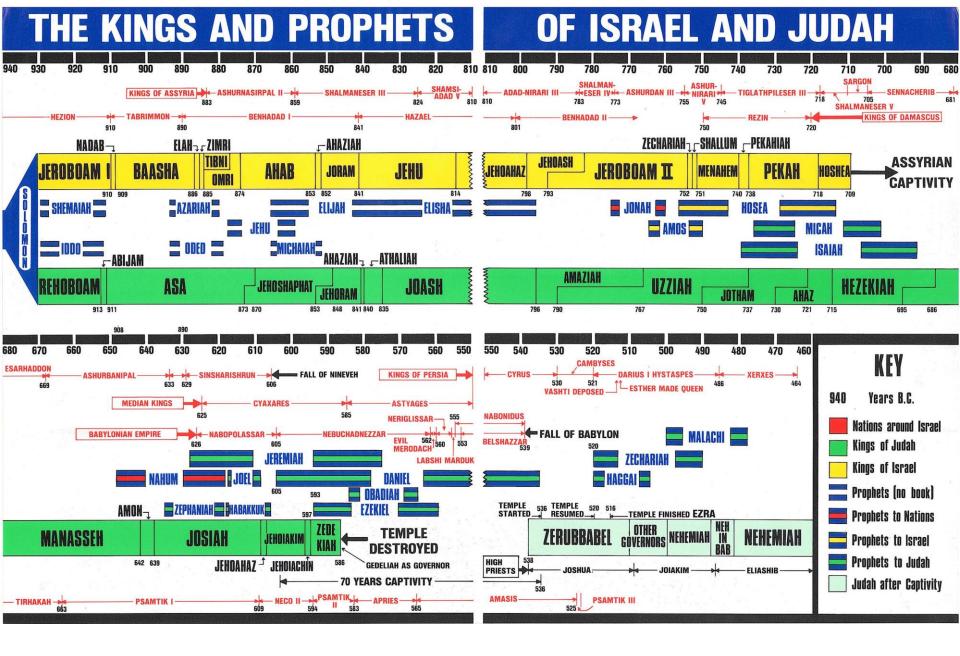
#### United Israel





#### **OUTLINE OF KINGS**

I.	Solomon and the United Monarchy		1 Kings 1-11
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#### City of David



#### **King Solomon**

Selected Scriptures

#### **King Solomon**

# Solomon's Birth Il Samuel 12:24-25

- 1. Solomon's mother was **Bathsheba** 
  - Solomon's birth came sometime after the death of David and Bathsheba's first child (II Sam. 12:15-23)
    - 1) Solomon means *peace*
- 2. Very little else is known about Solomon's early childhood years

"Behold, a son will be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his father, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever."

(I Chronicles 22:9-10)

1. As David's reign as king was coming to a close his preparation for the <u>construction of the Temple</u> and for the one who would succeed him became his primary focus.

"David said, my son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the Lord shall be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all lands. Therefore now I will make preparations for it. So <u>David made ample</u> <u>preparations before his death</u>."

(I Chronicles 22:5)

"Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the Lord God of Israel. David said to Solomon, my son, I had intended to build a house to the name of the Lord my God. But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, you have shed much blood and have waged great wars; you shall not build a house to My name, because you have shed so much blood on the earth before Me."

(I Chronicles 22:6-8)

#### **King Solomon**

## **Solomon's Beginnings**

David's words to Solomon

- "Then you will prosper, if you are careful to observe the statutes and the ordinances which the Lord commanded Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and courageous, do not fear nor be dismayed" (I Chronicles 22:13)
- The key component in David's charge to his son Solomon was for him to be <u>faithful</u> and <u>obedient</u> to the Lord and to the law (the statutes and ordinances). As long as Solomon remained <u>true</u> to the Lord – he would be blessed of the Lord.

"Then Solomon said, you have shown great lovingkindness to Your servant David my father, according as he walked before you in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart toward You; and You have reserved for him this great lovingkindness, that you have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day" (I Kings 3:6)

Solomon As King

#### Solomon's Request and the Lord's Response

Solomon worships the Lord and prepares to lead the people of Israel

- It was during this time of worship that the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and this resulted in a prayer by Solomon that completely changed his life and the course of history for the people of Israel for the next 40 years.
- The Lord says to Solomon; "Ask what you wish Me to give you" (I Kings 3:5)

# The Lord appears and asks, "What shall I give you?"

• A. LONG LIFE

• B. RICHES

• C. DEFEAT OF ENEMIES

• D. UNDERSTANDING HEART

"Now, O Lord My God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David, yet I am **but a little child**; I do not know how to go out or come in. Your servant is in the midst of Your people which You have chosen, a great people who are too many to be numbered or counted. So give Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours" (I Kings 3:7-9)

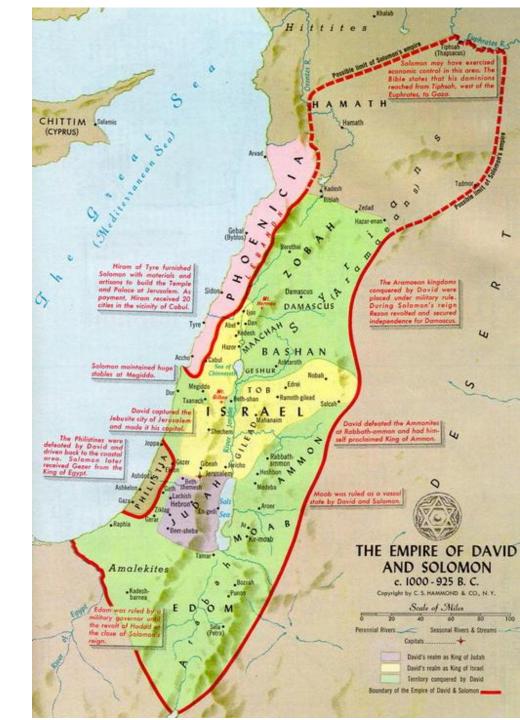
• The reference to him being a child is probably another way of saying he understood that he was <u>inexperienced in comparison to his father David</u>.

 Solomon appeared to have both a sense of humility and an unassuming nature about him which lent itself to a <u>soft heart</u> toward the Lord and a genuine willingness to seek His direction and blessing – very similar to David.

