

Isaiah 41:1-29

**The Creator's Loving
Hand
over
His Remnant**

**Ungodly
Response:
41:1-7**

**Godly
Response:
41:8-29**



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QUESTIONS TO ASK THE TEXT



Who is Cyrus?

Why are many of the verb tenses in these chapters in the present tense while the events are still future?

To whom does the term coastlands refer?

Who is the one from the North and the one from the East?

Who does the Lord single out as the enemy of Israel?

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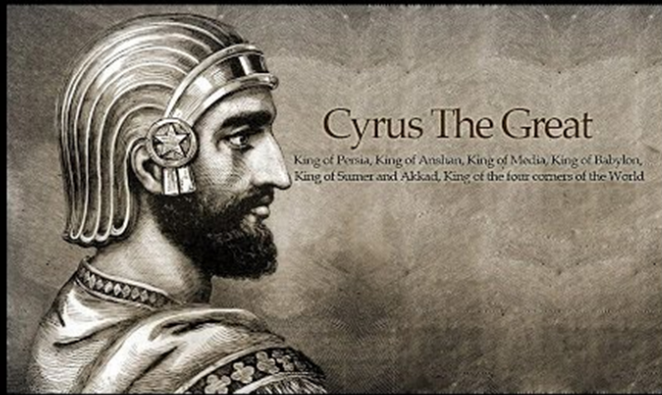


SECTION VERSES: 41:8-9

“But you, Israel, My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
Descendant of Abraham My friend,
You whom I have taken from the ends of
the earth,
And called from its remotest parts
And said to you, ‘You are My servant,
I have chosen you and not rejected you.



THEMES FROM ISAIAH 41-42



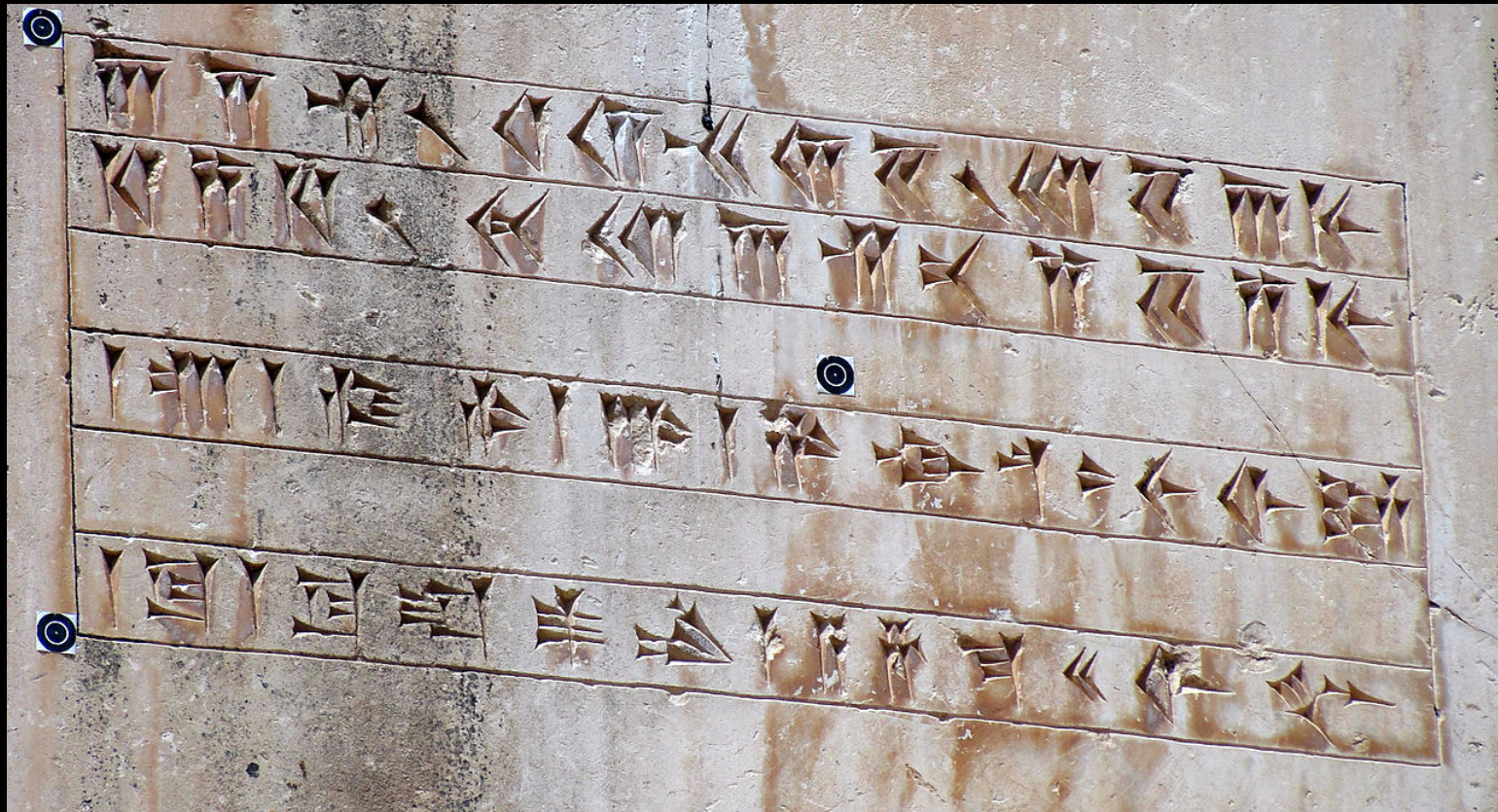
- 1) Humility of Israel
- 2) Theological Themes
- 3) Messianic Theme
- 4) Attributes of God
- 5) Creation Theme
- 6) Thanksgiving Theme
- 7) Overall Theme

