

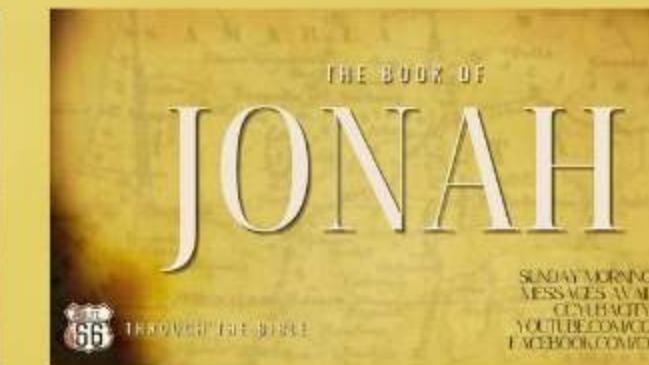
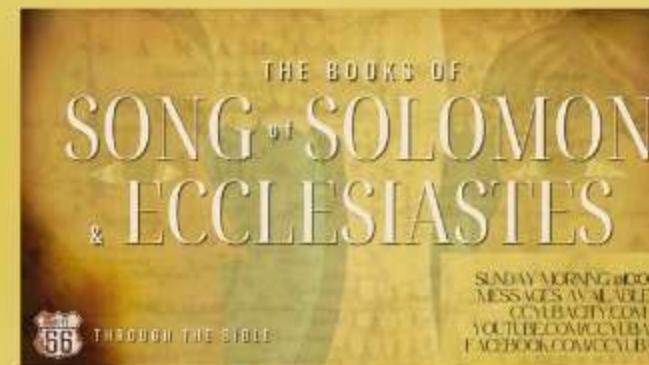
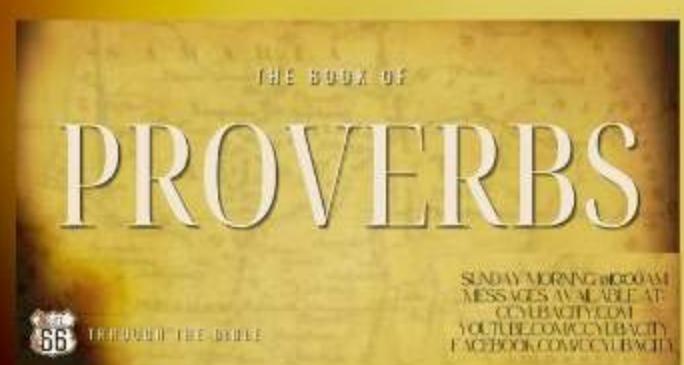
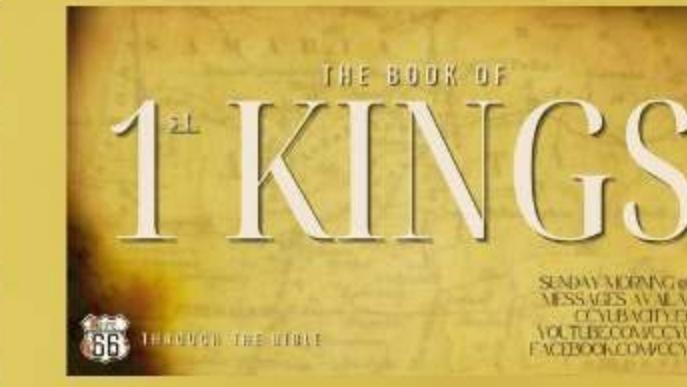
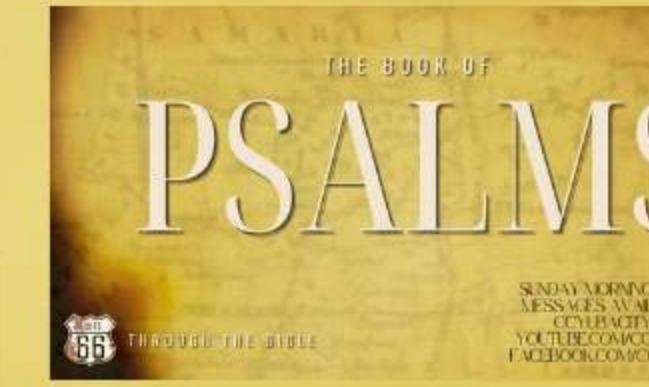
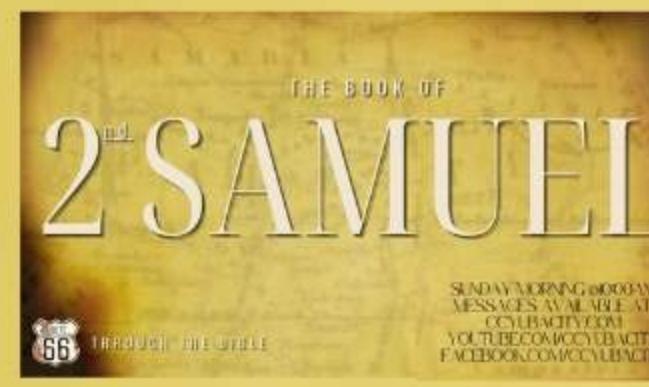
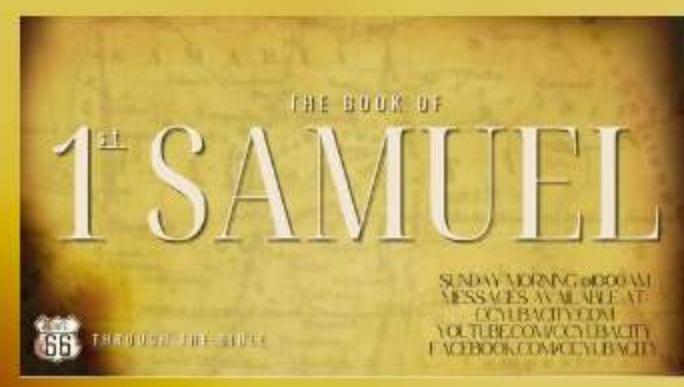
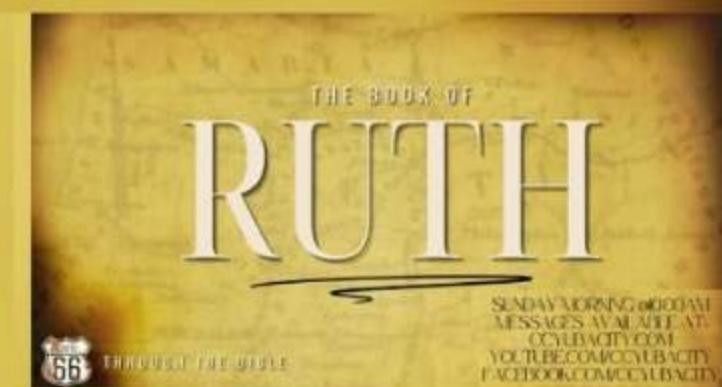
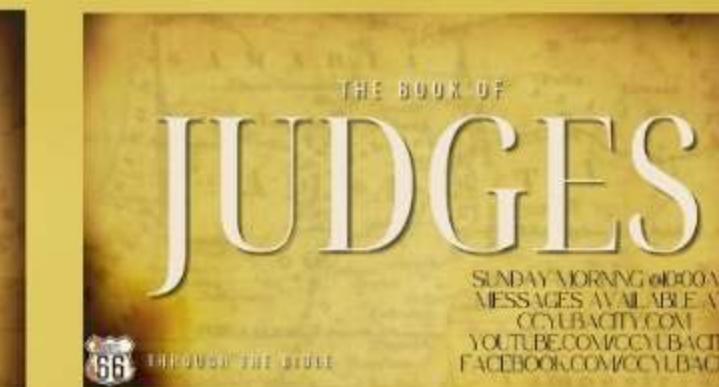
