

Overview of the Bible
Exile and Return

God spoke these words
820 years before they happened

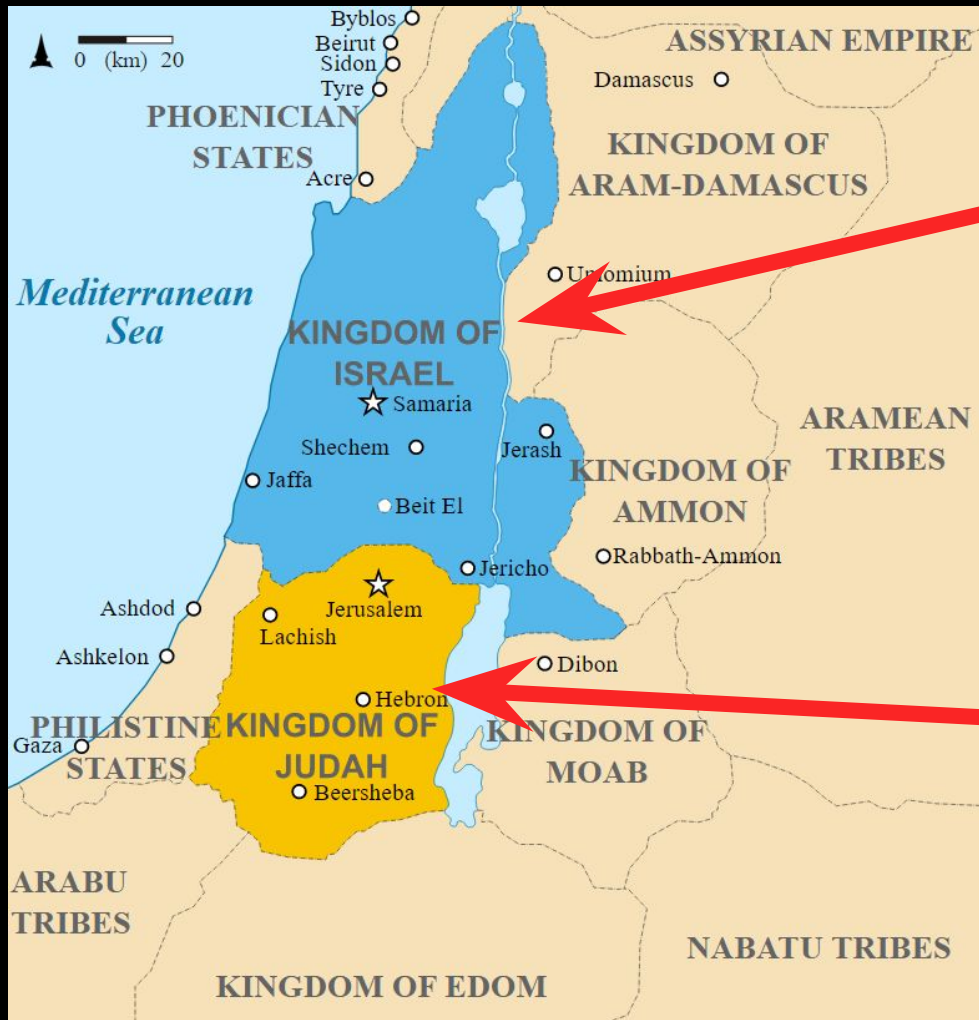
Deu 31:20-21 ESV For when I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to give to their fathers, and they have eaten and are full and grown fat, **they will turn to other gods and serve them**, and despise me and break my covenant.....**For I know what they are inclined to do even today**, before I have brought them into the land that I swore to give."

Israel carried off to Assyria

2Ki 17:6-7 ESV In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and **he carried the Israelites away to Assyria** and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 7 And **this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the LORD** their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods

Israel carried off to Assyria

2Ki 17:20-24So Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria until this day. 24 And the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the people of Israel



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Israel Into Captivity - Assyria



Assyria was stopped from attacking Jerusalem

Isa 37:33-38 ESV "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: **He shall not come into this city** or shoot an arrow there or come before it with a shield or cast up a siege mound against it. 34 By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, declares the LORD. 35 For **I will defend this city to save it, for my own sake and for the sake of my servant David.**" 36 And the angel of the LORD went out and **struck down 185,000** in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.

135 years later Jerusalem was exiled to Babylon

2Ch 36:11-21 ESV Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem.

