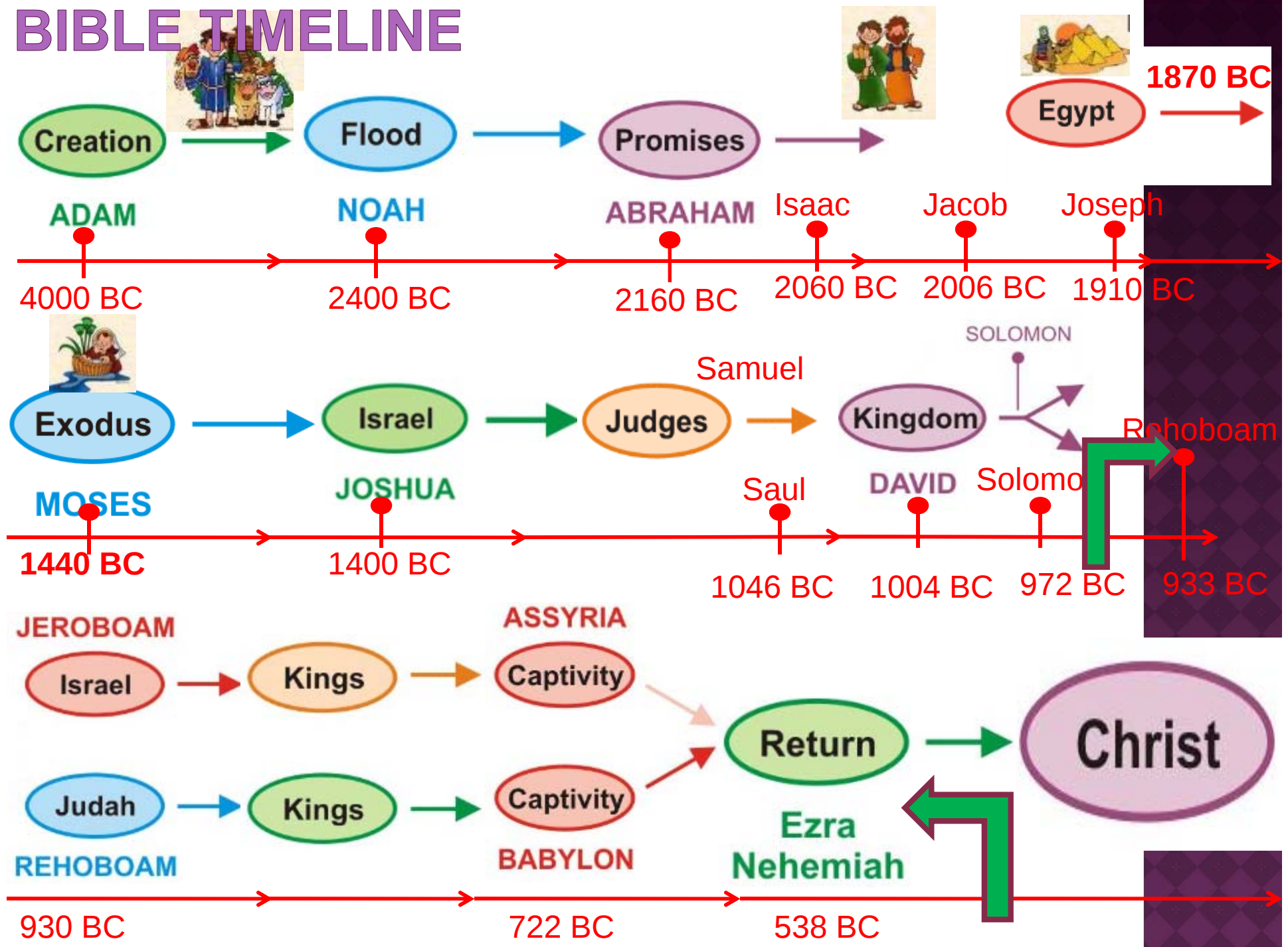




HISTORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT 5: THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

BIBLE TIMELINE



HISTORICAL PERIODS

1. The Creation and Fall (4004-2234 BC)
2. The Patriarchs (1996-1689 BC)
3. Moses and Exodus (1571-1451 BC)
4. Joshua and Conquest (1451-1443 BC)
5. Judges and Samuel (1443-1095 BC)
6. David and Solomon (1085-922 BC)
7. **The Divided Kingdom (922-722 BC)**
8. **The Destruction of Israel and Judah (722-586 BC)**
9. **The Return from Captivity (539-400 BC)**
- *The Intertestamental Period (The 400 Years of Silence)*