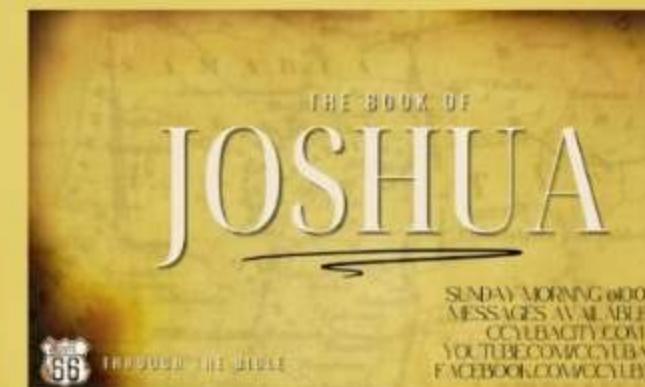
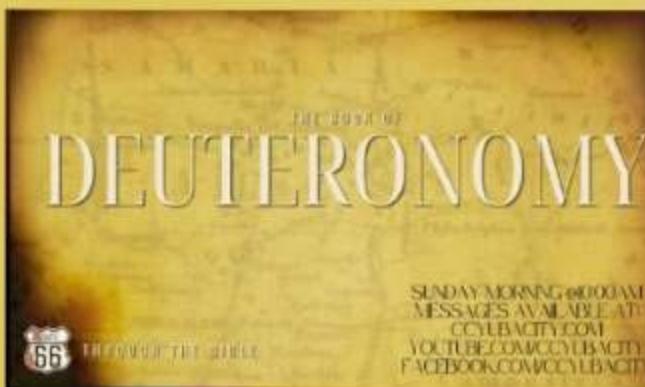
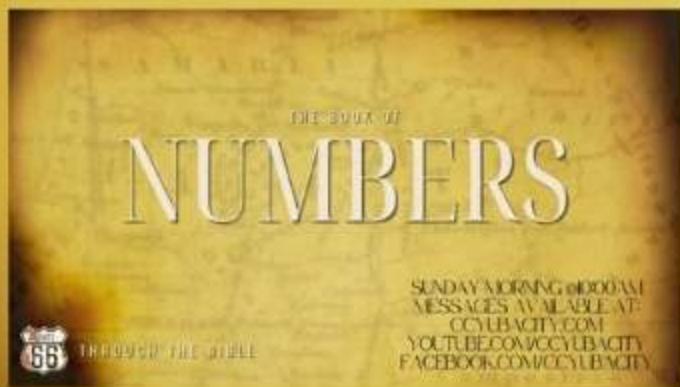
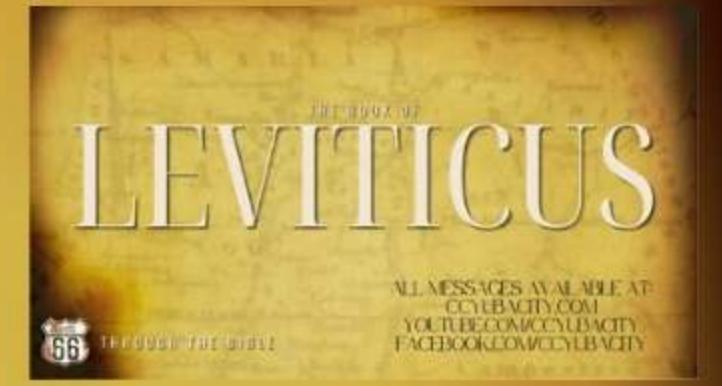
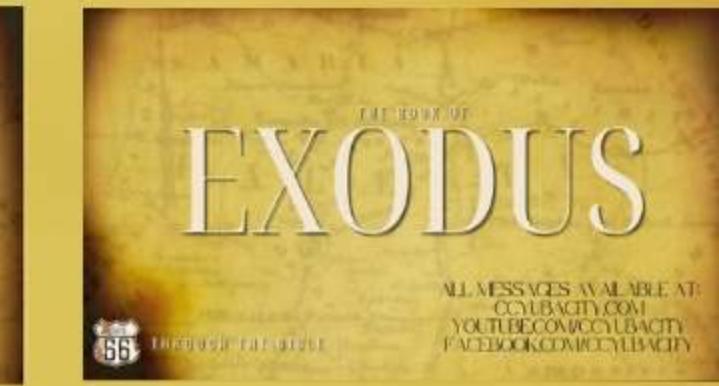
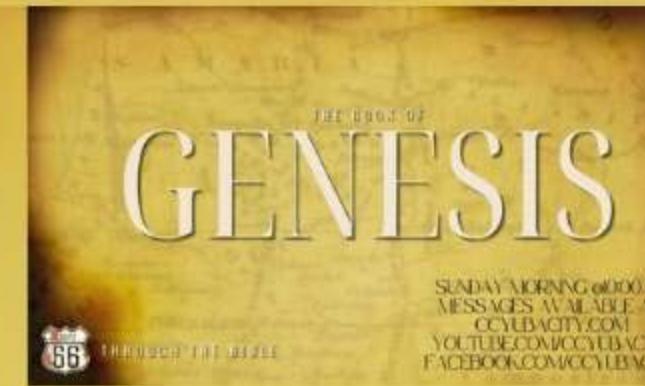
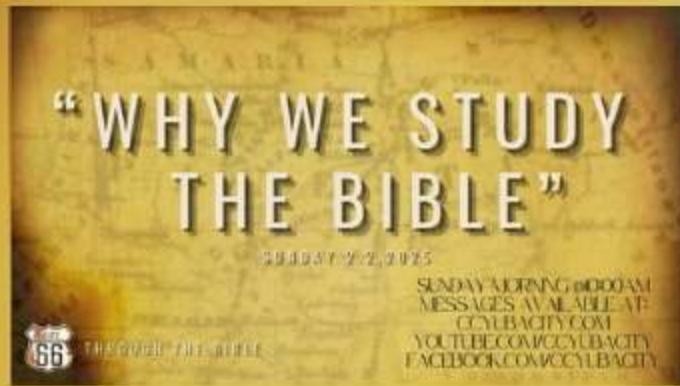
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Internal Evidence

