

1-2 KINGS

The God Whose Word Shapes History

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POP QUIZ

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- 1. What foreign powers overcame the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah, and what years did these exiles occur?**
- 2. Which two kings in the southern kingdom of Judah receive the highest commendation?**



to
O Lord,
my soul;
TRUST
1925

1–2 KINGS at a Glance

I. Solomon's Rise, Reign, and Disobedience	1 Kgs 1:1–11:43
II. The Division of the Kingdom	1 Kgs 12:1–14:31
III. The Demise of the Kingdoms and Fall of Israel	1 Kgs 15:1– 2 Kgs 17:41
IV. The Demise of Judah and Its Fall	2 Kgs 18:1–25:21
V. Postscript: Kingdom Hope	2 Kgs 25:22–30

THE KINGDOM OF DAVID & SOLOMON

- Direct control
- Conquered / paid tribute
- Paid tribute



Solomon and the Division of the Kingdom (1 Kgs 1–14)

◆ Introduction

◆ Foundational Context

❖ 1 Kgs 2:1–4

❖ 1 Kgs 4:20–21 (cf. Gen 15:18)

◆ Foundational Theology

❖ 1 Kgs 8:18–21

❖ 1 Kgs 8:25–26; 9:4–7

❖ 1 Kgs 8:28–30, 43, 51, 51, 53, 57–60

“If they sin against you . . . and you are angry with them and give them to an enemy, so that they are carried away captive, . . . if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul . . ., then hear hear . . . and forgive.” —1 Kgs 8:46–50



◆ The Theological Lens

❖ Deut 17:14–20

❖ 1 Kgs 11:9–13

The Demise of the Kingdoms

◆ Annalistic Pattern of Recording

❖ Structure:

- ❖ Year of ascent
- ❖ Name of father
- ❖ Length of reign in capital city
- ❖ Age at beginning of reign (only Judah)
- ❖ Name of mother (only Judah)
- ❖ Summary evaluation

The Demise of the Kingdoms

◆ Annalistic Pattern of Recording

- ❖ Structure
- ❖ Theological implications
- ❖ Summary evaluation of the king's religious policy
 - ❖ Judah
 - ❖ Israel



“So the king took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, ‘You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.’ And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan” (1 Kgs 12:28–29).

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



The Makeup of the Southern & Northern Kingdoms

	Southern Kingdom- JUDAH	Northern Kingdom- ISRAEL
Size	1(2) Tribes	10 tribes
Dynasties & Kings	1 dynasty/20 kings	10 dynasties/20 kings
Capitals	Jerusalem	Samaria
Worship Centers	Jerusalem	Bethel & Dan
Economic Status	Struggling	Wealthy
Destruction	586 B.C. by Babylon	723 B.C. by Assyria

◆ Elevating Yahweh's Supremacy and the Validity of the Mosaic Covenant

❖ Truthful foretelling—examples:

- ❖ The division of the empire
- ❖ The punishment of idolatry
- ❖ The ending of dynasties
- ❖ The covenant curse of drought

❖ Miracles—examples:

- ❖ Multiplying oil in a jar
- ❖ Raising people from the dead

“How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If Yahweh is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” —1 Kgs 18:21