"It was pleasing in the sight of the Lord that Solomon had asked this thing. God said to him, because you have asked this thing and have not asked for yourself long life, nor have asked for riches for yourself, nor have you asked for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand justice, behold, I have done according to your words. Behold, I have given you a wise and discerning heart, so that there has been no one like you before you, nor shall one like you arise after you. I have also given you what you have not asked, both riches and honor so that there will not be any among the kings like you all your days. If you walk in my ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days" (I Kings 3:10-13)

- The overwhelming task of leading the people of Israel was not taken lightly by Solomon and the need for wisdom and discernment was clearly his focus.
  - 1) Solomon acknowledges that the Lord <u>chose</u> Israel
  - Another thing worth noting is Solomon knew full well that the <u>source</u> of wisdom and discernment came directly from the <u>Lord</u>, something that Solomon would write about throughout the various <u>Proverbs</u>.
  - 3) Ever since the days of Moses when he led the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt, the Israelite people had been a challenge to lead and Solomon was well aware of this enormous responsibility he was taking on in leading the people of God.

# Israel under Solomon



#### <u>Solomon's</u> Coronation as King

Solomon right to reign as king over Israel:

- A. First and foremost he was the Lord's choice
  - "Behold, a son will be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his father, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever." (I Chronicles 22:9-10)

- B. He was David's choice:
  - 1) Of all of David's sons, his choice to reign alongside of him during the final years of his life was <u>Solomon</u>. David made preparations for the construction of the temple and it would become Solomon's task to complete.
  - 2) When an attempt was made by another of Solomon's brothers (Adonijah) to take the throne – it was David who set the matter straight by declaring Solomon to be king of Israel. (I Kings 1:47-48)
- C. He was <u>embraced</u> by the people of Israel to be their king (I Kings 1:39-40)

## Solomon As King

## <u>Solomon's initial reign as King of Israel</u> <u>begins (I Kings 2)</u>

"Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. The days that David reigned over Israel were 40 years: seven years he reigned in Hebron and thirty three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was firmly established"

(I Kings 2:10-11)

- During the early years of Solomon's reign it was necessary for him to purge the leadership of sin and defilement and deal with some "unfinished" business left over from his father David's reign.
  - 1) <u>Adonijah</u> Solomon's brother who initially attempted and subsequently failed to seize the throne around the time of David's death (I Kings 1). Solomon graciously allowed him to live (although his actions were treasonous), but Adonijah continued to position himself to overthrow Solomon by requesting to marry Abishag (a member of David's harem) and set himself up to make a formal claim to the throne. This request by Adonijah was understood by Solomon to be a further act of treason resulting in Adonijah's death.
  - 2) <u>Abiathar</u> formally removed from his priestly office because he sided with Adonijah.

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  - 3) <u>Joab</u> Once the head of David's army and a mighty military leader was executed for his earlier actions in which he murdered Abner and Amasa. Joab also participated in Adonijah's attempt to overthrow Solomon's reign.
  - 4) <u>Shimei</u> a potential threat to Solomon's rule was initially allowed to live (though he had earlier cursed David and under judgment for his actions) in exile. Shimei violated the terms of his sentence and subsequently put to death.

#### Solomon's achievements

- Unity united the 12 tribes
- Prosperity growth, economic expansion,
  - Expanded territory
  - International trade: horses, chariots, olive oil, wheat, copper, gold, timber,
  - Trade partners: King of Tyre (Phoenicians)
- Peace
- Construction projects: Temple, palaces, forts

- Solomon will reign as King of Israel for a total of <u>40</u> years (I Kings 11:42)
  - 1) During the reign of Solomon the <u>temple</u> will be built
  - 2) Israel will experience its greatest <u>territorial</u> expansion during Solomon's reign
  - 3) Israel will be at relative *peace* with its neighbors during this period

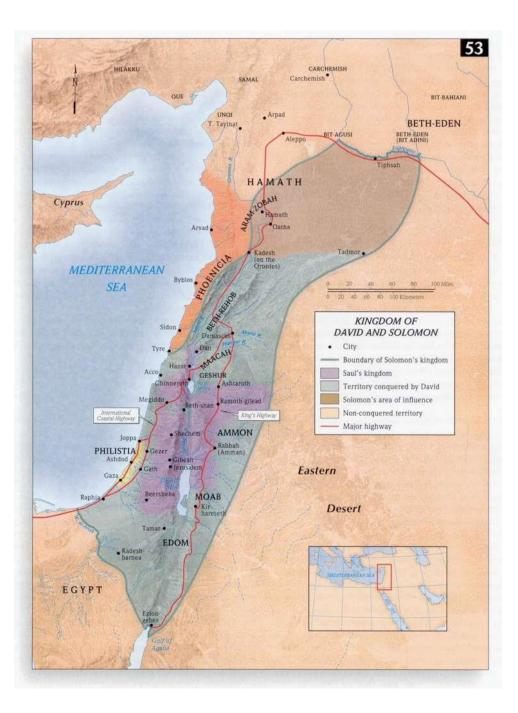
Solomon's chooses his closest advisors and important leaders in Israel