The Writer Witnessed the Downfall of Jerusalem

Jewish Talmud Ascribes

2nd Kings 24-25 appear in Jeremiah 39-42

Other possible authors: Ezra, Isaiah, Anonymous

The WISDOM of SOLOMON:

The Fame of Solomon

1 Kings 3:28: **“All Israel heard of the judgment which the king had rendered; and they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to administer justice.”**

1 Kings 4:29-34: **“God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.”** - His “**wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. He was wiser than all men, and his fame was in... the surrounding nations.”** - “**He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five.”** “**...men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth... came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.”**

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1 KINGS 10:28**

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The WEALTH of SOLOMON:

1 Kings 10:23: **“King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.”**

1 Kings 10:14: **“The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold...”**

APPX. 2 BILLION DOLLARS

VS. 15: **“BESIDES [what came] from traveling merchants, from... traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and... the governors of the country.”**

“Solomon received more than 666 talents of gold a year. The 666 talents [of gold] was just his beginning salary!” (David Guzik)

THE PROSPERITY of ISRAEL

Under Solomon

1 Kings 4:20: **“Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and rejoicing.”**

VS. 24-25: **“[Solomon] had dominion over all the region on this side of the River, from Tiphsah even to Gaza... over all the kings on this side of the River; and he had peace on every side all around him. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely... all the days of Solomon.”**

SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE:

1 Kings 6:1: “**It came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon’s reign over Israel... that he began to build the house of the LORD.**”

1 Kings 5 - Solomon’s **LABOR FORCE**...

1 Kings 6 - the **DIMENSIONS** of the temple...

1 Kings 7 & 8 - the **FURNISHINGS** of the temple...



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The FOLLY of SOLOMON:

DEUT. 7:1-4: “When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and... says: “You shall not... before you, the Hittites... the Girgashites... the Perizzites... the Amorites... the Canaanites, says: “You shall not give your son.”

“SO the anger of the LORD will be against you and destroy you suddenly.”

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**GOD WILL JUDGE
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The FOLLY of SOLOMON:

1 Kings 11:1-2: “BUT... Solomon loved many foreign women...” - “women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites” - Verse 2: “from the nations... whom the LORD... said... “You shall not intermarry with them... [for] they will turn... your hearts after their gods.” “Solomon clung to these in love...”

VS. 4: “[So it was], when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God...”

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The FOLLY of SOLOMON:

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VS. 5-8: “Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians... Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.” - Verse 7 says: “Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab... and for Molech... And he did likewise for all his foreign wives...”

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1 Kings 11:9: "So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel..."

VS. 11: "the LORD said to Solomon: 'Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant."

VS. 13: "However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

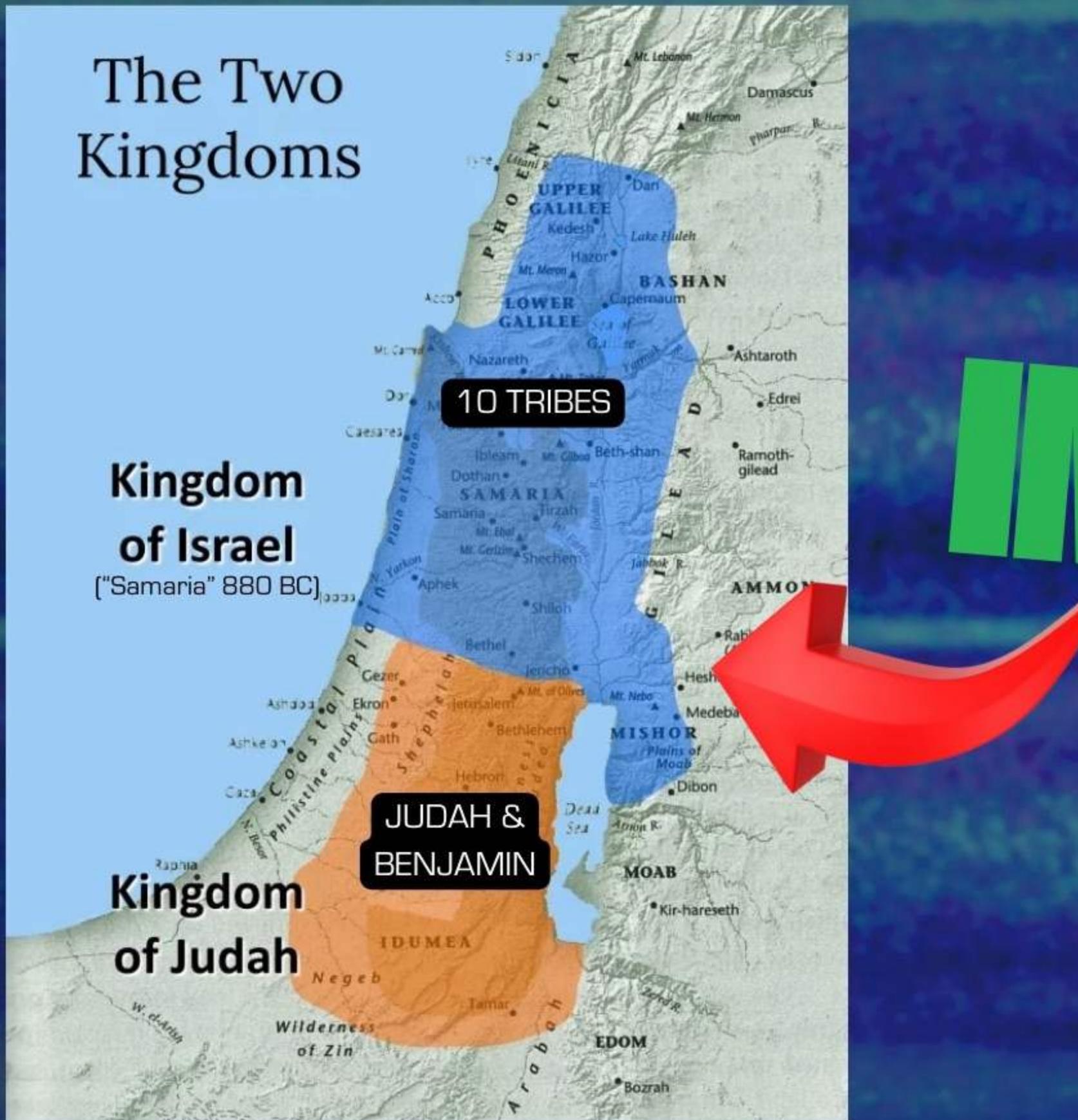
THE KINGDOM is DIVIDED:

