

JEREMIAH

"THE WEEPING PROPHET" OR "THE PROPHET OF HOPE"?



Key Word

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Inevitable

Jeremiah

Theme

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**Deserved Captivity &
Undeserved Restoration**

Jeremiah

Key Verse

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“...For the LORD our God has doomed us to perish and given us poisoned water to drink, because we have sinned against him” (8:14b).

Jeremiah

Kingdom Statement

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The judgment of Jerusalem was **inevitable** due to her refusal to obey the old covenant (1–19), yet after a 70-year captivity (25:11-12) and judgment on the Gentiles, Israel will submit to God's rule under a new covenant (30–33).

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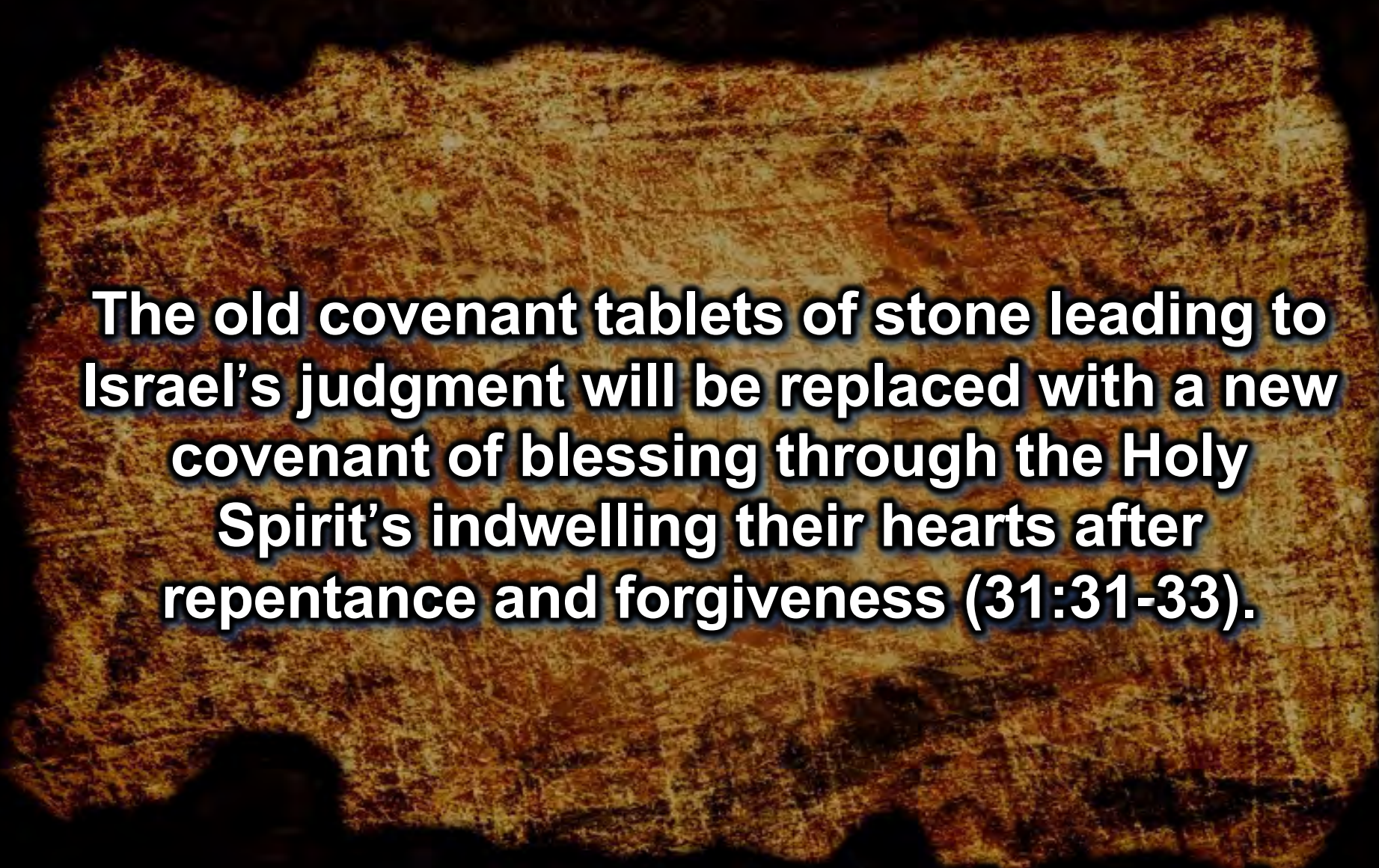
Summary Statement

The deserved fall of Jerusalem, 70-year captivity, judgment of Gentiles, and restoration under a new covenant give hope and exhort Judah to accept God's **inevitable** discipline by yielding to Babylon.

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Covenant

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The old covenant tablets of stone leading to Israel's judgment will be replaced with a new covenant of blessing through the Holy Spirit's indwelling their hearts after repentance and forgiveness (31:31-33).

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Redemption

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Redemption in a spiritual renewal (chapters 30–33) awaits Israel after her unfaithfulness ends, which is a redemption that will occur because Israel will never cease to exist as a nation (31:35-37).

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Messiah

The Shepherd Messiah and Righteous Branch (23:1-8) and the new covenant he brings (31:31-33) point to Christ's rule and the forgiveness in his blood he portrayed in the Lord's supper (Luke 22:20).

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Deserved Captivity & Undeserved Restoration

Prophetic Call	Judah's Judgment Deserved				Nations' Judgment Deserved				Jerusalem's Fall	
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Prologue	Ministry								Epilogue	
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c. 627-580 BC

Jeremiah

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| 1 P rophet Jeremiah is called | 21 O verthrow of Jerusalem imminent | 35 A cceptance of the Rechabites | 44 J ews threatened in Egypt |
| 2 R eview of Jerusalem's apostasy | 22 N ation of Judah warned | 36 N ew scroll is written | 45 E rror of Baruch's selfishness |
| 3 O ffer of God's pardon | | 37 D etention in the prison | 46 R uin of Egypt foretold |
| 4 P rediction of Judah's ruin | 23 T ruе and false shepherds | | 47 U pset of Philistines foretold |
| 5 H orror of Judah's punishment | 24 H earts return to God | 38 F inal chance for Zedekiah | 48 S iege of Moab predicted |
| 6 E nemy conquers from north | 25 E limination of lying prophets | 39 A nnouncement of Jerusalem's fall | 49 A ttacks on surrounding nations |
| 7 C ounterfeit worship of God | | 40 L oyal Jeremiah remains behind | 50 L ofty Babylon will fall |
| 8 I nsensitivity toward Judah's sin | | 41 L owly crimes of Ishmael | 51 E xinction of Babylon foretold |
| 9 E xile and ruin foretold | | | 52 M emorial of Jerusalem's fall |
| 10 S enselessness of idol worship | 26 C onspiracy to murder Jeremiah | | |
| | 27 A llegiance to king encouraged | 42 O ffense of trusting Egypt | |
| 11 O utcome of Judah's disobedience | 28 P rophet Hananiah is judged | 43 F light to Egypt wrong | |
| 12 F aithfulness of God's judgment | 29 T ime of Israel's restoration | | |
| | 30 I srael's deliverance is promised | | |
| 13 J eremiah hides linen girdle | 31 V oicing the new covenant | | |
| 14 E xhortation about coming drought | 32 I nside prison Jeremiah prays | | |
| 15 R epentance no longer option | 33 T hrone of David's Branch | | |
| 16 E xile and return predicted | 34 Y ears of Zedekiah reviewed | | |
| 17 M isdirection of man's heart | | | |
| 18 I llustration from potter's house | | | |
| 19 A nnihilation of potter's vessel | | | |
| 20 H opelessness felt by Jeremiah | | | |



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How does God **comfort
even those he disciplines?**

**God works within his own
limits so we will submit to
his discipline.**

A detailed painting of a human hand being cast into a large, earthenware pot filled with a yellowish liquid, likely representing boiling water. The hand is shown in a state of distress, with fingers curled and skin appearing raw. The pot is set on a dark, textured surface, and the background is dark and indistinct. The overall tone is somber and dramatic, emphasizing the theme of divine discipline.


Main Idea of Jeremiah

I. God calls messengers who
are **honest** with us (Jer 1).




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II. God has limited discipline but unlimited **blessing** (Jer 2–45).




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III. God applies the same standard to all **people** (Jer 46–51).

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IV. God balances justice with **mercy** (Jer 52).

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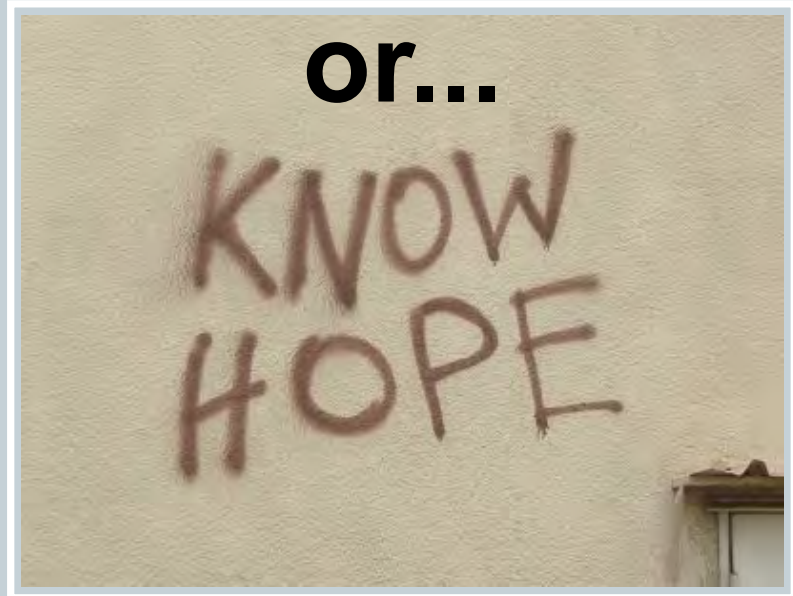
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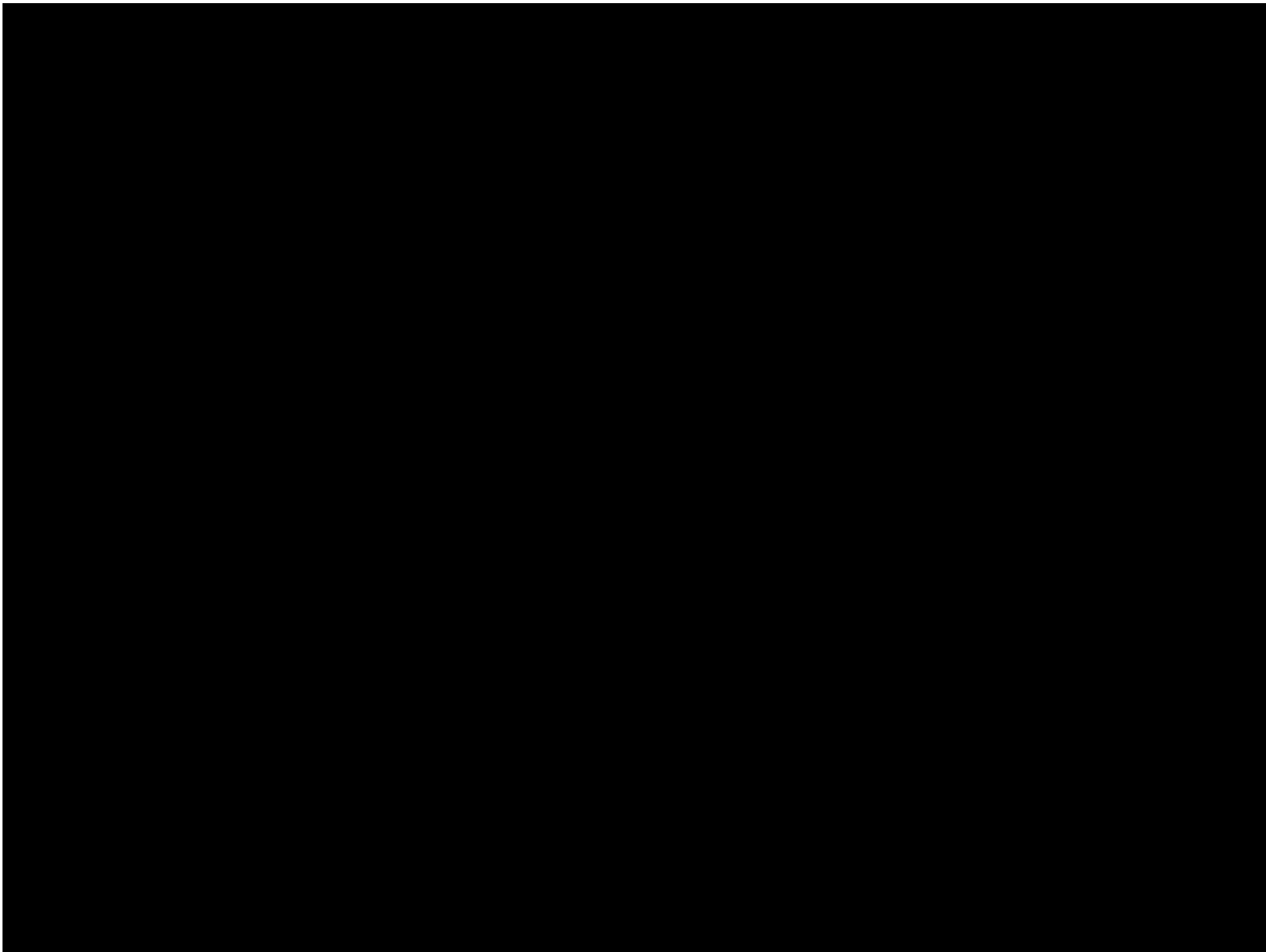


- Do you put your hope in your faithful and merciful God?
- Do you look forward to the Day of the LORD and the complete restoration it promises?

**NO
HOPE?**

or...







Overview

1. Background
2. Outline
3. Application

1. BACKGROUND OF JEREMIAH



Ever felt like the future is uncertain?



**JEREMIAH
=
INEVITABLE**

**Captivity
+
Restoration**

Jeremiah - *Yirməyāhū* in Hebrew

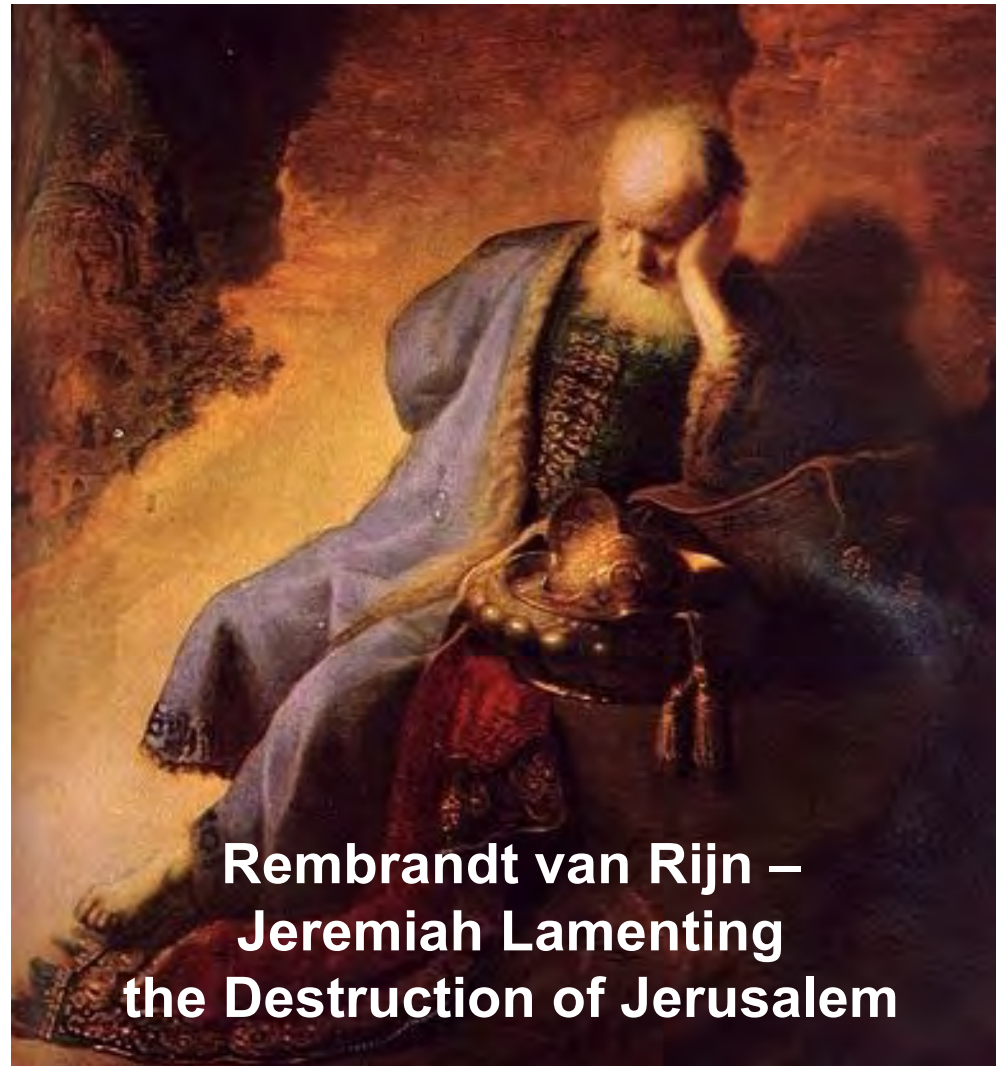


From either of 2 roots meaning
"cast, shoot" or "loosen":

1. "Yahweh establishes,
appoints or sends"
2. "Yahweh throws,"
perhaps in the sense of
laying a foundation



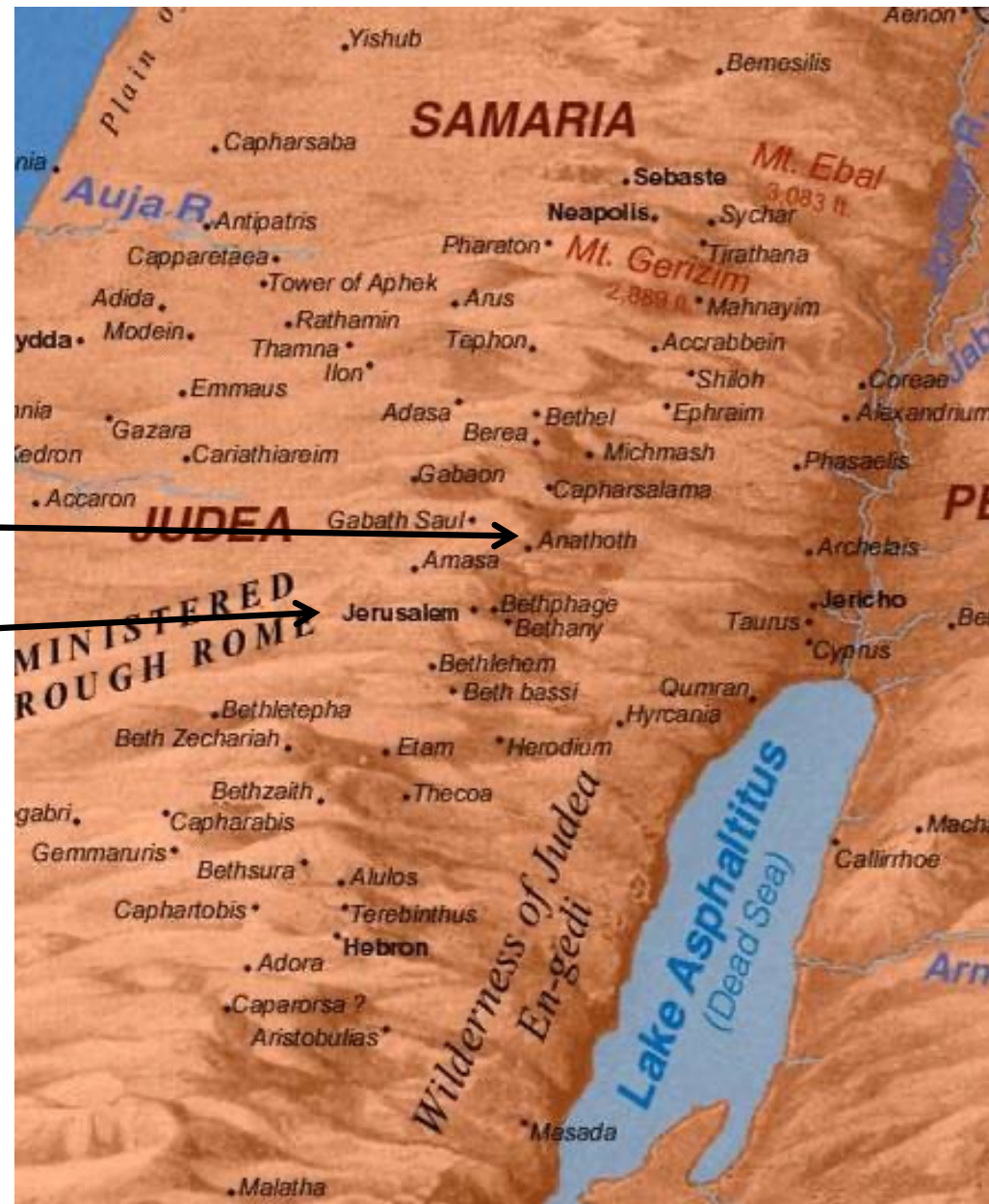
Who was Jeremiah?



**Rembrandt van Rijn –
Jeremiah Lamenting
the Destruction of Jerusalem**

Biography:

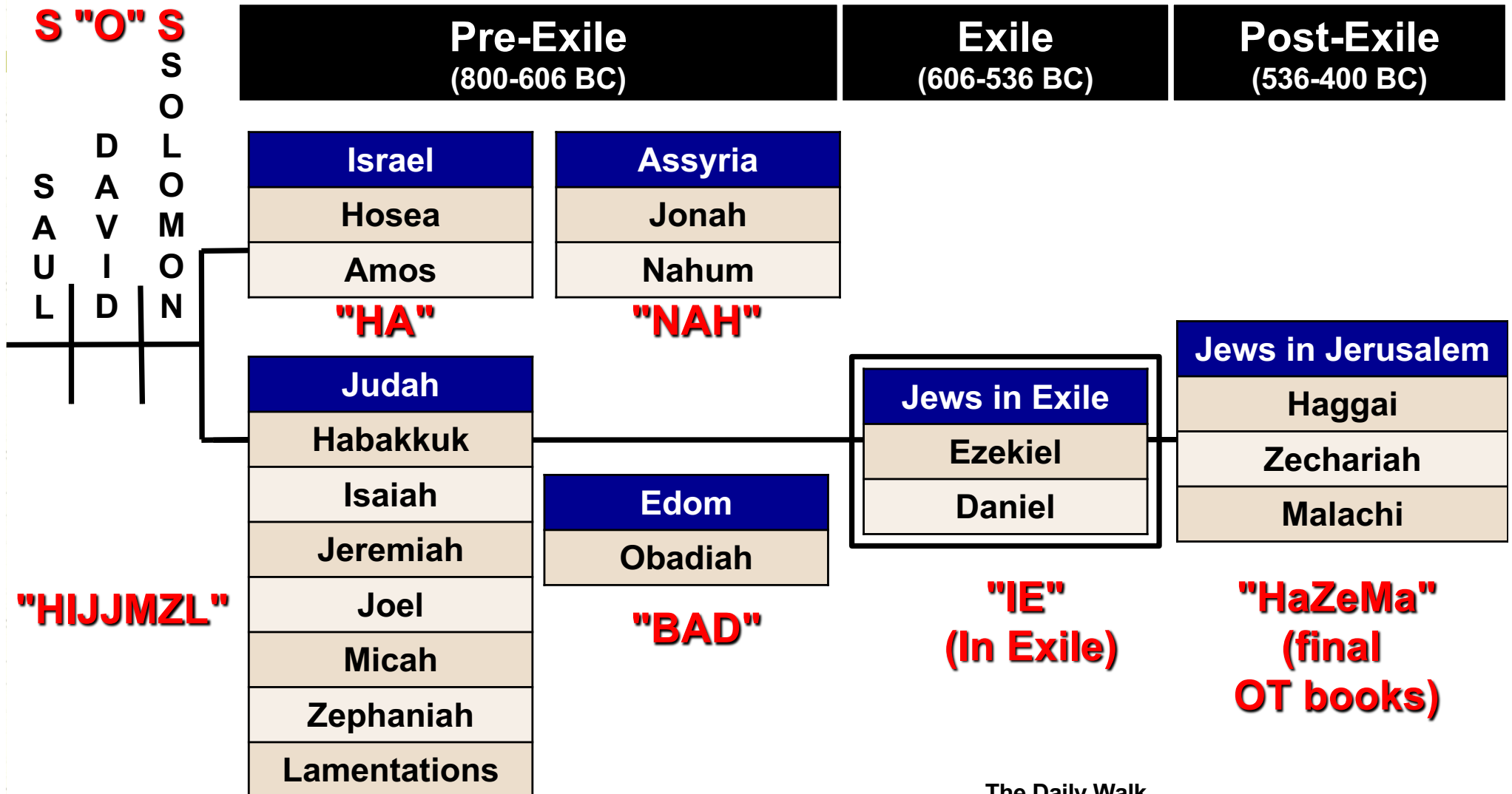
- Son of Hilkiah, a priest (Jer. 1:1)
- Lived in town of Anathoth
3 miles (5 km.) NE of Jerusalem
- Began his ministry around 20 years old
- Was well-off enough to buy a field (Jer. 32)



Authorship

	Yes, it was Jeremiah!	No, it was not Jeremiah!
External Evidence	<p>1) Explicitly: Daniel 9:2 Matthew 2:17-18</p> <p>2) Implicitly in Matt. 21:13; Mark 11:17; Luke 19:46, Rom. 11:27 and Heb. 8:8-13</p> <p>3) The Talmud, Josephus, and Ecclesiasticus</p>	<p>Chap 52 is nearly identical to 2 Kings 24:18–25:30</p> <p>It is likely that chap 52 was recorded by the same author as the 2 Kings postscript under the direction of the Holy Spirit</p>
Internal Evidence	<p>Jer. 1:1, 11, 23; 29:27; 32:7-9. Jeremiah is clearly identified with the biographical information provided.</p>	<p>51:64 says "the words of Jeremiah end here."</p>

Placing the Prophetic Books



Jeremiah in the Line of Prophets

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Obadiah - Edom
Jonah - Compassion
Amos - Injustice
Hosea - Loyal
Isaiah - Restoration
Micah - Exploitation
Nahum - Nineveh
Habakkuk - Faith
Zephaniah - Day
Joel - Locusts
Jeremiah – Inevitable
→ Lamentations
→ Daniel, Ezekiel (Exile)



Ample Warning For Judah



735-710 BC Micah: Judah will suffer exile for exploitation of poor

c. 630 BC Zephaniah: Day of the Lord is coming - Repent!
4 decades before Jerusalem's fall

607-5 BC Habakkuk: Judah will be disciplined by Babylon



590 BC Joel: Judgment by locusts should cause
repentance before Babylon's invasion

627-580 BC Jeremiah: Judgment is inevitable.
70 years captivity!