NAMES OF GOD



- 1) Redeemer
- 2) Holy One of Israel
- 3) The First and the Last
- 4) I AM He
- 5) Lord
- 6) Myself
- 7) King of Jacob
- 8) My Servant
- 9) My Chosen One

CYRUS



“I am Cyrus the King!

CYRUS



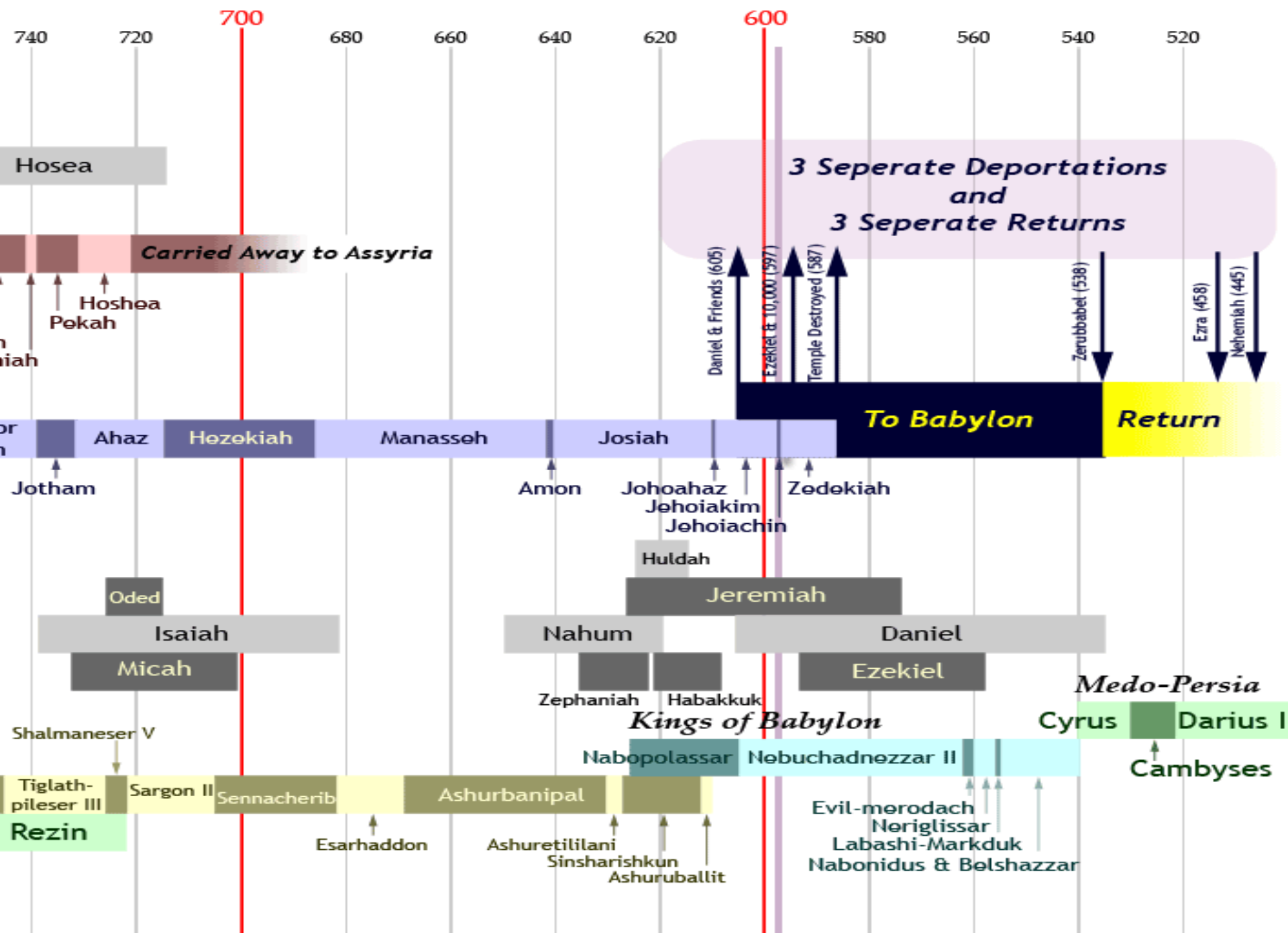
Cyrus the Great
King of Kings
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King of Media
King of Babylon