1 Kings 11:26-30: “[**Jeroboam**] rebelled against the king.” –
“...when **Jeroboam** went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet
Ahijah... met him on the way; and... **Ahijah** took hold of [his]
garment... and tore it into twelve pieces.”

VS. 31-33: “And he said to **Jeroboam**, ‘Behold, I will tear the
kingdom out of the hand of **Solomon** and will give ten tribes
to you...’ – “BECAUSE... he has forsaken Me, and worshiped
Ashtoreth... [and] **Chemosh**... [and] **Milcom**... and have not
walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep
My statutes and My judgments, as did his father **David**.”

“THE DIVIDED KINGDOM”

The Two Kingdoms



THIS IS
**HUGELY
IMPORTANT!**

THE “FIRST
WAVE” OF
JUDGEMENT
UPON ISRAEL

“THE DIVIDED KINGDOM”

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Kingdoms



**Kingdom
of Israel**

("Samaria" 880 BC)

**Kingdom
of Judah**

JUDAH &
BENJAMIN

10 TRIBES

**THE REST OF 1ST & 2ND KINGS
BECOME ALL ABOUT THE
KINGS WHO RULE IN
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**THE NARRATIVE
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1st KINGS 11 - 2nd KINGS 25

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“THE DIVIDED KINGDOM”

The Kings of Israel

(NORTH, 10 TRIBES)

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Zechariah	753–752	Son	6 mo.	Bad	Murdered by Shallum	14:29–15:12	
Shallum	752	none	1 mo.	Bad	Murdered by Menahem	15:10–15	
Menahem	752–742	none	10	Bad	Died	15:14–22	
Pekahiah	742–740	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by Pekah	15:22–26	
Pekah	752–731	Army Captain	20	Bad	Murdered by Hoshea	15:27–31	28:5–8
Hoshea	731–722	none	9	Bad	Deposed to Assyria	15:30–17:6	

20
Kings

ALL
BAD!

The Kings of Judah

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Jehoshaphat	873–848	Son	25	Good	Died	22:41–50	17:1–20:37
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Jehoram	853–841	Son	8	Bad	Stricken by God	8:16–24	21:1–20
Ahaziah	841	Son	1	Bad	Murdered by Jehu	8:24–9:29	22:1–9
Athaliah	841–835	Mother	6	Bad	Murdered by army	11:1–20	22:1–23:21
Joash	835–796	Grandson	40	Good	Murdered by servants	11:1–12:21	22:10–24:27
Amaziah	796–767	Son	29	Good	Murdered	14:1–20	25:1–28
Azariah****	792–740	Son	52	Good	Stricken by God	15:1–7	26:1–23
Jotham	750–732	Son	16	Good	Died	15:32–38	27:1–9
Ahaz	735–716	Son	16	Bad	Died	16:1–20	28:1–27
Hezekiah	716–687	Son	29	Good	Died	18:1–20:21	29:1–32:33
Manasseh	697–643	Son	55	Bad	Died	21:1–18	33:1–20
Amon	643–641	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by servants	21:19–26	33:21–25
Josiah	641–609	Son	31	Good	Wounded in battle	22:1–23:30	34:1–35:27
Jehoahaz	609	Son	3 mo.	Bad	Deposed to Egypt	23:31–33	36:1–4
Jehoiakim	609–598	Brother	11	Bad	Died in siege?	23:34–24:5	36:5–7
Jehoiachin	598–597	Son	3 mo.	Bad	Deposed to Babylon	24:6–16	36:8–10
Zedekiah	597–586	Uncle	11	Bad	Deposed to Babylon	24:17–25:30	36:11–21

*Joram, **Joash, ***Abijah, ****Uzziah

Note: Dates of some reigns overlap due to co-regencies

20 Kings 8 GOOD!

Old Testament Prophets' Timeline

COLOR KEY: green=Israel; blue=Judah; pink=Exiles in Babylon; tan=misc. nations

note: exact dates approximate as many reputable sources vary, though general history and timeline valid.

Historical setting: After division of the kingdom into Israel and Judah, recorded in 1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 17

Prophet	Audience	Kings who ruled at the same time	Approximate Dates, all BC	Historical happenings at the time of the prophet, plus comments on the content of their books
Elijah	Israel	Ahab, Ahaziah, Joram	870-845	Kingdom split about 930, all sinful kings in Israel through Israel's history, kings a mixture of good and bad in Judah.
Elisha	Israel	Joram, Jehu, Jehoahaz	845-800	Disciple of Elijah. Preaches to a sinful people who worshipped idols, not Jehovah God. Some individual (e.g. Naaman) success, no national repentance.
Jonah	Nineveh	Jeroboam II	760-753	Jonah first a prophet of victory to Israel; then called to preach to Nineveh capital of Assyria, a violent and cruel enemy. Finally obeys and Nineveh repents, though it doesn't last.
Amos	Israel	Jeroboam II	765-754	Israel powerful and complacent, pagan worship, neglect of the poor, calls for justice. Restoration after judgement promised which is a pattern in many prophets.
Hosea	Israel	Jeroboam II	758-725	Though his message is of love and forgiveness, Israel does not repent, continues in spiritual decline. Though materially prosperous and religiously active, Israel goes into captivity in 722, conquered by Assyria.