Length of Prophetic Ministries

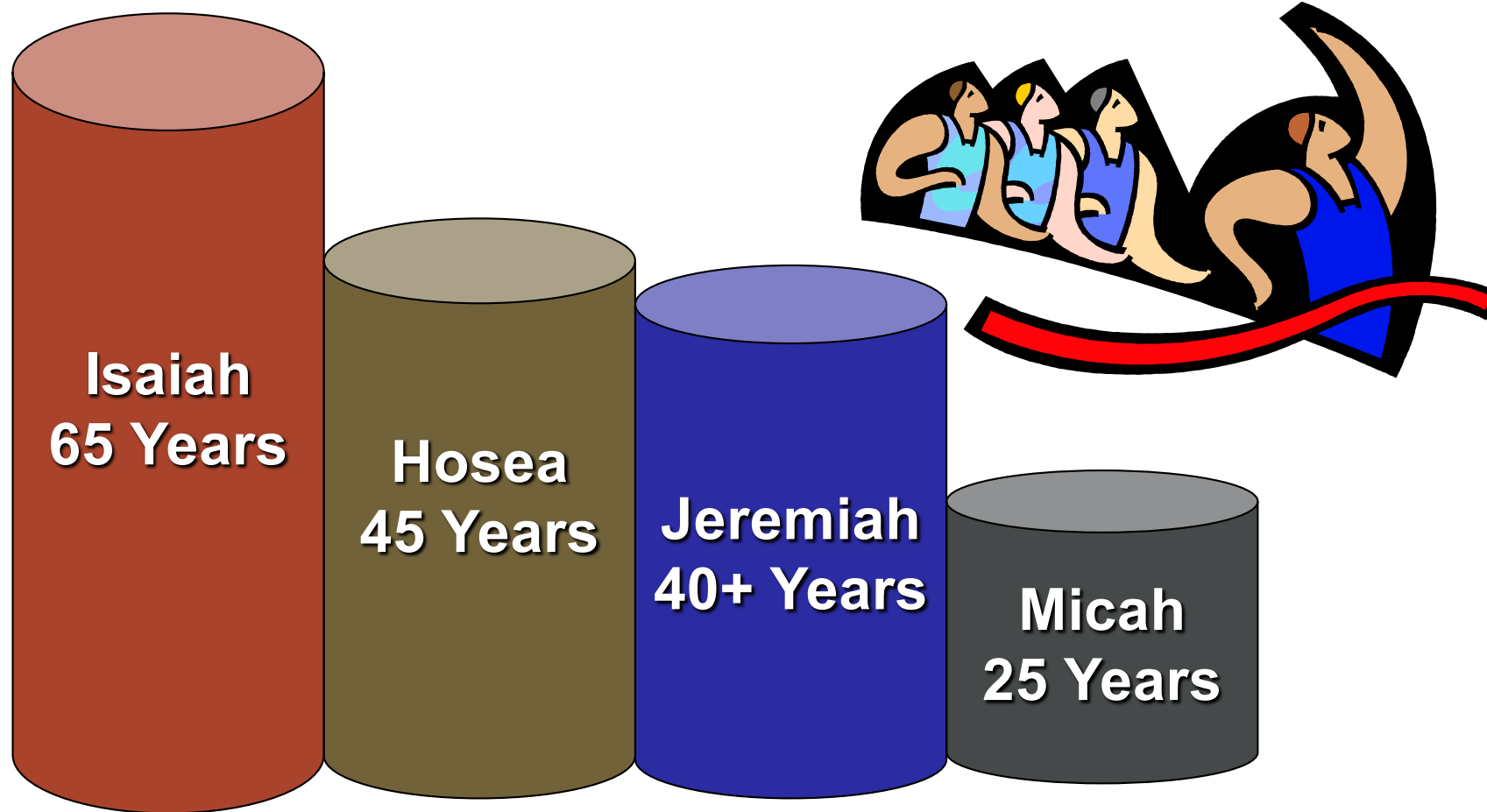
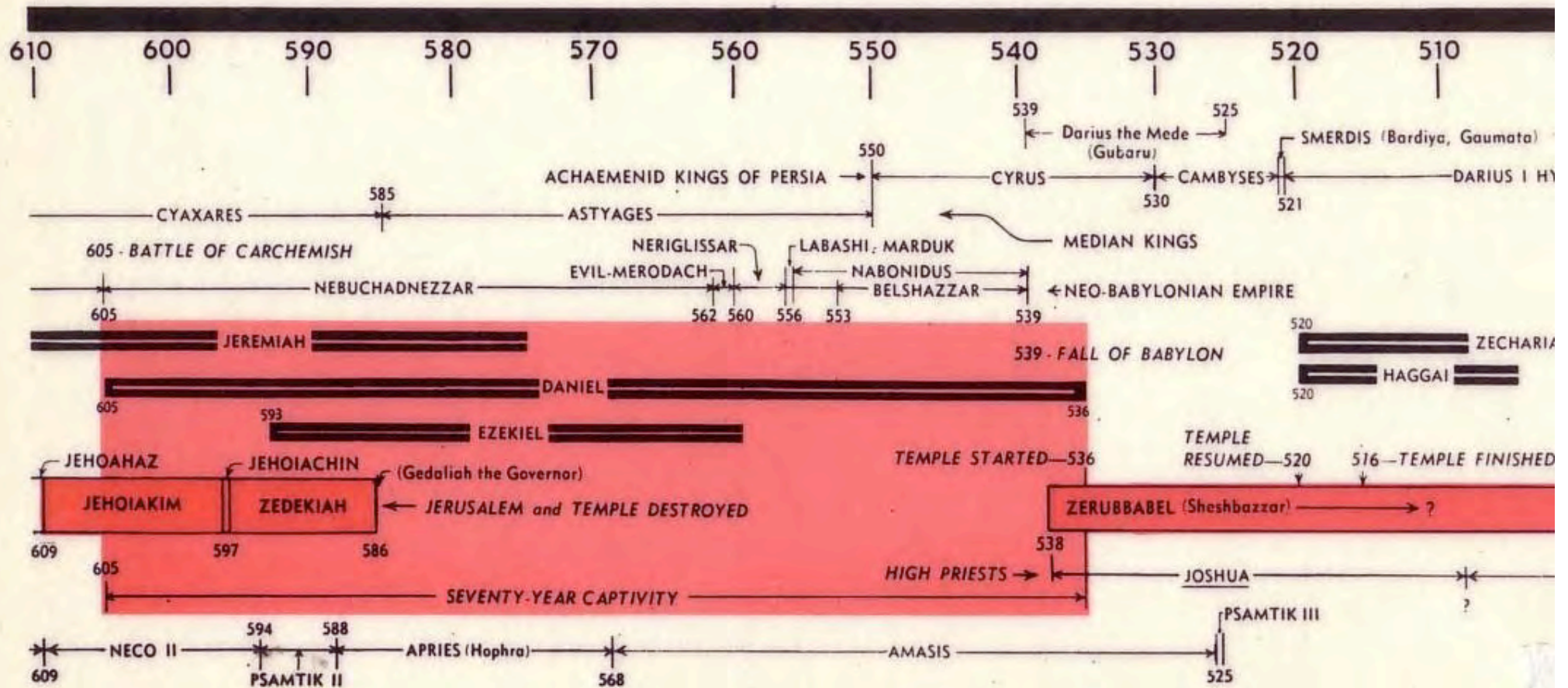


Chart of the Exile

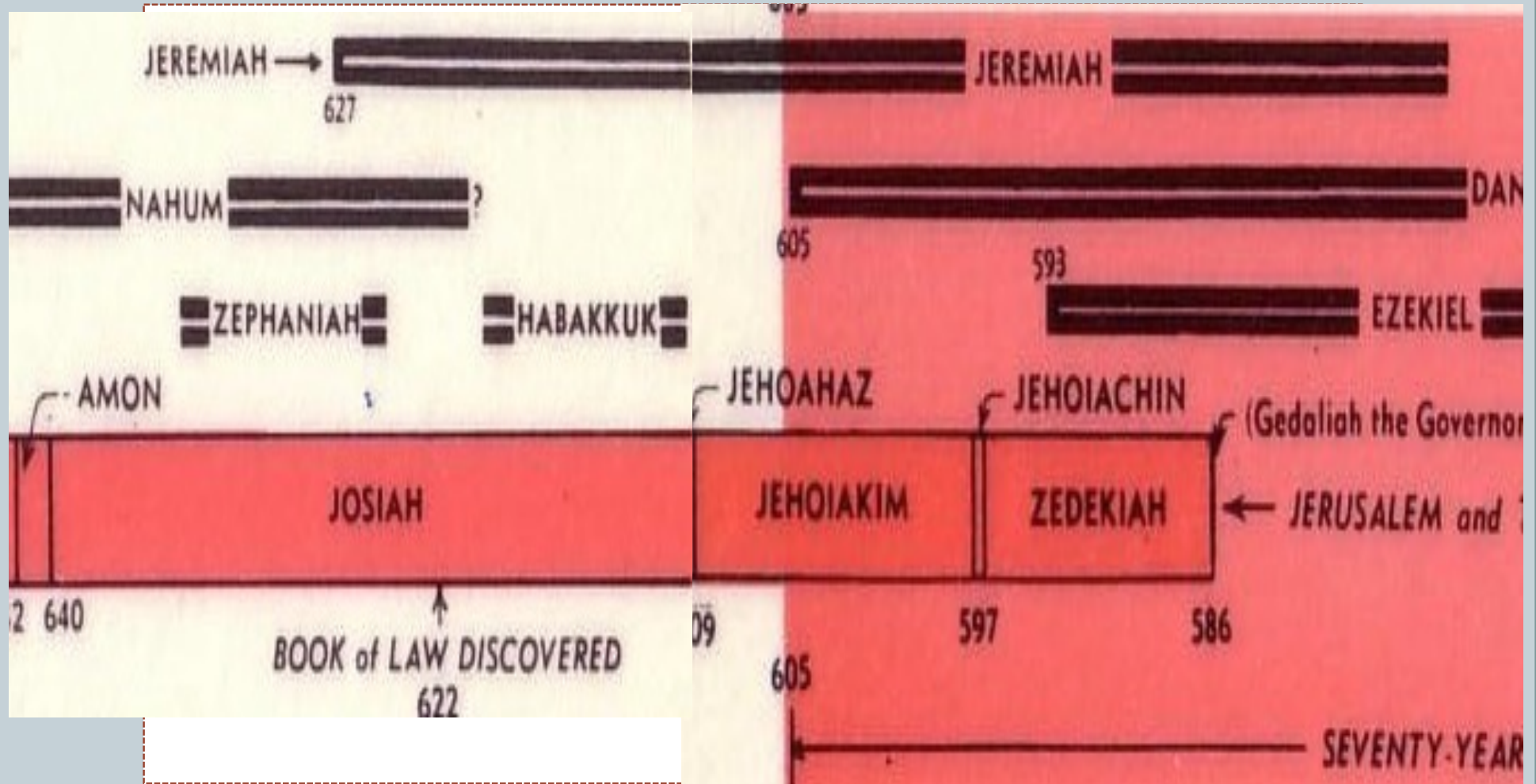
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The Babylonian Exile

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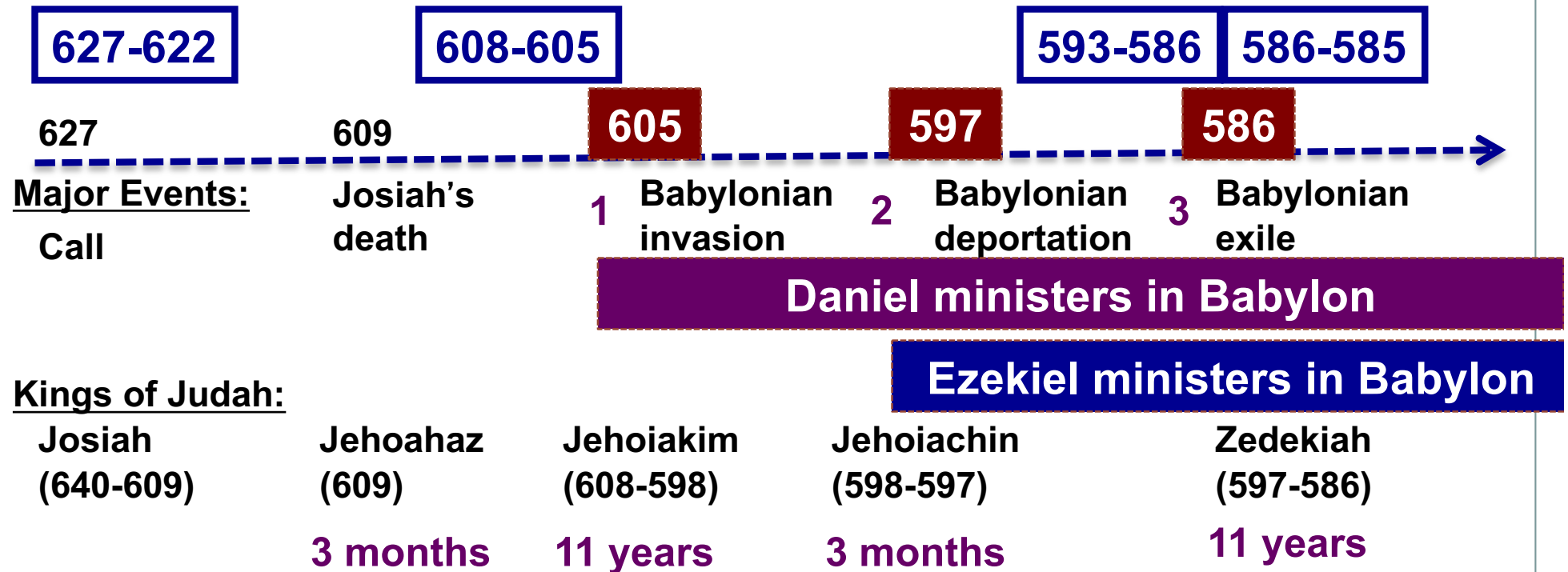
Chart of OT Kings & Prophets



Chronology of Jeremiah

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PERIODS OF PROPHETIC MINISTRY



Jeremiah prophesied from the 13th year of Josiah (627 BC)
past the fall of Judah (586 BC) to about 580 BC.

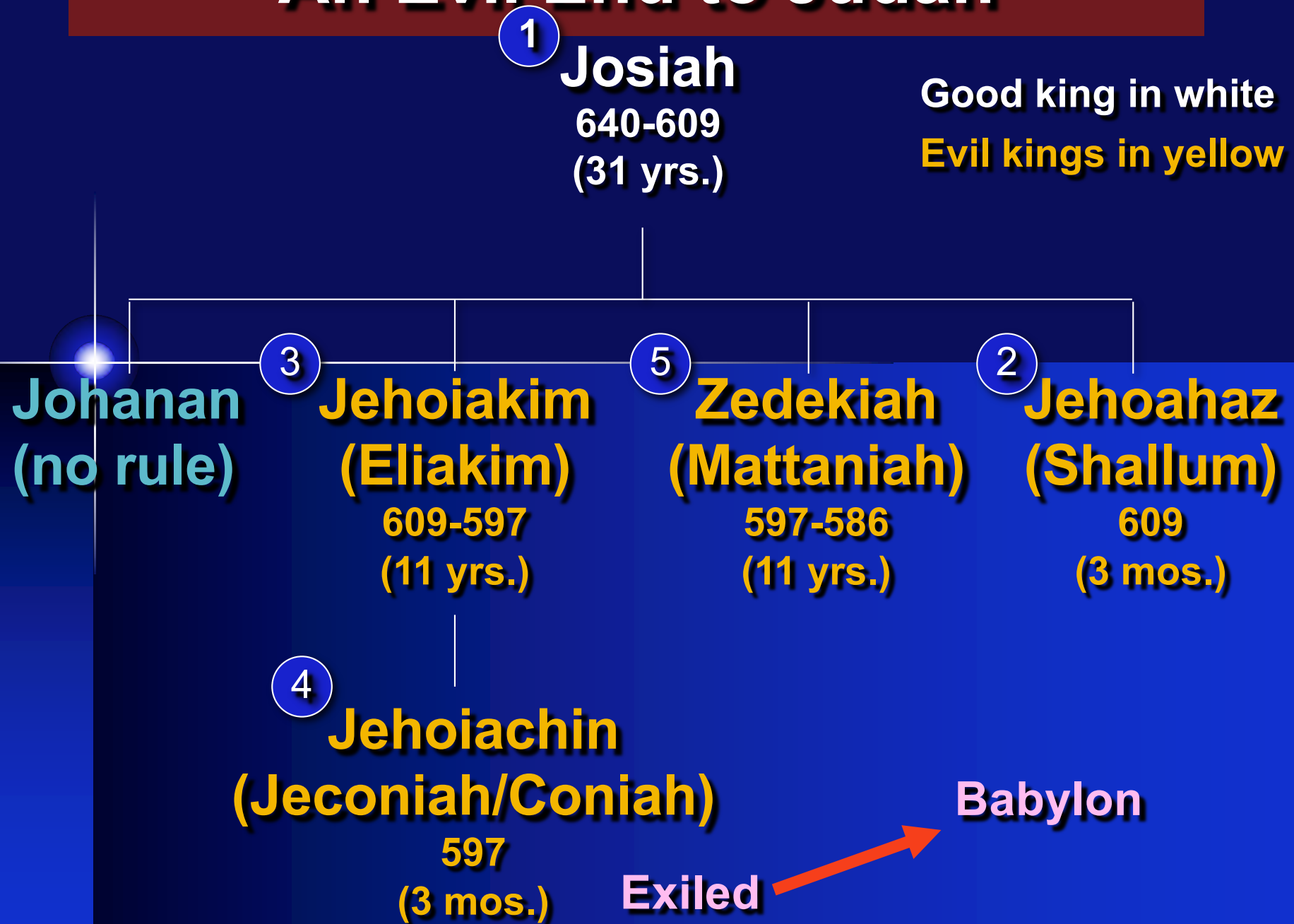
His ministry spanned 4 decades and the reigns of 5 kings of Judah.

Rulers He Ministered Under



1. **JOSIAH** - Judah's last godly king
2. **JEHOAHAZ** - (son of Josiah) Weak ruler deposed by Pharaoh Neco in 3 mos.
2. **JEHOIAKIM** - (son of Josiah) Ungodly, Bible burning king
3. **JEHOIACHIN** - (son of Jehoiakim) a ninety-day wonder judged by God
4. **ZEDEKIAH** - (uncle of Jehoiachin) Judah's final king
5. **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** - Great Babylonian conqueror
6. **GEDALIAH** – Babylonian-appointed governor of occupied city of Jerusalem
7. **JOHANAN** - Successor of Gedaliah who was assassinated

An Evil End to Judah



Josiah's Sons & Prophets

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Daniel

605

Ezekiel

Josiah

Jehoahaz

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Jeremiah

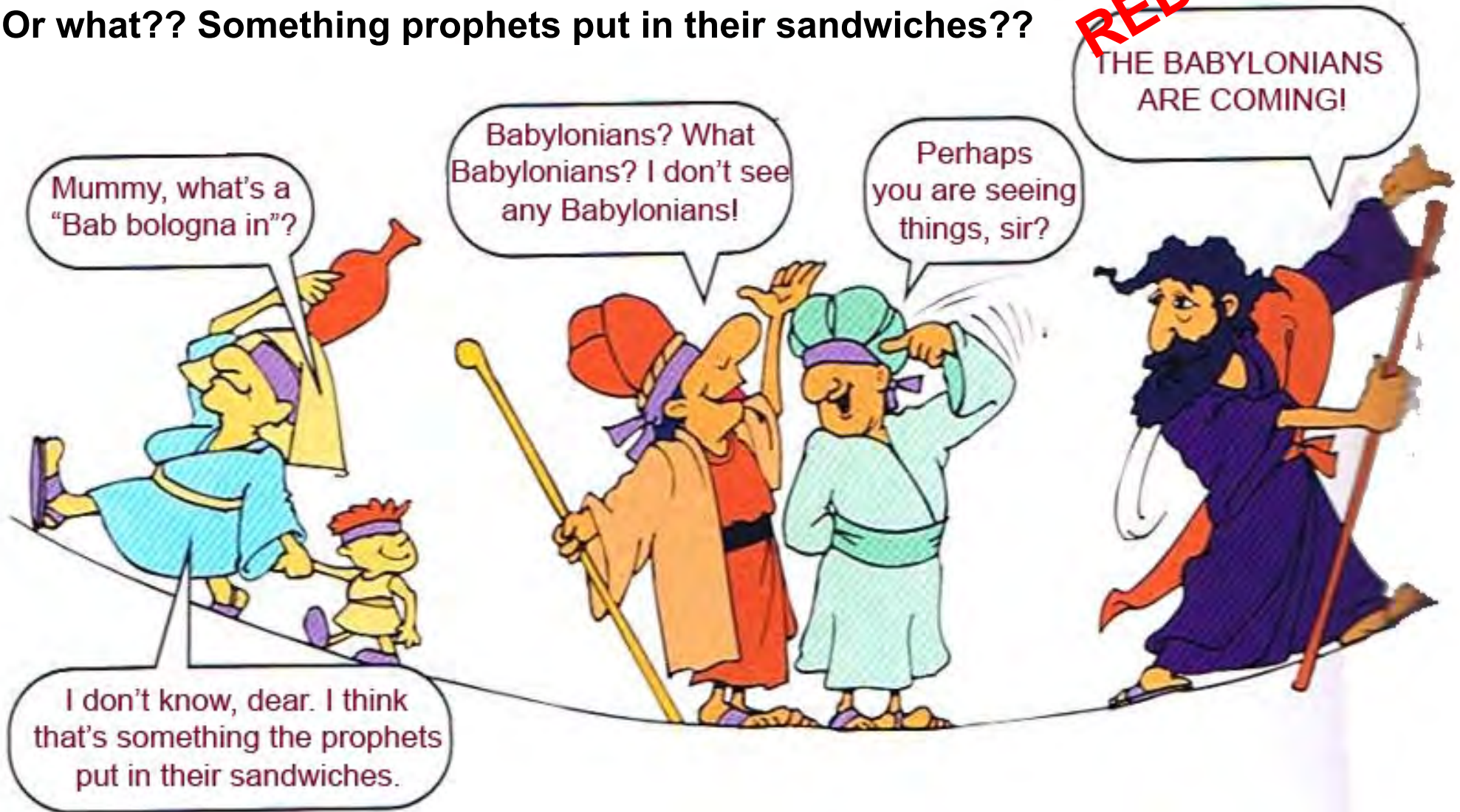
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 Brief Puppet Kings

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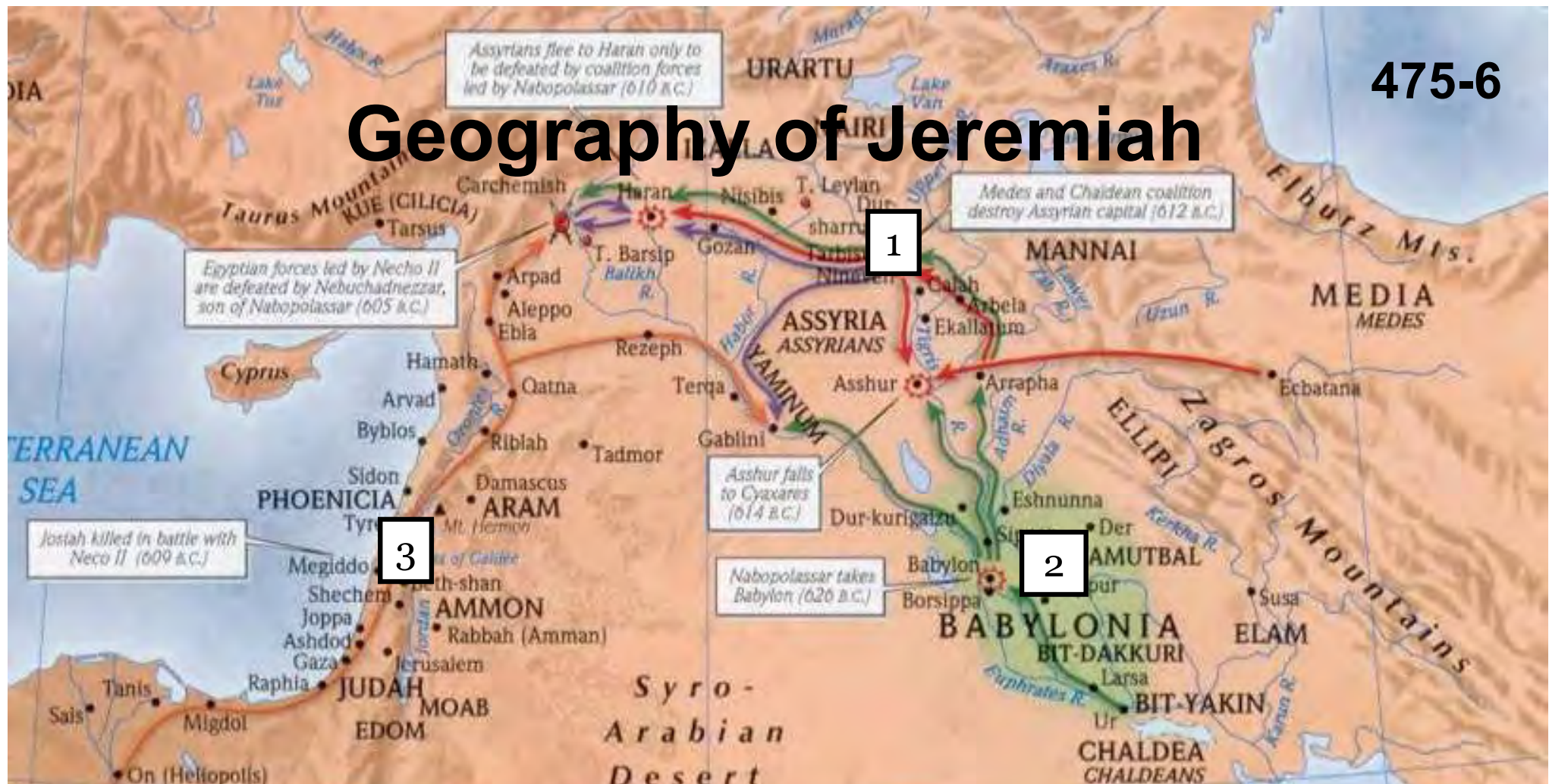
**RED ALERT!
RED ALERT!**

Or what?? Something prophets put in their sandwiches??



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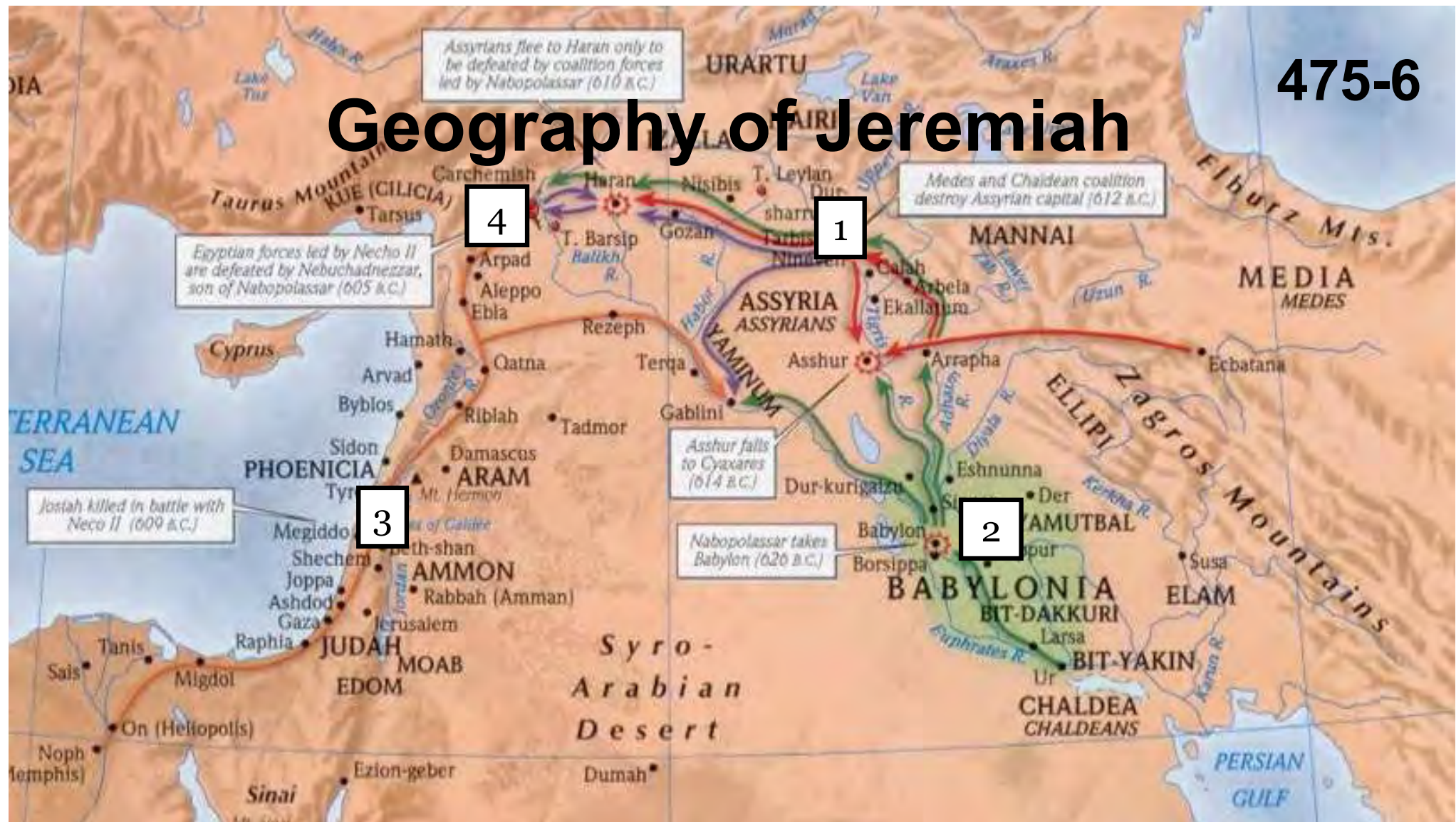
Geography of Jeremiah



1. Assyria: Since 722 BC, Assyria dominated Jerusalem.
2. Babylon: In 612 BC Nineveh, Assyria's capital, fell to Babylon. This meant Judah would be subject to Babylon.
3. Egypt: Assyria-Babylon conflicts gave Egypt control of Israel. Pharaoh Neco killed Josiah of Judah in 609 BC, then his son Jehoahaz ruled 3 months. Neco replaced him with his brother Jehoiakim.