- ❖ Spiritual battles—1 Kgs 18:20–46
- ❖ Covenantal reaffirmation—1 Kgs 19:1–18

Rapid-Fire

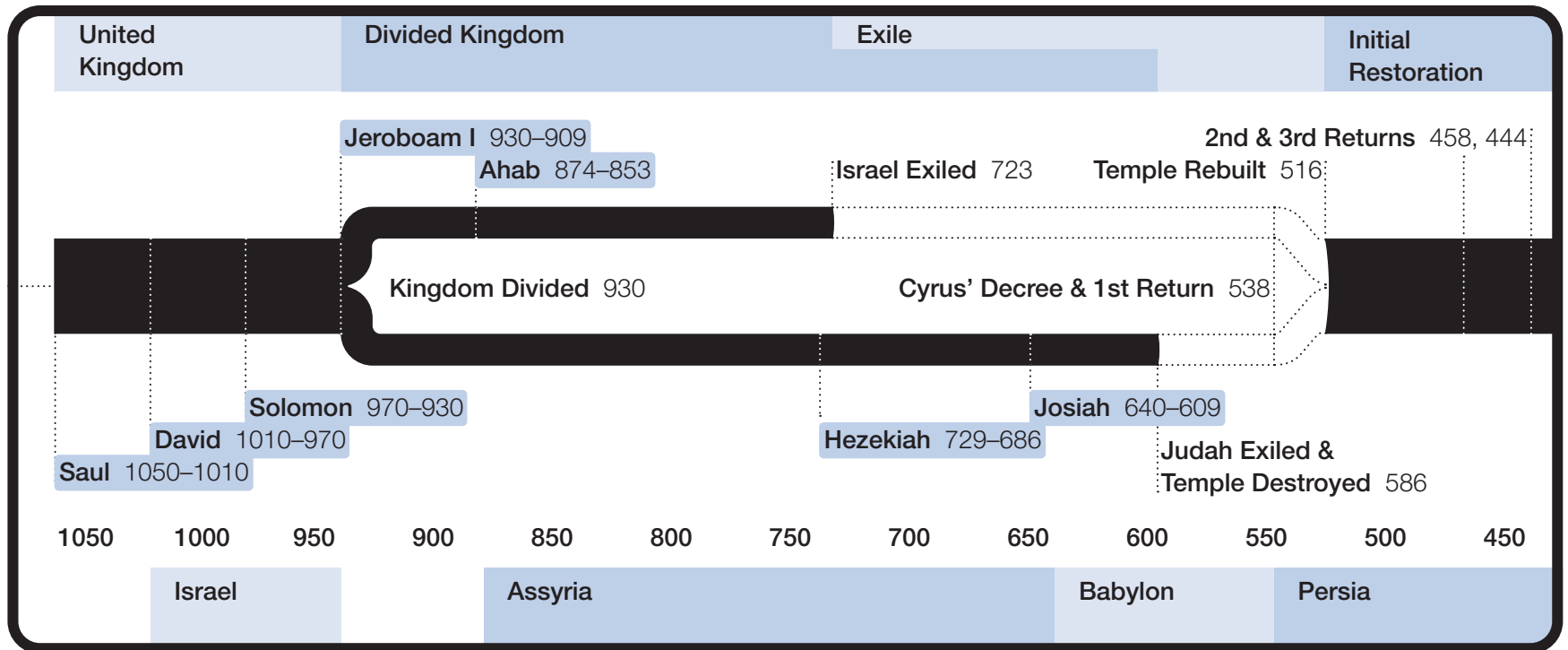
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The Exiles of Israel and Judah and Sustained Kingdom Hope

◆ 2 Kgs 17:6–23

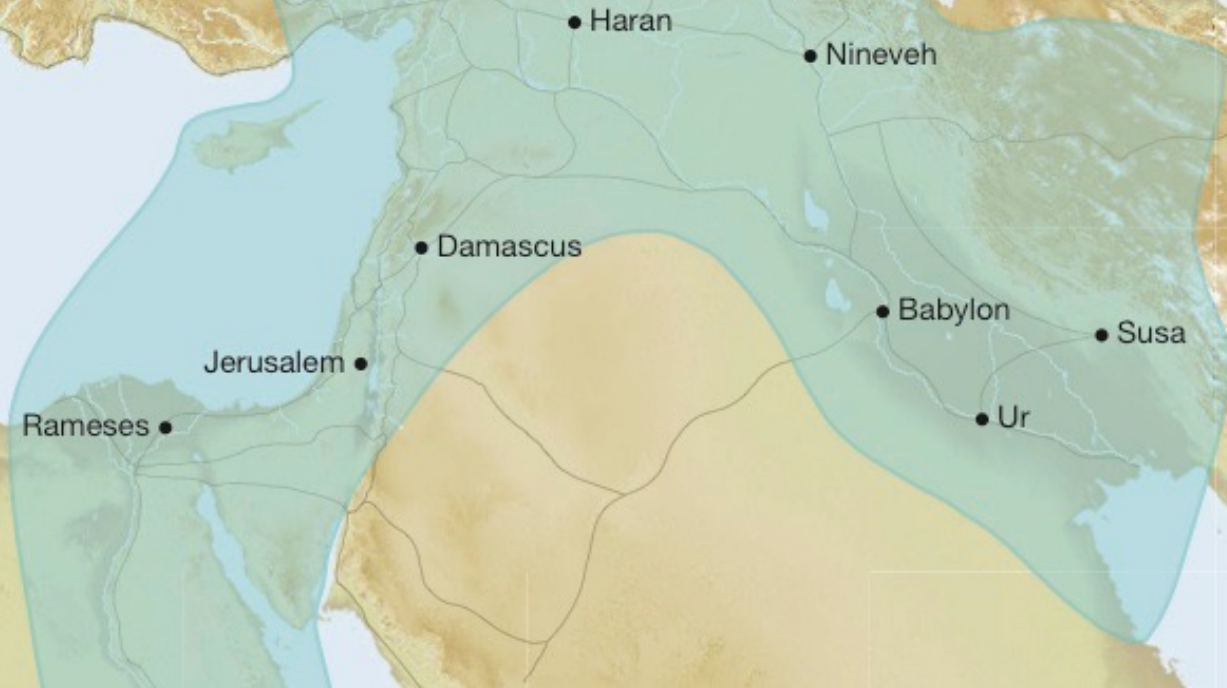
Overview of Israel's History



Prepared by Jason S. DeRouchie. For an expanded version of this material that includes all kings and prophets of Israel and Judah, see Appendix 1, Fig. A.2.