Historical setting: Israel conquered by Assyria, prophecies now warning Judah, recorded 2 Kings 18-2 Kings 25

Additional history of Judah primarily in 1-2 Chronicles; fall of Jerusalem and edict to return in 2 Chron. 36

Isaiah	Judah	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh	760-673	Begins preaching to Judah before Israel falls. Assyria threatens but does not conquer Judah. Book reflects God's eternal view.
Micah	Judah	Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh	738-698	Preaches same time as Isaiah, warns of judgement if no repentance. Defines what God requires in Micah 6:8.
Nahum	Nineveh	Manasseh, Amon, Josiah	658-615	Assyrian repentance under Jonah doesn't last. Final destruction of Assyria/Nineveh by Babylonians.
Zephaniah	Judah	Josiah	640-609	Last revival in Judah under Josiah, but not enough.
Habakkuk	Judah	Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin	608-598	Babylon conquered Assyria; Judah in process of its downfall. Questions why God uses pagan nations for His purposes.
Jeremiah	Judah	Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jehahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah	650-582	Messages not in order. Records the last days of Judah, the prior series of deportations before final destruction in 587 BC. Wrote at the same time as Ezekiel and Daniel who were deported early on. Writes Lamentations after fall of Judah.
Obediah	Edom	uncertain	?	Judgement of Edom. Date not certain, message timeless. Do not rejoice over or take advantage of the fall of others.

Historical setting: Babylon conquers Judah, a series of deportations, final destruction 607 BC, recorded in 2 Kings 24, 25

Ezekiel	Exiles in Babylon	Jehoiachin, Zedekiah, in Judah; Babylonian rulers there	620-570	Under captivity, God continues speaking to his people; obedience still required, he was a priest and spoke to the people in Babylon. Also numerous future, end-time prophecies.
Daniel	Exiles in Babylon	Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah in Judah; Babylonian rulers there	620-540	One of the earliest deported to Babylon, lived there during the destruction, deportation, and return of the people. His prophecies span human history.

Historical setting: Israel allowed to return & rebuild, recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah, captives who stayed in Esther

Joel	Judah	Governor Zerubbabel?	?	Date not certain, message timeless. Restoration promised.
Haggai	Judah	Governor Zerubbabel	520	Returned to the land, Temple rebuilding stalled, preached priority of finishing God's work. Preached with Zechariah.
Zechariah	Judah	Governor Zerubbabel	522-509	Messages, challenges to complete the tasks of God.
Malachi	Judah	not certain, perhaps some overlap with Nehemiah	435	People back in the land, Temple rebuilt. The people persisted in sin. Challenges to repent. Blessings for obedience.

After these books 400 "Silent years" No written word from God, but God at work in history preparing for the Messiah.

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The Kings of Israel

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Athaliah	841–835	Mother	6	Bad	Murdered by army	11:1–20	22:1–23:21
Joash	835–796	Grandson	40	Good	Murdered by servants	11:1–12:21	22:10–24:27
Amaziah	796–767	Son	29	Good	Murdered	14:1–20	25:1–28
Azariah****	792–740	Son	52	Good	Stricken by God	15:1–7	26:1–23
Jotham	750–732	Son	16	Good	Died	15:32–38	27:1–9
Ahaz	735–716	Son	16	Bad	Died	16:1–20	28:1–27
Hezekiah	716–687	Son	29	Good	Died	18:1–20:21	29:1–32:33
Manasseh	697–643	Son	55	Bad	Died	21:1–18	33:1–20
Amon	643–641	Son	2	Bad	Murdered by servants	21:19–26	33:21–25
Josiah	641–609	Son	31	Good	Wounded in battle	22:1–23:30	34:1–35:27
Jehoahaz	609	Son	3 mo.	Bad	Deposed to Egypt	23:31–33	36:1–4
Jehoiakim	609–598	Brother	11	Bad	Died in siege?	23:34–24:5	36:5–7
Jehoiachin	598–597	Son	3 mo.	Bad	Deposed to Babylon	24:6–16	36:8–10
Zedekiah	597–586	Uncle	11	Bad	Deposed to Babylon	24:17–25:30	36:11–21

*Joram, **Joash, ***Abijah, ****Uzziah

Note: Dates of some reigns overlap due to co-regencies

20 Kings 8 GOOD!

“ONE OF THE STRATEGIC PURPOSES OF KINGS IS TO INTRODUCE THE ROLE OF THE PROPHETS... THEY SPEAK ON BEHALF OF GOD, AND SERVE AS “COVENANT WATCHDOGS,” CALLING-OUT IDOLATRY AND INJUSTICE AMONG THE KINGS AND THE PEOPLE. THEY REMIND ISRAEL... TO BE A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS BY OBEDIENCE [GOD’S] COMMANDS, AND CHALLENGE ISRAEL TO REPENT AND FOLLOW GOD.”

1st KINGS 11

2nd KINGS 25



“THE DIVIDED KINGDOM”

THE PROPHETS TO THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

**Amos, Hosea
Elijah, Elisha
Jonah**

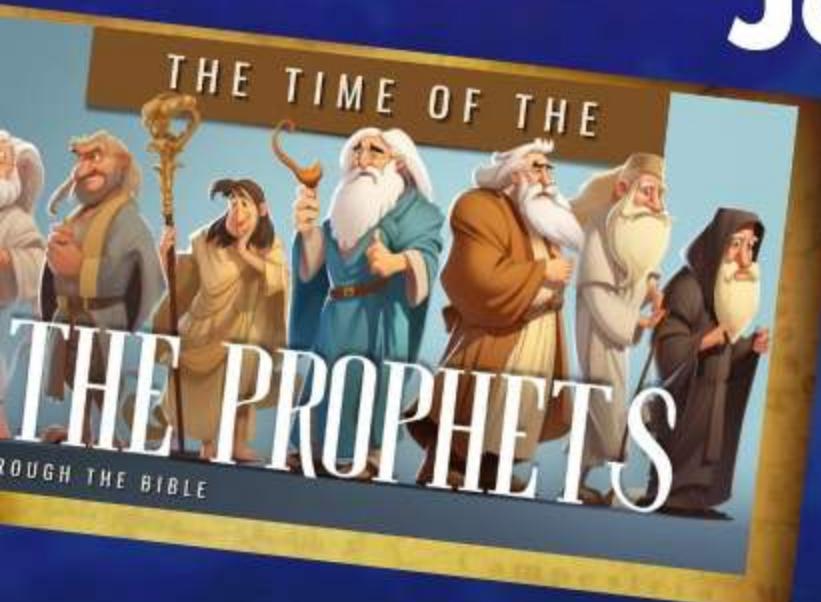
THE PROPHETS TO THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM

