



A Heart of Pride Exposed Isaiah 39

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Isaiah 52:13-15

13 Behold, My servant will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

14 Just as many were astonished at you, My people, so His appearance was marred more than any man and His form more than the sons of men

15 Thus He will sprinkle many nations, Kings will shut their mouths on account of Him; for what had not been told them they will see, and what they had not heard they will understand.

Isaiah 53:1-3

- 1 Who has believed our message? and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- 2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He has no stately form or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him.
- 3 He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

Isaiah 53:4-6

4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

Isaiah 53:7-8

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth.

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Maximum extent under Sargon II (714 BC)

HITTITES

Carchemish

Haran

ASSYRIA

Nineveh

Ashur

Tigris River

ARAM

Harmath

Euphrates River

MEDES

Mediterranean Sea

PHOENECIA

Byblos

Tyre

Damascus

SYRIA

ARABU (ARABS)

BABYLON

Babylon

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PHILISTIA

Samaria

KEDAR

Jerusalem

Ashkelon

Raphia

JUDAH

Conquered by Sennacherib in 701 BC

Edom

Elath

Assyrian Empire

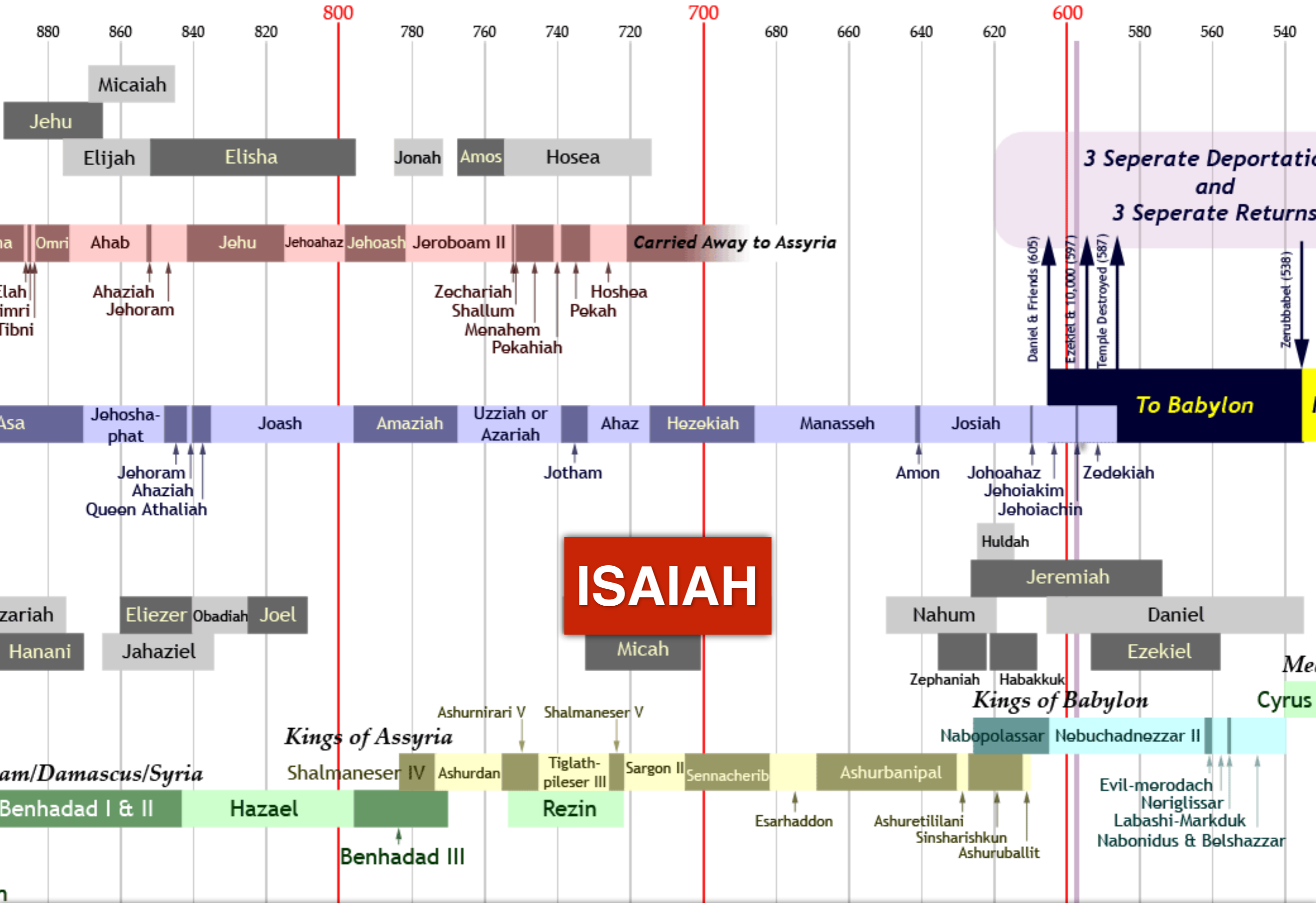
in Isaiah's Time (745-701 BC)

under Tiglath-pileser, Sargon, and Sennacherib

EGYPT

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Sennacherib's Prism (aka Taylor's Prism)

Merodach Baladan's name is also found on Sennacherib's Prism which documents the spread of the Assyrian Empire. The kings of Assyria were enemies of Merodach and the Chaldean / Babylonian empire.

Line 38 reads: "Merodach-Baladan, son of Iakin, King of Babylon"

Line 38 reads: "Merodach-Baladan, with his allies and his soldiers had the insignia of his royalty kept as in an island on the banks of the river; he arranged his plan of battle."

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Now Hezekiah had immense riches and honor; and he made for himself treasuries for silver, gold, precious stones, spices, shields and all kinds of valuable articles, storehouses also for the produce of grain, wine and oil, pens for all kinds of cattle and sheepfolds for the flocks. He made cities for himself and acquired flocks and herds in abundance, for **God had given him very great wealth.**

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J. Alec Mother - "What a wretched response from Hezekiah!When pride replaces humility, self-satisfaction replaces concern for others, and works replace faith then the smugness instead of tears and prayer, the word proves its obduracy and accomplishes its grim purposes."

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2 Chronicles 32:24-26

In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill; and he prayed to the Lord, and the Lord spoke to him and gave him a sign. But Hezekiah gave no return for the benefit he received, because his heart was proud; therefore wrath came on him and on Judah and Jerusalem. However, Hezekiah humbled the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah.

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3. Be thankful that the LORD God of hosts does not change and that He has kept His covenant of salvation and does not consume us - Malachi 3:6



- Assyrian Empire – 824 B.C.
- Assyrian Empire – 671 B.C.



Exiles taken from Judah to Babylon (597 & 586 BC)
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THE BABYLONIAN EMPIRE c. 600 BC

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