King of Sumer and Akkad

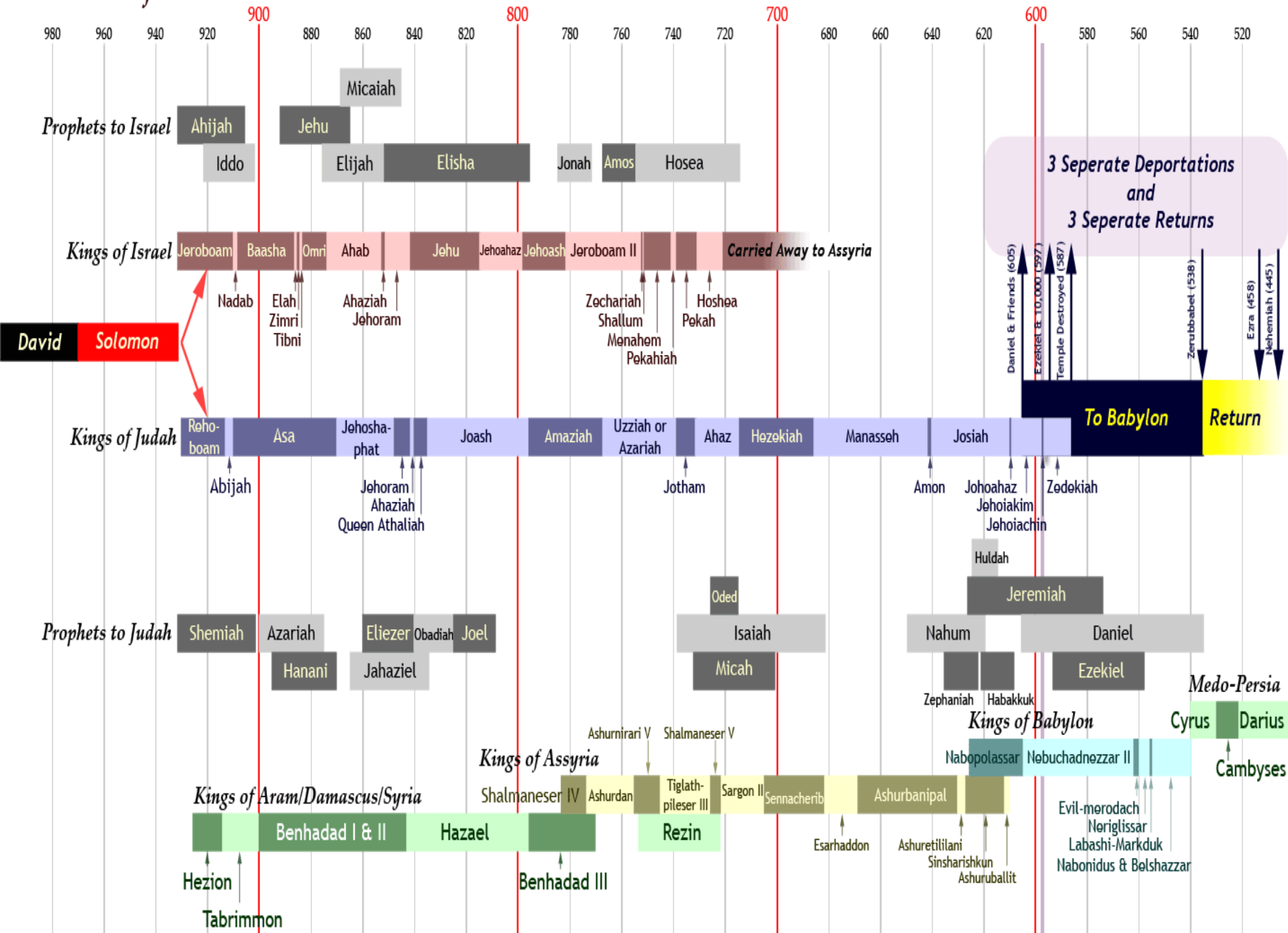
King of the Four Corners of the World



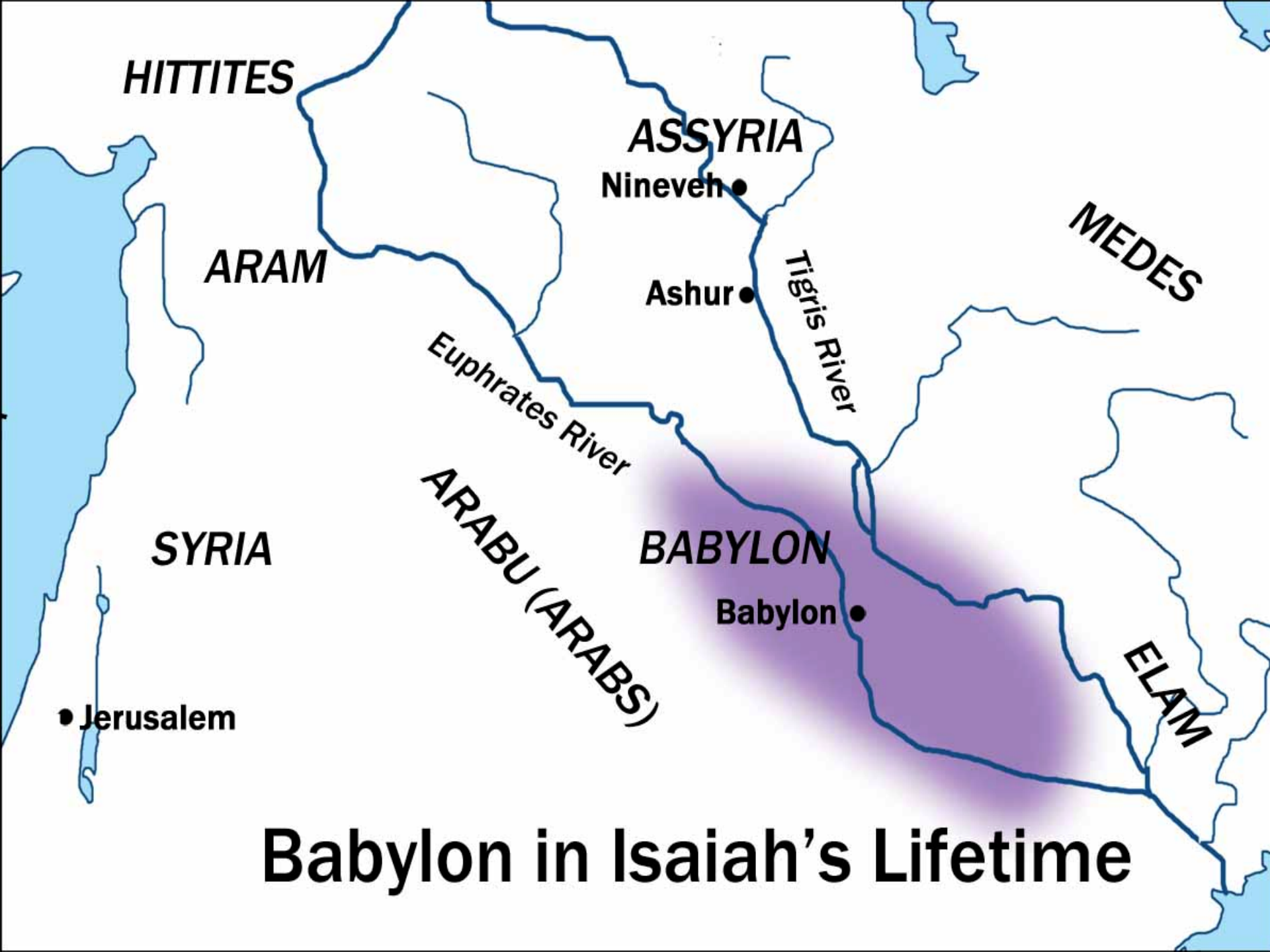




Timeline from David to Zerubbabel







HITTITES

ASSYRIA

Nineveh ●

Ashur ●

Tigris River

MEDES

ARAM

Euphrates River

SYRIA

ARABU (ARABS)

