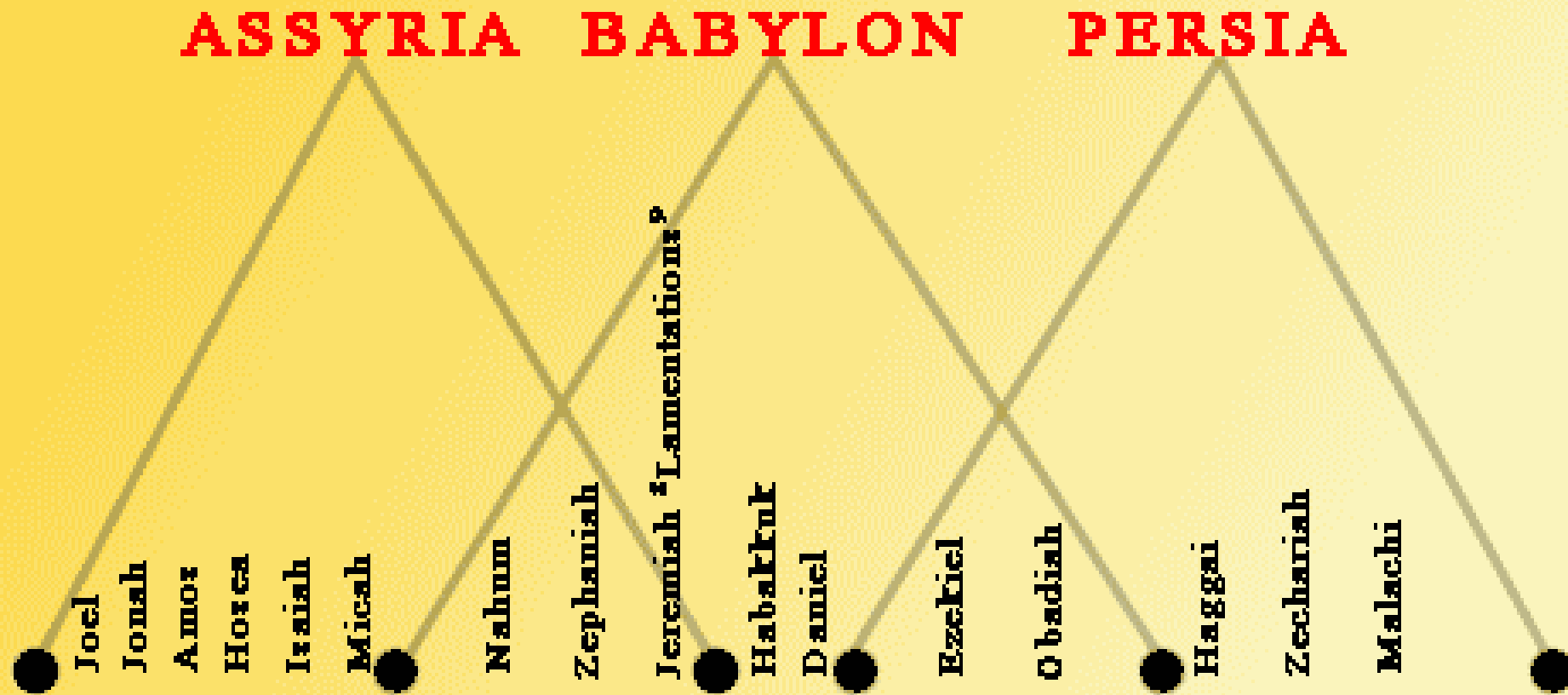




Judah (and Benjamin) Capital: Jerusalem					Israel (Ten Northern Tribes) Capital: Samaria									
King	Reign		Good or Bad	Prophets	King	Reign		Good or Bad	Prophets					
1. Rehobboam	931 - 913	17 Years	Bad	Shemaiah	1. Jeroboam I	931 - 910	22 Years	Bad	Ahijah					
2. Abijah	913 - 911	3 Years	Bad											
3. Asa	911 - 870	41 Years	Good		2. Nadab	910 - 909	2 Years	Bad	Elijah Micaiah					
					3. Baasha	909 - 886	24 Years	Bad						
					4. Elah	886 - 885	2 Years	Bad						
					5. Zimri	885	7 Days	Bad						
					6. Omri	885 - 874	12 Years	Bad						
					7. Ahab	874 - 853	22 Years	Bad						
					8. Ahaziah	853 - 852	2 Years	Bad						
4. Jehoshaphat	870 - 848	25 Years	Good		9. Joram	852 - 841	12 Years	Bad	Elisha					
5. Jehoram	848 - 841	8 Years	Bad		10. Jehu	841 - 814	28 Years	Bad						
6. Ahaziah	841	< Year	Bad											
7. Athaliah	841 - 835	6 Years	Bad		11. Jehoahaz	814 - 798	17 Years	Bad	Jonah Amos Hosea					
8. Joash	835 - 796	40 Years	Good	Joel	12. Jehoash	798 - 782	16 Years	Bad						
9. Amaziah	796 - 767	29 Years	Good		13. Jeroboam II	782 - 753	41 Years	Bad						
10. Uzziah (Azariah)	767 - 740	52 Years	Good	Isaiah Micah						14. Zechariah	753 - 752	6 mos.	Bad	
										15. Shallum	752	1 mo	Bad	
										16. Menahem	752 - 742	10 Years	Bad	
										17. Pekahiah	742 - 740	2 Years	Bad	
										18. Pekah	740 - 732	9 Years	Bad	
11. Jotham	740 - 732	16 Years	Good							19. Hoshea	732 - 712	20 Years	Bad	
12. Ahaz	732 - 716	16 Years	Bad							722 BC Fall of Samari to Israel 10 Lost Tribes of Israel				
13. Hezekiah	716 - 687	29 Years	Good											
14. Manasseh	687 - 642	15 Years	Bad/ Repented	Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah										
15. Amon	642 - 640	2 Years	Bad											
16. Josiah	640 - 608	31 Years	Good											
17. Jehoahaz	608	3 mos.	Bad											