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4. Babylon: When Egypt was defeated by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon at the Battle of Carchemish (605 BC), Jehoiakim switched allegiance from Egypt to Babylon.

Campaigns

Egypt: Four years later (601 BC), Egypt defeated Nebuchadnezzar and Jehoiakim switched his allegiance back to Egypt. What a mistake!

Babylon: In 597 BC Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem and killed Jehoiakim. He was replaced with Jehoiachin but 3 months later he deported him to Babylon with 10,000 others.

- He was replaced with his uncle Zedekiah, who ruled 11 years until the siege and fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC.

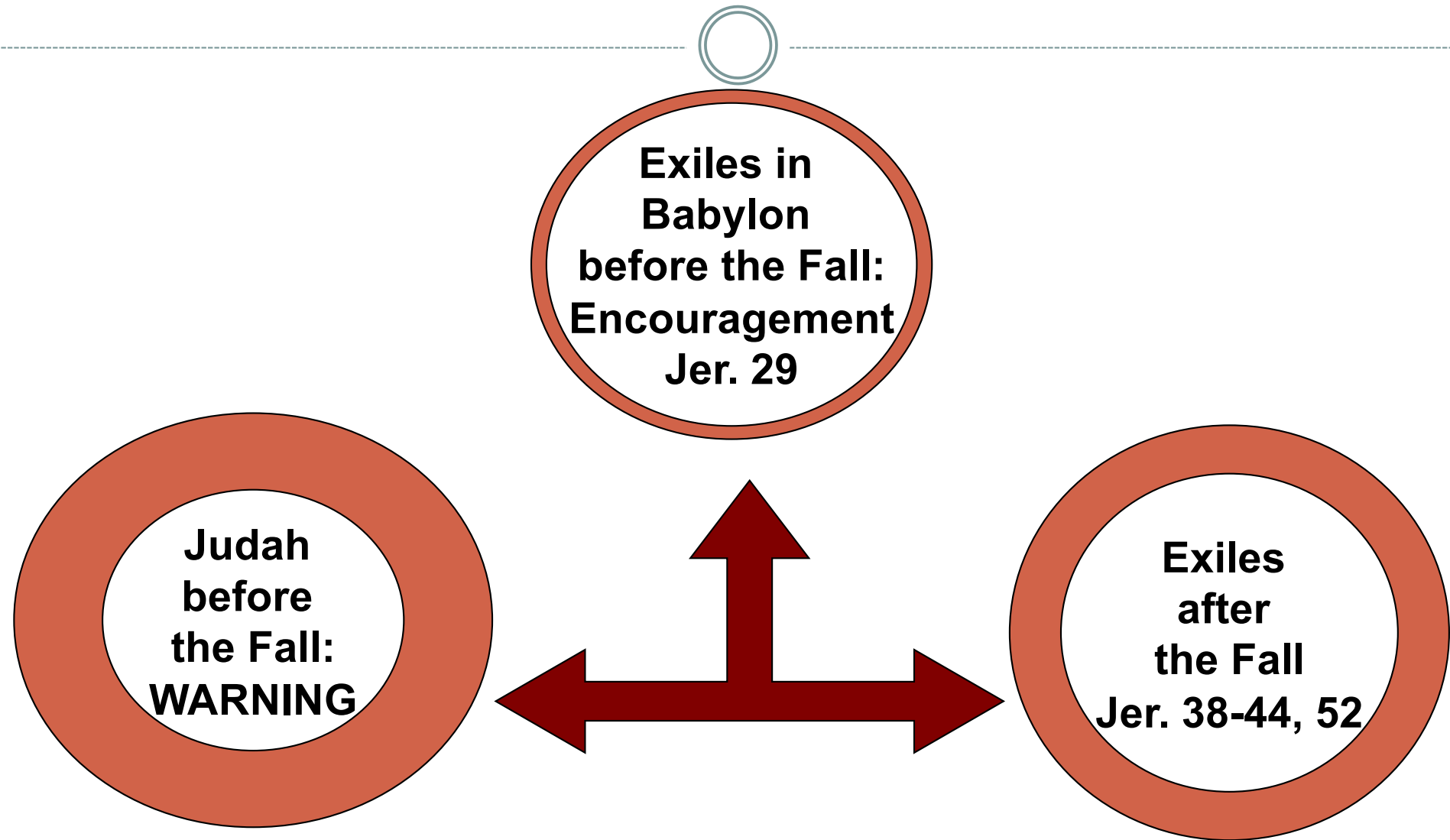


Who Were the Recipients? (1)



Before Exile		During Exile	After Exile
To Israel: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amos (760)- Hosea (755) To Ninevah: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jonah (760)- Nahum (620)	To Judah: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Isaiah (740)- Micah (735)- Zephaniah (630)- Jeremiah (627)- Habakkuk (607)- Joel (600)- Lamentations (586)- Obadiah (580)	To Jews in Babylon: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Daniel (605)- Ezekiel (592)	To the Remnant after returning: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Haggai (520)- Zechariah (520)- Malachi (450)

Who Were the Recipients? (2)



Nations Prophesied Against (Jer. 46–51)

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1. **EGYPT (46:1-27)** - To be defeated by Babylonians

2. **PHILISTIA (47:1-6)** - To be overrun by Egyptians

3. **MOAB (48:1-47)** - To be conquered by Babylon

4. **AMMON (49:1-6)** - To be destroyed and re-established in the millennium.

5. **EDOM (49:7-22)** - To become as Sodom and Gomorrah

6. **DAMASCUS (49:23-27)** - To be destroyed in a single day

7. **KEDAR & HAZOR (49:28-35)** - To be destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar

8. **ELAM (49:34-39)** - To be overrun by Nebuchadnezzar and re-established during the millennium.

9. **BABYLON (50:1-51:64)** - Final destruction of the empire



Unique Characteristics

A. Symbolic Acts



**Rotten Underwear
(Jer. 13)**



**Potter's Clay
(Jer. 18)**



**Broken Jar
(Jer. 19)**

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MT versus LXX

MT
(Heb.)

חשבת דרכו ויגשבוה דגל יל עזרו ותרנח
חשבו וילך חתב כחור לשכור כעזרו ותרנח
חכיל וישע שדון ותרנח לוי שכחתי
חיות ליל ידוע לחודות לנח על כשכור עזרנח
חכיל לנח ישר ויגשבוה וישכור כעזרו ותרנח
חשבת דרכו ויגשבוה חכיל חודות לנח

LXX
(Gr.)

ZEIHA YIOYCTOYA	TONEHTY TICMON
AEAFOTOTITCA	ENETTY TICBHCNA
FWNKAEITENAYT	KYKATATOTHCOTY
PTOCSEAOTERKATA	THSCKNHHCOTYMA
TETOYCAAEAFOTY	TYTIOYOTYKEAEOTY
MWNEKTITOCOTY	CECEINAMHATTOA
TWNAITWNEOTY	MTETOTOTAEAJON
PAIEMBOAHCSKAT	THCXEICEOTOTOA
PTOCHABONKAIH	IAKYEFYMINKAT
AYTOYCENTOICXIT	TOHCANKATATOTM
CINAYTWNESOTY	MAWCH
PAIEMBOAHCONIT	KATIAAJHCENKOTWA
PTONEITENMWCHE	ATWNAEOTWNOIN
KAEITENMWCHE	KATICEKATOTYTI
PTOCATWONKATIA	CYKATOTYIOICOTY
AZAKATOTAMATOTY	TACOTYHNKANEIC
YIOYCAAYTOYTOY	TEYHCOTECITIN
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shorter
than MT

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³⁵ This is what the LORD says,
**he who appoints the sun
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who decrees the moon and stars
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who stirs up the sea
so that its waves roar—**

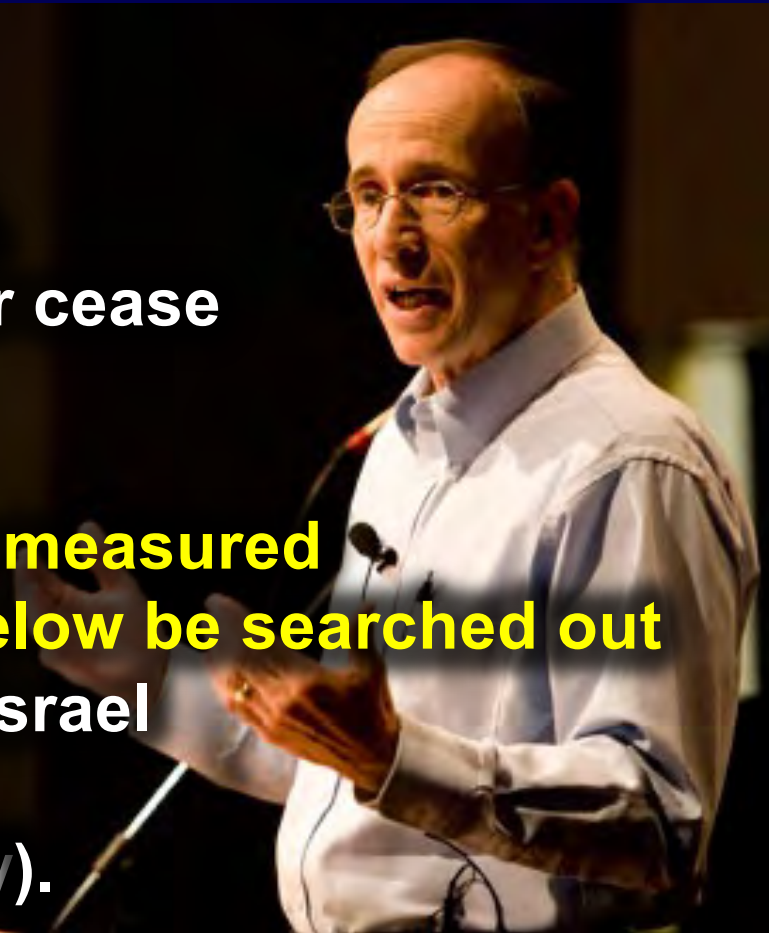
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from my sight," declares the LORD,
"will the descendants of Israel ever cease
to be a nation before me."

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**"Only if the heavens above can be measured
and the foundations of the earth below be searched out
will I reject all the descendants of Israel
because of all they have done,"**
declares the LORD (Jer. 31:35-37 NIV).

**"How to Get
Rid of the
Jews"**

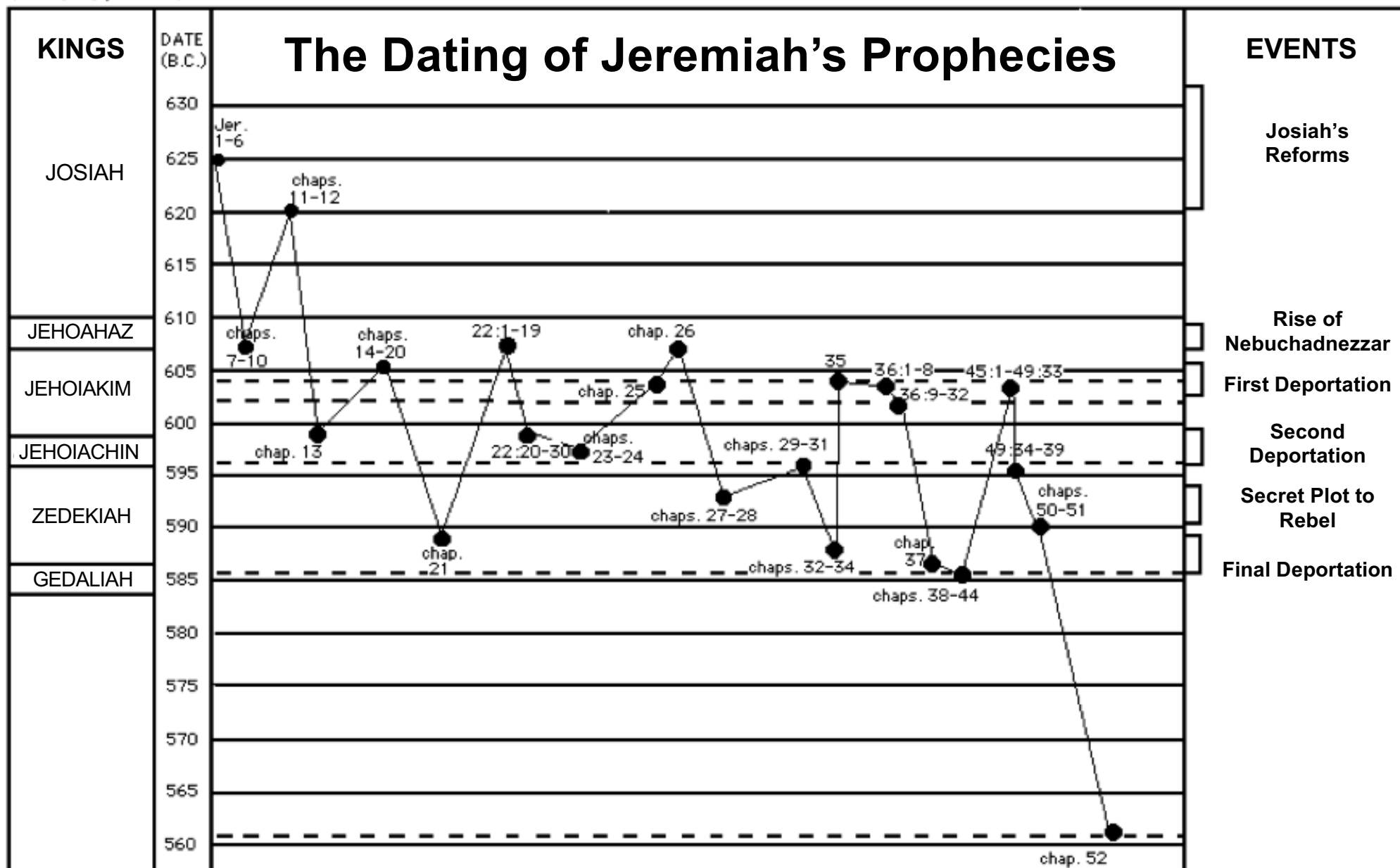


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Structure is Logical not Chronological

(BKC [OT] p. 1126)



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Two 70-Year Exiles

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People Exile



Temple Exile

"This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for **seventy years**. ¹²Then, after the **seventy years** of captivity are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and his people for their sins," says the Lord. I will make the country of the Babylonians a wasteland forever"
(Jer. 25:11-12).

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Jerusalem's Fall

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Key Dates

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Ezekiel

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- I. Longest prophetic book (Psalms is the longest overall)**

Longest Books of the Bible

Book	Chapters	Verses	Words
Psalms	150	2461	43,743
Jeremiah	52	1364	42,659
Ezekiel	48	1273	39,407
Genesis	50	1533	38,267
Isaiah	66	1292	37,044

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- J. Inevitable**

How was judgment inevitable?

1. The people are encouraged to repent only up until chapter 19 (e.g., 15:19; 17:24; 18:8; cf. 5:3; 8:6). Yet after this point no exhortations to repent are forthcoming.
2. Jeremiah was instructed by God not even to pray for the people of Judah (11:14; 14:11).
3. Jeremiah told the people that each could individually have life instead of death if he/she would surrender to the Babylonians, but the destruction still would come on the nation as a whole (21:8-9; 24:1-10; 27:5-12, 16-17; 32:5; 38:17-23; 42:9-22; 52:24-27).

How was judgment inevitable?

4. **God's determination of the length of the captivity at 70 years indicates that judgment was unavoidable (25:11-12; 29:10).**
5. **Jeremiah smashed a pot to illustrate that God's decision to destroy the city was not retractable (19:1-2, 10-11).**
6. **Jeremiah instructed those already in exile to settle down (29:4-14) in contrast to the false prophet Hananiah, who said the exile would only last two years (28:1-3, 10-12). This indicates that the "die was already cast" and even repentance of the people could not forestall God's judging hand.**

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- K. Deuteronomy 28 fulfillments**
- L. Dictation to Baruch**
- M. Autobiography**
- N. Matthew 27:9 quotes Jeremiah 19:1-13 (or perhaps Jer. 18:2-12 or 32:6-9) along with Zechariah 11:12-13 but attributes it to the better known prophet Jeremiah**



Trivia Summary



- Different types of literary material—such as poetic discourse (30–31), prose discourse (32–33) and prose narrative (46–51)
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Key Facts

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"The Weeping Prophet"



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Discipline.





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Key Verse

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“...For the LORD our God has doomed us to perish and given us poisoned water to drink, because we have sinned against him” (8:14b).

Jeremiah

A photograph of a person crouching in the center of a dark, narrow tunnel. The tunnel is lined with large, textured concrete blocks. At the far end of the tunnel, there is a bright, glowing light source, creating a strong silhouette of the person and illuminating the floor with dust and debris. The overall mood is one of hope and seeking comfort.

Be Comforted

Jeremiah


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4 ways...



How does God **comfort
even those he disciplines?**

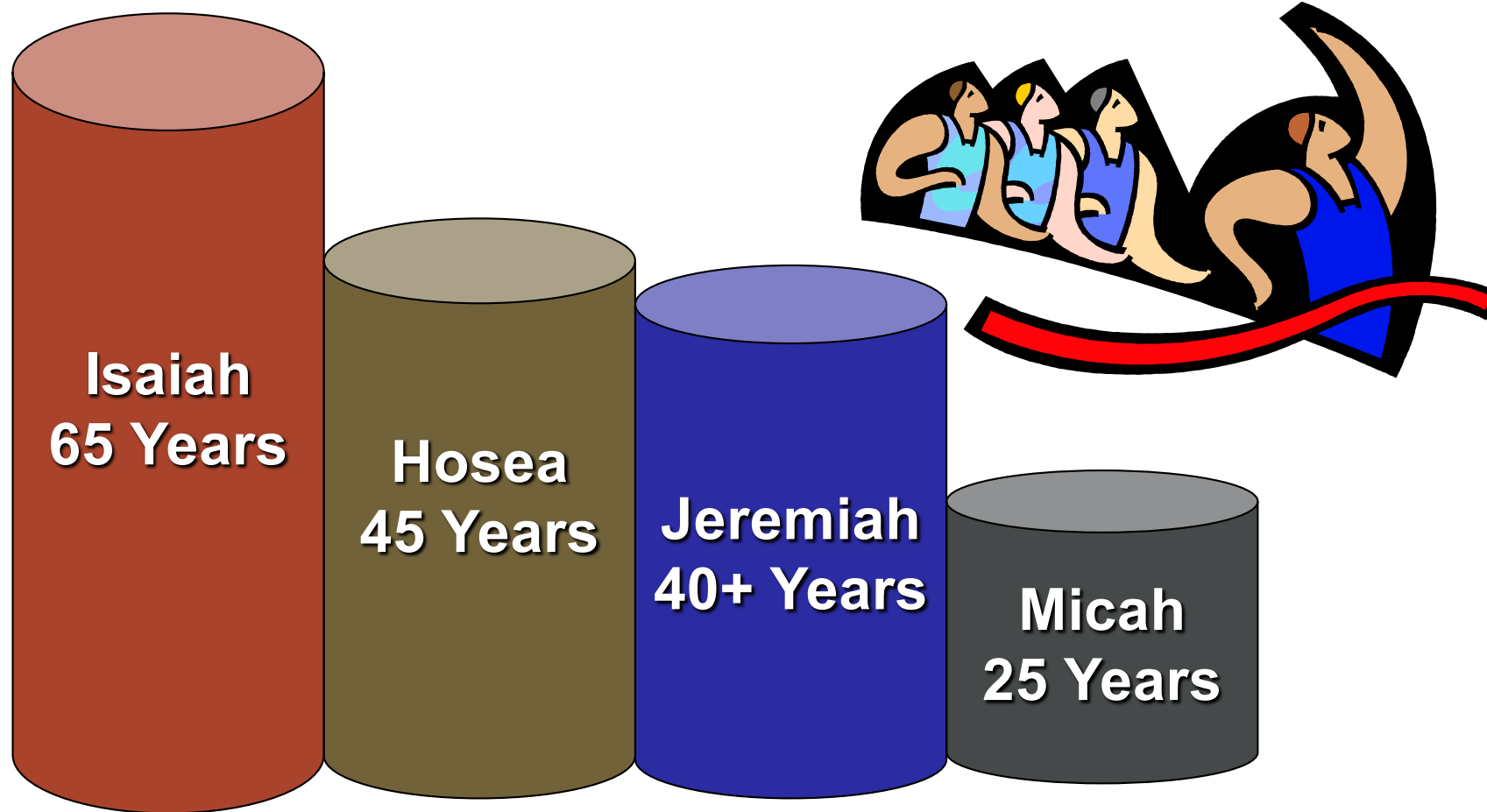
I. God calls messengers who
are **honest** with us (Jer 1).



How does God
comfort even
those he
disciplines?

Jeremiah 1

Length of Prophetic Ministries



God Calls and Commissions Jeremiah



**King Josiah's
reign and
reforms did
not last.**

**God calls a
YOUNG MAN!**

Jer. 1:4-9

God's Assurance to Jeremiah



**"Before I formed you in the womb
I **knew you**, before you were born
I **set you apart**;
I **appointed you** as a prophet to
the nations..."**

Do not say, 'I am only a child.'

**You must go to everyone I send you to and say
whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them for
I am with you and will rescue you... Now, I have put
my words in your mouth ...**



Jer. 1:5, 7-9



Object Lesson #1 – Almond Tree



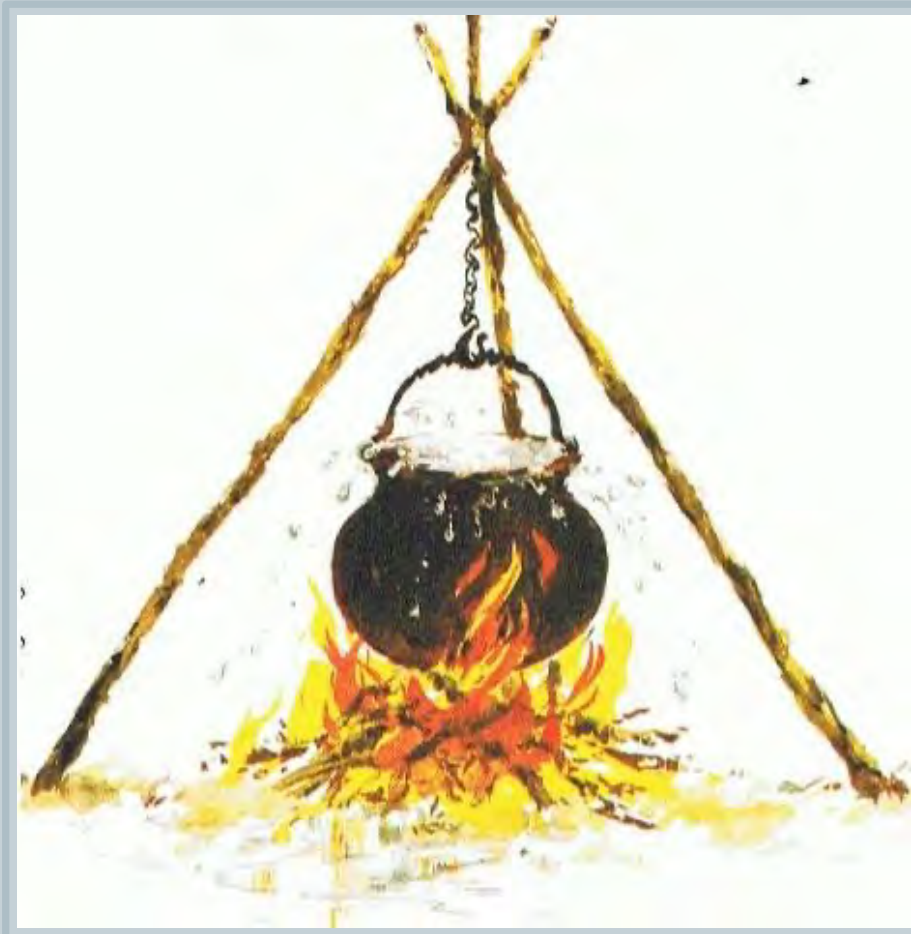
God is ***watching*** to see that His Word is fulfilled.

("watching" sounds like "almond tree" in Hebrew)

Jer. 1:11-13



Object Lesson #2 – Boiling Pot



**Over-boiling pot,
tilting from north –**

**Invaders from the north
are going to overflow
Judah and destroy
Jerusalem.**

Jer. 1:13-19

Is God trying to comfort
you through his truthful
messengers?

THE **TRUTH** IS LIKE A **LION**.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEFEND IT.
LET IT **LOOSE**. IT WILL DEFEND ITSELF.


– *St. Augustine*






How does God **comfort
even those he disciplines?**

I. God calls messengers who
are **honest** with us (Jer 1).



How does God
comfort even
those he
disciplines?

II. God has limited discipline but unlimited **blessing** (Jer 2–45).



How does God
comfort even
those he
disciplines?

Jeremiah 2

Judah's Relationship With God



A young bride



**Unfaithful many lovers,
one named Baal**

Jeremiah 3

How will there be a second return?



**"Return home, you wayward children,"
says the LORD,
"for I am your master.**

**I will bring you back to the land of Israel—
one from this town and two from that family—
from wherever you are scattered.**

**¹⁵ And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will guide you with knowledge and
understanding."**

— Jeremiah 3:14-15 NLT —

How will there be a second return?

"And when your land is once more filled with people," says the LORD, "you will no longer wish for 'the good old days' when you possessed the Ark of the LORD's Covenant. You will not miss those days or even remember them, and there will be no need to rebuild the Ark. ¹⁷ In that day, Jerusalem will be known as 'The Throne of the LORD.' All nations will come there to honor the LORD. They will no longer stubbornly follow their own evil desires. ¹⁸ In those days the people of Judah and Israel will return together from exile in the north. They will return to the land I gave your ancestors as an inheritance forever."

