

Isaiah 63-64

The LORD's Impending Judgment & Israel's Prayer of Confession



5 For My sword is
satiated in heaven,
Behold it shall descend
for judgment

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Assyrian Empire – 824 B.C.

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HITTITES

ASSYRIA

Nineveh ●

Ashur ●

Tigris River

MEDES

ARAM

Euphrates River

SYRIA

ARABU (ARABS)

BABYLON

Babylon ●

ELAM

● Jerusalem

Babylon in Isaiah's Lifetime

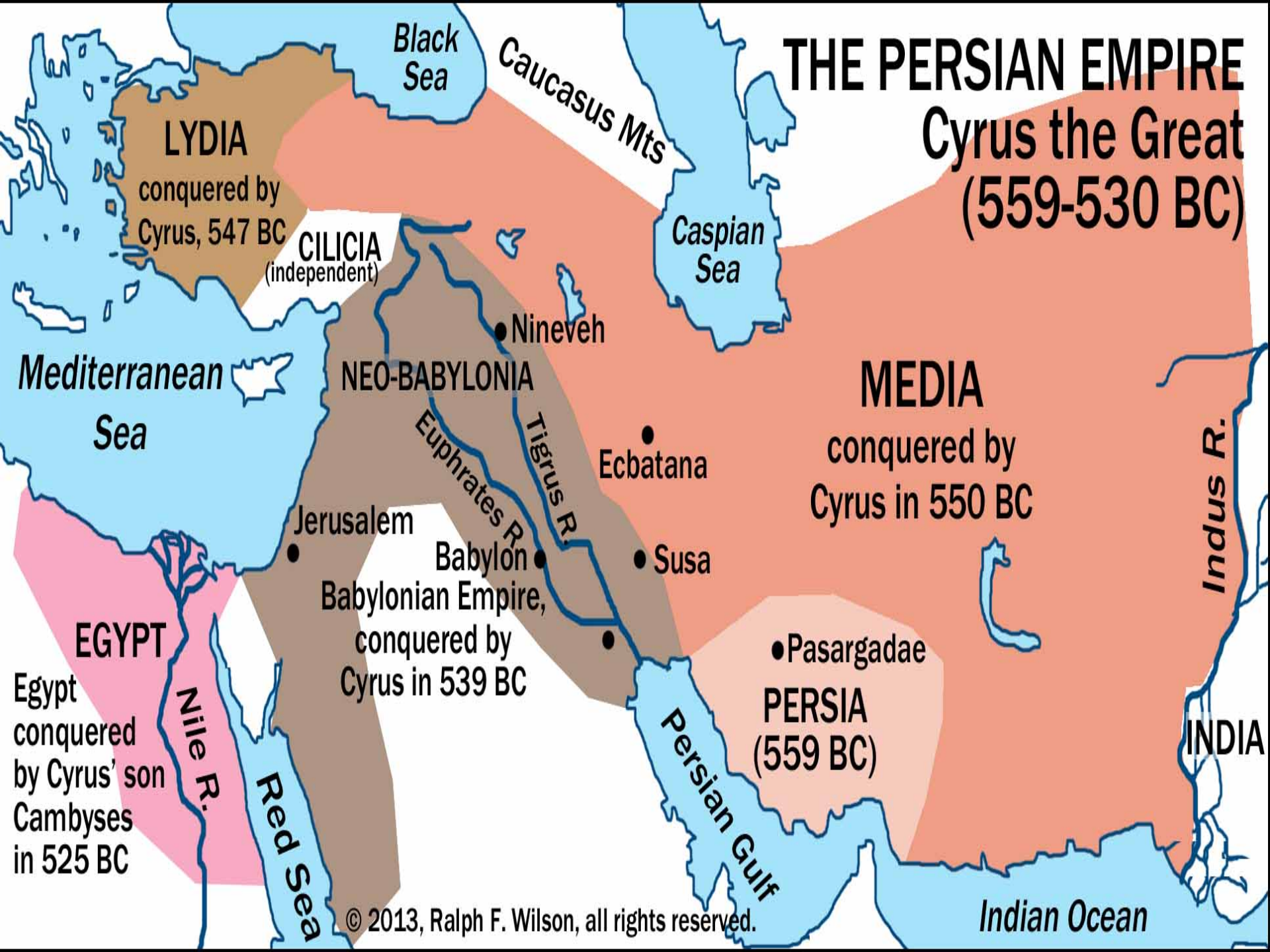


Neo-Babylonian Empire

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

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

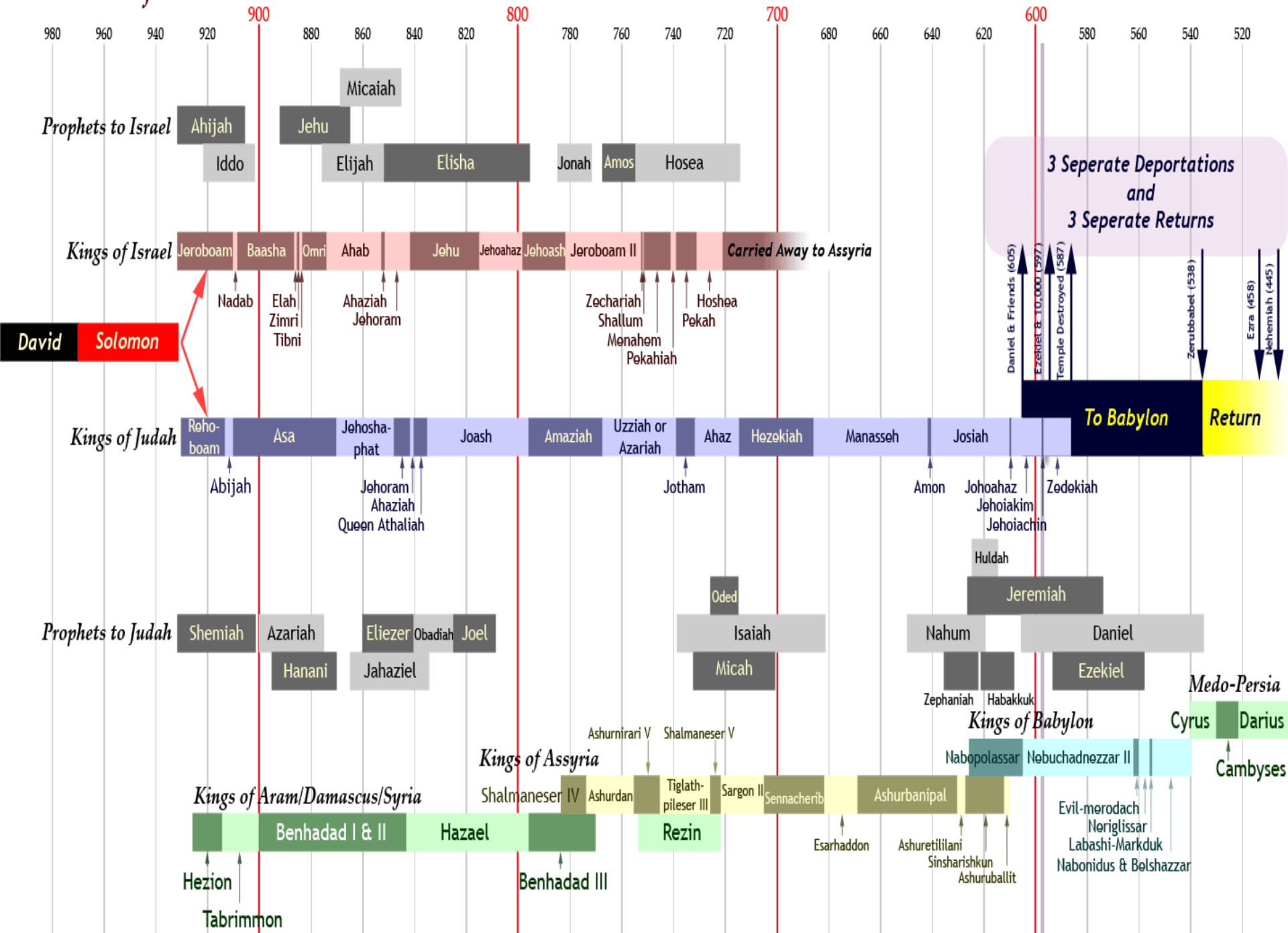
Cyrus the Great (559-530 BC)