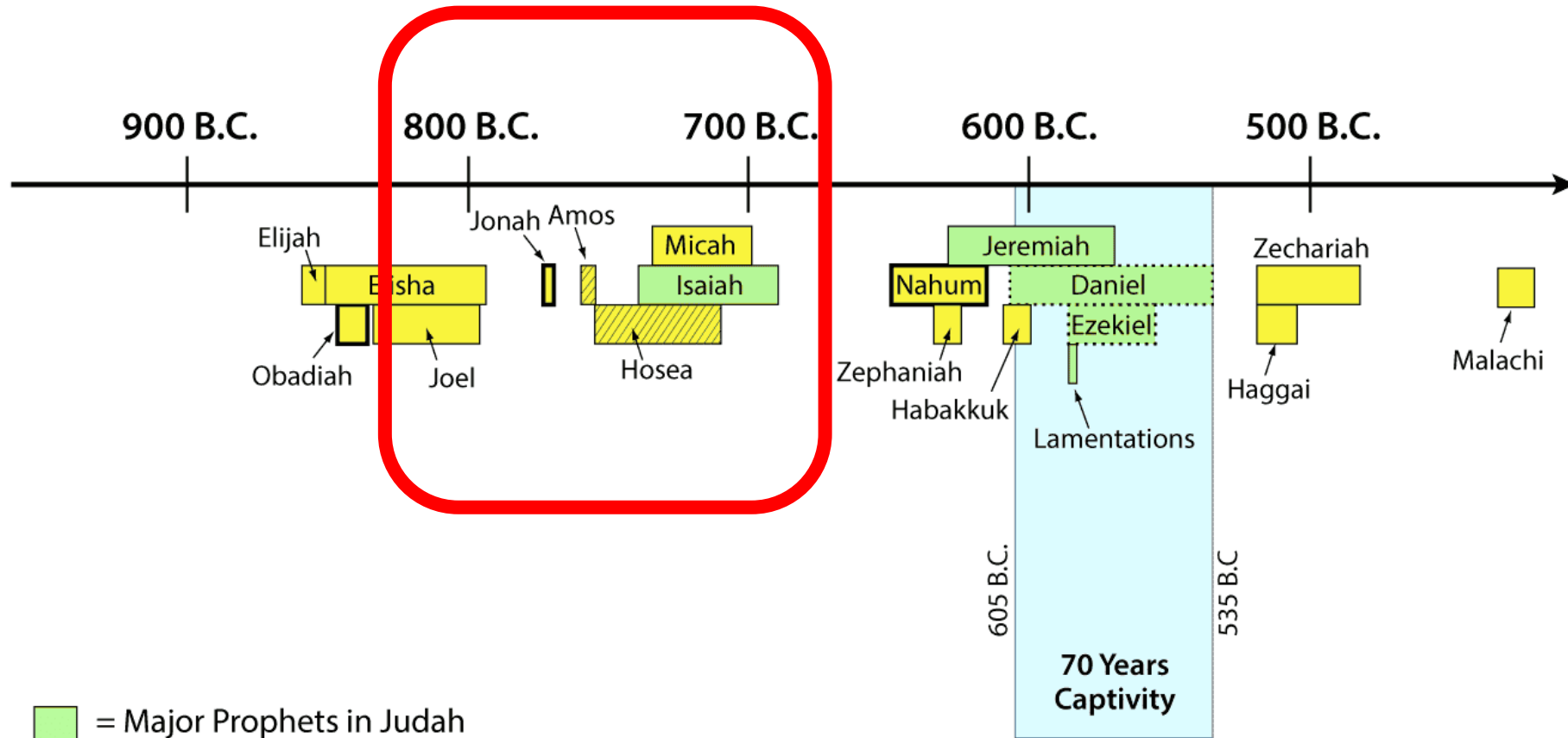


**Old Testament Prophetic Books  
as related to  
THREE GREAT ENEMIES OF ISRAEL**





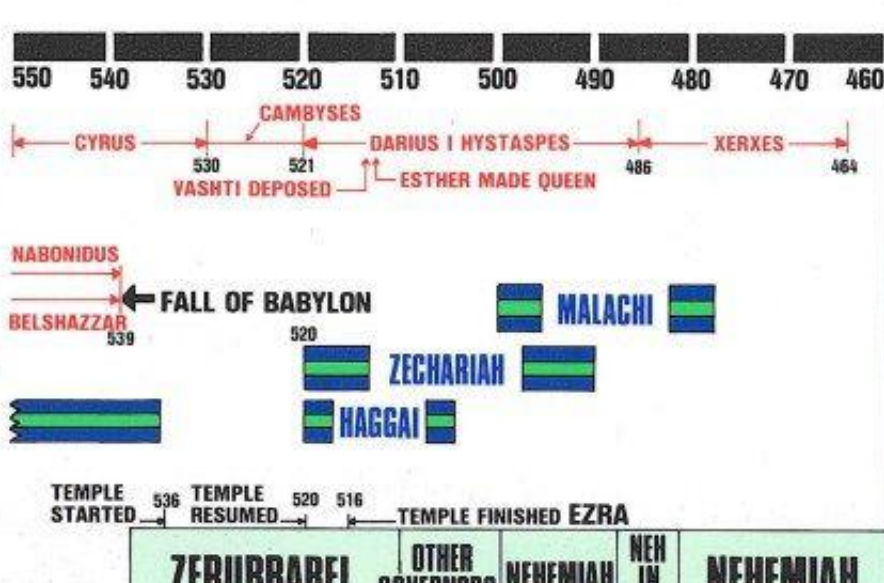