**Isaiah, Jeremiah,
Micah, Joel, Nahum,
Habakkuk, Obadiah,
and Zephaniah**

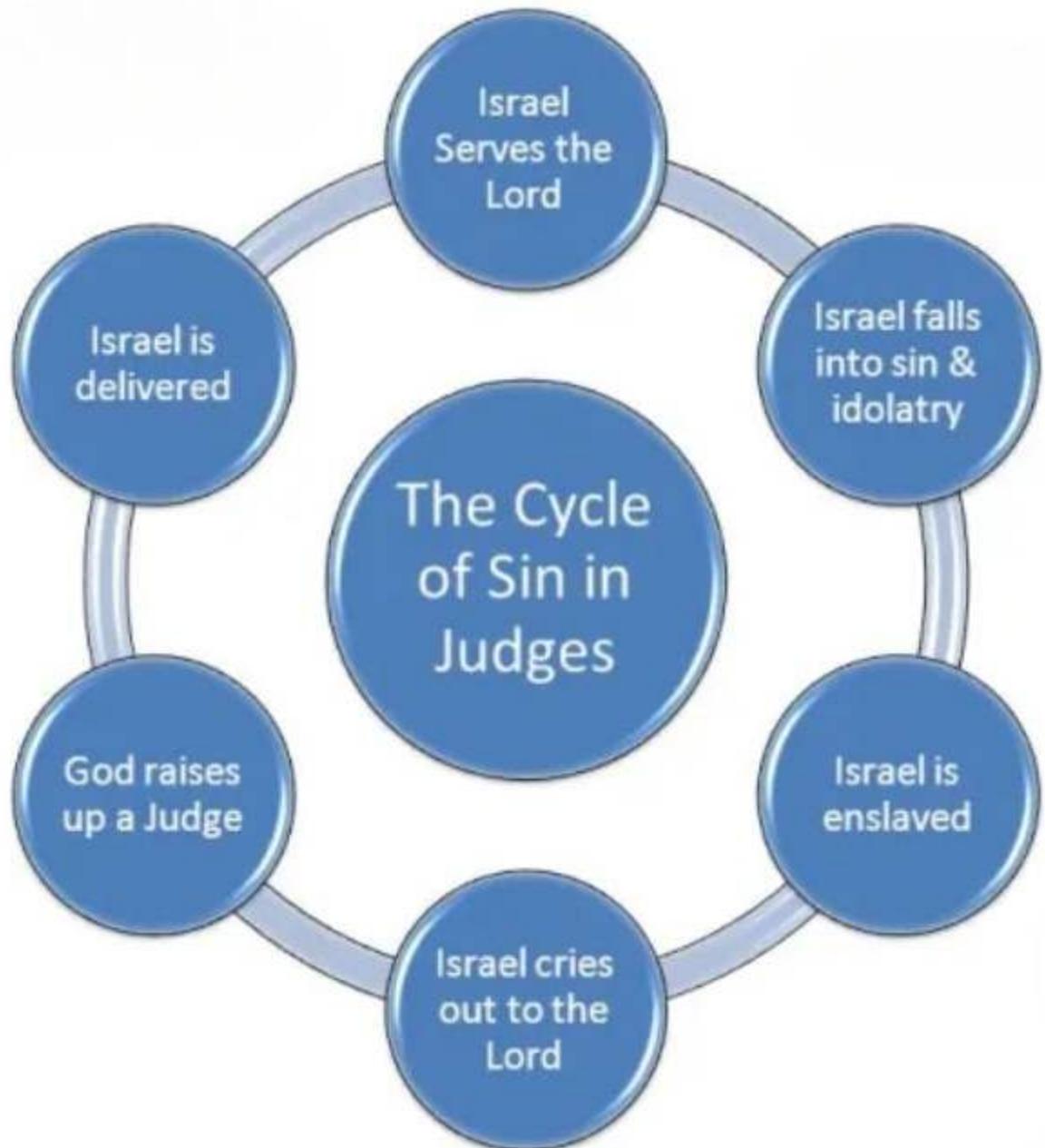
Exilic Prophets: Ezekiel, Daniel

Post-Exilic Prophets: Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Lesser Prophets: Ahijah, Iddo, Jehu, Hanani, Azariah, Jahaziel