— Jeremiah 3:16-18 NLT —

Jeremiah 4

Jeremiah 5

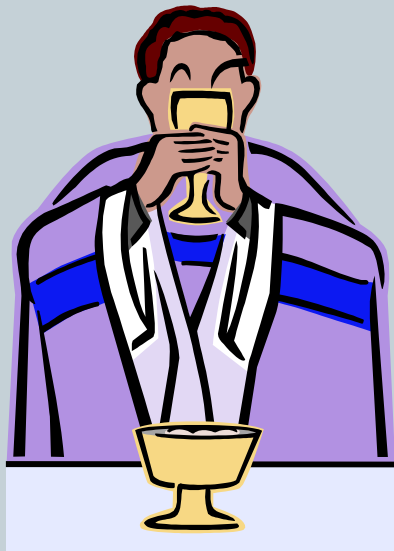
Jeremiah 6

**"This is what the LORD says:
'Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is,
and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls'"**
(Jeremiah 6:16a NIV).



Jeremiah 7

Worthless Public Worship



Trusted in empty words
And “God will not destroy the temple”

God tells Jeremiah to ...

Stop praying for Judah

Their evil had become unthinkable.

They even sacrificed their own children!

Jer. 7–8



Jeremiah 8

Judgment is imminent & terrible!

He weeps

**His lament models the
kind of repentance
God desires of the
entire nation.**



Jer. 8–10

Jeremiah 9

Jeremiah 10



**Who should not
revere you, O
King of the
nations? This is
your due. Among
all the wise men
of the nations and
in all their
kingdoms, there
is no one like
you.**

Jeremiah 10:7

Jeremiah 11

Covenant, Conspiracies & Complaints



**Men from Anathoth
conspire to kill him**



**Jeremiah preaches
Covenant broken**

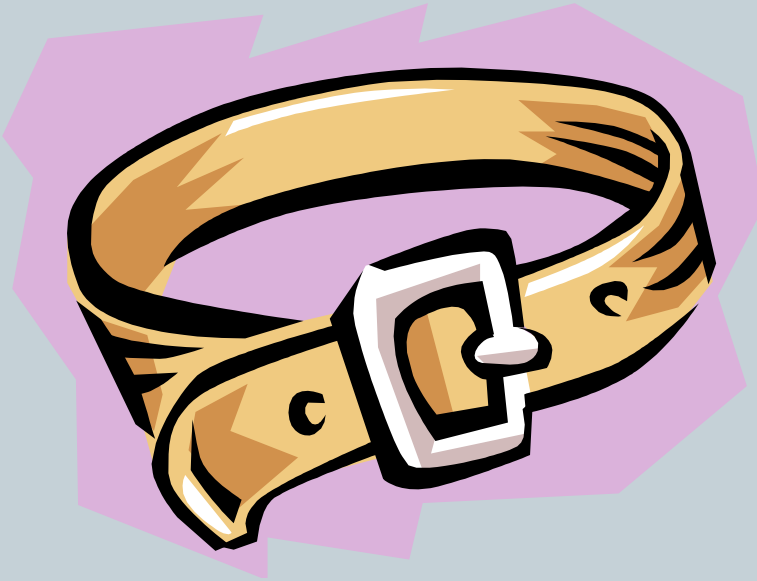
**Jeremiah complains
to God;
God encourages him**

Jer. 11–12

Jeremiah 12

Jeremiah 13

Object lessons – signs of judgment



Like a ruined waistband rotting in rock crevice, Judah strayed from God, being exposed to pagan influences, and is now spiritually worthless. **Jer. 13**



Fill jugs with wine! Get drunk! – God will have no mercy and compassion when they suffer.

Jeremiah 14

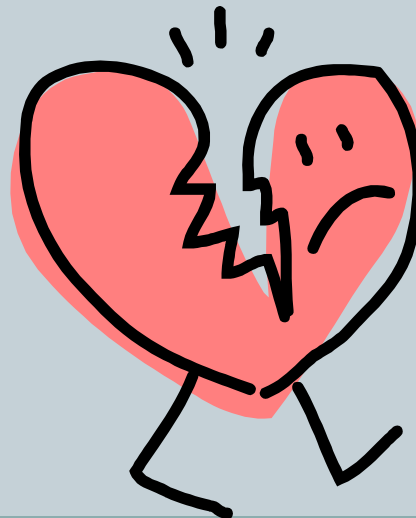
Hard times follow ...



Jer. 14–16

God sends a drought to warn Judah of judgment and need to repent.

God told Jeremiah not to pray for them!



**No marriage,
No funerals,
No parties
for Jeremiah**

Jeremiah 15

Jeremiah to King Jehoiakim

Jeremiah 15:1

"Even if Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me, My heart would not go out to this people. Send them away from My presence! Let them go!"



Jeremiah to King Jehoiakim

Jeremiah 15:4

*"I will make them abhorrent to all the kingdoms of the earth **because of what Manasseh son of Hezekiah king of Judah did in Jerusalem.**"*



Jeremiah 16

Jeremiah to King Jehoiakim

Jeremiah 16:11-13



*"...Your fathers forsook me... and did not keep my law. But **you have behaved more wickedly than your fathers... instead of obeying Me. So I will throw you out of this land into a land neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you will serve other gods day and night, for I will show you no favour.**"*

Jeremiah 17

Jeremiah 18

I am the Potter, you are the Clay



O house of Israel, can
I not do with you as
this potter does? (v. 6)

If that nation I warned
repents of its evil, then
I will relent and not
inflict on it the
disaster I had planned
(v. 8)

Jer. 18

Jeremiah 19

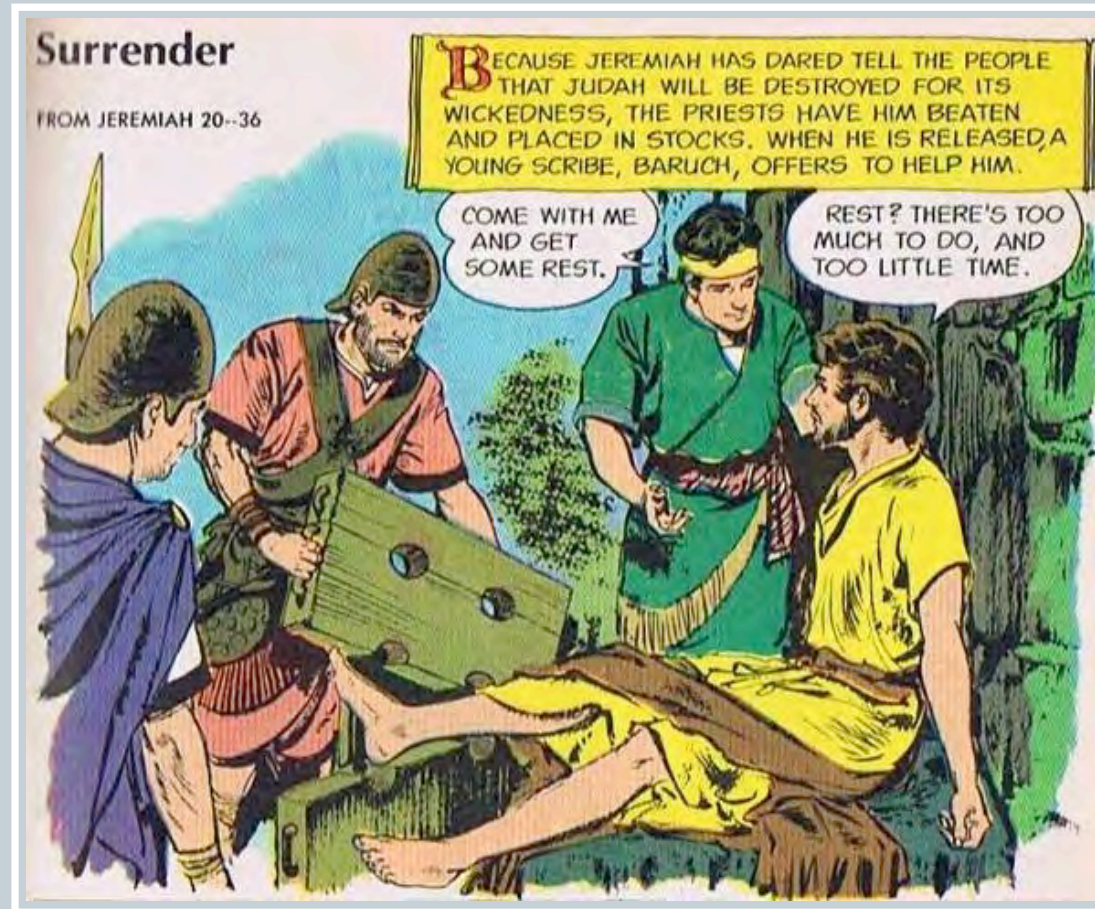
Object lesson #? What the..??



You have forsaken me for other gods and shed innocent blood. I will smash you like the pot by your enemy.

Jeremiah 20

False Prophets & Priests Oppose Jeremiah



Jeremiah is beaten and placed in stocks by Pashhur, chief officer of the temple.

Jer. 20:1-3

After release, Baruch, a young scribe, offers to help him.

Seal of Immer



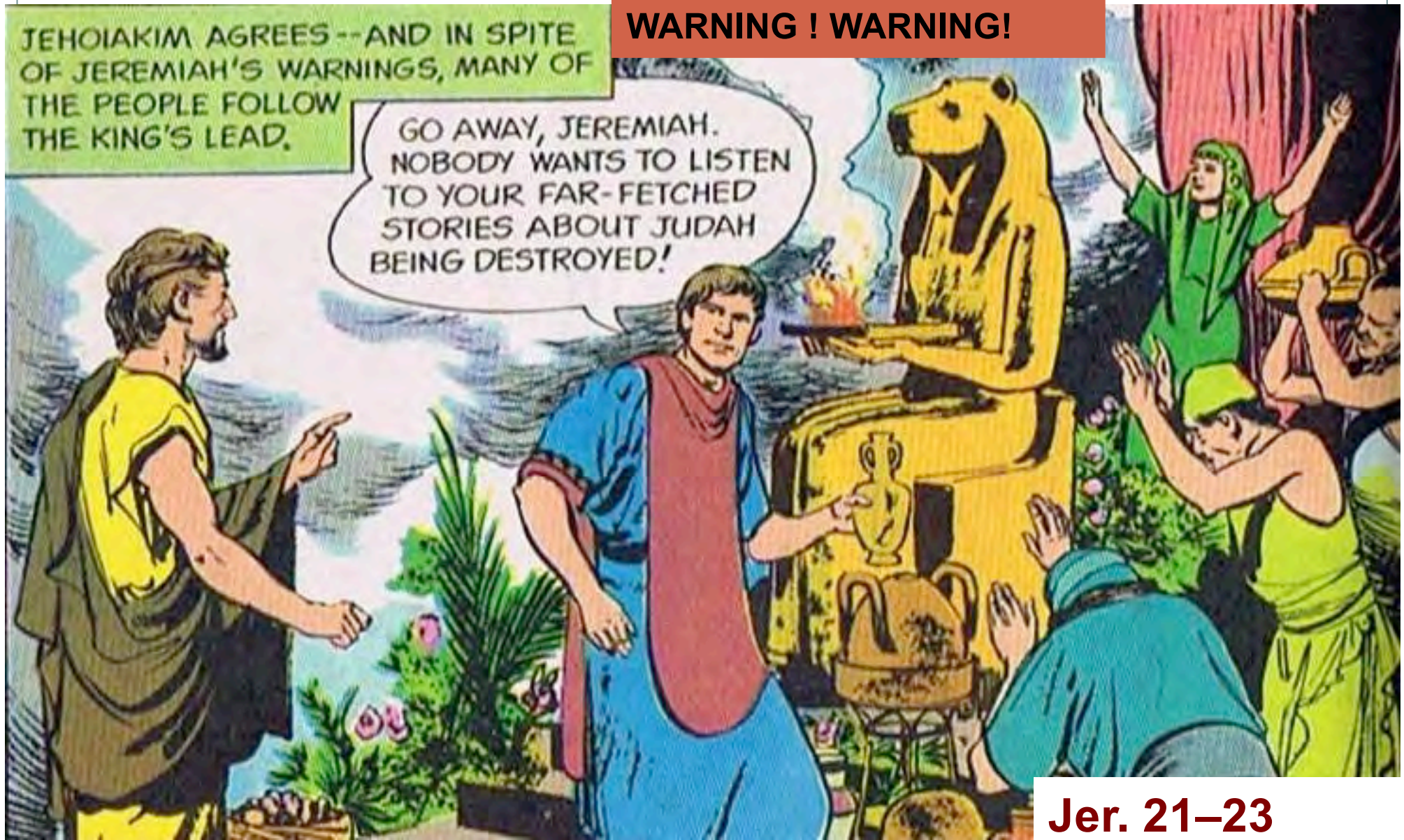
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The clay sealing (Bulla) of Hishilyahu son of Immer, a member of the priestly Immer family, who served in the administration of the Temple treasury.

This seal was used by Immer, father of Pashur in Jeremiah 20:1 (ESV)—
"When the priest Pashhur son of Immer, the official in charge of the temple of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things, he had Jeremiah the prophet beaten and put in the stocks at the Upper Gate of Benjamin at the Lord's temple."

Jeremiah 21

Jeremiah prophesies against Judah's leaders and false prophets, but they refuse to listen



Jeremiah 22

Jeremiah 23

Jeremiah 24

No Repentance in Jerusalem after Nebuchadnezzar

Depiction of People Through Figs at the Temple

Good figs

- Exiles in Babylon who had begun to repent
- God will take care of them and bring them back



Bad, rotten figs

- King Zedekiah and his court and all people in Jerusalem
- Still plotting and scheming against Babylon
- Not fit to keep

Jeremiah 24

Jeremiah's Application: "Leave Jerusalem"



Jeremiah 24 portrayed all the Jews as two types of figs during Babylon's siege:

1. The "bad figs" who refused to submit to God's discipline by the Babylonians would disobey God by staying in the city and dying.

2. The "good figs" would spare their lives by leaving the city to surrender to the Babylonians outside!

Jeremiah 24 Figs

AD 70 was no different!

Jeremiah 25

Nebuchadnezzar comes (597 BC)

**70-year captivity
predicted**



**Takes exiles and King Jehoiachin away. Places Zedekiah on throne,
gives another chance for Judah to submit to Babylon.**

Two 70-Year Exiles

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People Exile



Temple Exile

"This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for **seventy years**. ¹²Then, after the **seventy years** of captivity are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and his people for their sins," says the Lord. I will make the country of the Babylonians a wasteland forever"
(Jer. 25:11-12).

Nebuchadnezzar's Six Deportations to Babylon

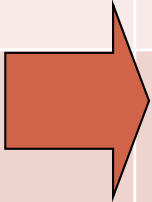
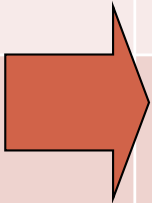
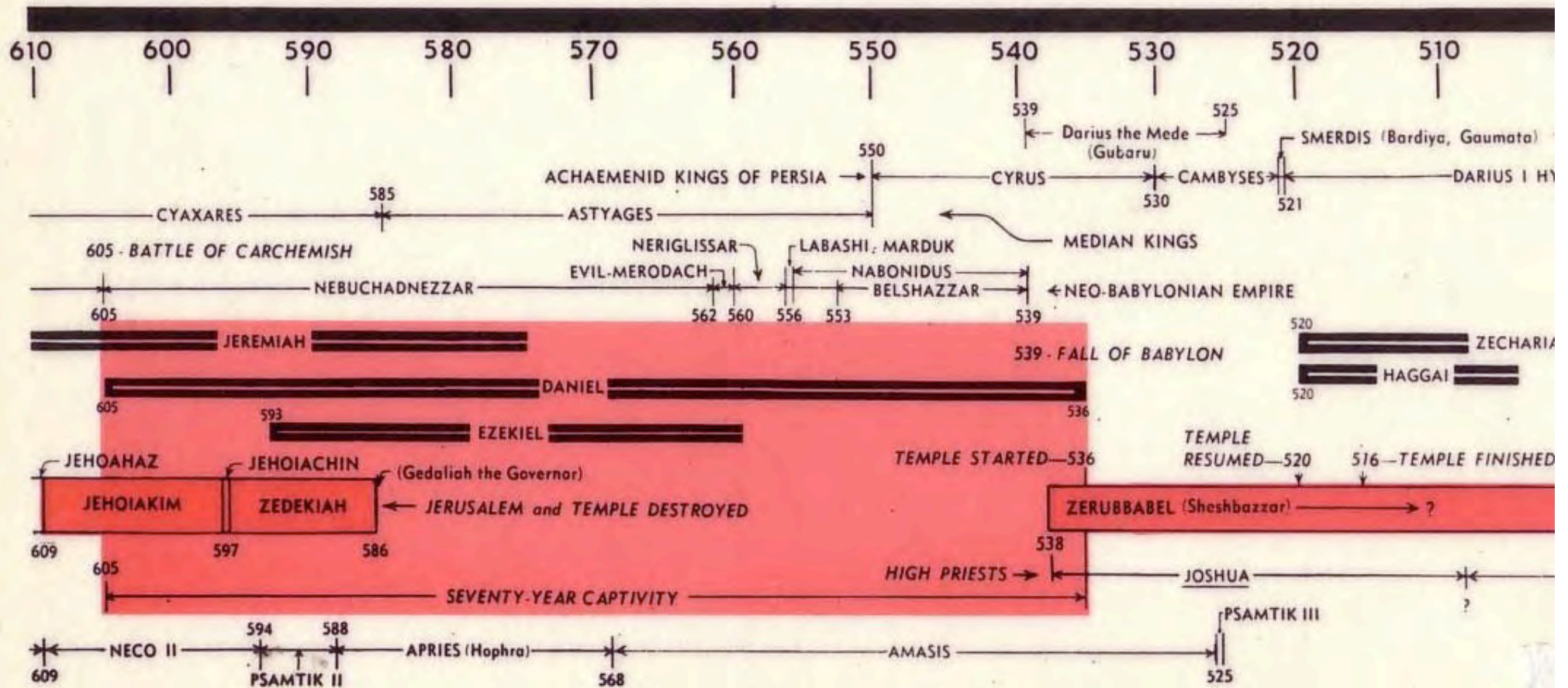
Size	Date	King of Judah	Number taken	Key Captives	Results/ Comments
1 Minor	605 BC	Jehoiakim	Few (Dan 1:3)	Daniel, 3 friends & nobility & royalty	Tribute imposed. Egypt powerful.
2 Moderate	598 BC	Jehoiakim	3023 (Jer. 52:28)		Minor deportation
3 Major 	597 BC	Jehoiachin	10,000 (2 Kings 24:14)	Jehoiachin, Ezekiel, Mordecai	Neb. deports many; installs Zedekiah
4 Minor	587 BC	Zedekiah	832 (Jer. 52:29)		Before destruction
5 Major 	586 BC	Zedekiah	ca. 10,400 (2 Kings 25:11)	Zedekiah	Jerusalem & temple destroyed
6 Minor	582 BC		745 (Jer. 52:30)		4 years after Jerusalem's destruction

Chart of the Exile

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The Babylonian Exile

John C. Whitcomb, 4th rev. ed., Winona Lake, IN: BMH Books, 1962, 1968

Jeremiah (25:11-12) vs. Hananiah (28:2-3)

True

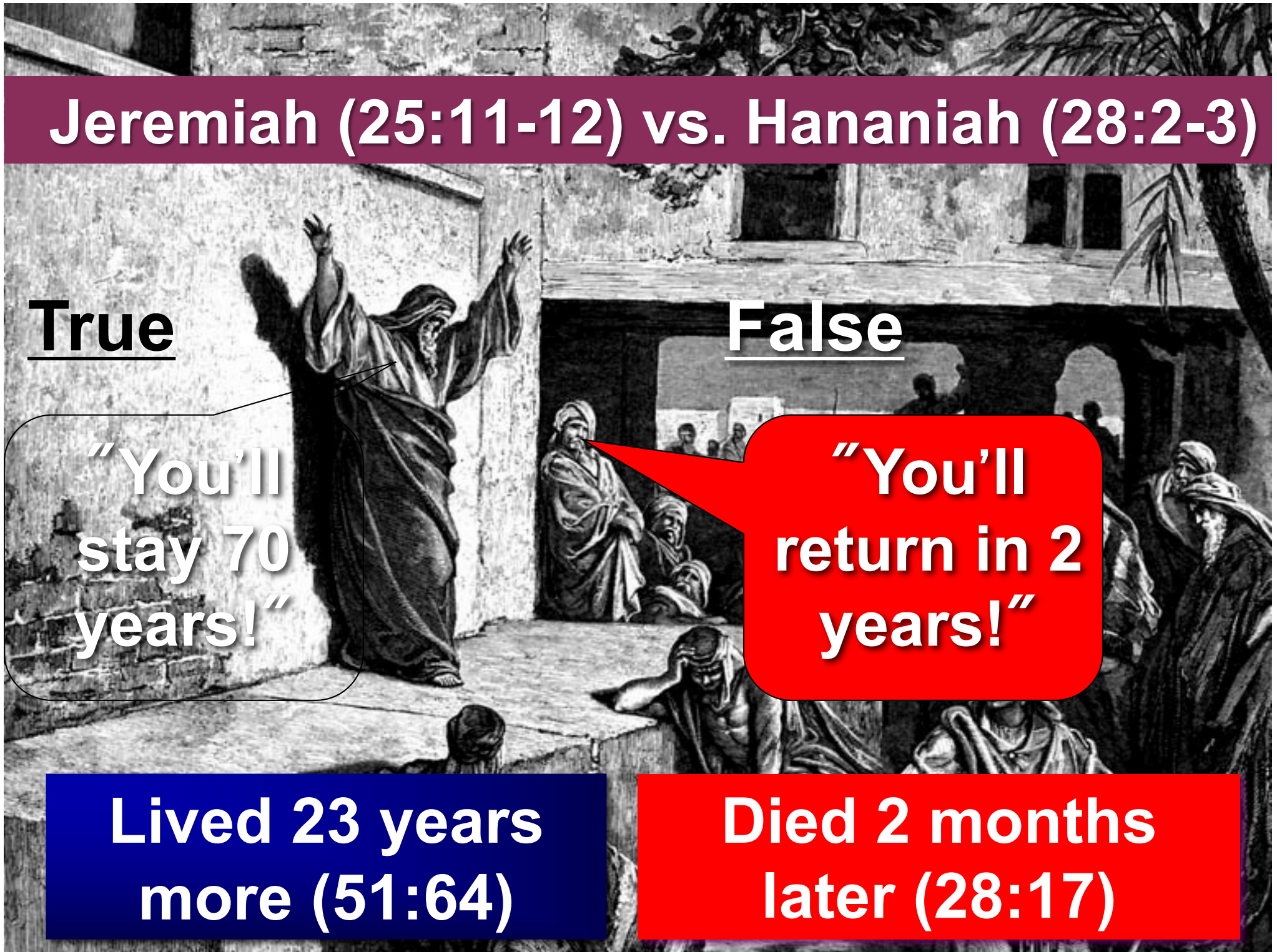
"You'll stay 70 years!"

Lived 23 years more (51:64)

False

"You'll return in 2 years!"

Died 2 months later (28:17)



Jeremiah 26

Jeremiah 27

Jeremiah to King Zedekiah

Jeremiah 27:12, 13

*"I gave the same message to Zedekiah king of Judah. I said, **"Bow your neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon; serve him and his people, and you will live.***

Why will you and your people die by the sword, famine, and plague with which the Lord has threatened any nation that will not serve the King of Babylon?"



Jerusalem's leaders resist Babylon's rule



Jeremiah 28

Jeremiah (25:11-12) vs. Hananiah (28:2-3)

True

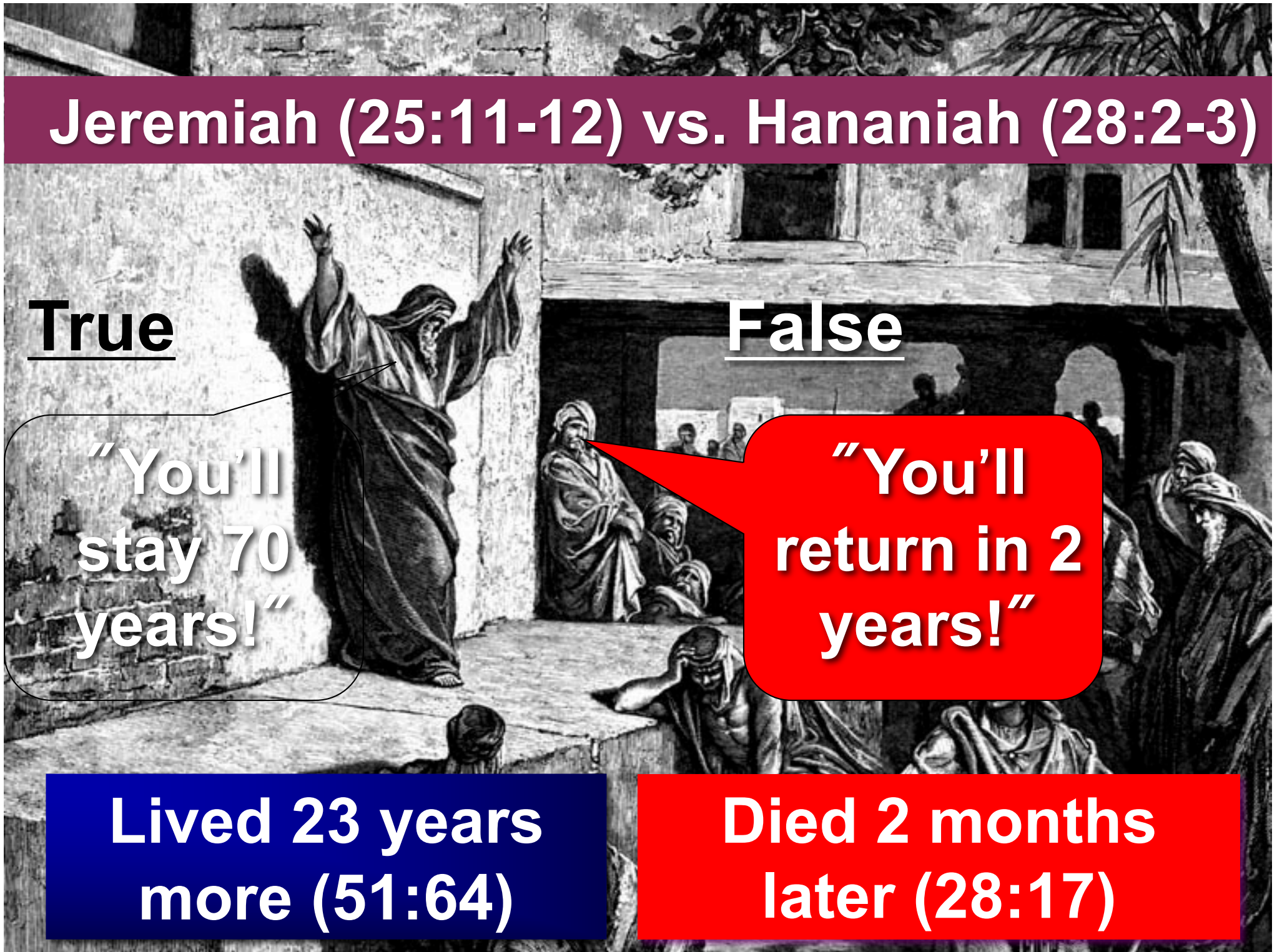
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Jeremiah 29

How are Prophets Different?

Biblical

Pagan

Unsolicited

Divination

Divine call

Prophet himself

Anywhere

Cultic place

Forth-telling

Fore-telling



False prophecies change

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Opposition by False Prophets

- The false prophet Hananiah breaks Jeremiah's yoke to symbolize God breaking Babylon's power and claims that the captivity will be only two years. Two months later, he dies.
- The false prophet Shemaiah also preaches against Jeremiah.

Jer. 28–29



How are Prophets Different?

Biblical

Pagan

Godly character

Immoral

Mostly men

Mostly women

Inspired

Own thoughts

Own style

Demon possessed

How are Prophets Different?