BABYLON

Babylon ●

ELAM

● Jerusalem

Babylon in Isaiah's Lifetime

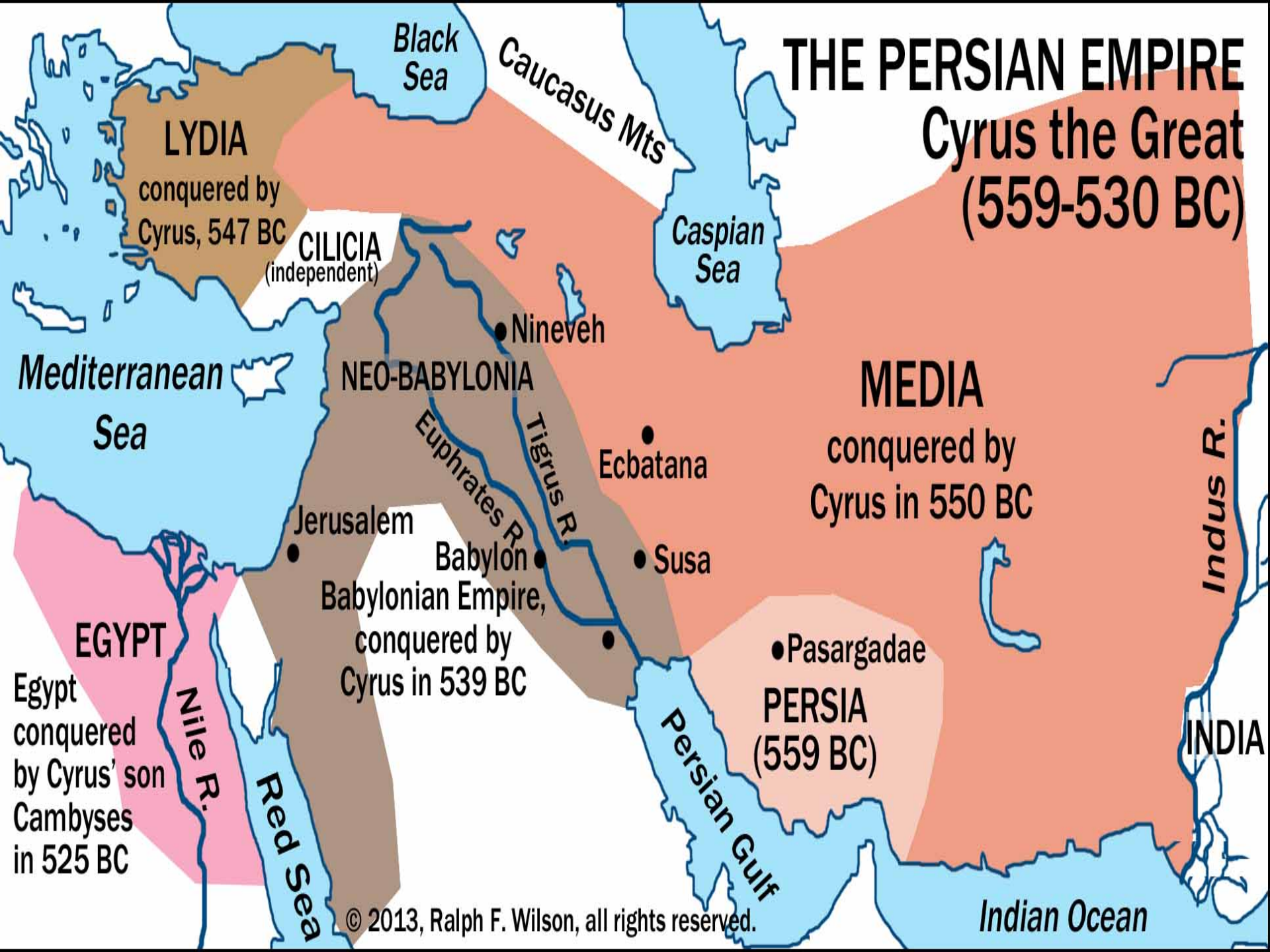


Neo-Babylonian Empire

Nabopolassar, Nebuchadnezzar II,
Nabonidus, Belshazzar (625-539 BC)

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

Cyrus the Great (559-530 BC)



CYRUS



CYRUS' TOMB



Tomb of Cyrus
in
Pasargadae, Iran

WORDS OF COMFORT



- 1) I have taken you from the ends of the earth
- 2) I have called you from the remotest parts