-<u>Nathan</u> the prophet

-Zadok the Priest - II Kings 2:35

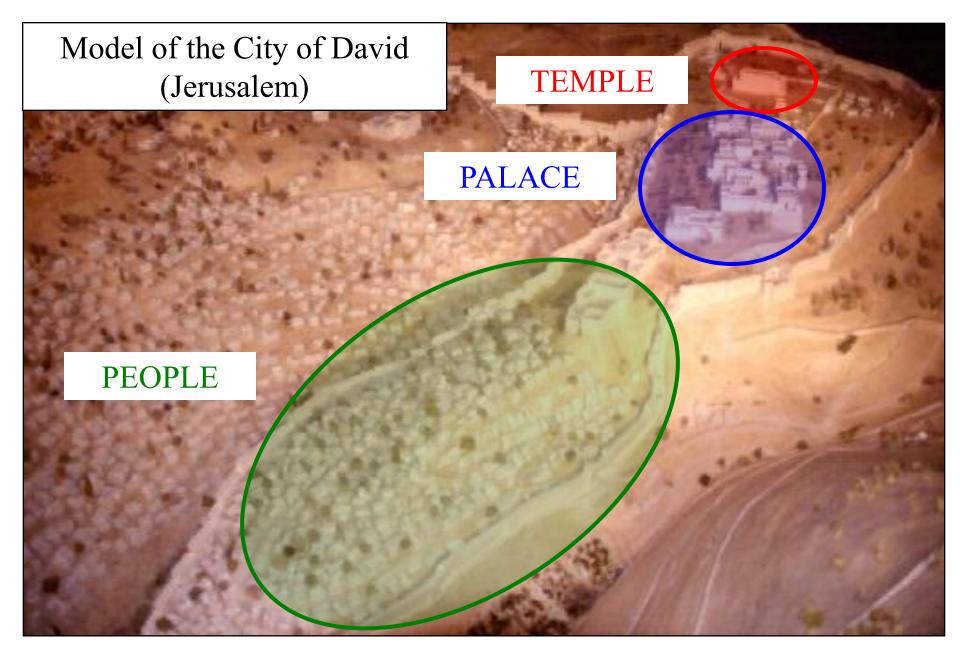
-<u>Benaiah</u> (head of the royal bodyguard and military leader – II Kings 2:35) Solomon worships the Lord and prepares to lead the people of Israel

- "Now Solomon the son of David established himself <u>securely</u> over his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him and exalted him greatly. Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the commanders of thousands and of hundred and to the judges and to every leader in all Israel, the heads of the fathers households" (II Chronicles 1:1-2)
- The worship of the Lord (prior to the Temple) was to take place <u>at the Tabernacle</u> (also referred to as the Tent of Meeting) and as was customary, Solomon and the leaders of Israel made a pilgrimage to the Tabernacle which was located at Gibeon to offer sacrifices to the Lord. (II Chron. 1:3-6, I Kings 3:2-4)



Solomon's wealth was beyond compare and his wisdom was unmatched by any other:

- 12,000 horses, 1400 chariots, his annual revenue of gold alone was recorded to be 25 tons, his throne was made of ivory and overlaid in refined gold.
- "So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the <u>earth in riches</u> and in wisdom. All the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon, to <u>hear his wisdom</u> which <u>God had put</u> <u>in his heart</u>" (I Kings 10:23-24)
- He spoke 3000 <u>proverbs</u> (several hundred preserved in the Books of <u>Proverbs</u> and <u>Ecclesiastes</u>), wrote 1005 <u>songs</u> (one was recorded as <u>The Song of Songs</u>) and he was an expert in <u>botany</u> and <u>zoology.</u> (I Kings 4:32-34)



# I Kings 6:1



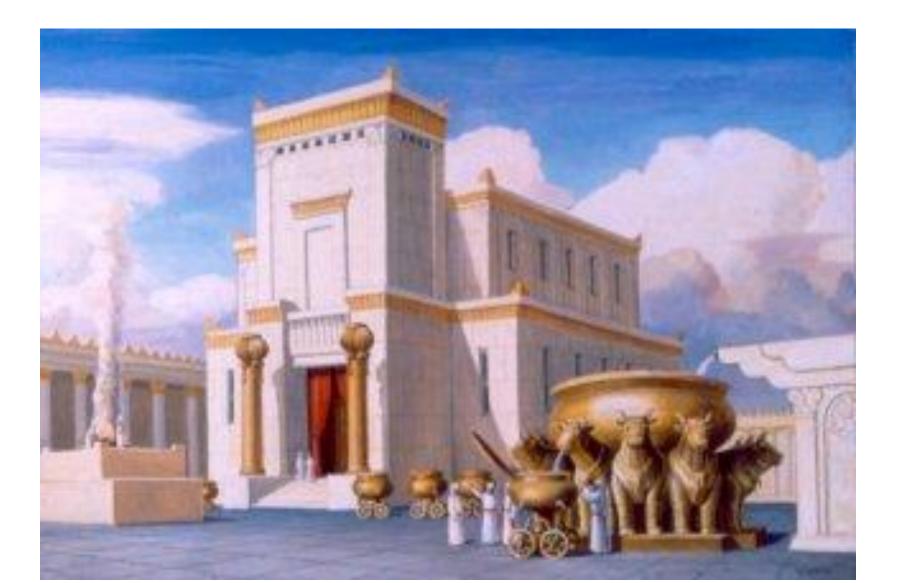
In the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites came out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, he <u>began to build the house</u> of the Lord.

### I Kings 6:11-14



Now the word of the Lord came to Solomon, "Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, obey my ordinances, and keep all my commandments by walking in them, then I will establish my promise with you, which I made to your father David. I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel." So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

# Solomon's Temple



# The Plans 90 x 30 x 45

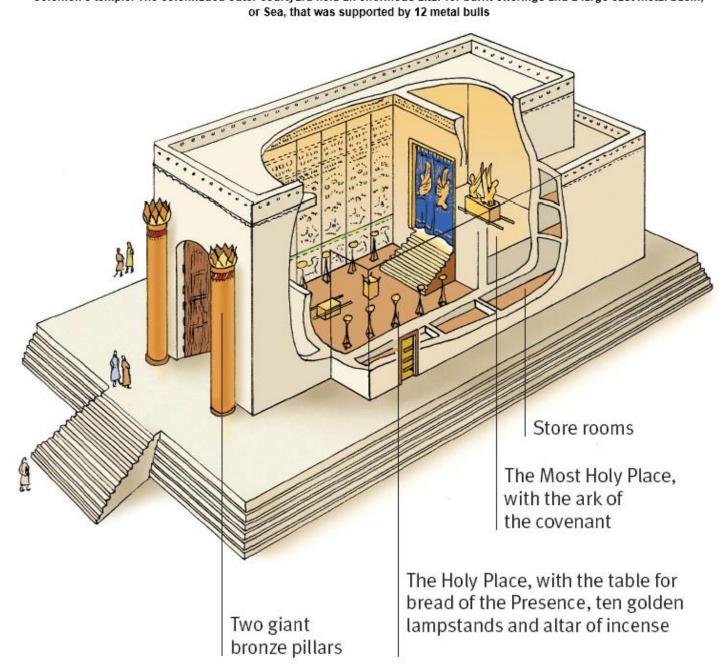
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Holy of Holies (smaller room with Cherubim and Ark of the Covenant)