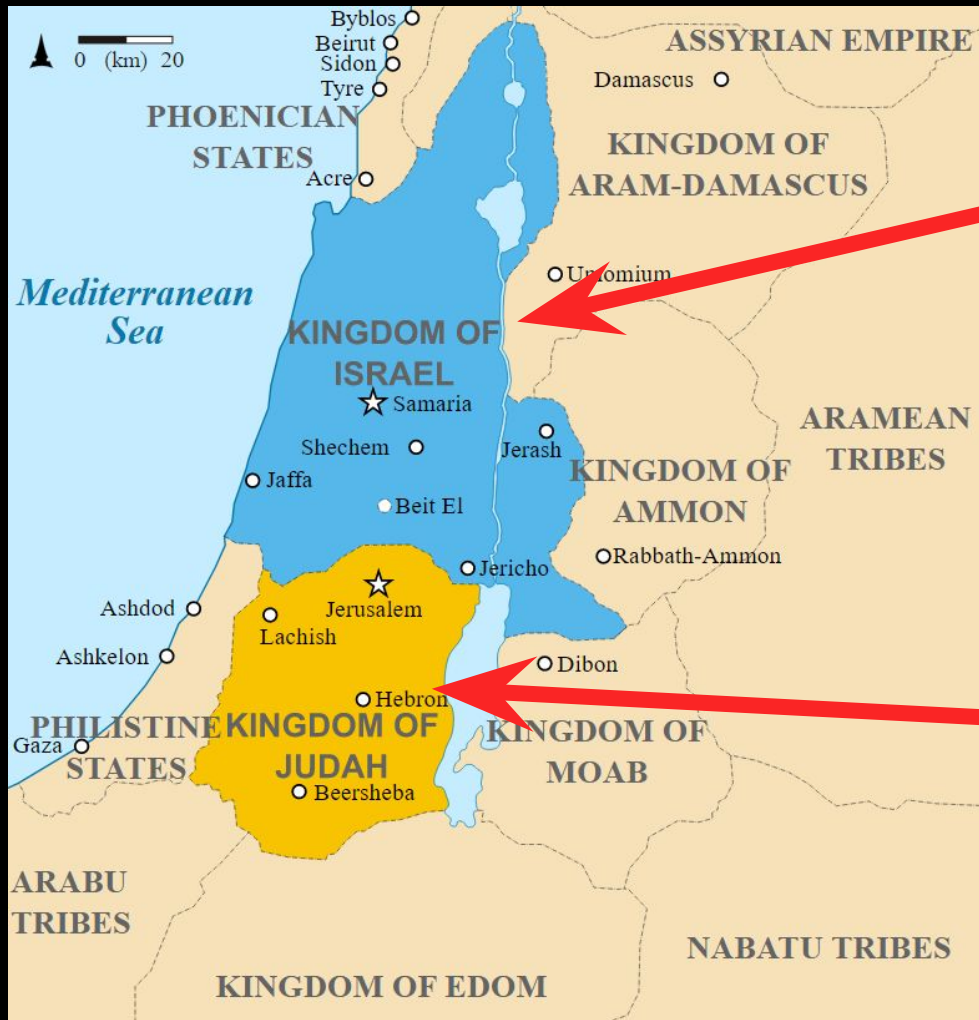
12 He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. He

did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of the LORD.....20 He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they

became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, 21 to fulfill the word

of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept

Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.



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Judah Into Exile - Babylon



Amazing things that happened in Babylon Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

Dan 3:28-29 ESV **Nebuchadnezzar** answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. 29 **Therefore I make a decree:** Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for **there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.**"

Amazing things that happened in Babylon

Daniel in the lion's den

Dan 6:25-27 ESV Then **King Darius** wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you. 26 I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to **tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end.** 27 He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

Amazing things that happened in Persia

Esther was among the exiles in Persia
- used to deliver the people of God

Judah returns from Babylon back to Jerusalem
This was prophesied by Jeremiah

Jer 29:10-11 ESV "For thus says the LORD: **When seventy years are completed** for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will **fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place**. 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

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The Spirit stirred the heart of Cyrus

Ezr 1:1-4 ESV 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: 2 "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and **he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.**

Judah returns from Babylon back to Jerusalem
Isaiah predicted this 150 years before it happened

Isa 44:28 ESV who says of **Cyrus**, 'He is my shepherd, and he shall fulfill all my purpose'; saying of Jerusalem, 'She shall be built,' and of the temple, 'Your foundation shall be laid.'"

Both Ezra and Nehemiah show the people still intermarrying with the people of the land

Ezr 9:1-3 ESV After these things had been done, the officials approached me and said, "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands with their abominations, from the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

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2 For they have taken some of their daughters to be wives for themselves and for their sons, so that the holy race has mixed itself with the peoples of the lands. And in this faithlessness the hand of the officials and chief men has been foremost." 3 As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled.

The only hope for the world is Messiah

Regarding the exile to Babylon

Isa 6:13 ESV And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." **The holy seed is its stump.**

The only hope for the world is Messiah

Isa 11:1-3 ESV There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,