ASSYRIAN EMPIRE

870-626 B.C.



BABYLONIAN EMPIRE

626–539 B.C.



EGYPT

MEDIA

BABYLONIA

• Haran

• Nineveh

• Damascus

• Babylon

• Susa

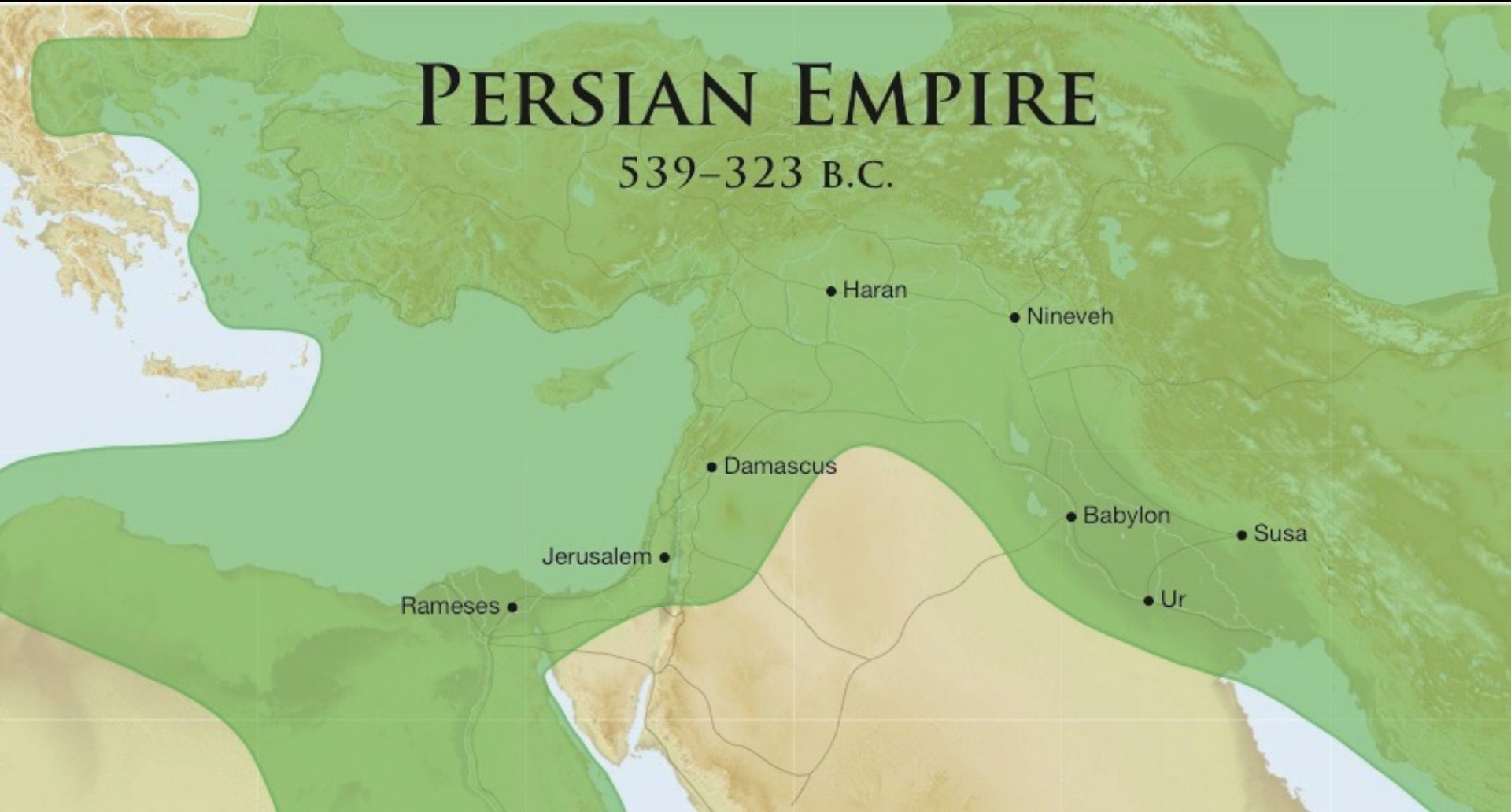
• Jerusalem

• Rameses

• Ur

PERSIAN EMPIRE

539–323 B.C.



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◆ 2 Kgs 17:6–23

◆ 2 Kgs 18:13–19:37

◆ 2 Kgs 21:11–15; 23:24–27

◆ 2 Kgs 24:1–2, 8–17; 25:1–21

◆ 2 Kgs 25:22–30 (cf. 1 Kgs 8:46; 11:39)

Summary of Kings

After it becomes apparent that Solomon is not the messianic son of David, God divides the kingdom and both nations fall further into sin and are eventually exiled, with their only hope resting in the coming of the messianic King from the line of Judah and David.