Holy Place (larger mom with lampstands, tables for showbread, altar of incense)

Figure 1 – SOLOM ON' S TEMPLE 960-586 B.C. Descriptions found in the Bible: 1 Kings 6 2 Chronicles 3-4 Altar of Burnt Offering

Laver or "Molten Sea"



Solomon's temple. The colonnaded outer courtyard held an enormous altar for burnt offerings and a large cast metal basin,

# HEROD'S TEMPLE\_

# **Divided Israel**



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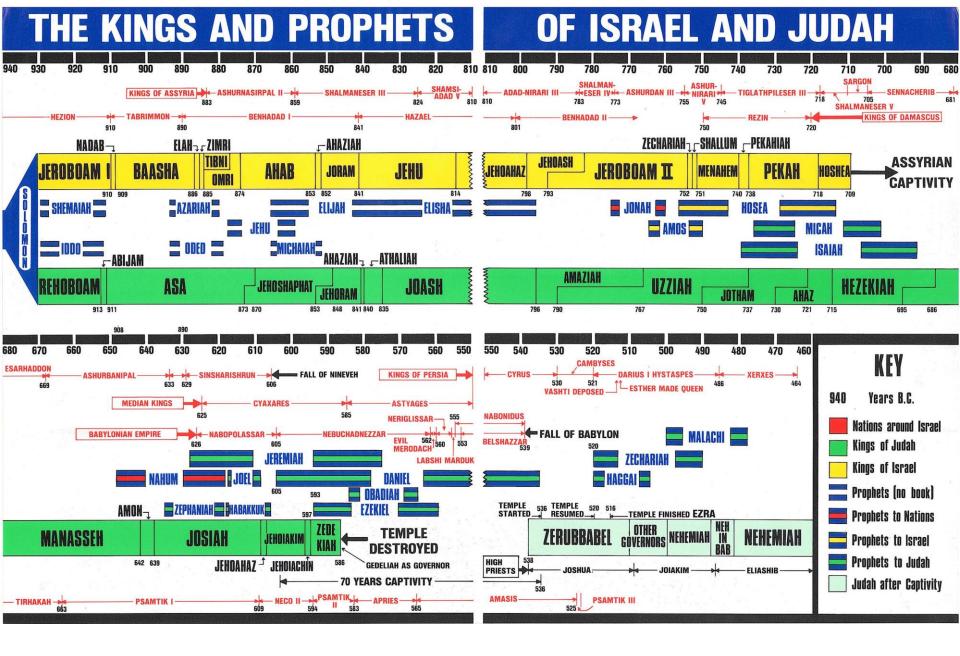
• North – "Israel"



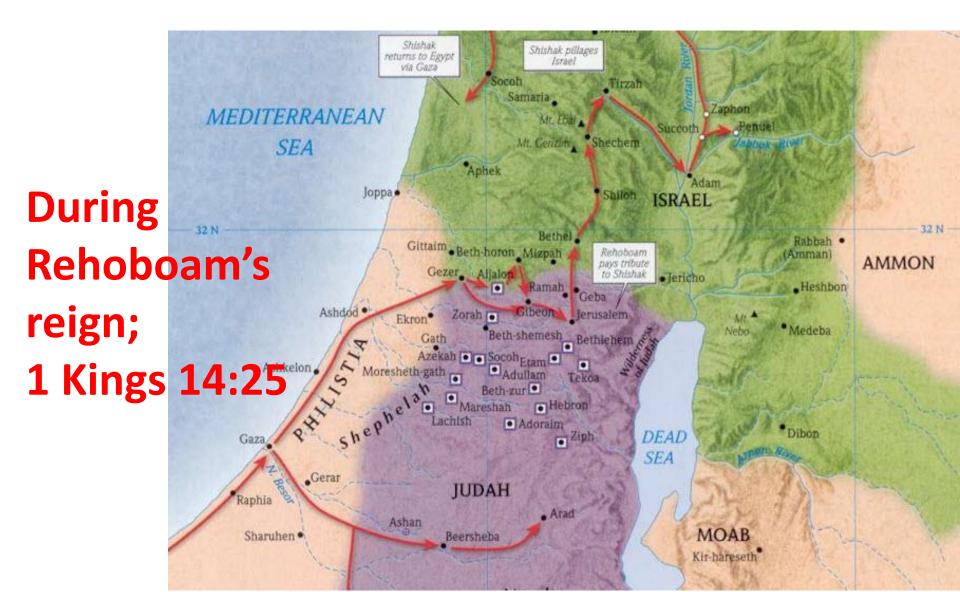
- South
  - "Judah"



Map 2.1 Small Kingdoms of the Near East, ca. 800 B.C.E. Chapter 2, *A History of Western Society*, Tenth Edition Copyright © 2011 by Bedford/St. Martin's Page 38