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Timeline from David to Zerubbabel



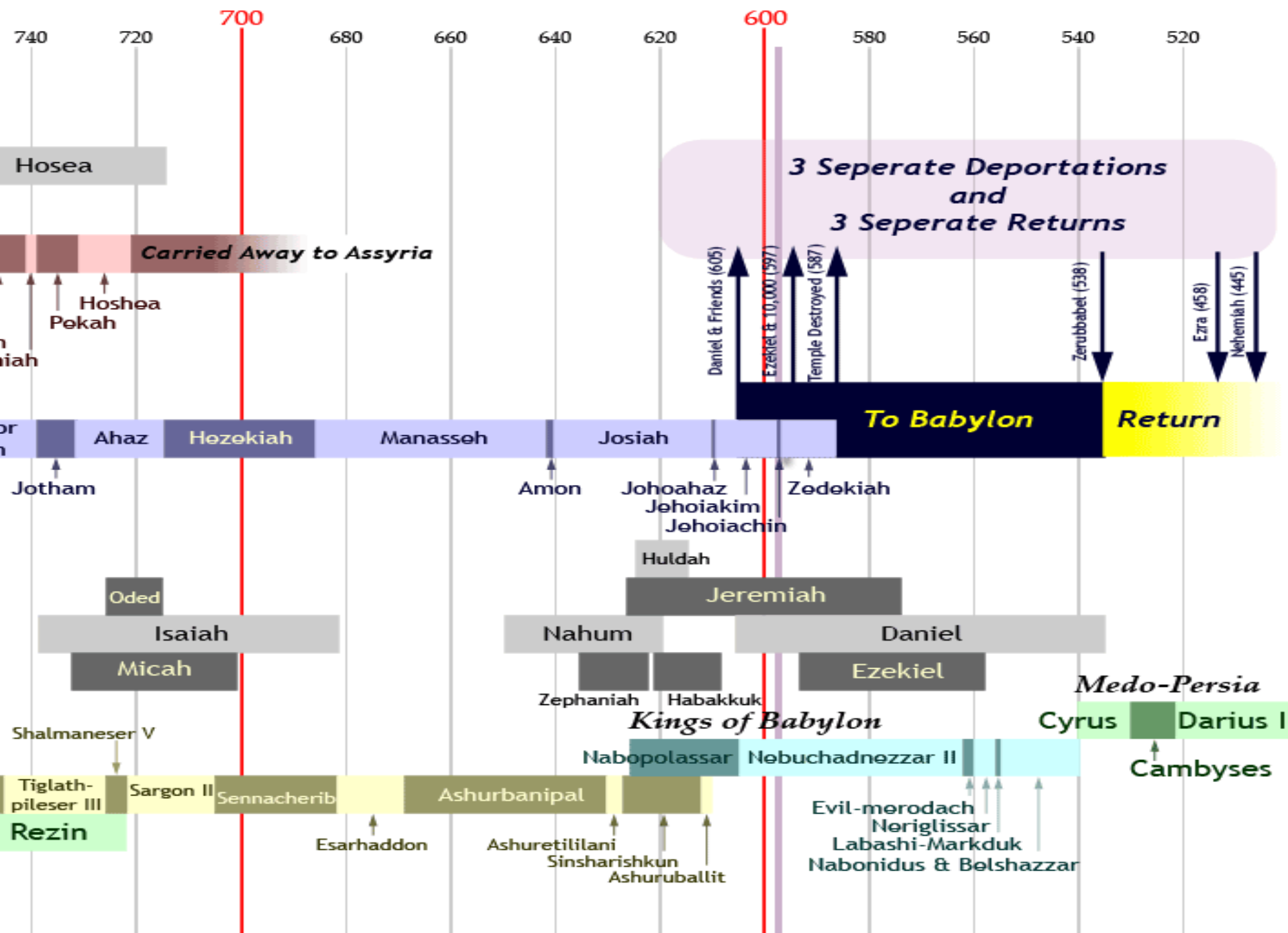
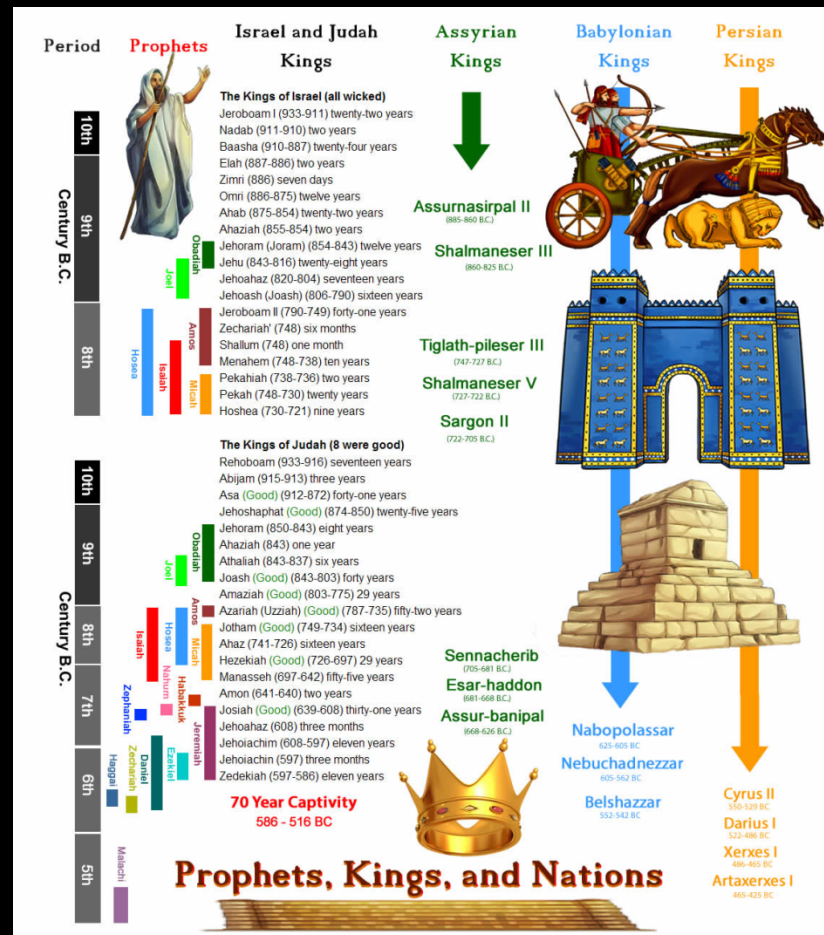