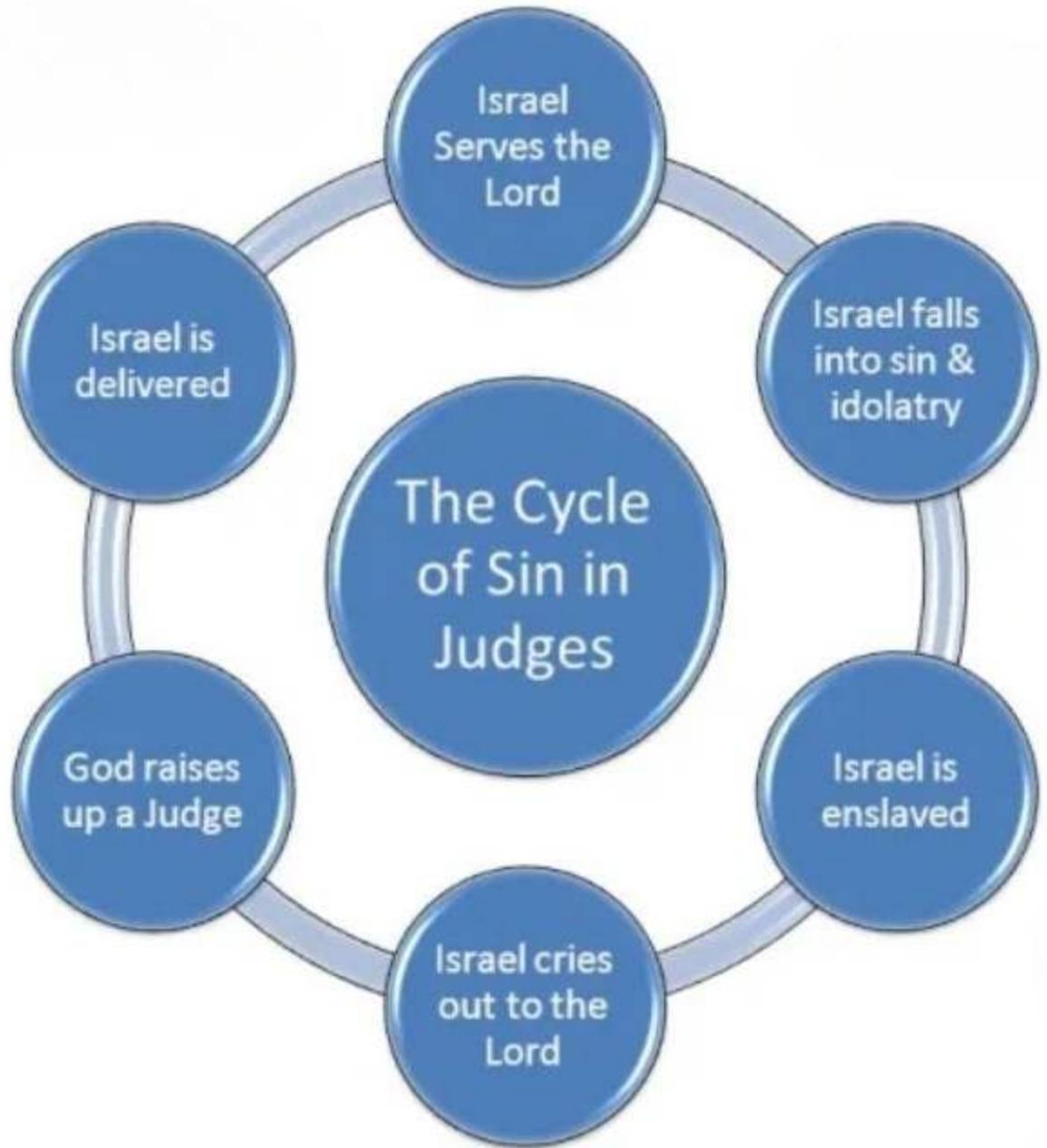


THE REPEATING PATTERN of JUDGES:



The People SIN
The People are OPPRESSED
The People CRY OUT to GOD
God RAISES-UP a DELIVERER
The People KNOW PEACE
Rinse & REPEAT

THE REPEATING PATTERN of JUDGES:



JUD. 2:19: “And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers...”

“THEN the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD...”

(Appears Throughout)

THE PHRASES:

“HE DID EVIL IN
THE SIGHT OF
THE LORD”

OR

“HE DID WHAT
WAS RIGHT IN
THE SIGHT OF
THE LORD”

APPEAR
36 TIMES
THROUGHOUT
THESE BOOKS!

1st KINGS 11
2nd KINGS 25



3 MAIN SECTIONS to 1st & 2nd KINGS:

- The “Unified Kingdom” (under Solomon)
 - 1 Kings 1—11
- The “Divided Kingdom”
 - 1st Kings 12 - 2nd Kings 18
- The “Surviving Kingdom” (of Judah)
 - 2nd Kings 18—25

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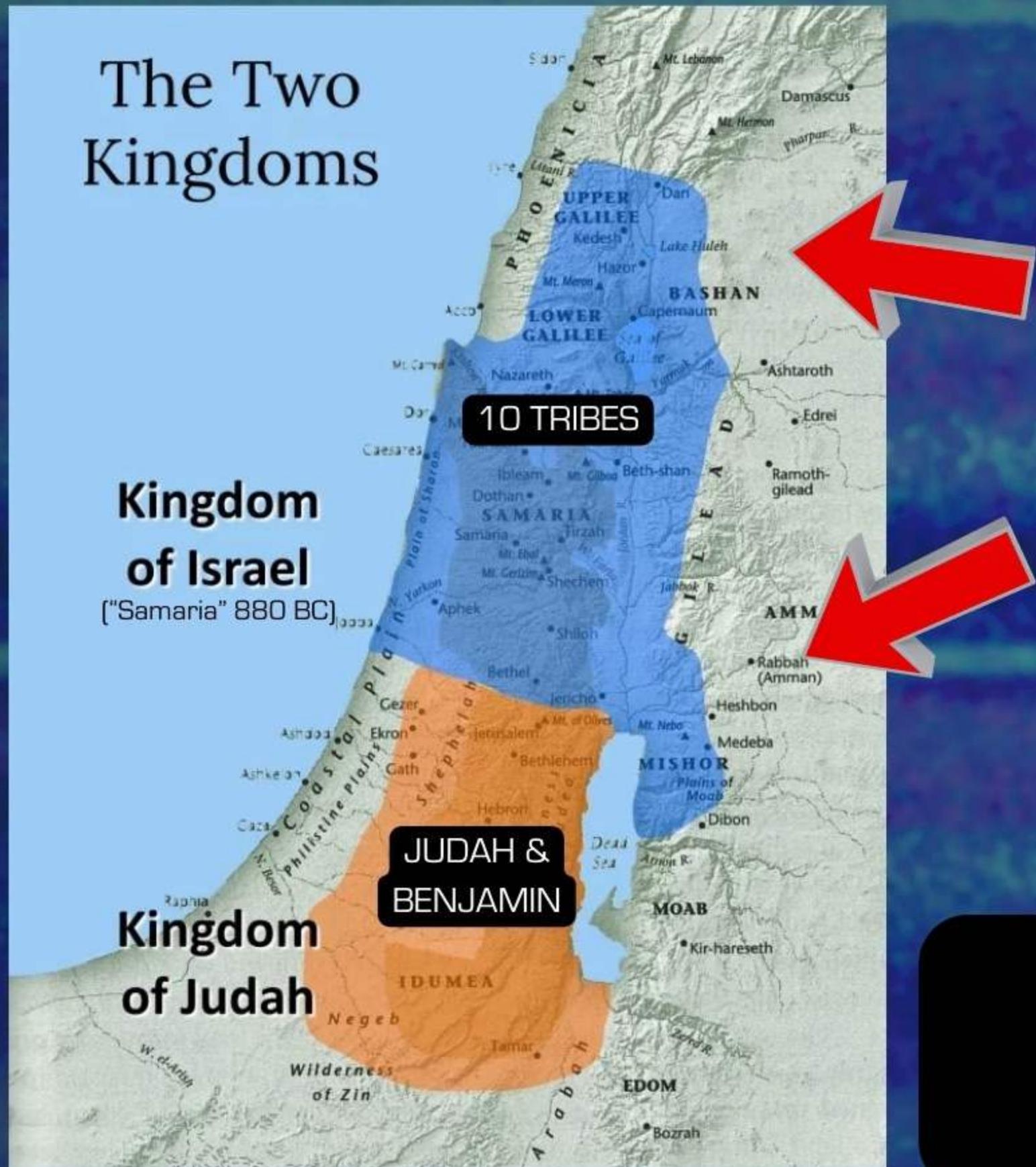