HISTORICAL PERIODS 7-9: DIVIDED KINGDOM (922-400 BC)

Main events:

- ◉ Civil War
- ◉ Israel and Judah.
 - 10 tribes in the North following Jeroboam: "Israel"
 - 2 tribes in the South following Rehoboam: "Judah"
- ◉ The Fall of Israel in 722 BC
- ◉ The Fall of Judah in 586 BC
- ◉ Prophets:
 - Isaiah - Assyrians
 - Jeremiah - Babylonians
- ◉ The Return of Judah

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM: 1 KINGS 12



- ◉ *17 But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.*
- 18 Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was in charge of the revenue; but all Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam mounted his chariot in haste to flee to Jerusalem.*
- 19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.*
- 20 Now it came to pass when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come back, they sent for him and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel. There was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.*

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



THE NORTHERN KINGDOM (ISRAEL)

- The Northern Kingdom consisted of 10 of the tribes (excluding Judah and Benjamin).
 - It lasted for about 210 years until it was destroyed by Assyria in 722 BC.
 - Its capital was Samaria.
 - Every king of Israel was evil.
- Every single king: “**did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel to sin.**”
- King Ahab introduced Baal worship
- The ruthless and cruel Assyrians (under Sargon II) besieged Samaria for 3 years and finally it fell, Israel was doomed.
 - The Assyrians hauled them away into captivity (722 BC).



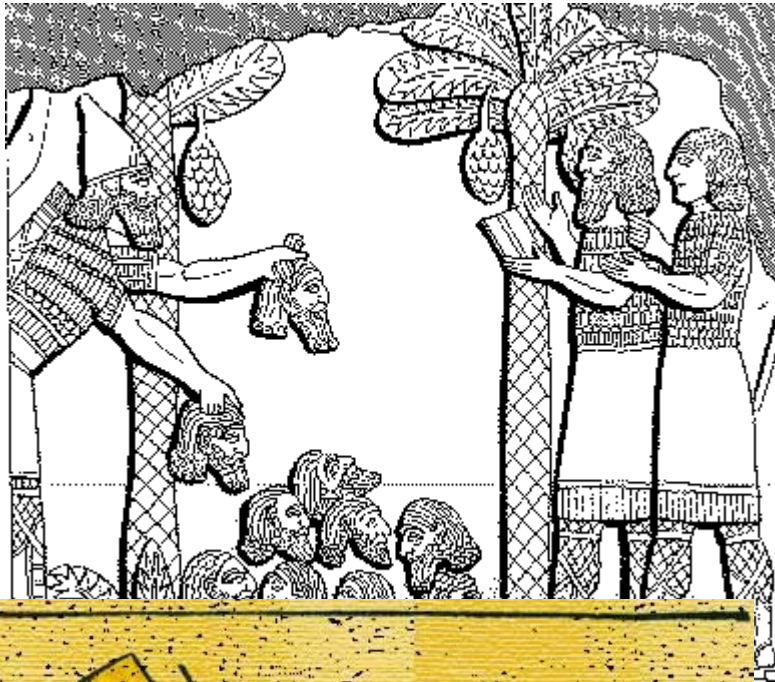
Kings of Israel (Ten Northern Tribes)

King	Reign		Character	Prophets
1. Jeroboam I	931-910	22 years	Bad	Ahijah
2. Nadab	910-909	2 years	Bad	
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	Terrible	Elijah
7. Ahab	874-853	22 years	Horrible	Micaiah
8. Ahaziah	853-852	2 years	Bad	
9. Joram	852-841	12 years	Bad	Elisha
10. Jehu	841-814	28 years	Bad	
11. Jehoahaz	814-798	17 years	Bad	Jonah
12. Jehoash	798-782	16 years	Bad	Amos
13. Jeroboam II	782-753*	41 years	Bad	Hosea
14. Zechariah	753-752	6 mo	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*	20 years	Bad	
19. Hoshea	732-712	9 years	Bad	
722 BC. Fall of Samaria to Assyria				

THE ASSYRIANS - الآشوريين



- ◉ Assyria's capital was Nineveh.
- ◉ Around 1300 B.C. conquered Babylonia.
- ◉ After defeating the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 BC, the Assyrians carried away thousands of Israelites and resettled them in other parts of the Assyrian Empire.
 - The ten tribes that were taken to Assyria became the ten lost tribes; they never again emerged in history.
- ◉ Assyrian deported conquered peoples to other lands within the empire, to destroy their sense of nationalism, and break any pride or hope of rebellion and replace them with strangers from far away.
- ◉ Assyria was very ferocious:
 - They skinned their prisoners alive, and cut off various body parts. There is records of Assyrian officials pulling out tongues and displaying mounds of human skulls.
- ◉ Jonah did not want to preach salvation to Nineveh and was disappointed with God because He spared the city.
- ◉ 150 years later The prophet Nahum spoke against Assyria indicating that they were ripe for the slaughter.