CHART ON THE KINGS



Century B.C.

9th

8th



Joel

Obadiah

Hosea

Isaiah

Amos

Micah

Zimri (886) seven days
Omri (886-875) twelve years
Ahab (875-854) twenty-two years
Ahaziah (855-854) two years
Jehoram (Joram) (854-843) twelve years
Jehu (843-816) twenty-eight years
Jehoahaz (820-804) seventeen years
Jehoash (Joash) (806-790) sixteen years
Jeroboam II (790-749) forty-one years
Zechariah' (748) six months
Shallum (748) one month
Menahem (748-738) ten years
Pekahiah (738-736) two years
Pekah (748-730) twenty years
Hoshea (730-721) nine years

Assurnasirpal II
(885-860 B.C.)

Shalmaneser III
(860-825 B.C.)

Tiglath-pileser III
(747-727 B.C.)

Shalmaneser V
(727-722 B.C.)

Sargon II
(722-705 B.C.)



Nabopolassar
625-605 BC

Nebuchadnezzar
605-562 BC

Belshazzar
552-542 BC

Cyrus II
550-529 BC

Darius I
522-486 BC

Xerxes I
486-465 BC

Artaxerxes I
465-425 BC

The Kings of Judah (8 were good)

Rehoboam (933-916) seventeen years
Abijam (915-913) three years
Asa (Good) (912-872) forty-one years
Jehoshaphat (Good) (874-850) twenty-five years
Jehoram (850-843) eight years
Ahaziah (843) one year
Athaliah (843-837) six years
Joash (Good) (843-803) forty years
Amaziah (Good) (803-775) 29 years
Azariah (Uzziah) (Good) (787-735) fifty-two years
Jotham (Good) (749-734) sixteen years
Ahaz (741-726) sixteen years
Hezekiah (Good) (726-697) 29 years
Manasseh (697-642) fifty-five years
Amon (641-640) two years
Josiah (Good) (639-608) thirty-one years
Jehoahaz (608) three months
Jehoiachim (608-597) eleven years
Jehoiachin (597) three months
Zedekiah (597-586) eleven years

70 Year Captivity
586 - 516 BC



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Joel

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Prophets, Kings, and Nations

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2 PETER 3:11

“10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! 13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”

PROPHETIC TIMELINE

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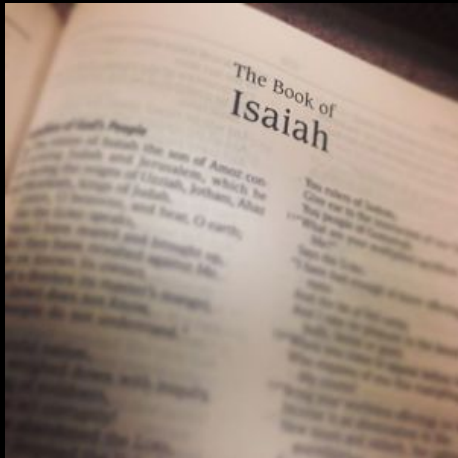


THEME OF ISAIAH 63-64

The theme for this section includes the inseparable link between judgment, confession, and the steadfast love of God, all resulting in the believer's obedience. The backdrop for this theme is the future prophecy of Christ's vengeance upon the enemies of Israel. Along with the rebellious nations, Israel has positioned themselves as enemies of God and are in dire need of His cleansing forgiveness—a cleansing that is possible by repentance and faith in God alone.



SECTION VERSES: ISAIAH 64:6-9



“For all of us have become like one who is unclean and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment and all of us wither like a leaf and the wind which takes us away.”

**“There is no one who calls on Your name,
Who arouses himself to take hold of You;
For You have hidden Your face from us
And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities.**

**•⁸ But now, O Lord, You are our Father,
We are the clay, and You our potter;
And all of us are the work of Your hand.**
**⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, O Lord,
Nor remember iniquity forever;
Behold, look now, all of us are Your people.”**

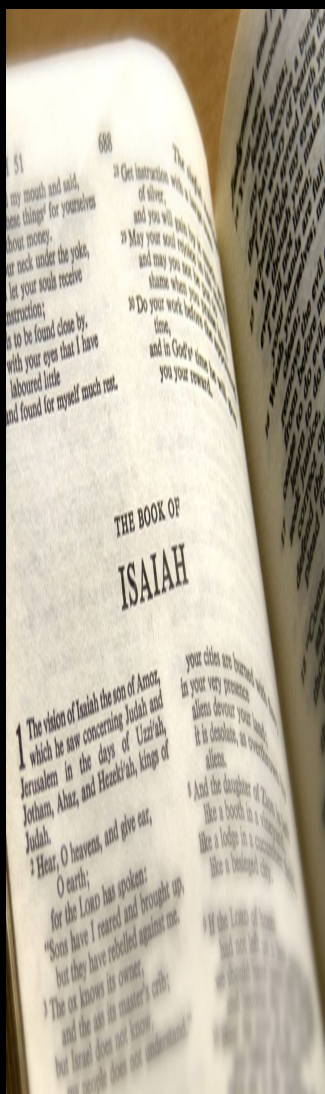
MEMORY VERSE: ISAIAH 53:12

**“Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great,
And He will divide the booty with the strong;
Because He poured out Himself to death,
And was numbered with the transgressors;
Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,
And interceded for the transgressors.”**