1 Kings 12:25-33: “**Jeroboam said in his heart, ‘The kingdom may return to the house of David: If these people go... to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to... Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam...’** “**Therefore, the king... made two calves of gold, and said to the people, ‘It is too much for you to go... to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!’** – “**He set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.**”

“*Jeroboam feared the political implications of yearly trips down to the capital city of the southern kingdom of Judah.*”
(David Guzik)

“THE DIVIDED KINGDOM”

The Two Kingdoms



Kingdom
of Israel

("Samaria" 880 BC)

Kingdom
of Judah

“Our fathers worshiped
on this mountain... and
you Jews say that in
Jerusalem is the place
where one ought to
worship.” John 4:20

She's Talking About This!!!

“THE DIVIDED KINGDOM”

The Two Kingdoms



THIS IS
**HUGELY
IMPORTANT!**

THE “FIRST
WAVE” OF
JUDGEMENT
UPON ISRAEL

“THE ASSYRIAN INVASION: 2nd KINGS 17”

Appx. 220 Years AFTER the Division of the Kingdom

“THE ASSYRIAN INVASION: 2nd KINGS 17”

VS. 5-8: “Now the king of Assyria... went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years... the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.” - “For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt... and they had feared other gods, and had walked in the statutes of the nations whom the LORD had cast out from before [them]...”

“THE ASSYRIAN INVASION: 2nd KINGS 17”

VS. 9-12: “Also, the children of Israel secretly did against the LORD their God things that were not right... they built for themselves high places in all their cities...” – “They set up for themselves sacred pillars and wooden images on every high hill... they burned incense on all the high places, like the nations whom the LORD had carried away before them; and they did wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger, for they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, “You shall not do this thing.”

“THE ASSYRIAN INVASION: 2nd KINGS 17”

VS. 13-14: “Yet the LORD testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His prophets, every seer, saying, “Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets.” Nevertheless they would not hear, but stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God.”

“THE ASSYRIAN INVASION: 2nd KINGS 17”

VS. 15-16: “They rejected His statutes and His covenant, that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He had testified against them; they followed idols, became idolaters, and went after the nations who were all around them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them that they should not do like them.” – “So they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.”

“THE ASSYRIAN INVASION: 2nd KINGS 17”

VS. 17-18: “And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.” –

“Therefore, the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight... there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone.”

VS. 23: “Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day.”

“THE ASSYRIAN INVASION: 2nd KINGS 17”



“When [the] Assyrians... exiled a... community, they led captives away on journeys of hundreds of miles, with the captives naked and attached together with a system of strings and fishhooks... through their lower lips. God would make sure they were led in this humiliating manner through the broken walls of their conquered cities. It was not because... God... was unable to help them, but because they had so forsaken

God and ignored His guidance and correction that He finally stopped actively protecting them and let them rot and degrade according to their desire.”

(David Guzik)

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= “SAMARITAN”

JN. 4:9: “Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.”

“The full-blooded... monotheistic Jews (of the Southern Kingdom) detested the mixed marriages and worship of their northern cousins... Walls of bitterness were erected on both sides and did nothing but harden for the next 550 years.”

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“THE ASSYRIAN INVASION: 2nd KINGS 19”

2nd Kings 19:32-34: “Thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: ‘He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there... For I will defend this city,’ says the Lord, “to save it for My own sake and for My servant David’s sake.”

“David had died about 300 years before this, but God still honored His promise to David in 2nd Samuel Chapter 7. God defended Jerusalem, not for the city’s sake... He did it for His own sake and for the sake of [His promise to] David.”

(David Guzik)

“THE BABYLONIAN INVASION”

of the Southern Kingdom of Judah

2 Chron. 36:17-21: “[The Lord] brought against [Judah] the king of the Chaldeans... they burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious possessions. And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon... to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate, she kept Sabbath **to fulfill seventy years.**”

WHY?

“THE SABBATH YEAR”

LEV. 25: “When you come to the land that I am giving you, the land must be given a rest period, a sabbath to God. Six years you may plant your fields... and harvest your crops, but the seventh year is a sabbath... for the land... during which you may not plant your fields, nor prune your vineyards. Do not harvest crops... and do not gather the grapes on your unpruned vines, [because] it is a year of rest for the land.”

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vineyards. Do not ' **WANT**

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“The people of Judah had DENIED the land its Sabbaths over a period of... 490 years, meaning they ‘owed’ the land 70 Sabbaths... and to fulfill [these] seventy years God took the years back during the Babylonian exile.”

“...enjoy its Sabbath years... that you would not give it when you lived there.”

“THE BABYLONIAN INVASION”

“Thus Judah [the Southern Kingdom] was carried away captive from its own land.”

2 Kings 25:21

“...enjoy the Sabbath year when you did not give it when you lived there.”

IN SUMMARY:

BY THE END OF 2nd KINGS:

The KINGDOM OF ISREAL becomes DIVIDED =

NORTHERN KINGDOM (Samaria/Israel) | SOUTHERN KINGDOM (Judah)

The PERIOD of the KINGS brings-in the TIME of the PROPHETS

(Next Overall Section of Scripture)

The NORTHERN KINGDOM (Samaria/Israel) is CONQUERED by ASSYRIA

The SOUTHERN KINGDOM (Judah) is TAKEN TO CAPTIVITY in BABYLON

(Seventy Years = 'The Exile')

EXILIC WRITINGS: Ezekiel, Daniel, Esther

POST-EXILIC WRITINGS: Ezra, Nehemiah, 1 & 2 Chronicles,

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

“POST-EXILIC RETURN”

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 & Ezra 1:1-3:

“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... so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom... saying... “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...which is in Jerusalem.”

ISAIAH 44:28:

“...Cyrus, ‘...is My shepherd, and he shall perform all My pleasure, saying to Jerusalem, “You shall be built,” and to the temple, “Your foundation shall be laid.”’

WRITTEN
200 YEARS
BEFORE
CYRUS
WAS BORN!

NEXT STOP:

THE TIME OF THE

THE PROPHETS



THROUGH THE BIBLE

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