- Assyrian scribes recording the number slain



- Assyrian king putting out the eyes of an enemy king and leading the officials into captivity with hooks in their lips

THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM (JUDAH)

- ◉ Consisted of 2 tribes (Judah and Benjamin)
- ◉ Slightly better spiritual state than Israel:
 - 8 of Judah's kings served God
 - The rest of the 20 kings were wicked.
- ◉ There was only one dynasty, that of king David
 - King Jehoram married Athaliah, daughter of king Ahab and brought Baal worship in Jerusalem (2 Kin. 8:18).
 - Jehoram's son Ahaziah reigned only for one year (841 B.C.) before he was killed.
 - The pagan queen-mother Athaliah seized the throne and nearly brought the Davidic line to extinction by killing most of Ahaziah's sons. Only the infant Joash escaped; he was rescued by his aunt Jehoshabeath and her husband Jehoiada, the godly high priest (2 Chr. 22:10-12).
 - After six years Joash was proclaimed the lawful king, and Athaliah was executed.



THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM (JUDAH)

- Revival came during the reign of Hezekiah but it was immediately swept aside by Manasseh, who was Judah's most wicked and longest ruling king.
 - Manasseh's son Amon continued in his father's depravity, but he soon was murdered.
 - His successor Josiah (about 640-609 B.C.) restored traditional covenant religion, which was based on the Book of the Law found in a Temple storeroom (2 Chr. 34:14).



THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM (JUDAH)

- By 610 B.C. the Assyrian Empire had collapsed under Babylonian attacks
 - Babylon prepared to march against Egypt; Against Jeremiah's advice, Josiah intervened and was killed at Megiddo.
 - The last 3 kings were all evil.
 - The Babylonians captured Jerusalem in 597 B.C.
 - A second attack led to Jerusalem's second defeat in 586 B.C.
 - Captives were taken to Babylonia