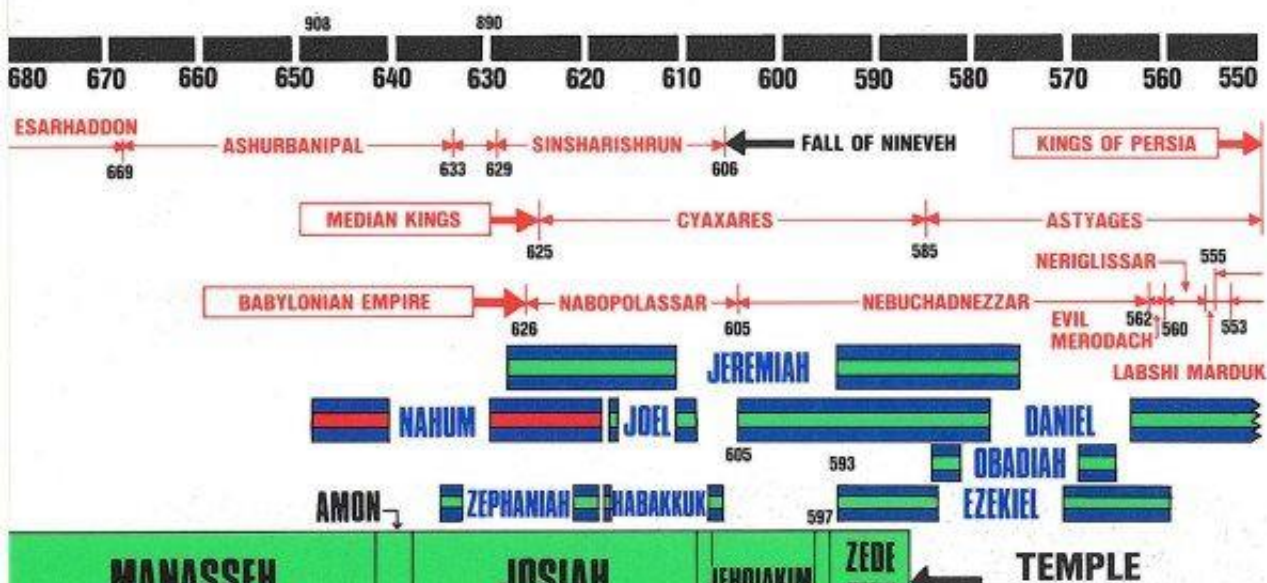
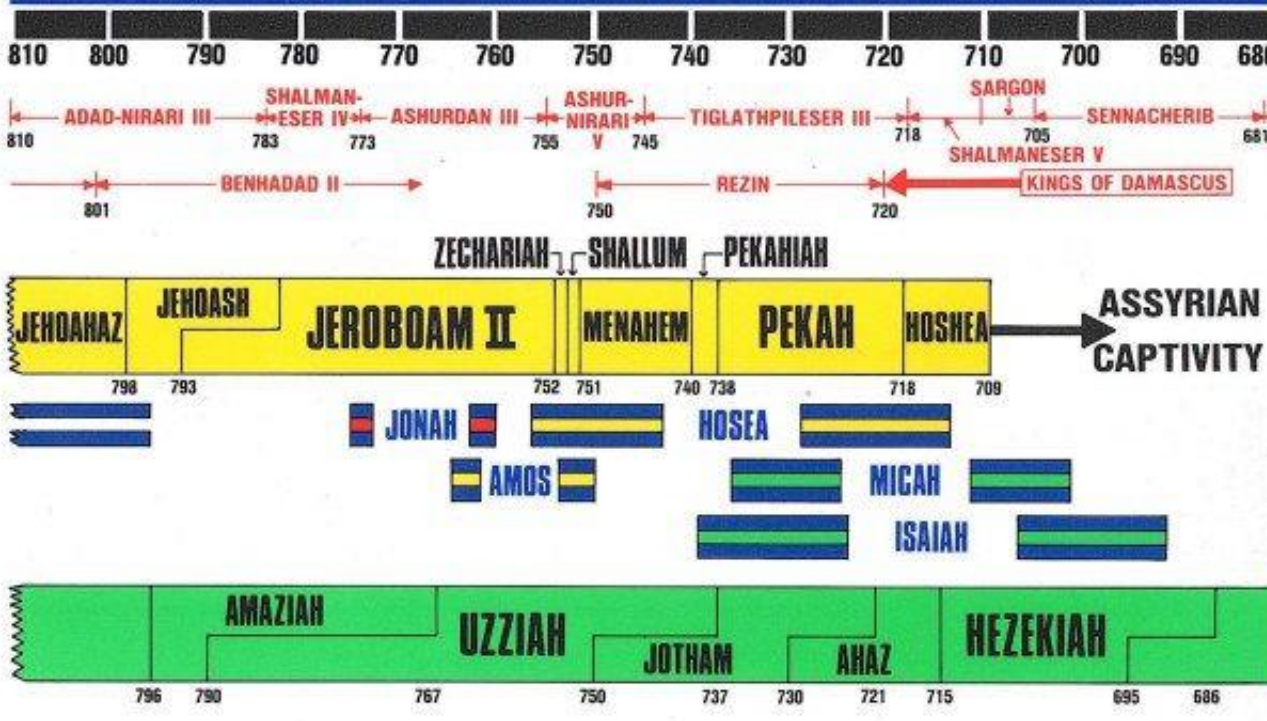
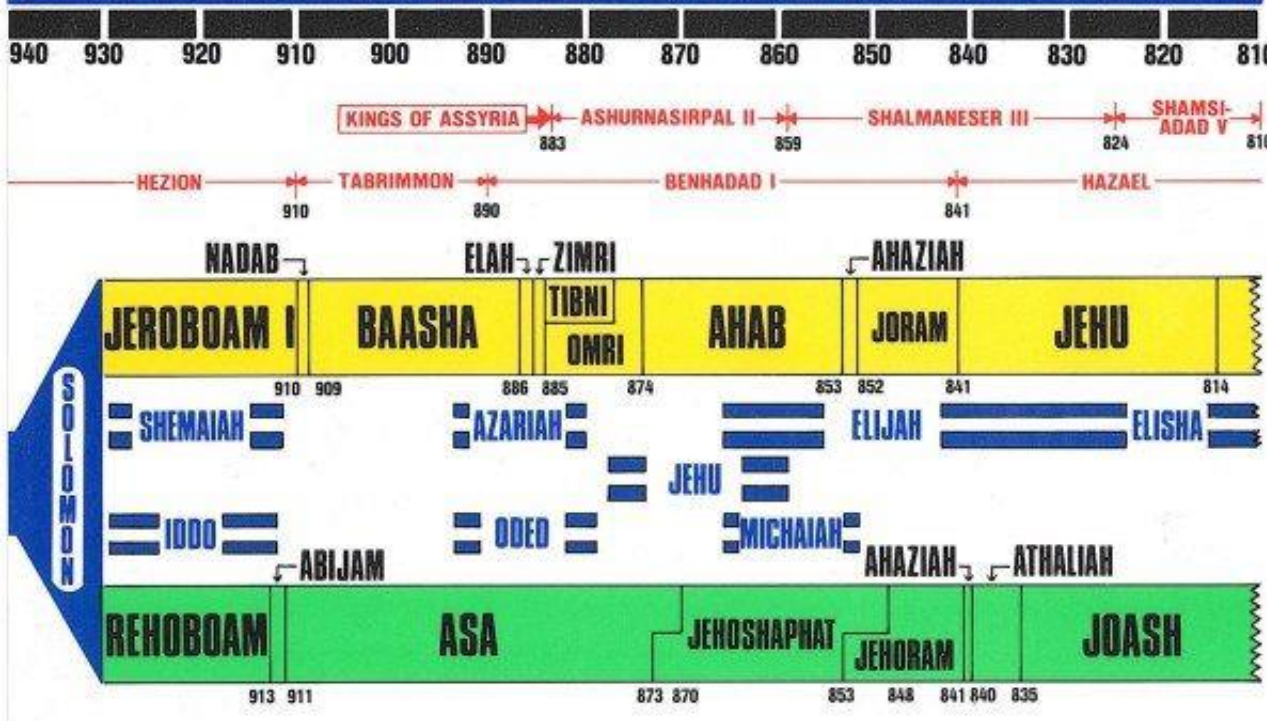
# Major and Minor Prophets



- = Major Prophets in Judah
- = Major Prophets in Babylon
- = Minor Prophets to Judah
- = Minor Prophets to Israel
- = Minor Prophets to other nations

# THE KINGS AND PROPHETS

# OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH



## KEY

- 940 Years B.C.
- █ Nations around Israel
- █ Kings of Judah
- █ Kings of Israel
- █ Prophets (no book)
- █ Prophets to Nations
- █ Prophets to Israel