- 3) I have chosen
- 4) I have not rejected you
- 5) Do not fear
- 6) I am with you
- 7) Do not look anxiously about you
- 8) I am your God
- 9) I will strengthen you
- 10) Surely I will help you
- 11) Surely I will uphold you with my right hand

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I. Ungodly Response to Trouble (41:1-7)

A. Problem (41:1-4)

B. Partnering (41:5-6)

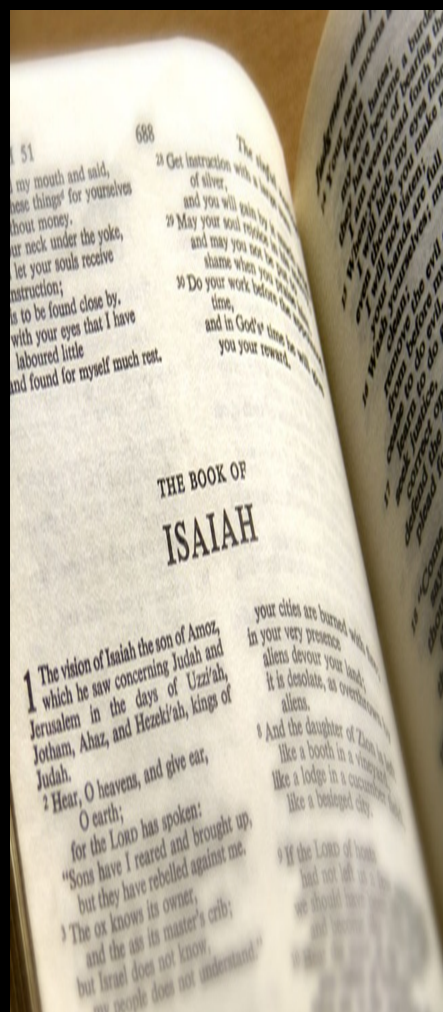
C. Peril (41:7; 21-29)