# **Egyptian King Shishak invasion**



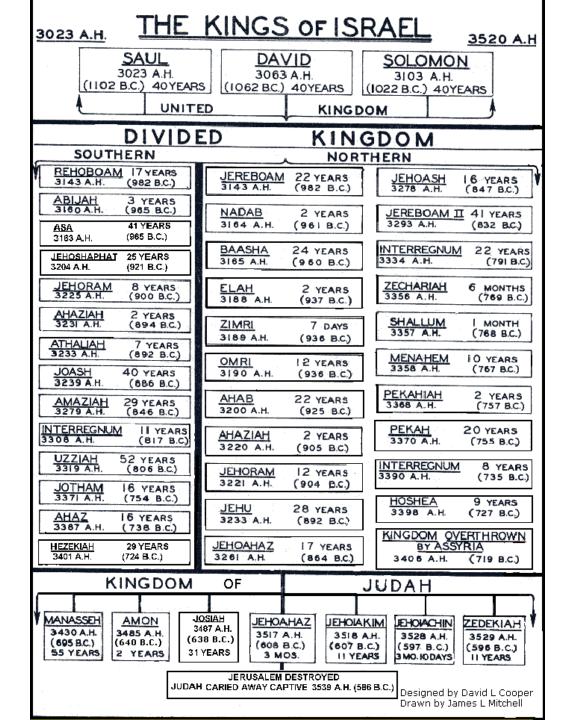
# Sources for kings of Israel



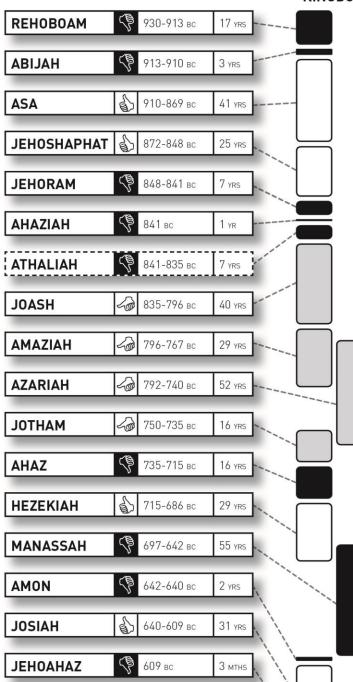
#### **Egyptian sources**







#### **KINGS OF JUDAH**



#### **KINGDOM DIVIDES** (922 BC)

#### KINGS OF ISRAEL

	JEROBOAM I	9	930-909 вс	22 yrs
	NADAB	9	909-908 вс	2 yrs
	BAASHA	9	908-886 вс	24 yrs
	ELAH	9	886-885 вс	2 yrs
	ZIMRI	9	885 вс	7 days
	TIBNI	9	885-880 вс	5 yrs
	OMRI	9	885-874 вс	11 yrs
	АНАВ	9	874-853 вс	21 yrs
	AHAZIAH	9	853-852 вс	1 yr
	JORAM	9	852-841 вс	11 yrs
	JEHU	9	841-814 вс	28 yrs
	JEHOAHAZ	9	814-798 вс	17 yrs
	JEHOASH	9	798-782 вс	16 yrs
	JEROBOAM II	9	793-753 вс	41 yrs
	ZECHARIAH	9	753 вс	6 мтнз
	SHALLUM	9	752 вс	1 мтн
	MENAHEM	9	752-742 вс	10 yrs
	PEKAHIAH	9	742-740 вс	2 yrs
L	PEKAH	9	752-732 вс	20 yrs
,	HOSHEA	9	732-722 вс	9 yrs

ISRAEL ASSIMILATED BY ASSYRIA [722 BC]

#### **Reigns of the Kings**

The years of reign of each king

#### Kings of Judah Rehoboam 1 Kings 14:21 17 (years) Abijah 1 Kings 15:1-2 3 Asa 1 Kings 15:9–10 41 Jehoshaphat 1 Kings 22:41-42 25 Jehoram 2 Kings 8:16–17 8 Ahaziah 2 Kings 8:25-26 1 Athaliah (Queen) 2 Kings 11:1-4 7 Joash 2 Kings 12:1 40 Amaziah 2 Kings 14:1-2 29 Azariah 2 Kings 15:1-2 52 Jotham 2 Kings 15:32-33 16 Ahaz 2 Kings 16:1-2 16 Hezekiah 2 Kings 18:1-2 29

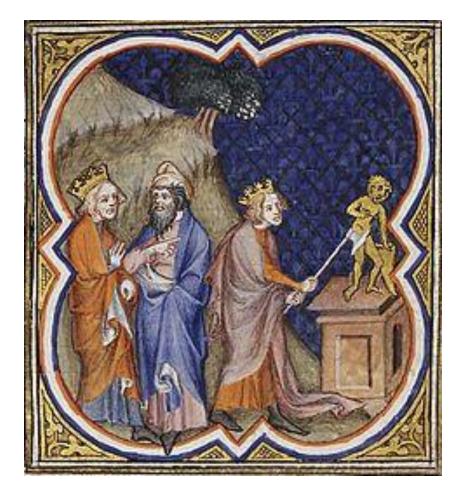
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Amon 2 Kings 21:19	
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Jehoahaz 2 Kings 13:1
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Jeroboam II 2 Kings 14:23
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Zechariah 2 Kings 15:8
<1 (6 months)
Shallum 2 Kings 15:13
<1 (1 month)
Menahem 2 Kings 15:17
Pekahiah 2 Kings 15:23
Pekah 2 Kings 15:27
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Hoshea 2 Kings 17:1
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#### Asa