Biblical

Godly Motive

Original messages

100% accurate

Persecuted

Pagan

Financial Gain

Plagiarism

Errors of fulfillment

Exalted

Contrasts Between Biblical & Pagan Prophecy

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Thought Questions:

A. Which difference between these two types was most significant to you?

B. Why?

Jeremiah 30

Book of Comfort & New Covenant

Jer. 30–33



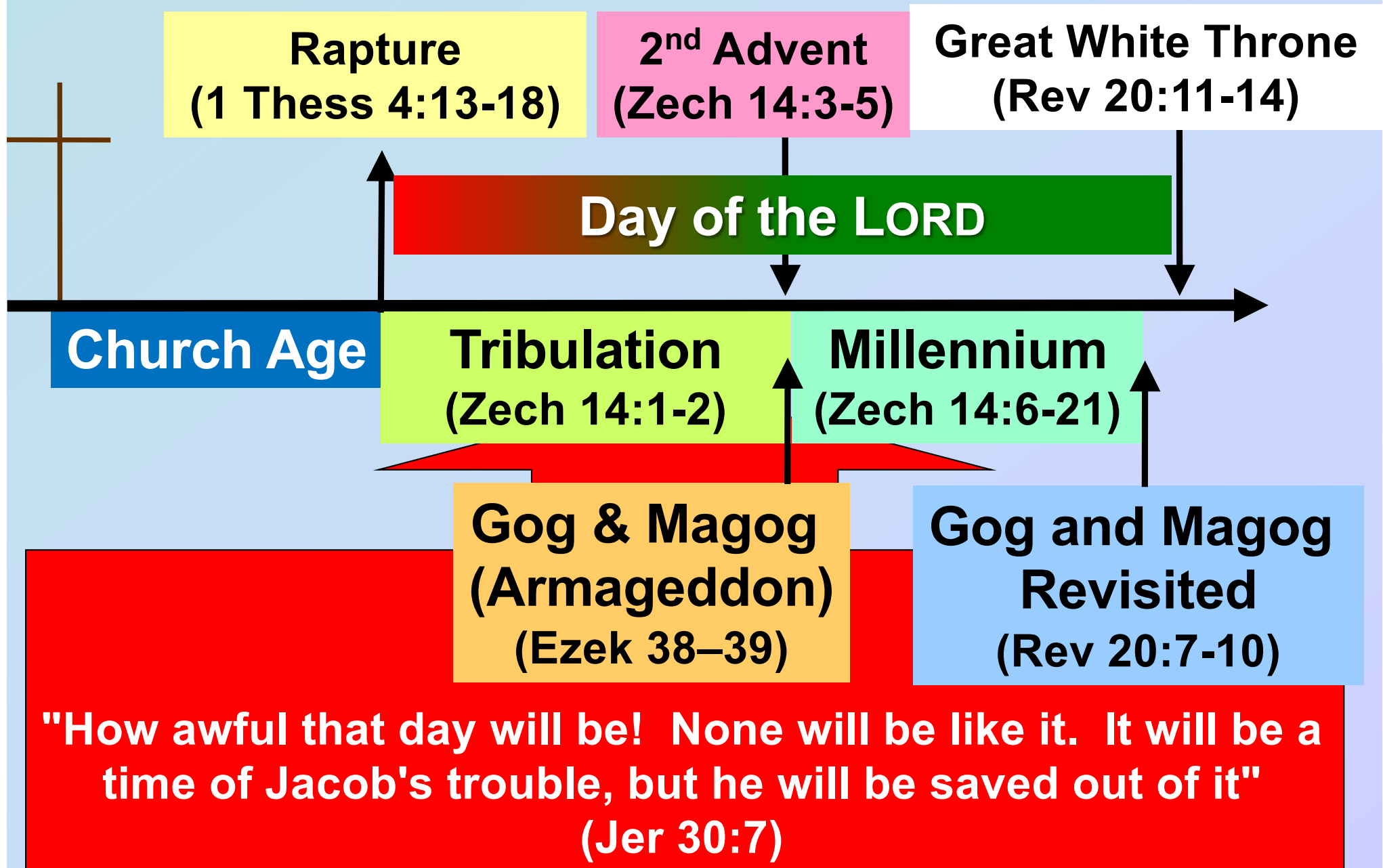
- **Jeremiah redeems a field (Jer. 32) – a sign of hope!**
- **God has not cast aside His people!**
- **A glorious future would follow their judgment.**
- **They will return to the land.**

**How could God get 15 million
Jews back to the land?**



A Dispensational Timeline


OT Survey
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**"For in that day," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies,
"I will break the yoke from their necks and snap their
chains. Foreigners will no longer be their masters.**

**⁹ For my people will serve the LORD their God
and their king descended from David—
the king I will raise up for them" (Jer 30:8-9 NLT)**





**"They will have their own
ruler again,
and he will come from their
own people.**

**I will invite him to approach
me," says the LORD,
"for who would dare to
come unless invited?
²² You will be my people,
and I will be your God."
(Jer 30:21-22 NLT)**

Jeremiah 31

³⁵ This is what the LORD says,
**he who appoints the sun
to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars
to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea
so that its waves roar—**

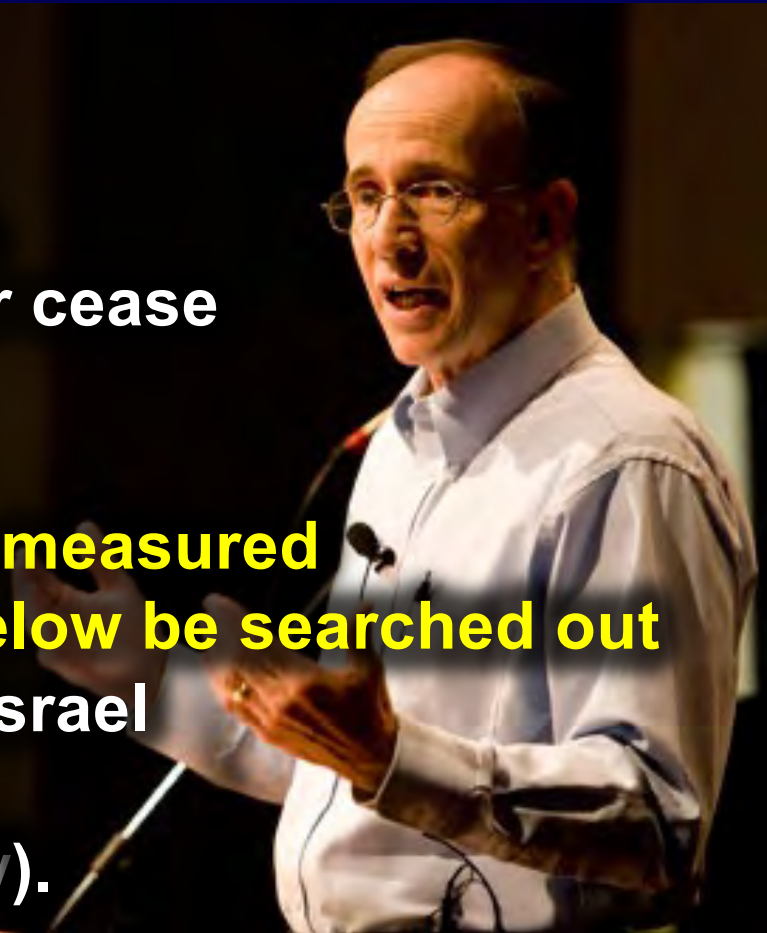
the LORD Almighty is his name:

³⁶ "Only if these decrees vanish
from my sight," declares the LORD,
"will the descendants of Israel ever cease
to be a nation before me."

³⁷ This is what the LORD says:

**"Only if the heavens above can be measured
and the foundations of the earth below be searched out
will I reject all the descendants of Israel
because of all they have done,"**
declares the LORD (Jer. 31:35-37 NIV).

**"How to Get
Rid of the
Jews"**



New Covenant & Branch of David



New Covenant – law written on our hearts and Spirit to guide - **Jer. 31**

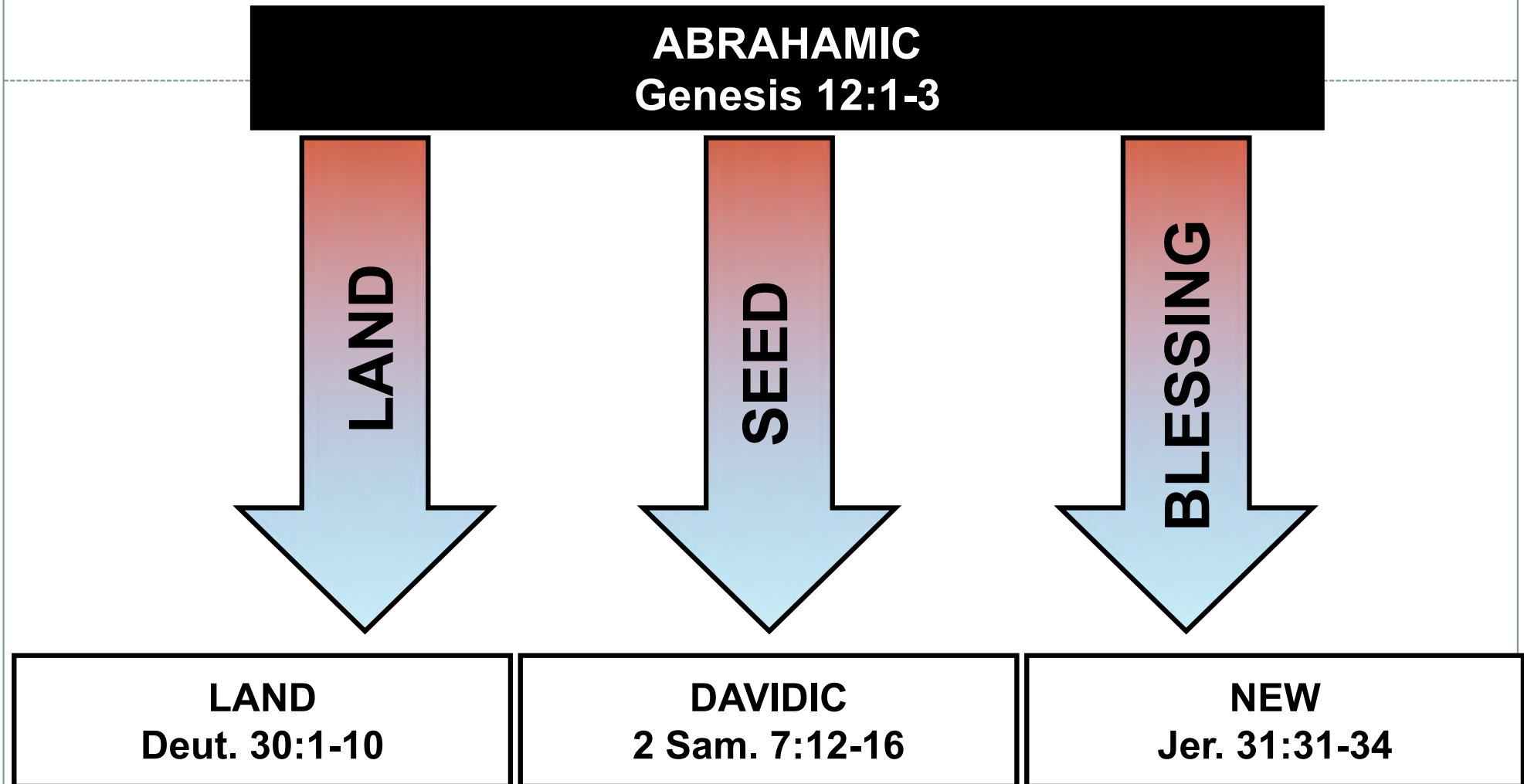


Branch of David – New King and Priest - **Jer. 33**

The New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)



Four Unconditional Biblical Covenants



The new covenant is God's unconditional amplification of the blessing promise in the Abrahamic Covenant where Judah and Israel will experience national and spiritual redemption.

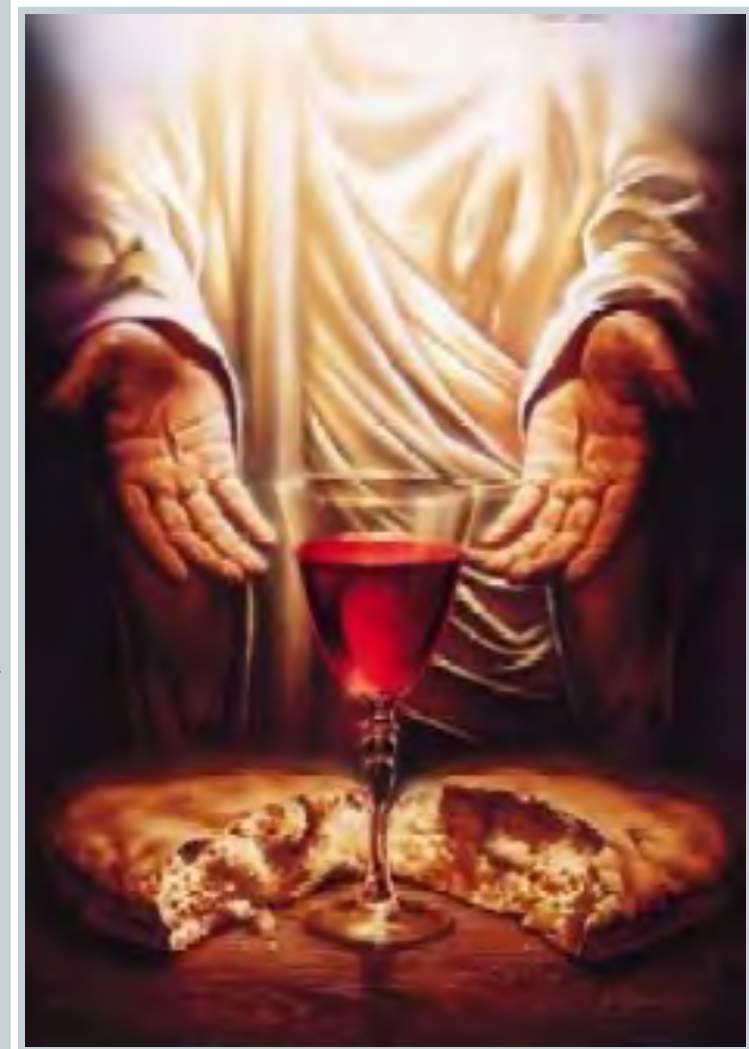
The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant **with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.**

³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

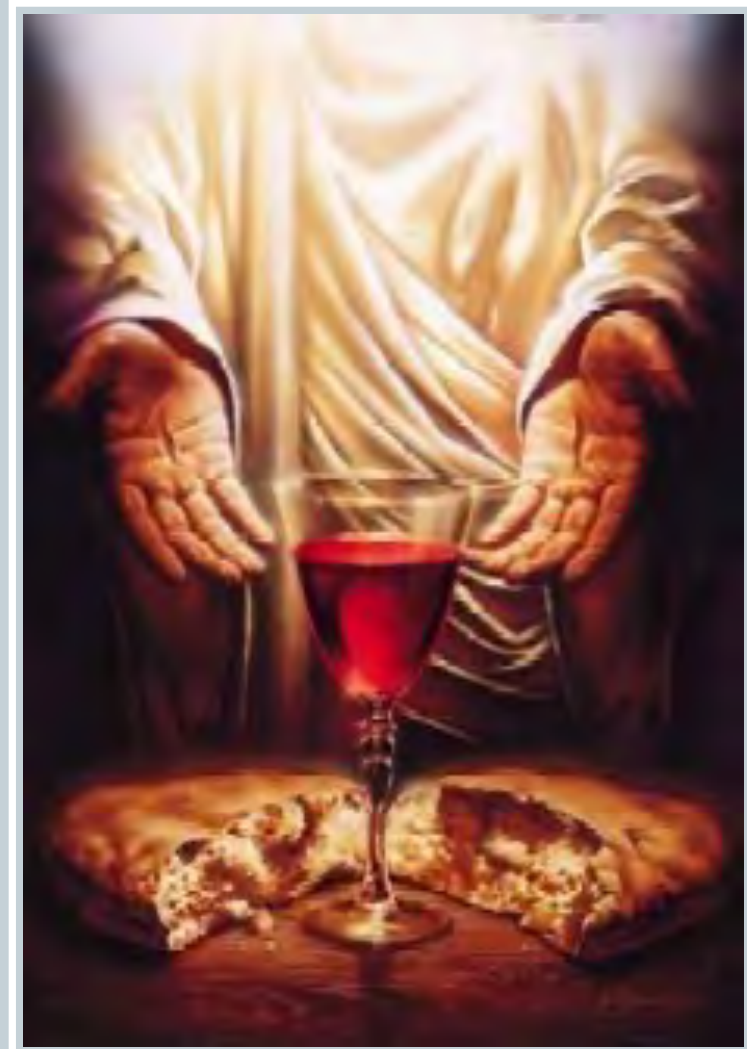
³³"This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.



The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

33b "I will put my **law within them**, and I will write it on their hearts. And **I will be their God**, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for **they shall all know me**, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will **forgive** their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



Unconditional Nature



"God's love is unconditional. But you must act now. Offer may be withdrawn at any time. Void where prohibited by law."

- A. Eternal (Jer. 31:36, 40; 32:40; 50:5; Isa 61:2. 8-9; 24:5; Ezek. 37:26)**
- B. Amplification of the Abrahamic Covenant, which is unconditional**
- C. Unqualified "I will" statements of God**



***The cup (not baptism) is
the new covenant sign***

***... This cup is the
NEW COVENANT
in my blood, which is
POURED OUT
for you.***

LUKE 22:20



How could Jesus apply the new covenant promises to his disciples when the other provisions were not fulfilled then?

**(What about Israel and Judah reunified?
What about all people knowing God?)**

HOW TO RECONCILE?

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (for Israel)

'everlasting covenant'

'a new heart'

'a new spirit'

'a covenant' 'a covenant of peace'

Luke 22:20 (for church)

Provisions



FULFILLED

- Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Jer. 31:33 with Ezek. 36:27)
- New nature, heart & mind (Jer. 31:33; Isa. 59:21)
- Forgiveness of sins (Jer. 31:34b)

NOT YET FULFILLED

- Everyone will know the Lord (Jer. 31:34a)
- Israel and Judah will be reunited (Jer. 31:31)



Views on the Time of Fulfillment⁴⁷⁷



Amillennialists often say all of the provisions of the New Covenant are being realized now in the church which they consider the “new Israel.” But are they?

1. Partial Fulfillment in the present church age

- a. Only one New Covenant for Israel (Darby)
- b. Two New Covenants: one for Israel and one for the church (Chafer)
- c. One New Covenant with a two fold- application: primarily to Israel, secondarily to the Church

2. Complete fulfillment after the return of Christ



Views on the New Covenant

View	Explanation	Group	Problems
Restated Mosaic	There is no new Covenant	Critical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OC/NC distinction in text ignored • OC=conditional, NC= unconditional • OC=temporal, NC=eternal • OC=external, NC=internal • OC=no enablement, NC=enablement • NC=peace, prosperity, sanctuary and Spirit
Church Alone	No Israel Participation	Amil / Postmil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignores OT data - Israel =Church • NC introduced not equal to fulfilled to Israel • Present need to know YHWH • AD 70 Jerusalem vs. Jer. 31:40

Views on the New Covenant (2)

View	Explanation	Group	Problems
Israel Alone	No Church Participation	Misc/ Classical Dispensa- tional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignores NT Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christ's Last Supper words ○ Paul's statements in Romans ○ Hebrews application to Church • Ignores present work of Spirit
Two New Covenants	NC for Israel NC for Church	Early 1900s Dispensa- tional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same terminology for OT & NT NCs • Israel/Church distinction too sharp • Basis of forgiveness is the same • If 2NCs then there's no OC for Church • Church doesn't possess Israel's promises

Views on the New Covenant (2)

View	Explanation	Group	Problems
Church Participation	Primarily for Israel Secondarily for the Church	Misc / Present Dispensational	<u>Support</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary fulfillment future – Rom 11 • Deals with both OT and NT data • Forgiveness/ Spirit = Blessings now • NC has new law • Rebuttals to above views



“This cup is the new covenant in my blood” (لوقا 22:20)

- **Refers back to Jeremiah 31:31-34**
- **The new covenant replaces the old**
- **The church participates in the covenant promised to Israel**
- **Never does Scripture say that the church replaces Israel since God has not rejected the nation (Rom. 11:1; cf. Jer. 31:35-37)**

Contrasting the Covenants (2 Cor. 3-4)

Old Covenant

New Covenant

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initiated by Moses (3:8)

initiated by Christ (3:4)

of the letter (3:6a)

of the Spirit (3:6a, 18b)

kills (3:6b, 7a)

gives life (3:6b)

engraved on stone (3:3b, 7a)

engraved on hearts (3:3b; Jer. 31:33)

glorious (3:7a)

more glorious (3:8, 10)

glory faded (3:7b, 11a, 13b)

glory ever-increases (3:11b, 18)

condemns men (3:9a)

brings righteousness (3:9b)

deception (3:13)

boldness (3:12)

veiled face of Moses (3:13b)

unveiled faces (3:13a, 18a)

veiled minds (3:14a)

unveiled minds (3:14b; 4:3-6)

veiled hearts (3:15)

unveiled hearts (3:16)

dullness (3:14a)

freedom (3:17)

Moses reflected God's glory

all believers reflect Son's glory (3:17)

non-transforming (3:7)

transforming (3:18)

lack of zeal (3:13)

confidence, steadfastness (3:4-5; 4:1)

deception (3:13)

sincerity (4:2)

Signs of the Covenants

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<i>Covenant</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Promise</i>	<i>Fulfillment</i>	<i>Sign</i>
Noahic	Unconditional promise not to flood earth again	Gen. 9:12-17	No more sea (Rev. 21:1)	Rainbow (Gen. 9:12-17)
Abrahamic	Promise to provide Israel a land, rule, and spiritual blessing	Gen. 12:1-3; 15:13-18	Continues at present (Gal. 3:17) but Israel still has a future (Rom. 11:25-27)	Circumcision (Gen. 17:11)
Mosaic	Conditional stipulations for blessing on Israel	Exod. 19-31; Deut. 28	Death of Christ (Rom. 7:4-6)	Sabbath (Exod. 31:13)
Land	Promise of <u>physical</u> land from the Wadi of Egypt to the River Euphrates	Deut. 30:1-10	Land blessed (Amos 9:13-15)	No sign (that I know of)
Davidic	Promise of eternal, <u>political</u> rule of a descendant of David	2 Sam. 7:12-17	Rule renewed (Amos 9:11-12)	Christ seated at the Father's right hand (Acts 2:34-36)
New	Promise of <u>spiritual</u> indwelling of the Spirit ("law written on hearts"), forgiveness, and total evangelization of Israel	Jer. 31:31-34	Paul & the Apostles (2 Cor. 3-4) All Israel saved (Rom. 11:26-27)	Cup of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25)

“Old” Replaced by “New”

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, 521

“What then is the 'old covenant' in contrast with the 'new covenant' in Christ? It is not the whole of the Old Testament, because the covenants with Abraham and David are never called 'old' in the New Testament. Rather, only the covenant under Moses, the covenant made at Mount Sinai (Ex. 19-24) is called the 'old covenant' (2 Cor. 3:14; cf. Heb. 8:6, 13), to be replaced by the “new covenant” in Christ (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25; 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 8:8, 13; 9:15; 12:24).”

Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

land

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:
•Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
•Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
•Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

ISRAEL
(National Focus)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

MESSIANIC Millennial

Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28)
Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)

KINGDOM Eternal

New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises:
•Sons ("house" never wiped out)
•Kingdom (political dynasty)
•Throne (right to rule by descendants)
•Temple (son to build it)

Davidic Covenant

Christ is Head over his Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)

Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
•Forgiveness
•Indwelling Spirit
•New heart, nature, mind
•Reunification of Israel and Judah
•No need for evangelism

Mosaic Law is replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

**Do you focus on God's
unlimited comfort or his
limited discipline?**



Jeremiah 32

Why You Should Do **Crazy** Things

Jer. 32





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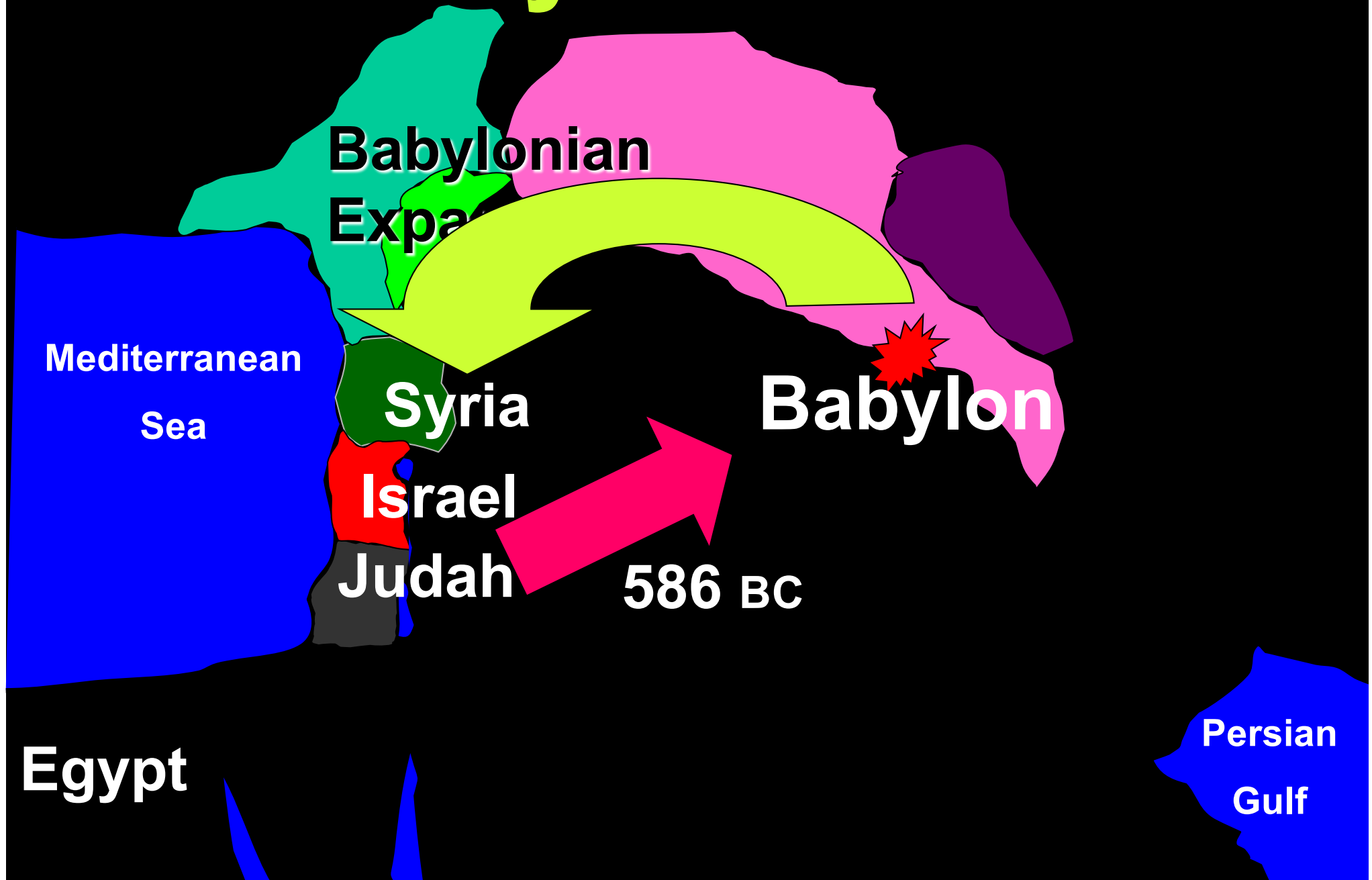
A vibrant, high-contrast photograph of a waterfall in a dense, green forest. The water is captured in motion, creating a soft, blurred effect as it falls. The surrounding foliage is thick and verdant, with various shades of green. The overall mood is serene and natural.

Our Subject...