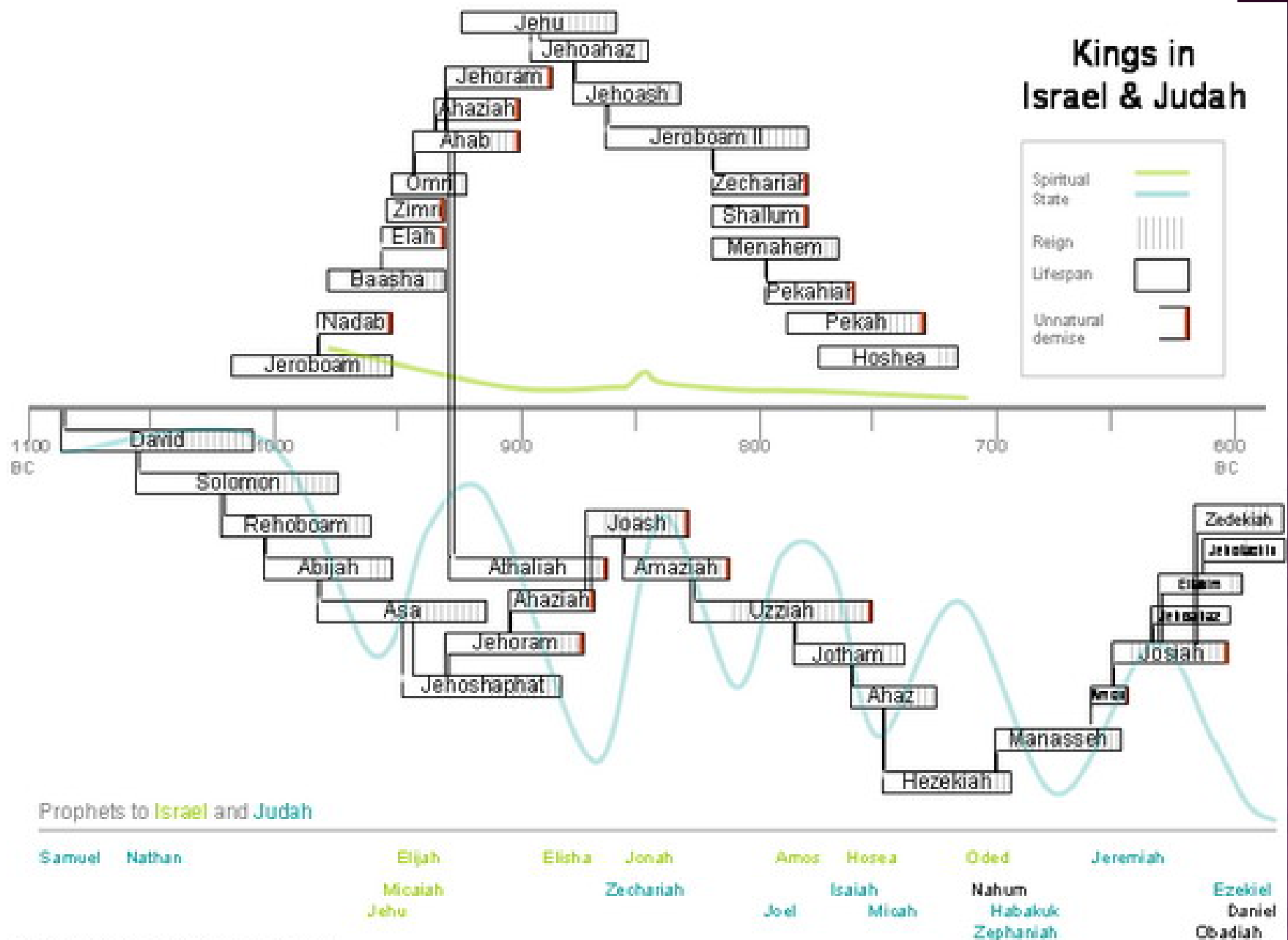


Kings of Judah (and Benjamin)

King	Reign		Character	Prophets
1. Rehoboam	931-913	17 years	Bad	Shemaiah
2. Abijah	913-911	3 years	Bad	
3. Asa	911-870	41 years	Good	
4. Jehoshaphat	870-848*	25 years	Good	
5. Jehoram	848-841*	8 years	Bad	
6. Ahaziah	841	1 years	Bad	
7. Athaliah	841-835	6 years	Bad	
8. Joash	835-796	40 years	Good	Joel
9. Amaziah	796-767	29 years	Good	
10. Uzziah (Azariah)	767-740*	52 years	Good	Isaiah
11. Jotham	740-732*	16 years	Good	Micah
12. Ahaz	732-716	16 years	Bad	
13. Hezekiah	716-687	29 years	Good	
14. Manasseh	687-642*	55 years	Bad/Repented	Nahum
15. Amon	642-640	2 years	Bad	Habakkuk
16. Josiah	640-608	31 years	Good	Zephaniah
17. Jehoahaz	608	3 mo	Bad	
18. Jehoiakim	608-597	11 years	Bad	Daniel
19. Jehoiachin	597	3 mos	Bad	Ezekiel
20. Zedekiah	597-586	11 years	Bad	Jeremiah

Destruction of Jerusalem: 586 BC, Babylonian Captivity

Kings in Israel & Judah



THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY (2KI 24)

¹³ And [Nebuchadnezzar] carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and he cut in pieces all the articles of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. ¹⁴ Also he carried into captivity all Jerusalem: all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land. ¹⁵ And he carried Jehoiachin captive to Babylon. The king's mother, the king's wives, his officers, and the mighty of the land he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.



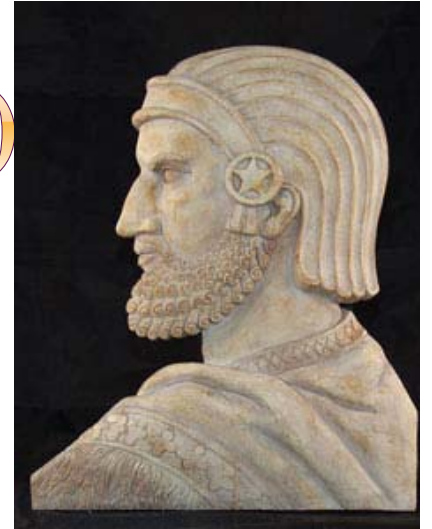
THE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY

- ◉ Nebuchadnezzar marched on to Judah, during Jehoiakim's reign, and took thousands of Hebrews back to Babylon (including Daniel).
 - Nebuchadnezzar made two more attacks when he heard of rebellion in Judah. Each time he took captives (including Ezekiel the prophet).
- ◉ King Nebuchadnezzar set up a puppet king (Zedekiah) of David's line to sit on the throne of Judah and made him swear an oath of allegiance (2 Chr 36:10-12).
- ◉ Zedekiah was as faithless as the rest of the evil kings of Judah.
 - He then rebelled and allied with other enemies.
 - When Nebuchadnezzar heard he came back for the last time (586 BC) to reduce Jerusalem to rubble and send the Temple up in flames.
 - Zedekiah was forced to witness the slaughter of his sons, then his eyes were put out, and he himself was carried off to Babylon.