# Jehosophat





#### Matthew 1:7-8



#### Death of Jezebel



### **Death of Athaliah**



# Jehu [2 kings 9]



# Hezekiah's Tunnel and defeat of Assyrians

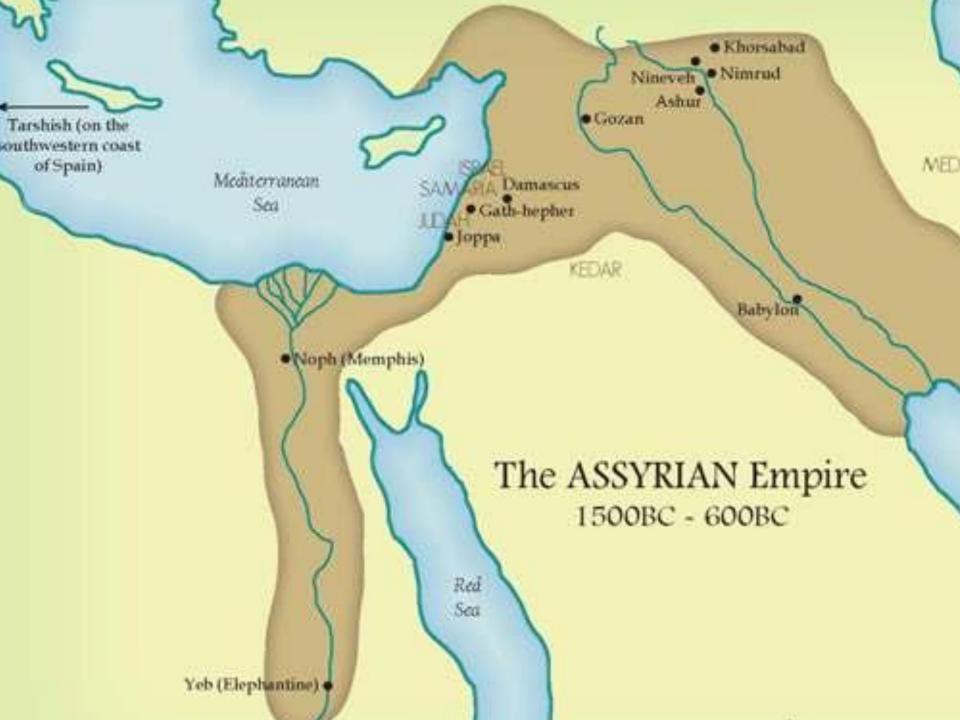




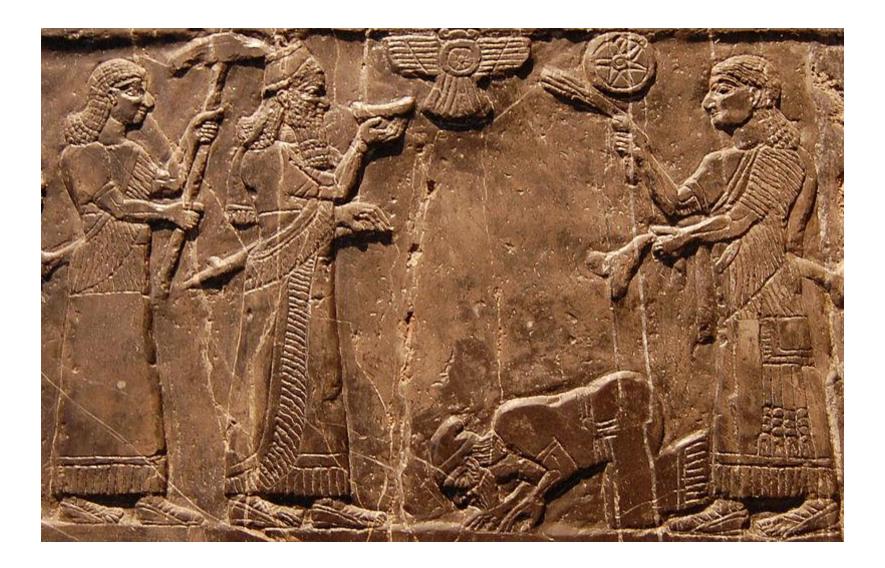
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Elijah	To Israel	Ahab, Ahaziah, Joram	870-845	Tishbe
Elisha	To Israel	Joram, Jehu, Jehoahaz	845-800	Abel Meholah
Isaiah	To Judah	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh	760-673	Jerusalem
Jeremiah	To Judah	Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, 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	Moresheth-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.

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#### Jehu before Shalmaneser





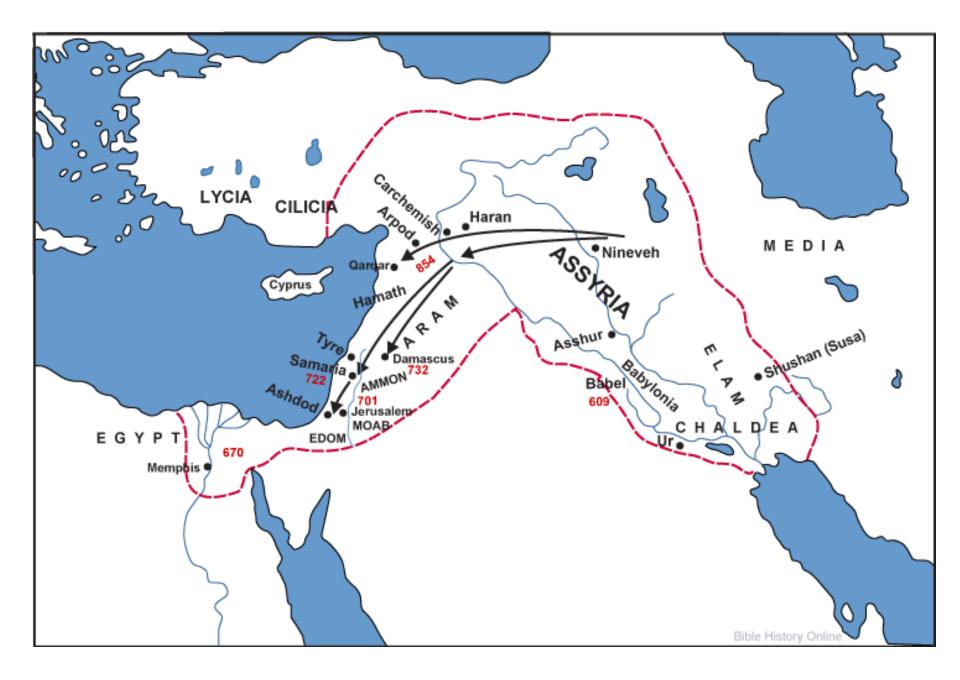
- Ashur -- god of war and associated with the sun.
- The sun disc is from the Hittites, who received it from Egypt.

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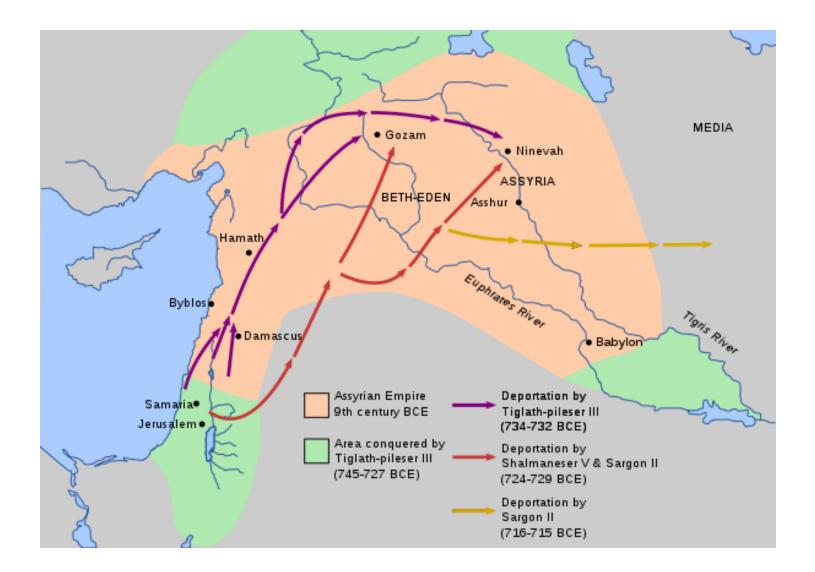
# Capital of Assyrians