**What should you do
when God asks you to do
something *crazy*?**

Jeremiah 32

The Babylonian Threat



King Zedekiah's Accusations (32:3-5)

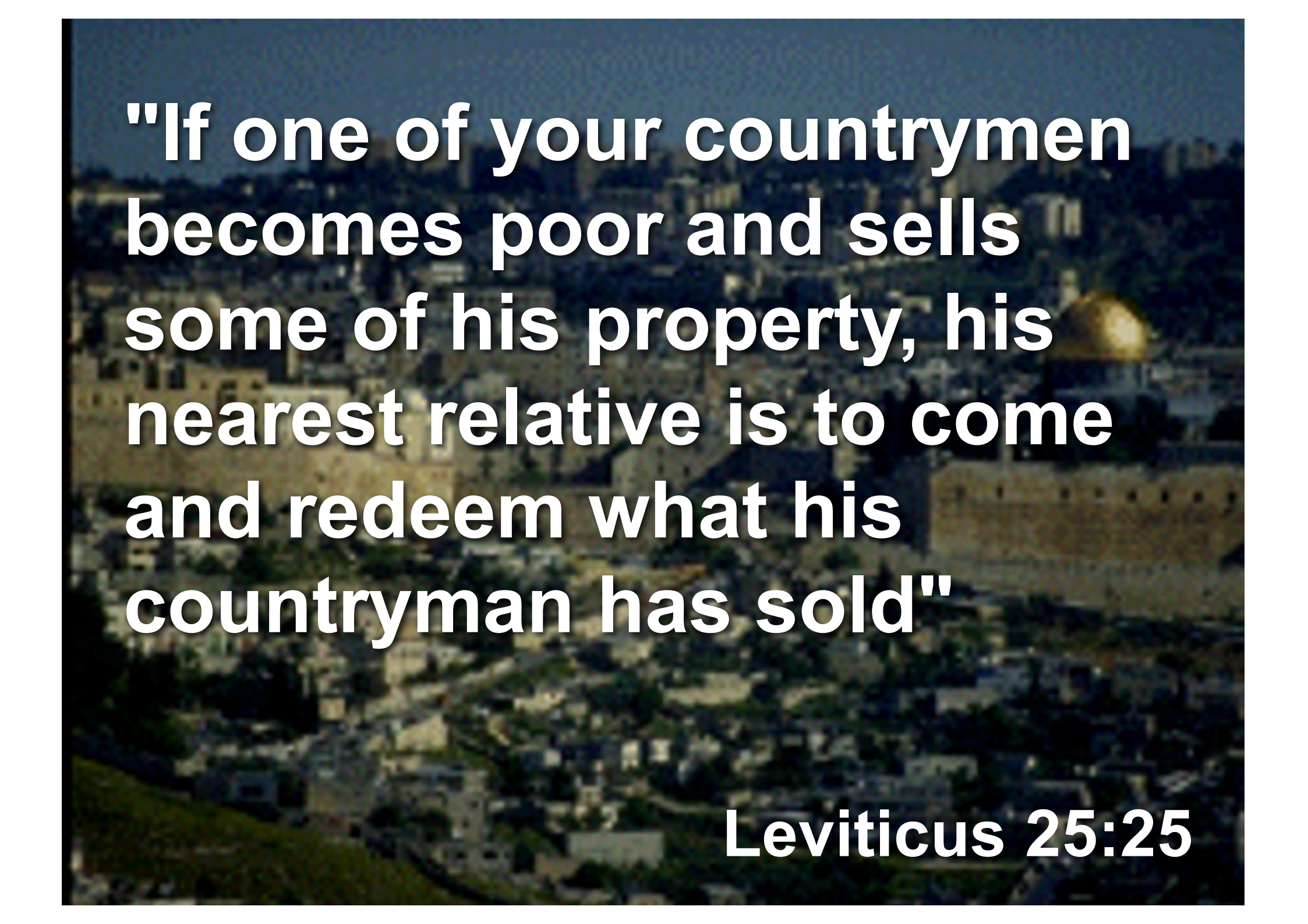


Jeremiah 24 Figs

Verse 3:
"Jerusalem Fall?
That's negative!"

Verses 4-5a:
"Me captured?
That's treason!"

Verse 5b:
"Stop fighting?
That's cowardice!"

An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, showing the dense urban landscape and the prominent golden dome of the Dome of the Rock in the upper right quadrant. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**"If one of your countrymen
becomes poor and sells
some of his property, his
nearest relative is to come
and redeem what his
countryman has sold"**

Leviticus 25:25

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Judah

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**I. Jeremiah bought a
seemingly useless
field when God told
him to (1-12)**



II. When God
asks you to do
something
"crazy..."

do it!

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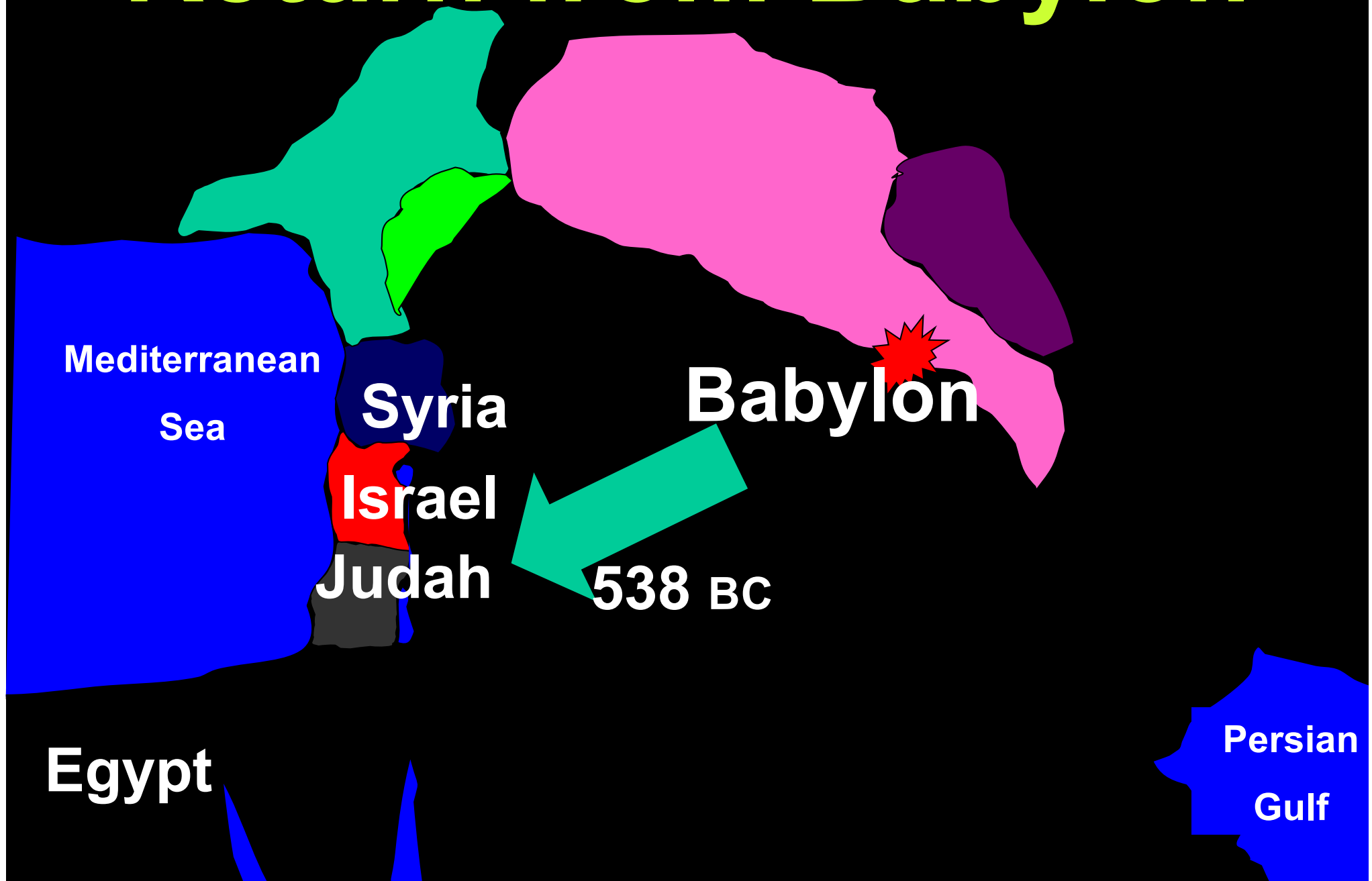


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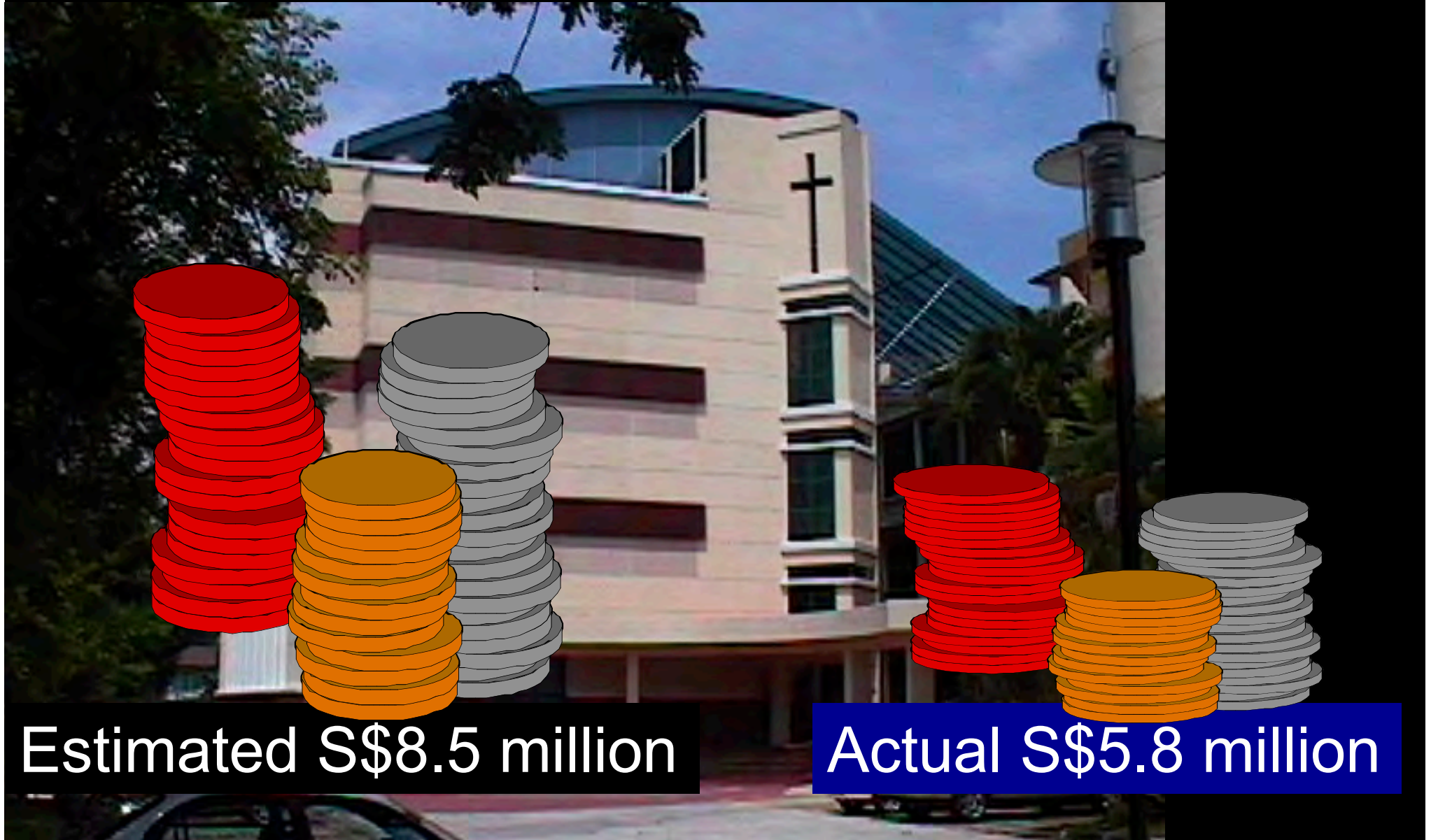
III. Doing crazy things shows you're fitting into His **plans** (13-44)



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Main Idea of Jeremiah 32

When God asks you to do
something "**crazy**," do it!
It shows you're fitting
into His **plans**.



**What "field" does God
want **you** to buy?**

Jeremiah 33

“Then this message came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²⁰ 'This is what the LORD says: If you can break my covenant with the day and the night so that one does not follow the other, ²¹ only then will my covenant with my servant David be broken. Only then will he no longer have a descendant to reign on his throne. The same is true for my covenant with the Levitical priests who minister before me. ²² And as the stars of the sky cannot be counted and the sand on the seashore cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of my servant David and the Levites who minister before me.'”

—Jeremiah 33:19-22 NLT—

“The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, ²⁴ ‘Have you noticed what people are saying?—“The LORD chose Judah and Israel and then abandoned them!” They are sneering and saying that Israel is not worthy to be counted as a nation. ²⁵ But this is what the LORD says: **I would no more reject my people than I would change my laws that govern night and day, earth and sky. ²⁶ I will never abandon the descendants of Jacob or David, my servant, or change the plan that David’s descendants will rule the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Instead, I will restore them to their land and have mercy on them.”**

—Jeremiah 33:23-26 NLT—

Jeremiah 34

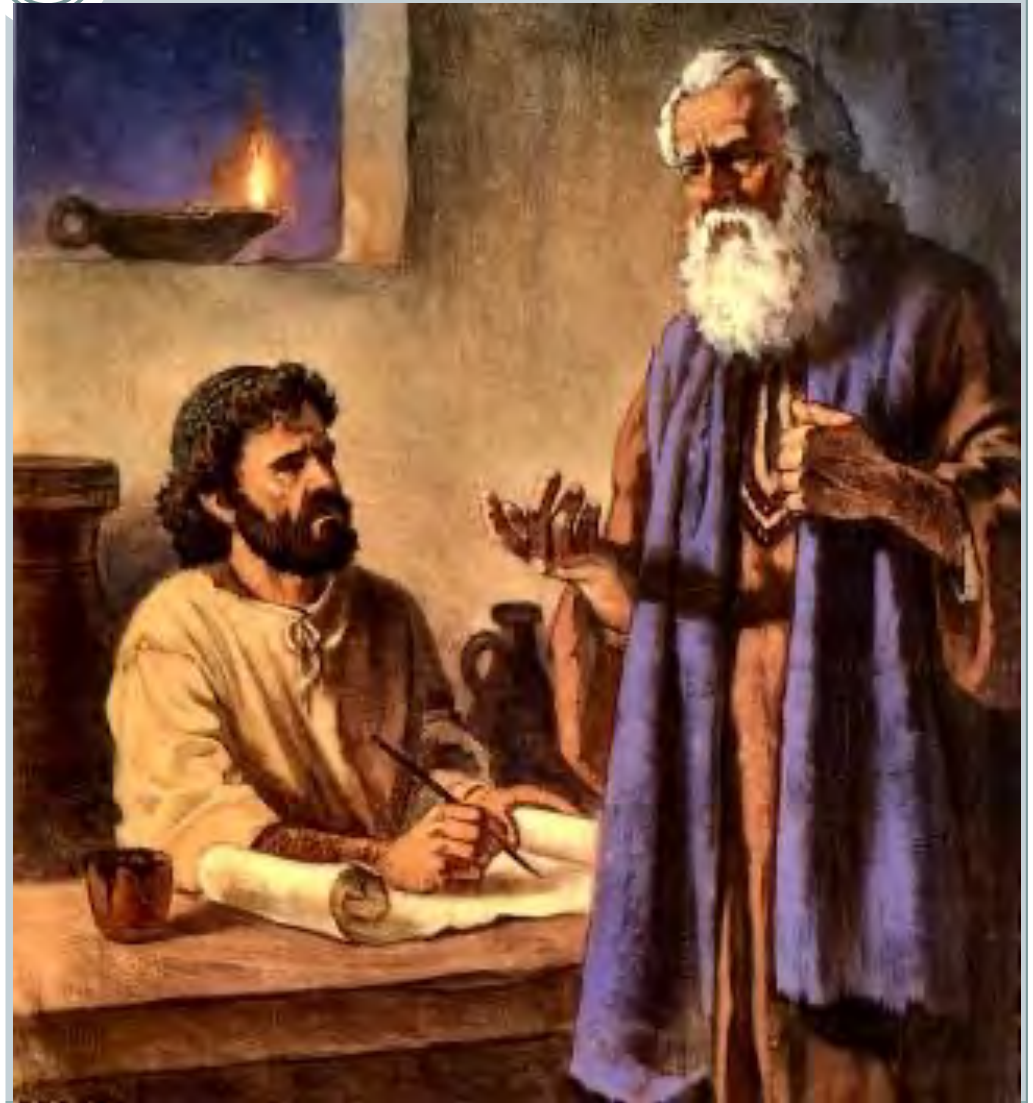
Jeremiah 35

Jeremiah 36

Jeremiah's Messages Recorded

**Jeremiah dictates
his prophetic words
to his scribe
Baruch for him to
read to Judah's
officials.**

Jer. 36:2



The King's Response

King Jehoiakim cut and burned Jeremiah's original manuscript...

So Jeremiah and Baruch wrote another one!

Jer. 36:21-23



Jeremiah 37

Jeremiah's Imprisonment

Enemies accuse Jeremiah of defecting to the Babylonians so he is put into a dungeon.

Zedekiah calls for him, but refuses to listen to his message, "Babylonians will return! Surrender!"

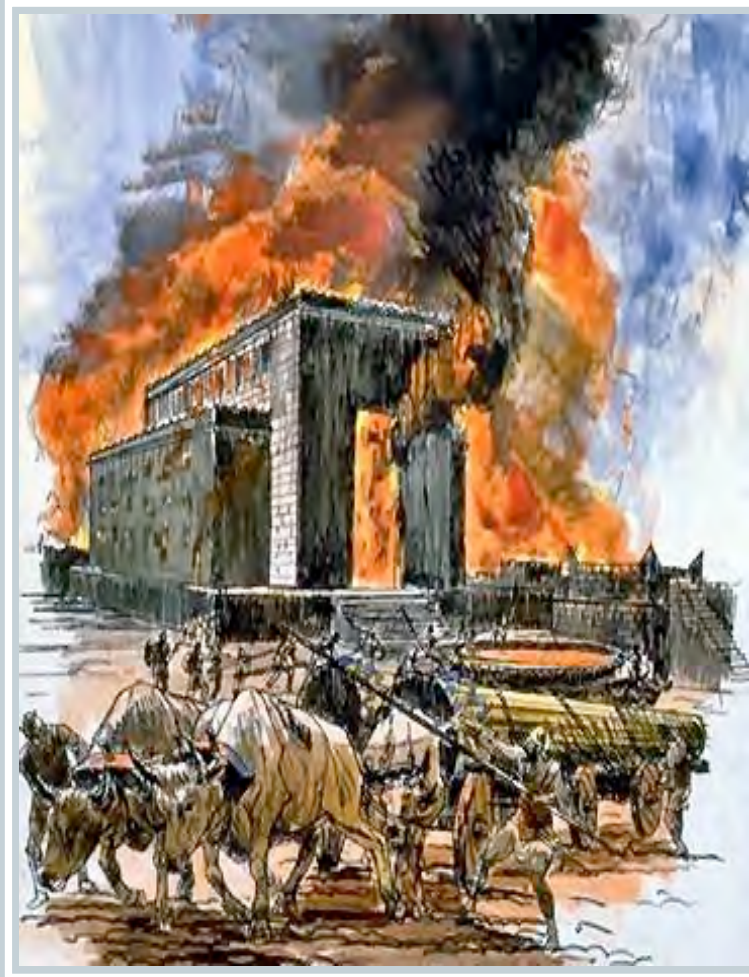
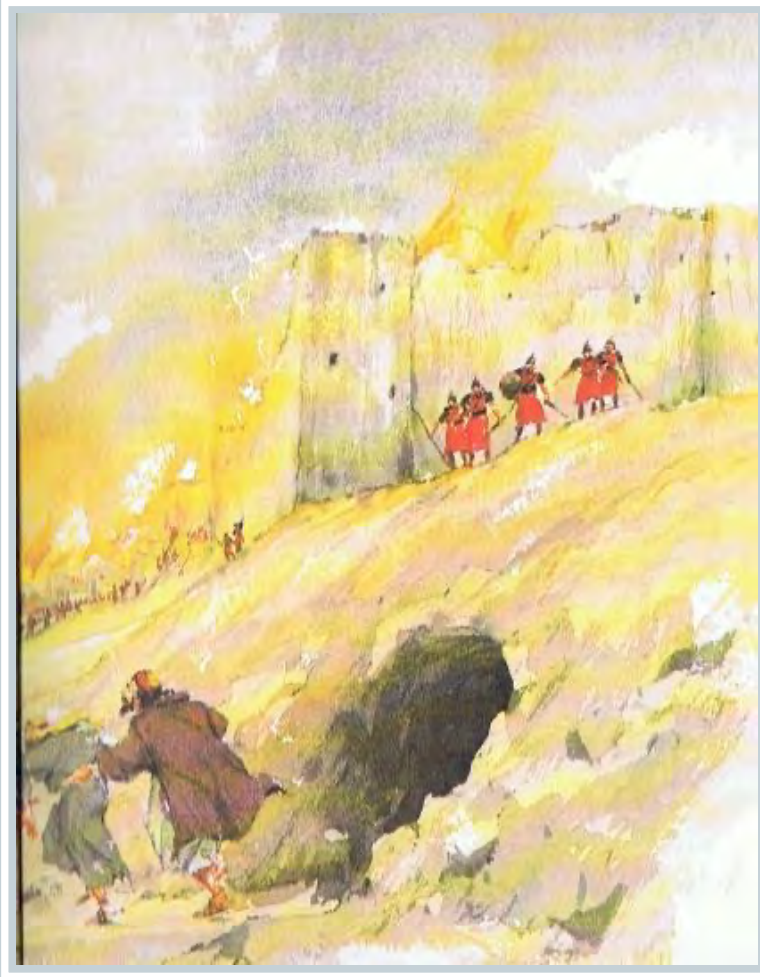
He is later thrown into a cistern. Ebed-melech rescues him by pleading before the king.

Jer. 37–38

Jeremiah 38

Jeremiah 39

Jerusalem's Fall ... inevitable!!



Jer. 39

Deserved Captivity & Undeserved Restoration

Prophetic Call	Judah's Judgment Deserved				Nations' Judgment Deserved				Jerusalem's Fall	
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After Jerusalem's Fall



**Jeremiah ministers
to remnant in Judah and Egypt:**

- **Gedaliah (governor) murdered (40–41)**
- **Exhorts Judah to remain under Babylon and not go to Egypt (42)**
- **Ignored and forced to go to Egypt (43–44)**
- **Rebukes and warns in Egypt**
- **Baruch comforted (45)**

Jer. 40–45

Jeremiah 41

Jeremiah 42

Jeremiah 43


Jeremiah 44

Jeremiah 45




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How does God comfort even those he disciplines?



Jeremiah 46

Judgment on the 12-Nation Coalition (Isa 13–23) 457



***Nations
to Be
Judged
(Ezekiel
25–32)***

***Sidon
(28:20-26)***

***Tyre
(26:1–28:19)***

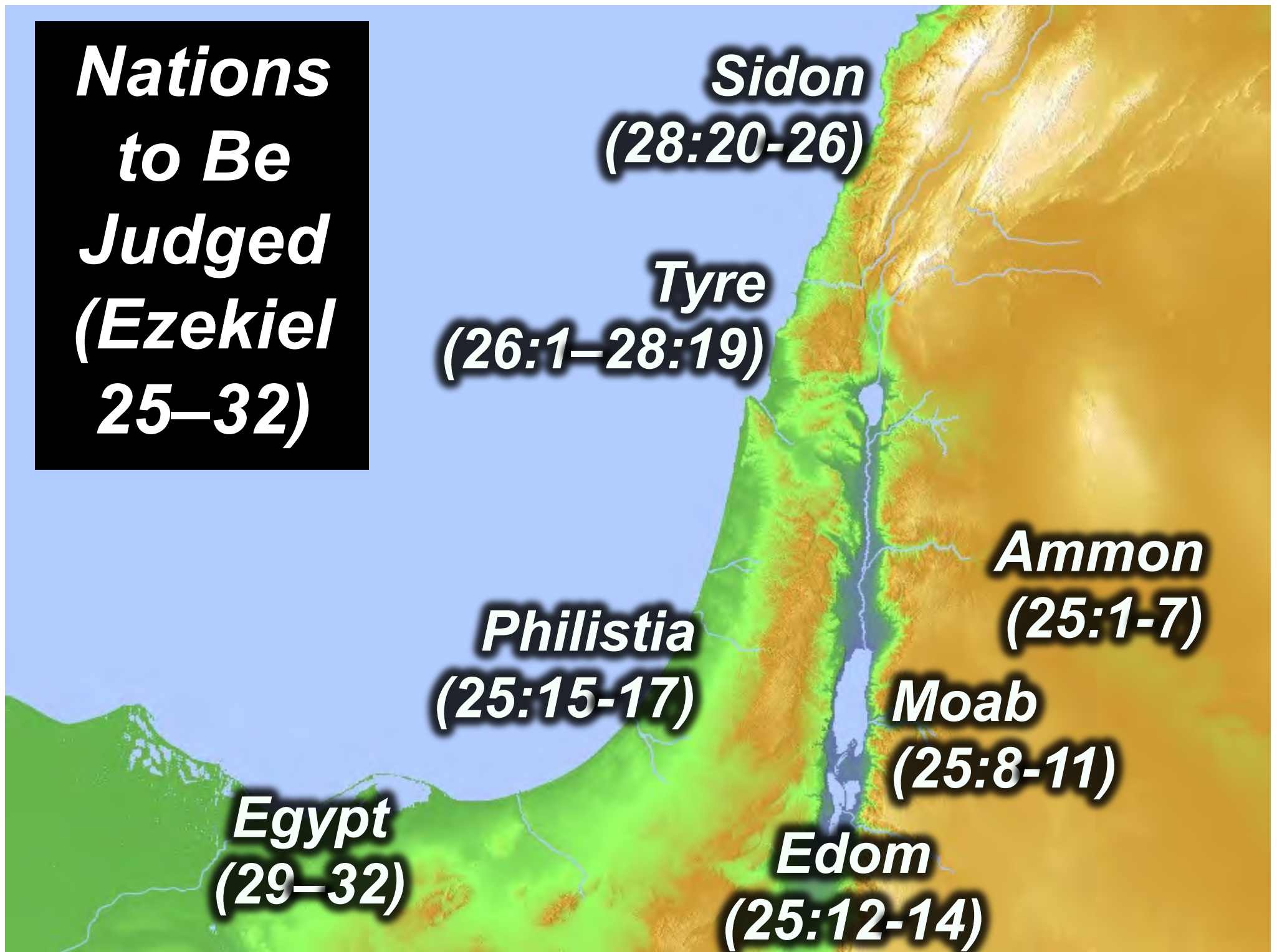
***Ammon
(25:1-7)***

***Philistia
(25:15-17)***

***Moab
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***Egypt
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***Edom
(25:12-14)***