II. Godly Response to Trouble (41:8-29)

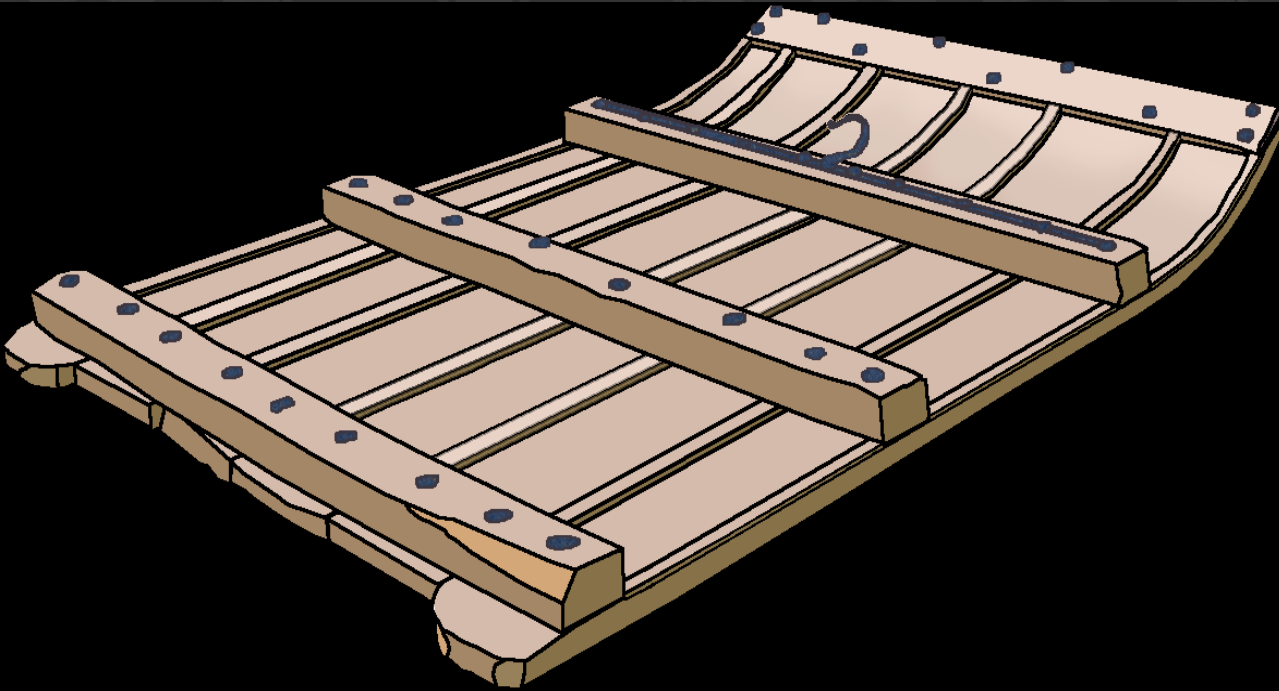
A. First Assurance (41:8-13)

B. Second Assurance (41:14-16)

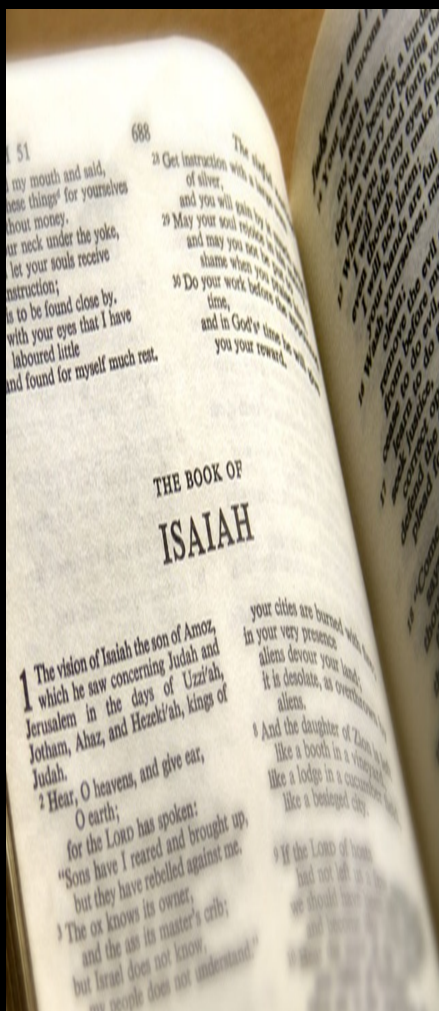
C. Third Assurance (41:17-20)







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II. Godly Response to Trouble (41:8-29)

III. Implications

- 1) Live with knowledge of a Supreme God
- 2) Live without Idols
- 3) Live without Anxiety
- 4) Live with Thanksgiving
- 5) Live with Prayer

SPURGEON ON “CHANCE”

"God is very good to those who trust in Him, and often surprises them with 'unlooked for blessings.' Little do we know what may happen to us in the future; but this sweet fact should cheer us -- that nothing which is really good for us -- shall be withheld from us! The word "chance" is banished from the Christian's vocabulary -- for we see the hand of God in everything. The seemingly trivial events of today or tomorrow, may involve consequences of the highest importance. Take comfort -- our Lord deals as graciously with all His servants -- as He did with Ruth!"

~Spurgeon

MEMORY VERSES: ISAIAH 53:9

“And they made his grave with the wicked
And with a rich man in his death,
Although he had done no violence,
And there was no deceit in his mouth.”



MEMORY VERSES: ISAIAH 53:10

“Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring;
he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand”