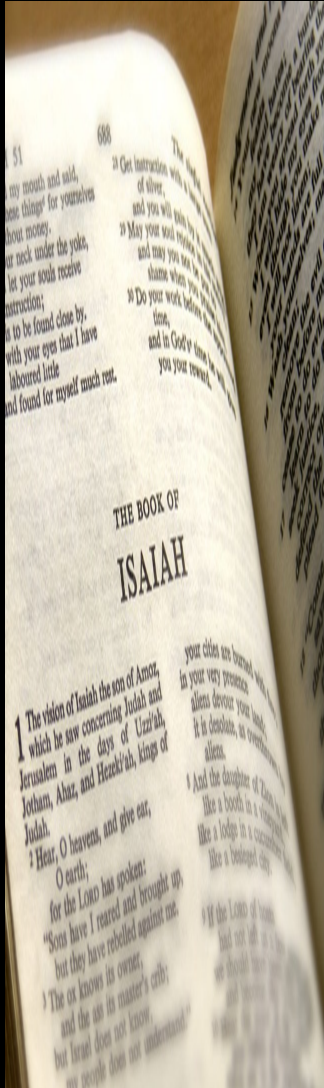


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- II. The Prayer for Compassion (63:7-14)
- III. The Prayer for Reconciliation (63:15-19)
- IV. The Prayer of Confession (64:1-6)
- V. The Prayer for Submission (64:7-9)
- VI. The Prayer for Restoration (64:10-12)



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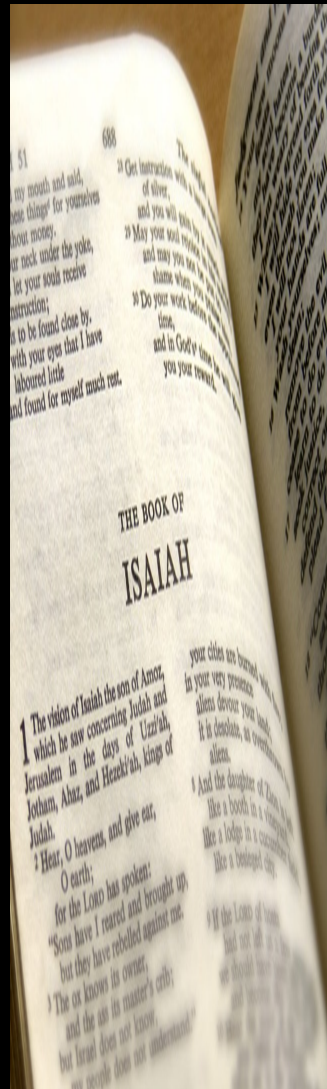
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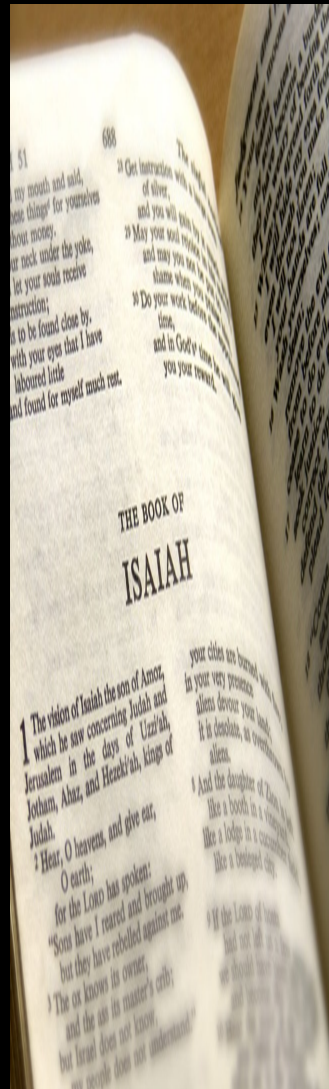
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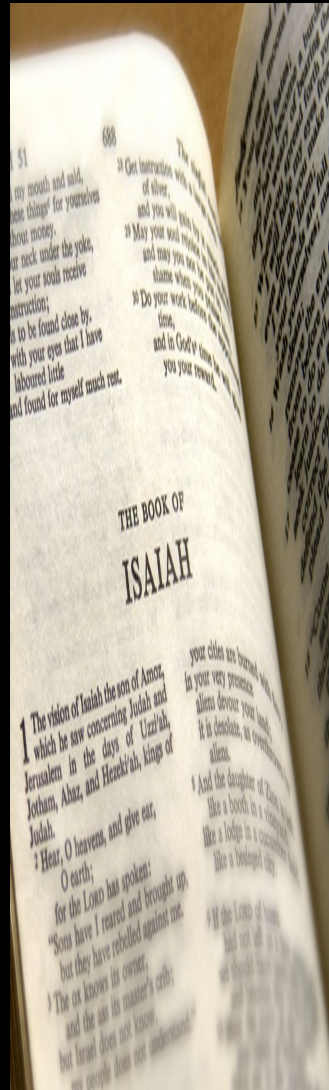