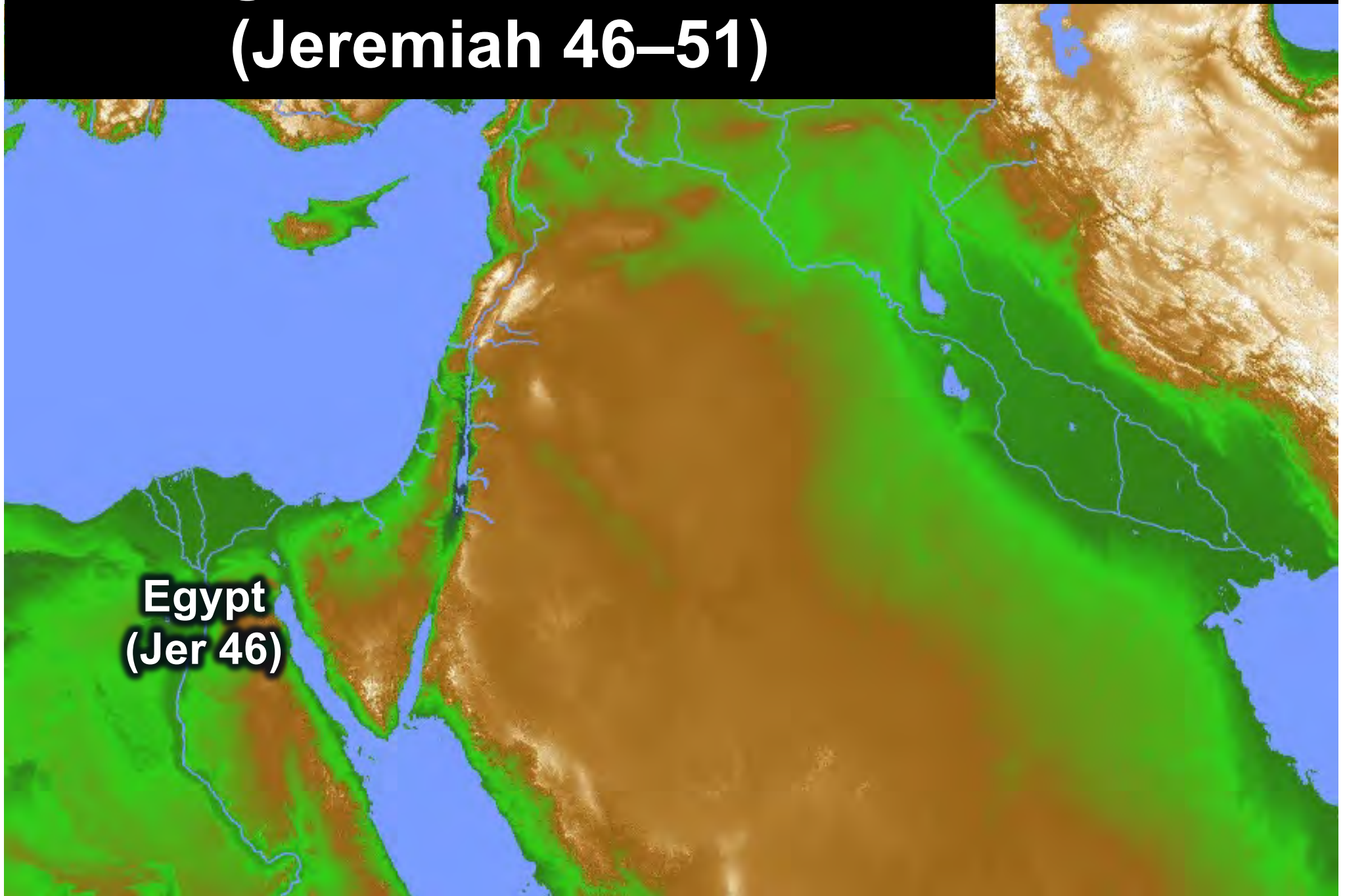
Nations Prophesied Against (Jeremiah 46–51)

1. **EGYPT (46:1-27)** - To be defeated by Babylonians
2. **PHILISTIA (47:1-7)** - To be overrun by Egyptians
3. **MOAB (48:1-47)** - To be conquered by Babylon
4. **AMMON (49:1-6)** - To be destroyed and re-established in the millennium.
5. **EDOM (49:7-22)** - To become as Sodom and Gomorrah
6. **DAMASCUS (49:23-27)** - To be destroyed in a single day
7. **KEDAR & HAZOR (49:28-35)** - To be destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar
8. **ELAM (49:34-39)** - To be overrun by Nebuchadnezzar and re-established during the millennium
9. **BABYLON (50:1–51:64)** - Final destruction of the empire



Judgment of the Nations (Jeremiah 46–51)

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**Egypt
(Jer 46)**

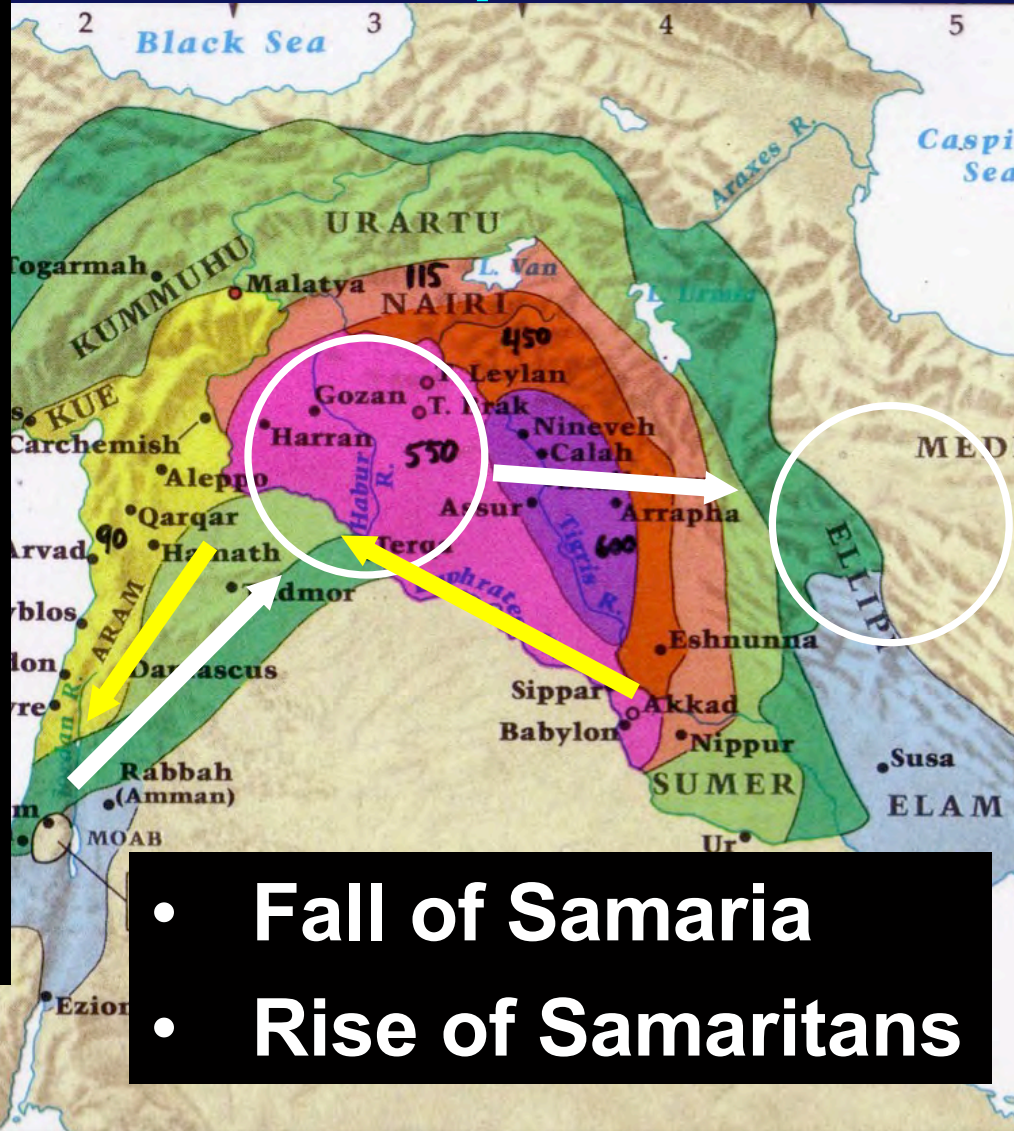
**Do you
recognize
that God
has been
fair with
you?**



Jeremiah 47

And the king of Assyria transported groups of people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim and resettled them in the towns of Samaria, replacing the people of Israel. So the Assyrians took over Samaria and the other towns of Israel (2 Kings 17:24).

Assyrian Developments

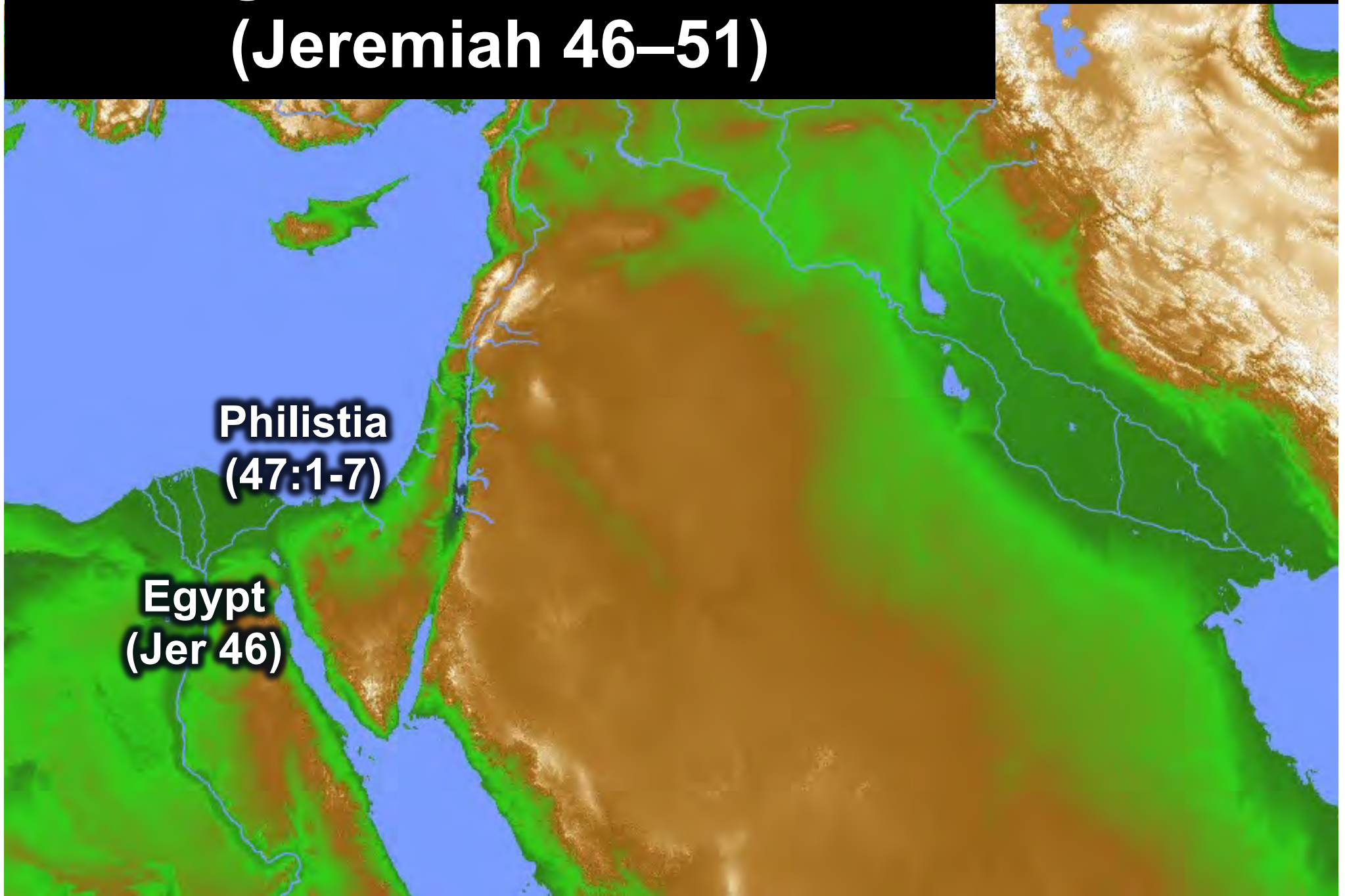


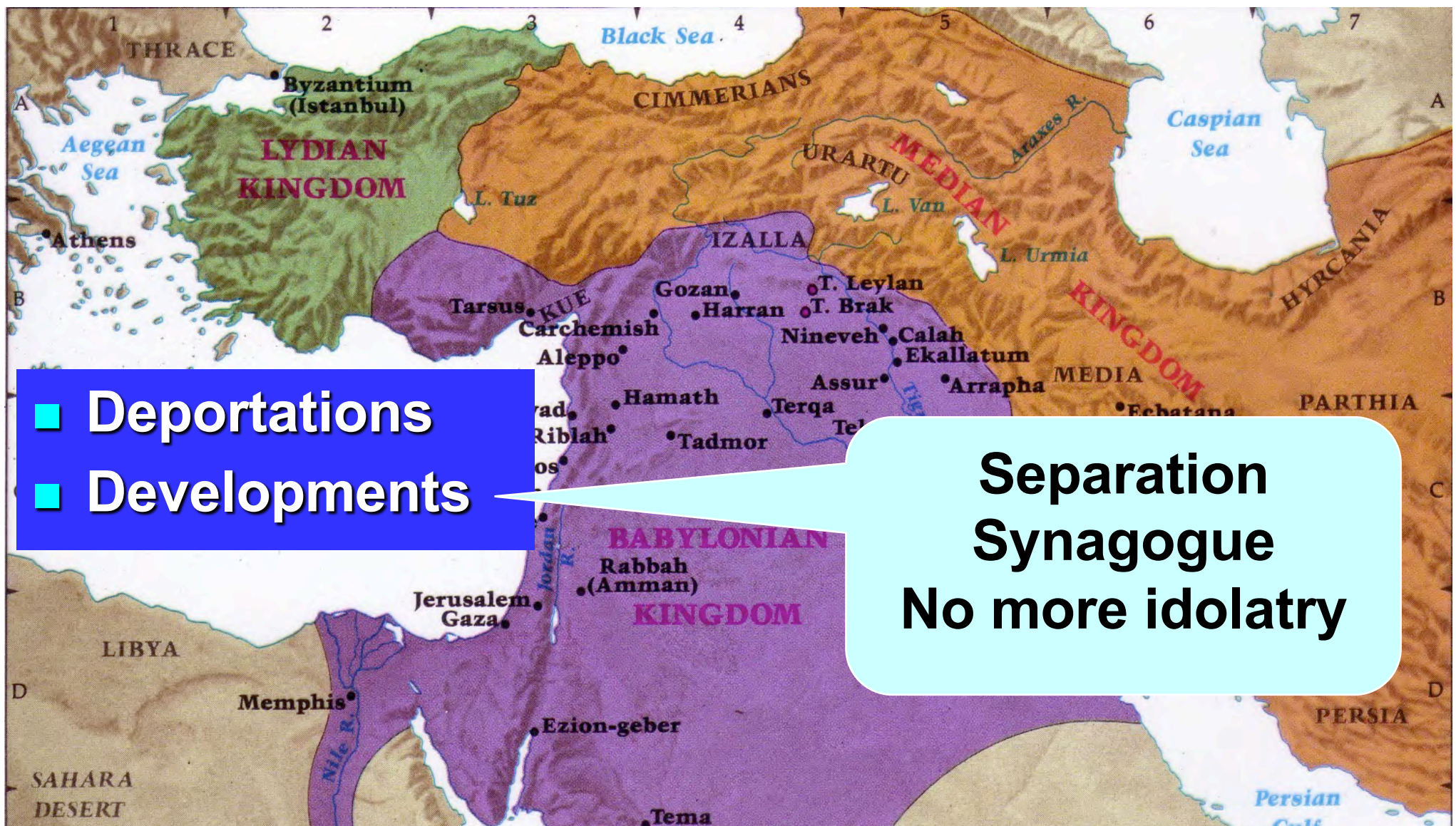
- Fall of Samaria
- Rise of Samaritans

Finally, in the ninth year of King Hoshea's reign, Samaria fell, and the people of Israel were exiled to Assyria. They were settled in colonies in Halah, along the banks of the Habor River in Gozan, and among the cities of the Medes (2 Kings 17:6).

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■ Deportations
■ Developments

Separation
Synagogue
No more idolatry

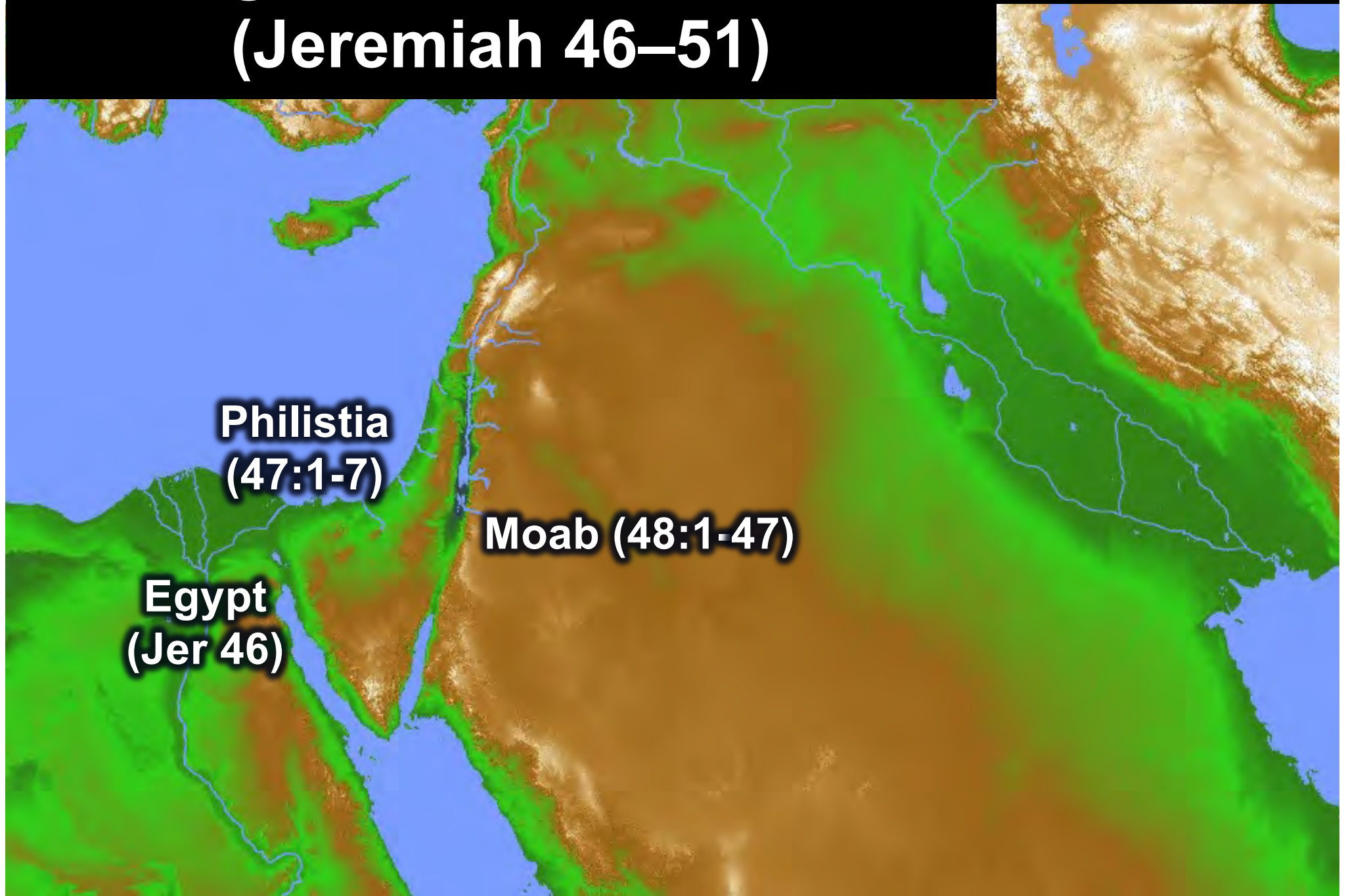
Babylonian Rule over Palestine

Beitzel, *Moody Atlas of Bible Lands*, 1st ed., 145

Jeremiah 48

Judgment of the Nations (Jeremiah 46–51)

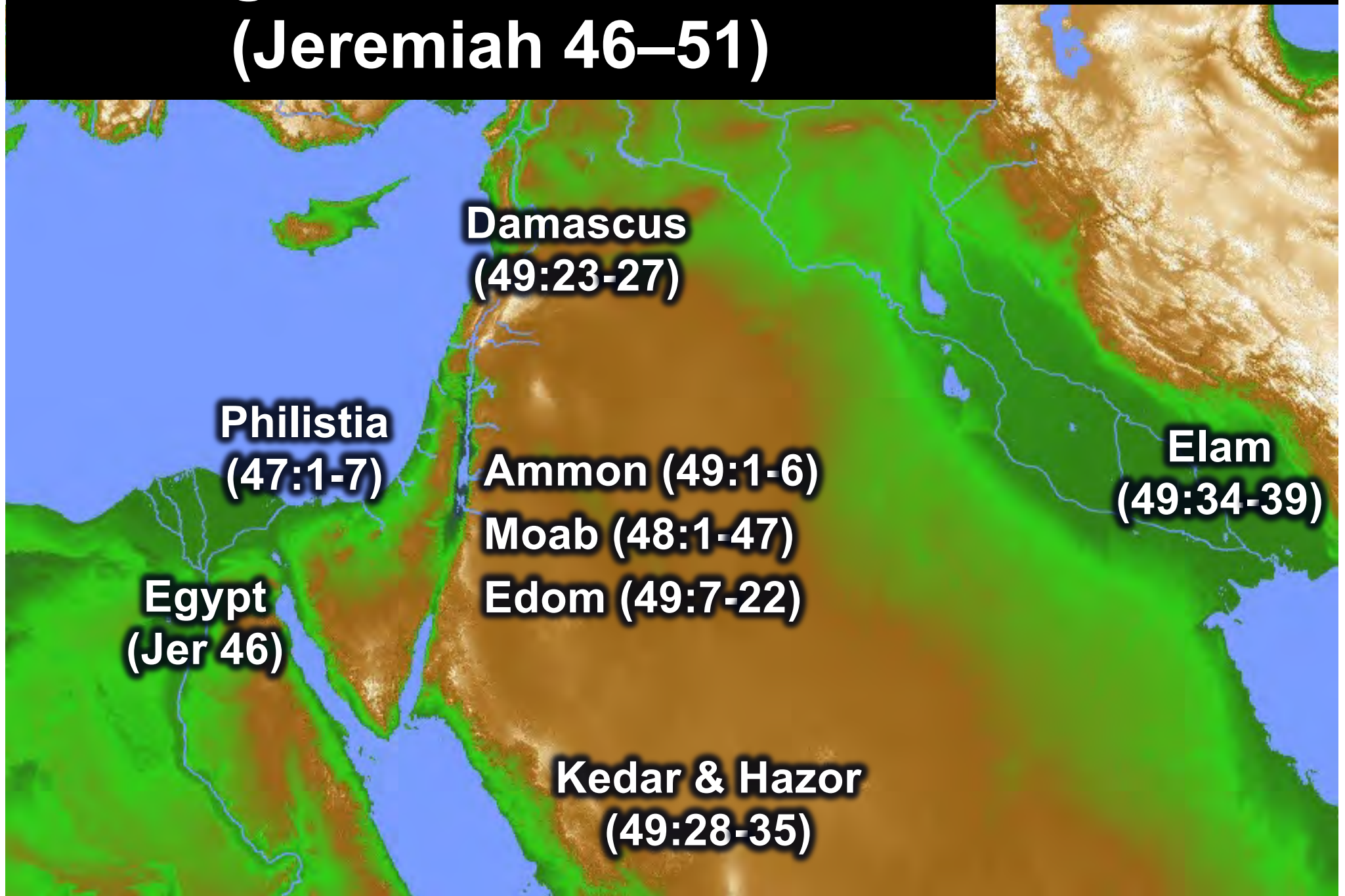
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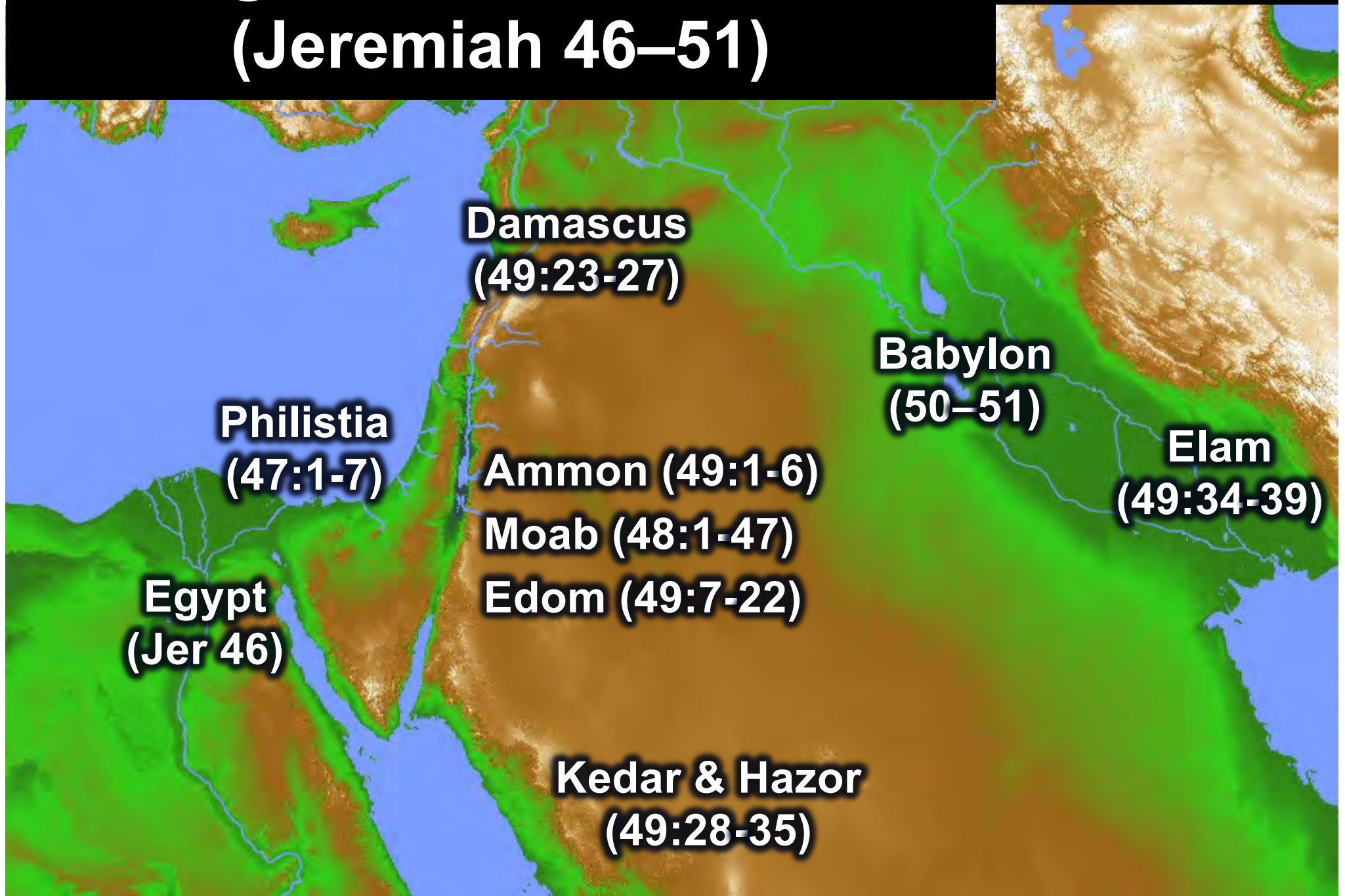
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Jeremiah 50

Judgment of the Nations (Jeremiah 46–51)


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Jeremiah 51

Jeremiah 52

IV. God balances justice with **mercy** (Jer 52).

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How does God
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Deut. 28: Blessings & Curses

**Your towns and your fields
will be blessed (3)**

**Your children and your crops
will be blessed (4)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-
boards will be blessed (5)**