#### Genesis 10:11



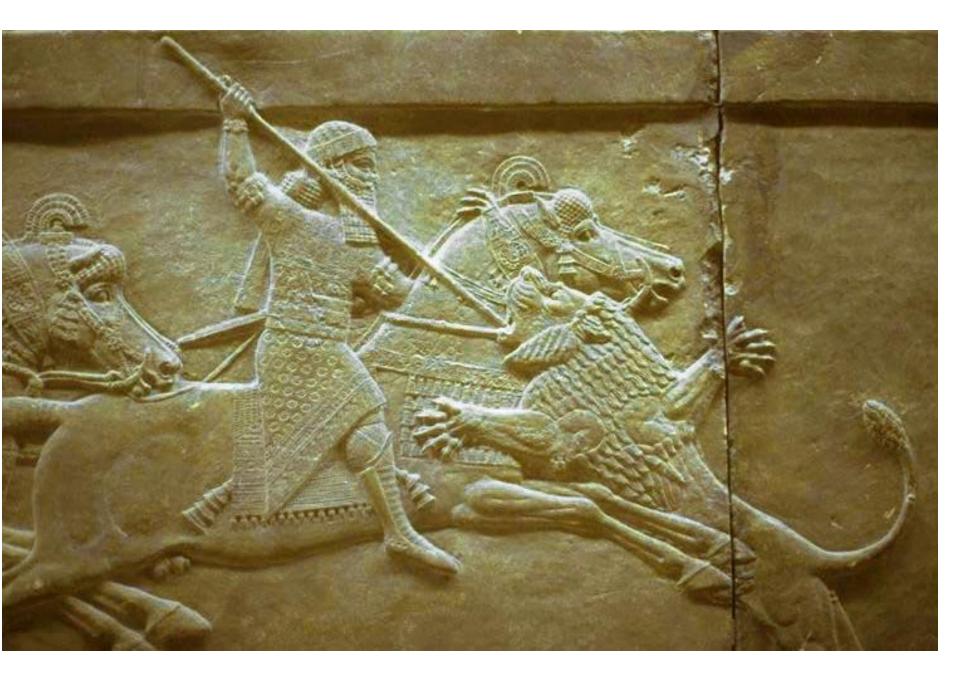


### Assyrian Deportation of Jews



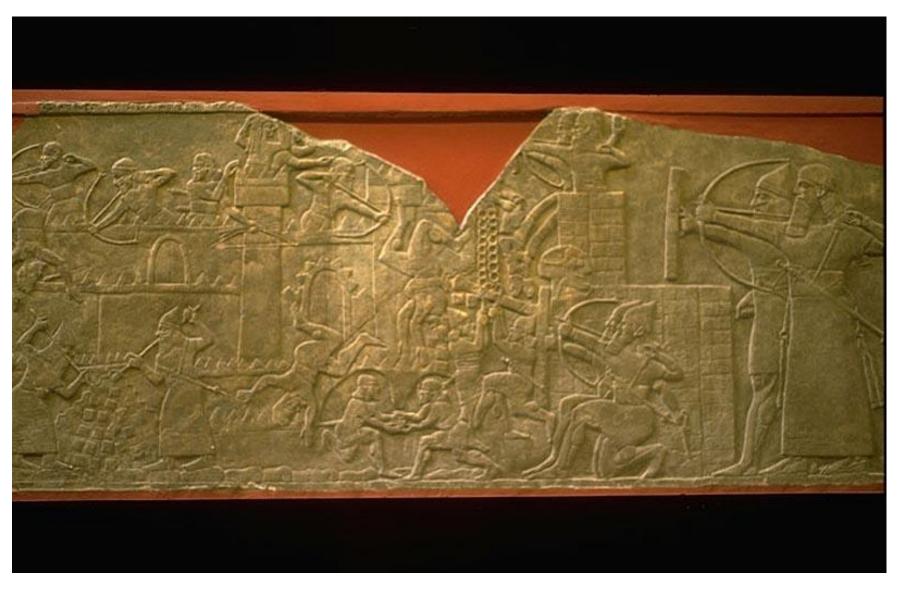
### Palace of Sennacherib







### Assyrian War Machine



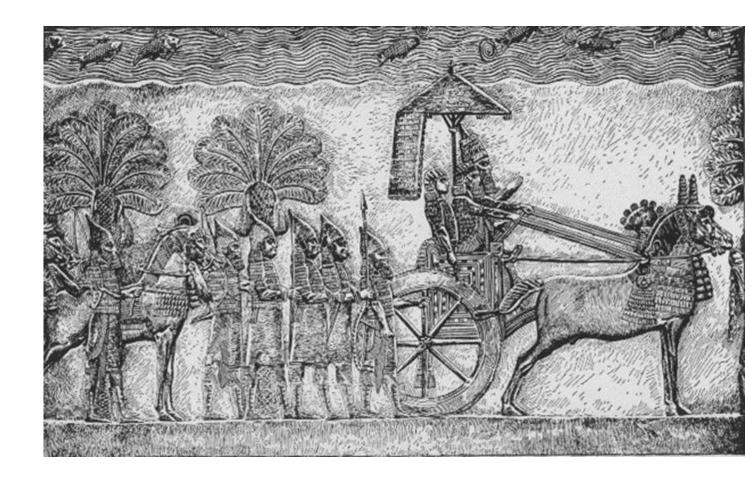


# Countries paying tribute to Assyria



# Sennacherib (705 – 680)

• Conquered: Levant and Egypt



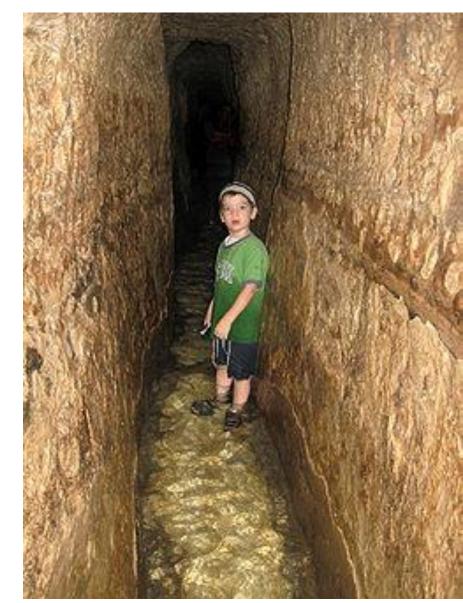
# Adonai on the Assyrians

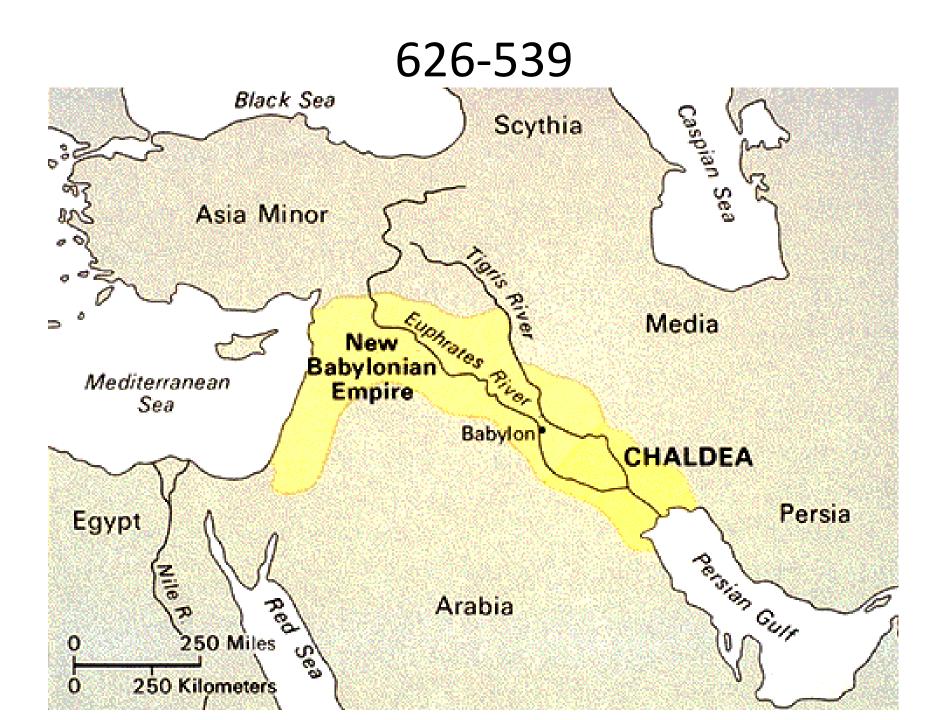
- G-d called the Assyrians two objects...
- "Razor"
- "Rod of My anger"
- Then, after using Assyria agains Israel, G-d turns Nineveh into a...
  - "pool"....and Nineveh came to its "utter end."

# POOL OF SILOAM







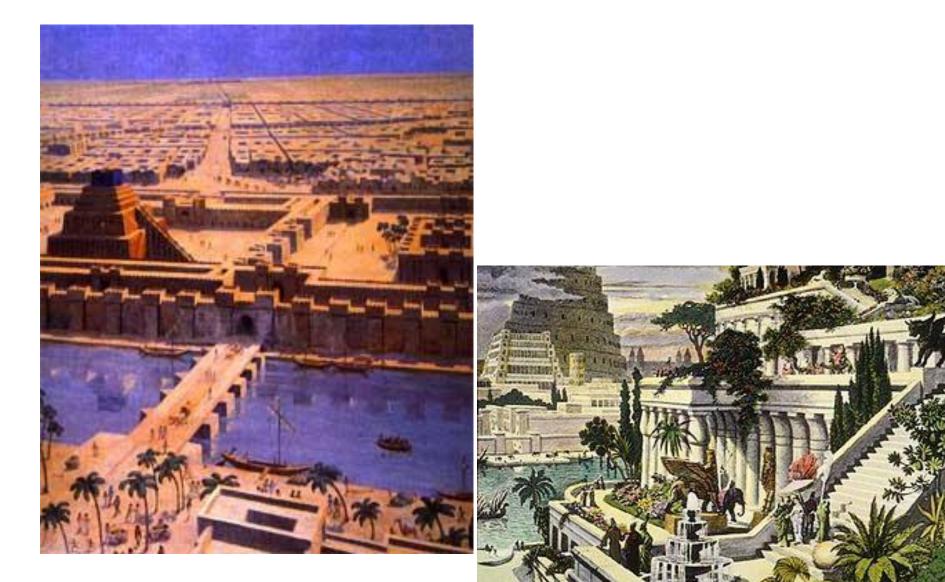




The Neo-Babylonian Empire, ca. 560 B C F