RETURN FROM BABYLON (EZRA 1)

- ◉ **1** Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying, ² Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which *is* in Judah.³ Who *is* among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (He *is* God), which *is* in Jerusalem.



RETURN FROM BABYLON

- ◉ Captivity for only 70 years:
 - “For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.” (Jer 29:10)
- ◉ By 538 BC. the Persian Empire defeated Babylon
 - Cyrus issued a decree to allow the Jews to return to their land.
 - The Jews were hardly moved. Only a portion returned (Neh 7) and only 74 of the Levites led by Zerubbabel, of the house of David.
 - When he returned, he found just rubble. No temple, torn down walls, and a mixed breed of corrupt Jews (Samaritans) living there.
 - In 536 BC. he laid the foundations for a new temple, built an altar and worshipped the Lord.



RETURN FROM BABYLON

- The prophets Haggai and Zechariah helped urge the Jews on.
- 58 years later (458 BC) more Jews returned (Ezra 7) under the leadership of Ezra.
- 12 years later, Nehemiah, received permission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and to govern Judea.



THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

- ◉ God warned Israel and Judah over and over again through the prophets.
 - The people forsook God, worshipped idols, did injustice, and loved evil.
 - But God forewarned them of coming judgments because of sin and apostasy, and He would do marvelous miracles through the prophets that would give them hope and encouragement.
 - “¹⁰ “Then you shall break the flask in the sight of the men who go with you,¹¹ and say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Even so I will break this people and this city, as *one* breaks a potter’s vessel, which cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury *them* in Tophet till *there is* no place to bury.” (Jer 19)





Prophet *	Prophesied	Kings Who Ruled During Prophet's Time	Approximate Date (bc)	Prophet's Place of Birth
Elijah	To Israel	Ahab, Ahaziah, Joram	870-845	Tishbe
Elisha	To Israel	Joram, Jehu, Jehoahaz	845-800	Abel Meholah
Isaiah	To Judah	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh	760-673	Jerusalem
Jeremiah	To Judah	Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah	650-582	Anathoth
Ezekiel	To Exiles in Babylon	Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah, Babylonian Exile	620-570	Jerusalem
Daniel	To Exiles in Babylon	Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah, Babylonian Exile	620-540	Judah (Jerusalem?)
Hosea	To Israel	Jeroboam II, Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, Pekah, Hoshea	758-725	Israel
Joel	To Judah	Governor Ezra	450	Jerusalem
Amos	To Israel	Jeroboam II	765-754	Tekoa**
Obadiah	Concerning Edom	Zedekiah	590	Jerusalem
Jonah	To Nineveh	Jeroboam II	781	Gath Hepher**
Micah	To Judah	Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh	738-698	Moreseth-gath**
Nahum	Concerning Nineveh	Manasseh, Amon, Josiah	658-615	Elkosh**
Habakkuk	To Judah	Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin	608-598	Unknown
Zephaniah	To Judah	Amon, Josiah	640-626	Unknown
Haggai	To Judah	Governor Zerubbabel	520	Jerusalem
Zechariah	To Judah	Governor Zerubbabel	522-509	Jerusalem
Malachi	To Judah	Governor Zerubbabel	465	Jerusalem

* Prophets are listed in the order they are found in the Bible.

** Exact location unknown.

BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS: INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

- ◉ 400 Years of Silence
- ◉ The main events and people during the were:
 - No Anointed Prophet
 - No prophecies, visions, dreams
 - Heaven is silent!
 - Last word in Old Testament: “curse” (Mal 4:6)
 - Alexander the Great
 - Hellenization and the Greek Philosophers



THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

ISRAEL	US
God's chosen people	We are His chosen
Rejected God	by accepting sin
God sent prophets	messages in scripture and prayers
They Did not heed	we ignore them
God delivered them to their enemies	He allows temptations
God restored them	for our salvation