**Wherever you go and whatever
you do, you will be blessed (6)**

**Your enemies will attack you from
one direction, but they will scatter
from you in seven! (7)**

**You will lend to many nations, but
you will never need to borrow
from them (12)**

**Your towns and your fields
will be cursed (16)**

**Your children and your crops
will be cursed (18)**

**Your fruit baskets and bread-
boards will be cursed (17)**

**Wherever you go and whatever
you do, you will be cursed (19)**

**You will attack your enemies from
one direction, but you will scatter
from them in seven! (25)**

**They will lend to money to you,
but you will not lend to them
(44)**

Prophetic Curses

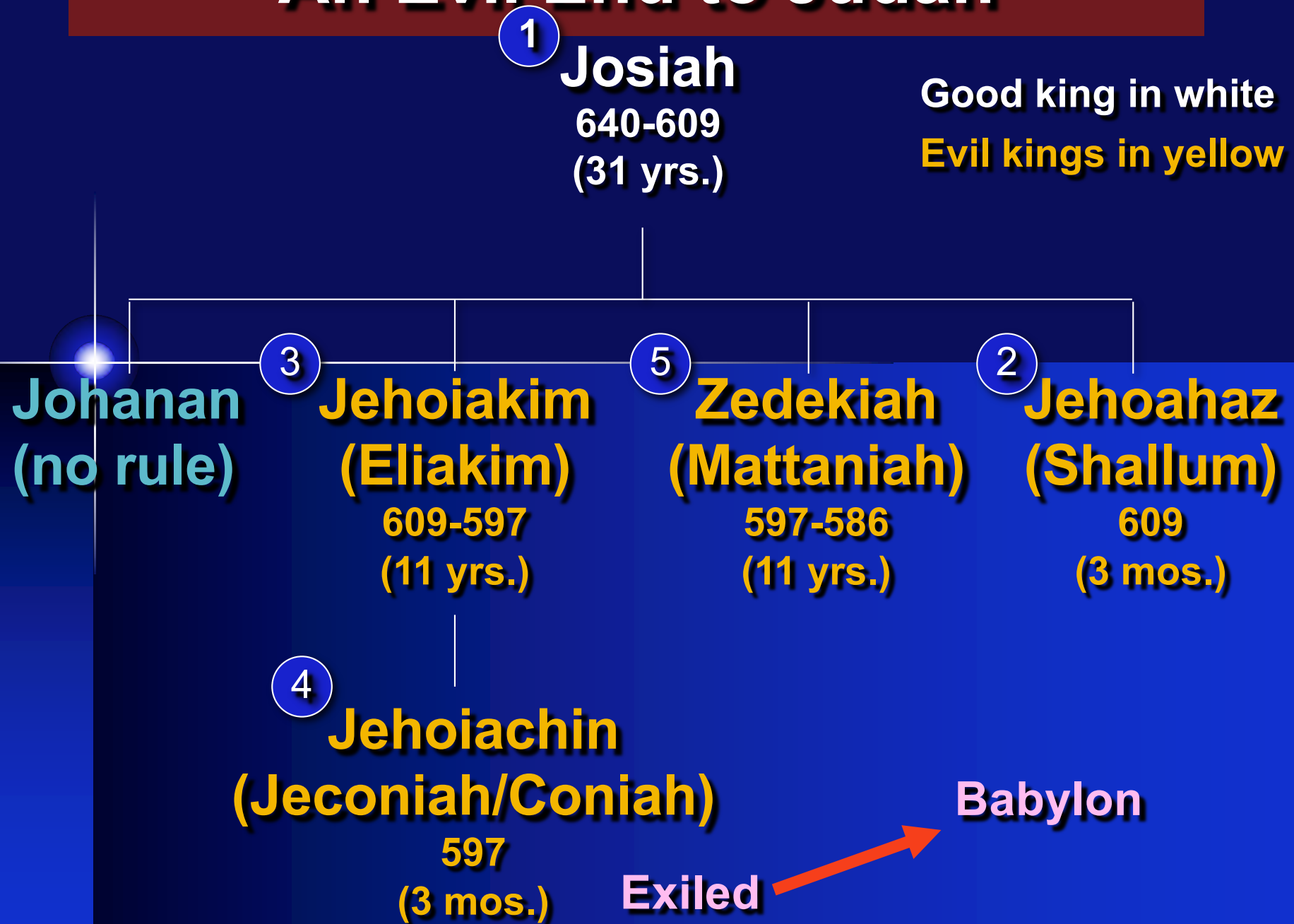


Why?

Deut. 28

Exile

An Evil End to Judah



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How does God **comfort
even those he disciplines?**

**God works within his own
limits so we will submit to
his discipline.**

A detailed painting of a human hand being cast into a large, earthenware pot filled with a bubbling, yellowish liquid, representing boiling water. The hand is shown in a dynamic, falling position, with fingers slightly curled. The pot is made of a light-colored, textured material, possibly clay or stone, and sits on a dark, reflective surface. The background is dark and indistinct, focusing attention on the central action. The overall tone is somber and dramatic, with strong contrasts between light and shadow.


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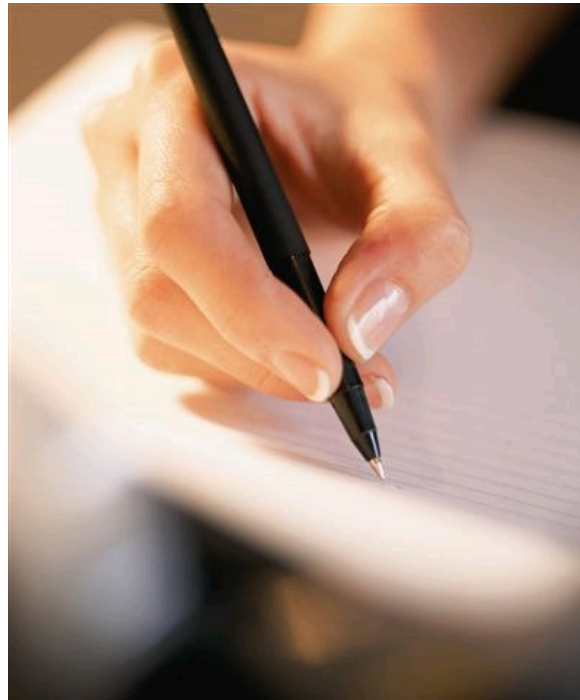


IV. God balances justice with **mercy** (Jer 52).

A detailed oil painting of a hand, likely belonging to a man, dipping into a shallow, wide bowl filled with water. The hand is rendered with soft, realistic shading, showing the texture of the skin and the veins. The water in the bowl is a pale, golden-yellow color, reflecting light. The background is dark and indistinct, focusing the viewer's attention on the hand and the bowl. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

How does God
comfort even
those he
disciplines?

APPLICATIONS





APPLICATION #1: ARE YOU LIKE JEREMIAH?

**The prophet
Jeremiah's life
illustrates
how costly
serving the
Lord can be.**



Jeremiah's Difficult & Sacrificial Ministry

- Preached for 40+ years
- Noted people's sins to show God's justice
- Preached accepting God's discipline by submitting to 70-year Babylonian captivity
- Commanded to remain unmarried (16:2)
- Persecuted by his family, hometown people and the religious world
- Thrown into prison (37:5)
- Carried off by force to Egypt where he continued to preach against sin (43:1-7)



God's Assurance to Jeremiah



**"Before I formed you in the womb
I **knew you**, before you were born
I **set you apart**;
I **appointed you** as a prophet to
the nations..."**

Do not say, 'I am only a child.'

**You must go to everyone I send you to and say
whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them for I
am with you and will rescue you... Now, I have put my
words in your mouth ...**



Jer. 1:5,7-9



Are You Like Jeremiah?

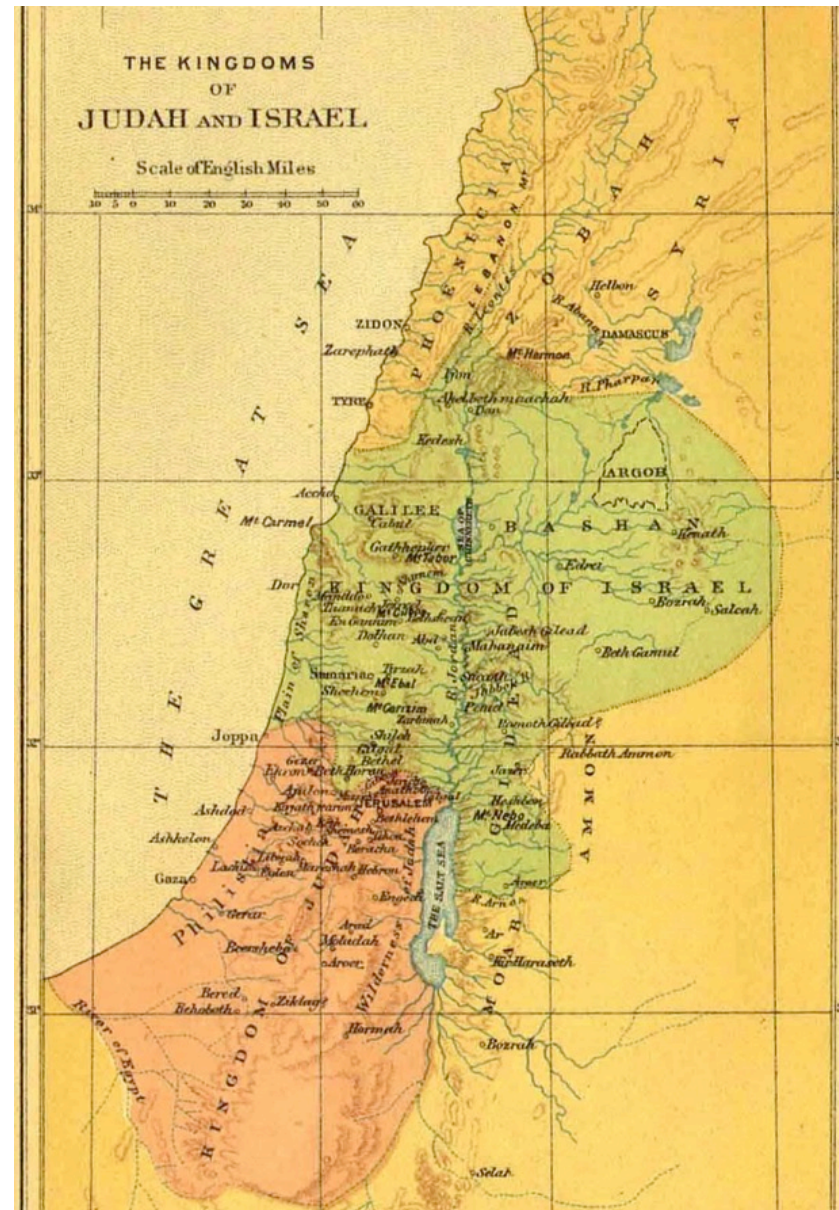


- How does Jeremiah's costly service convict you of what you need to do to be more faithful and obedient to God?
- Do you question your calling? Do you resent the task God has given you to do?



APPLICATION #2: ARE YOU LIKE JUDAH?

If we choose to
continue to sin
we'll eventually
come to the
point where
God's
discipline is
inevitable.



Judah's Sin



"Even the stork that flies across the sky knows the time of her migration, as do the turtledove, the swallow, and the crane. They all return at the proper time each year.

But not my people! They do not know the LORD's laws."

**Animals observe
God's laws but not
God's people.**

**People act as
though they have
never heard His
laws.**

Jeremiah 8:7 NLT

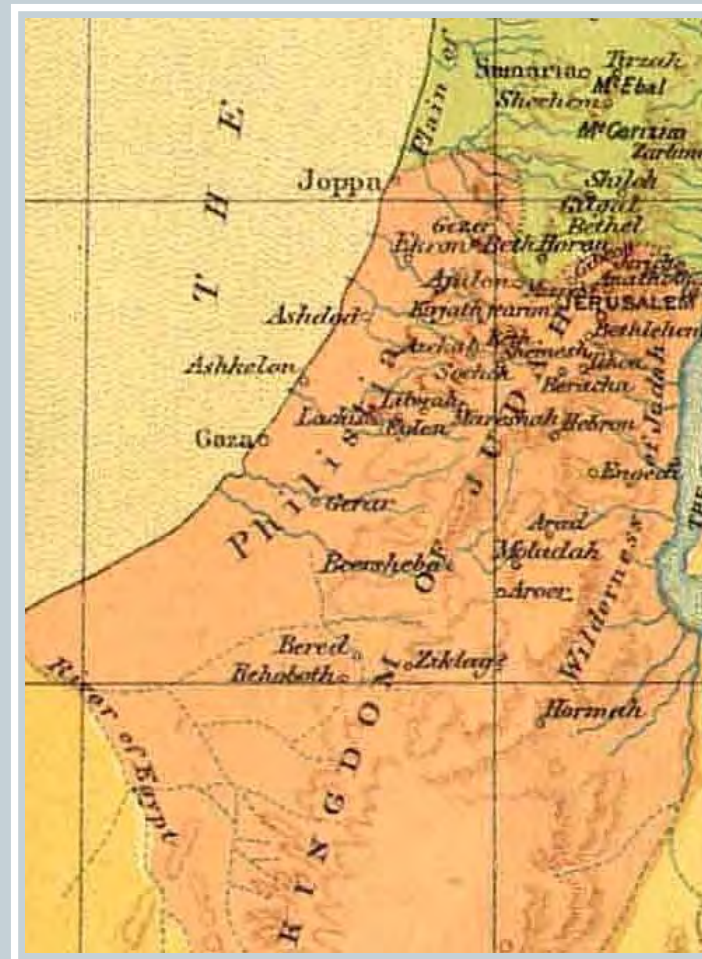
Judah's Sin Eventually Resulted in God's Discipline

1. Judah's kings and leaders were judged and punished. **Jeremiah 22**
2. Jews endured 70 years of Babylonian exile.
Jeremiah 25:11
3. God also judged nations that persecuted Judah.
Jeremiah 46–51



Are You Like Judah?

- In what area of your life do you continue in sin or resist repenting?
- Do you accept God's just discipline?





APPLICATION #3: ARE YOU LIKE THE FAITHFUL REMNANT?

**There is hope
after discipline
because God's
justice is
balanced with
mercy and
faithfulness.**



Nature of Judgment in Jeremiah



1. **Against both Judah and Gentile Nations**
2. **Reveals God's justice, sovereignty, faithfulness and mercy**
3. **Balanced with hope in New Covenant and Restoration**



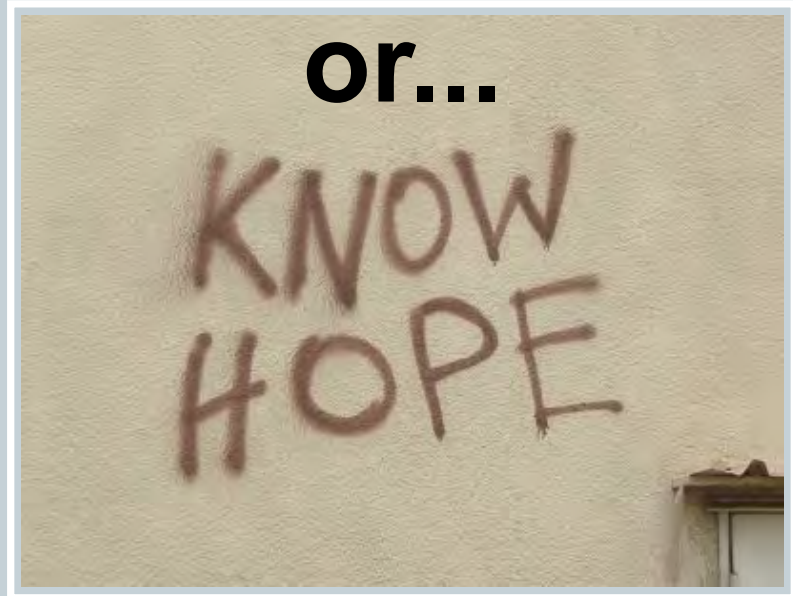
Are You Part of the Faithful Remnant?



- Do you put your hope in your faithful and merciful God?
- Do you look forward to the Day of the LORD and the complete restoration it promises?

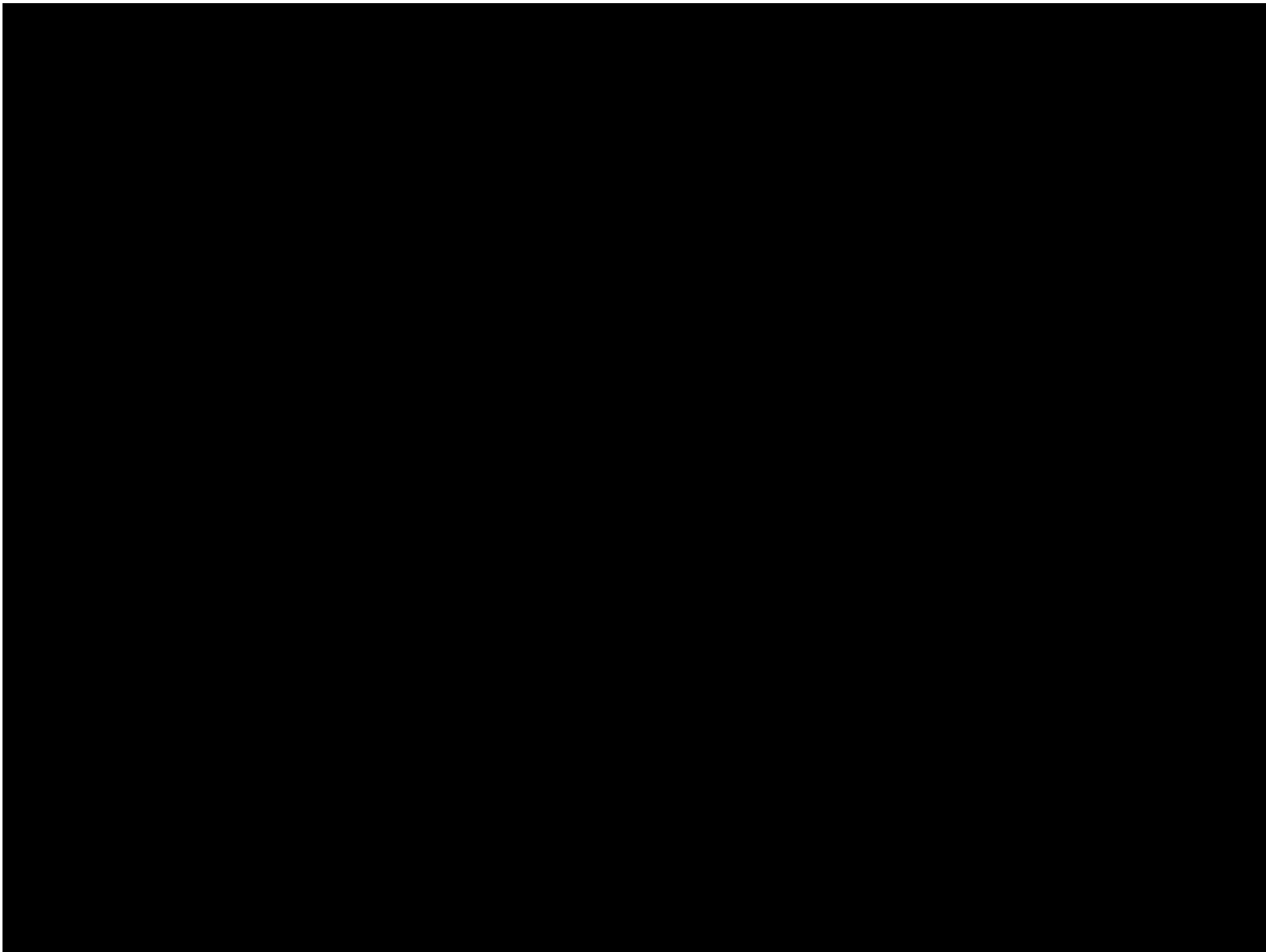
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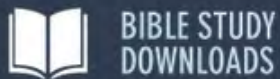




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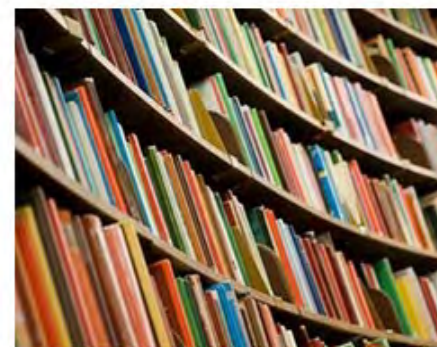
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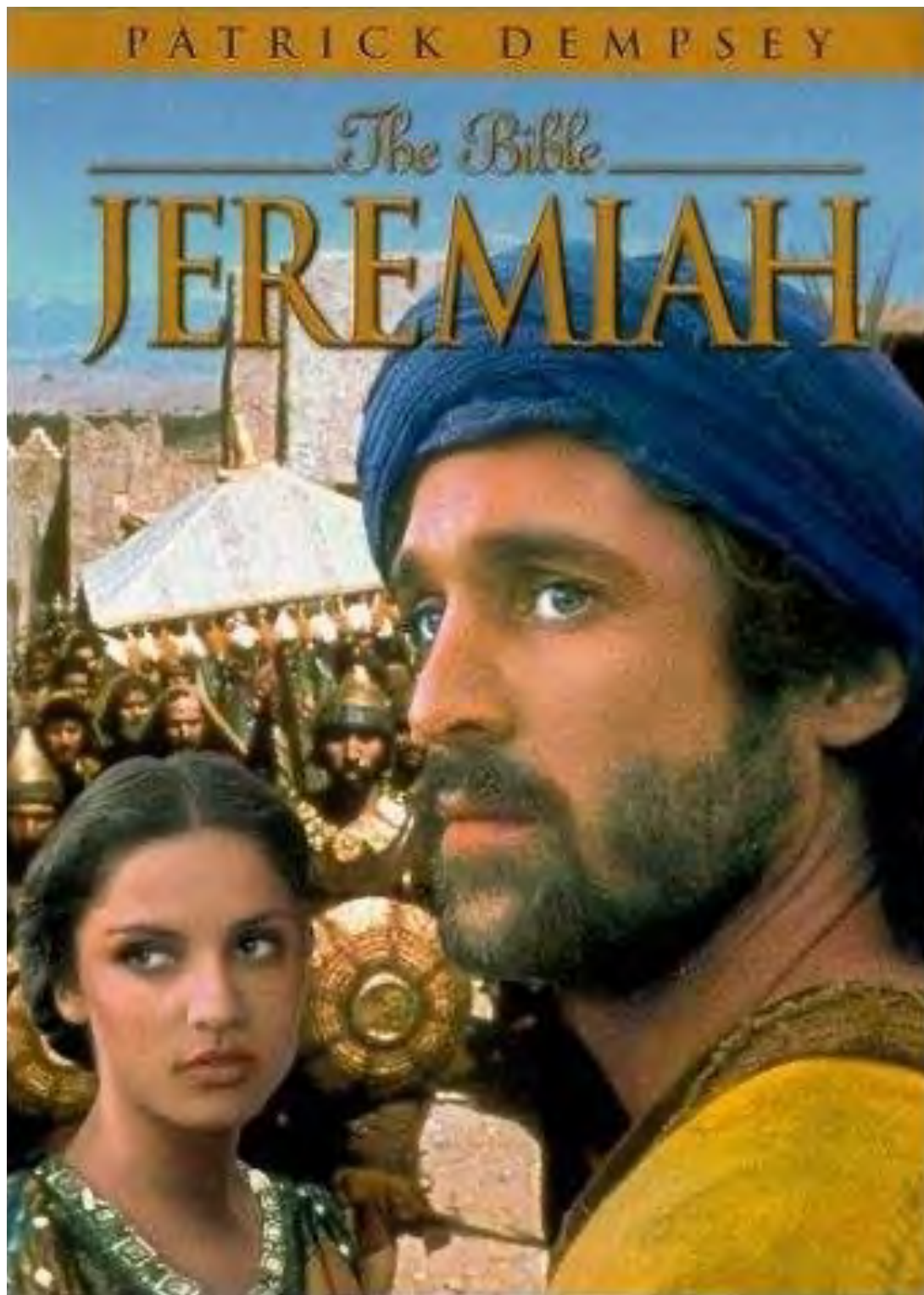
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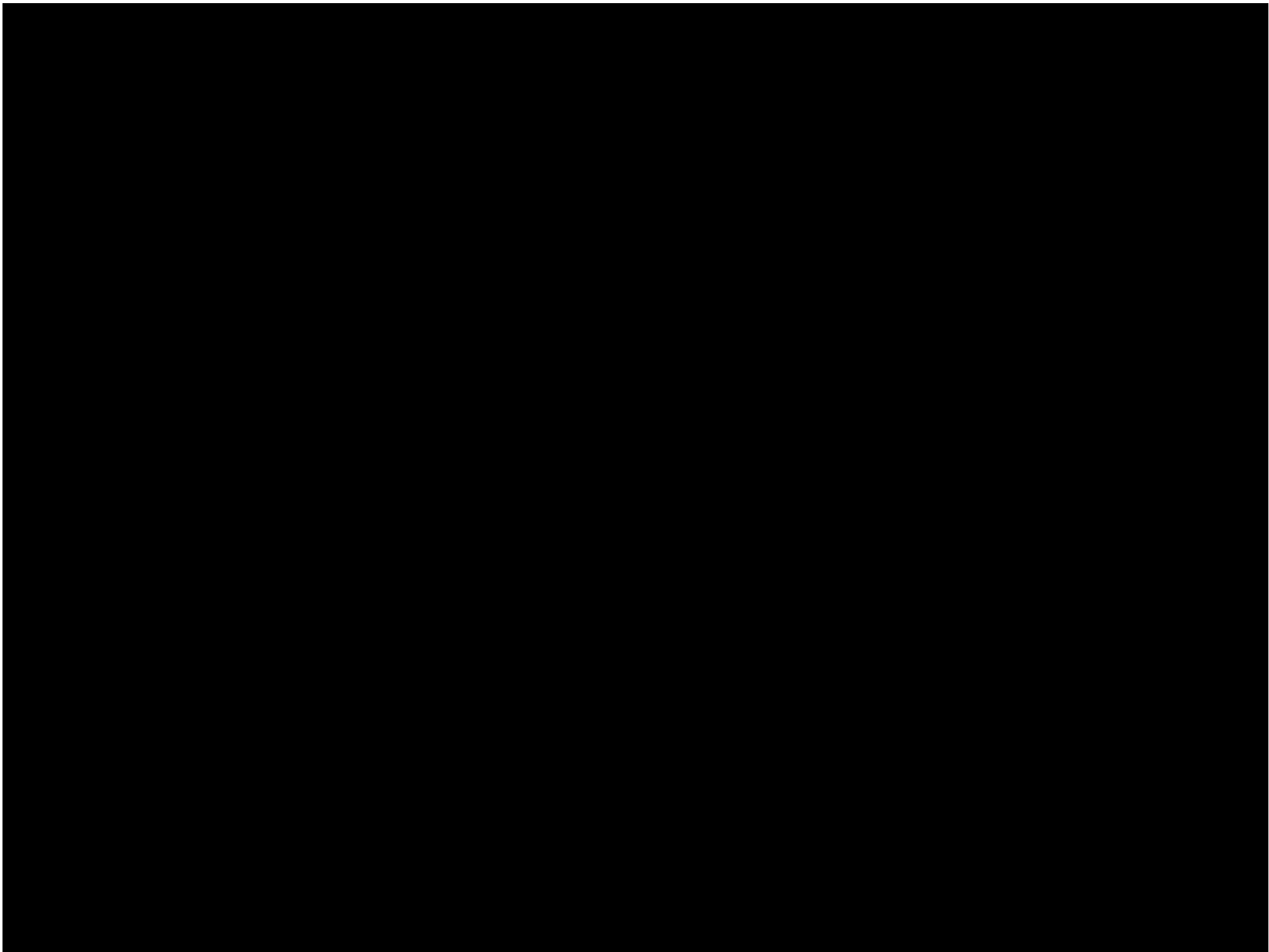


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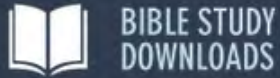
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