# Chaldeans

# Babylon



### Ishtar Gate

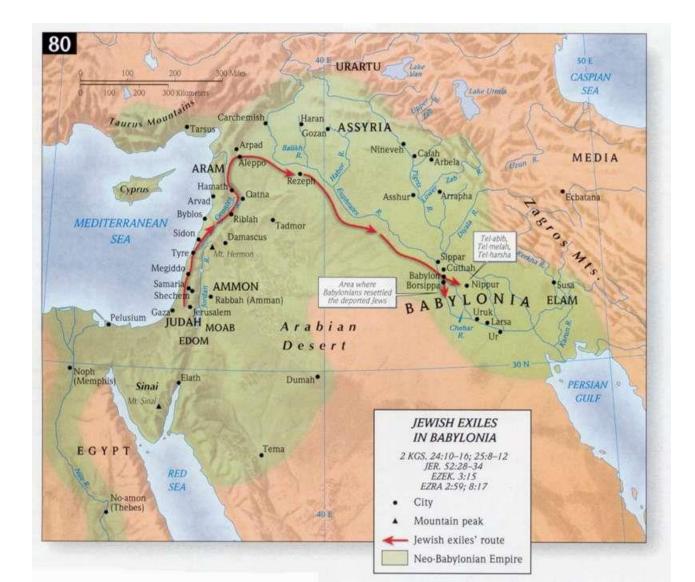


#### II Kings 25:8-12



In the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month – which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon – Nebuzaradan, the captain of the bodyguard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. He burned the house of the Lord, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. All the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had defected to the king of Babylon – all the rest of the population. But the captain of the guard left some of the poorest people of the land to be vinedressers and tillers of the soil.

#### Jews sent into exile in Babylon



#### Belshazzar's Feast