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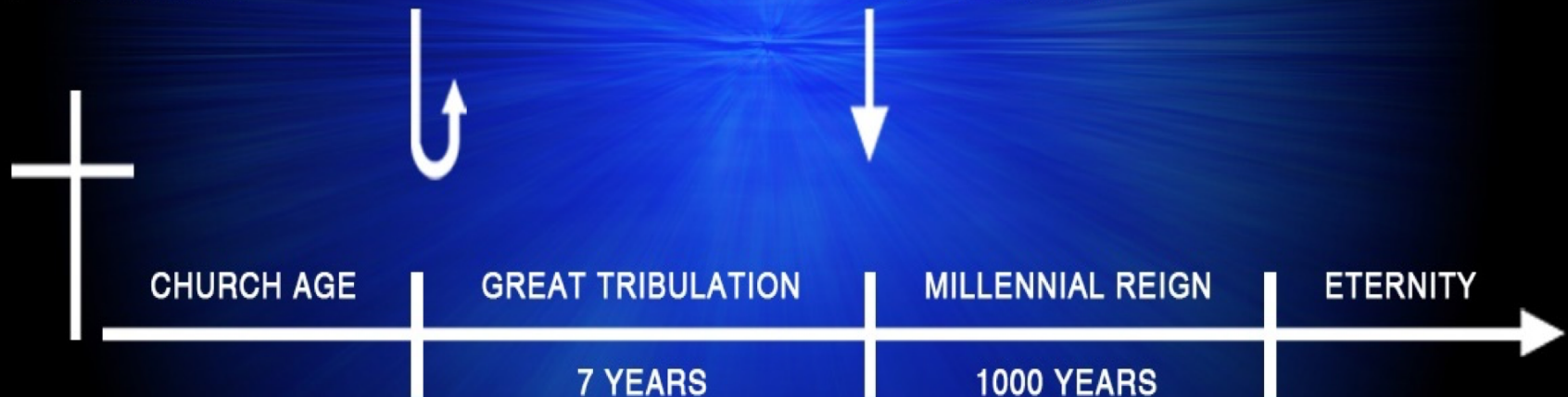
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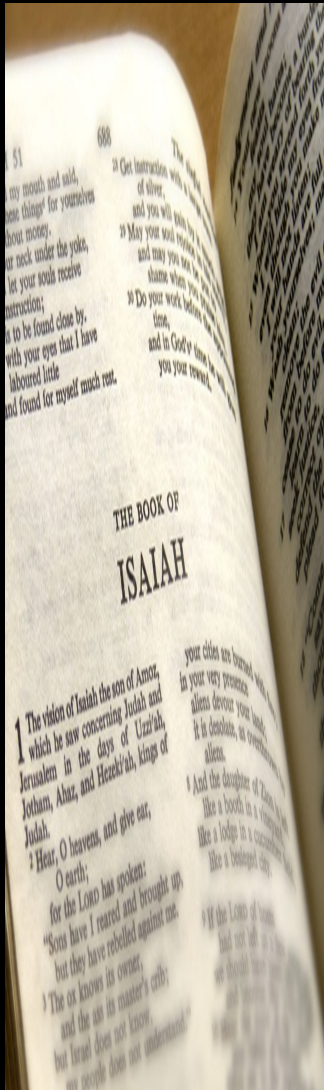
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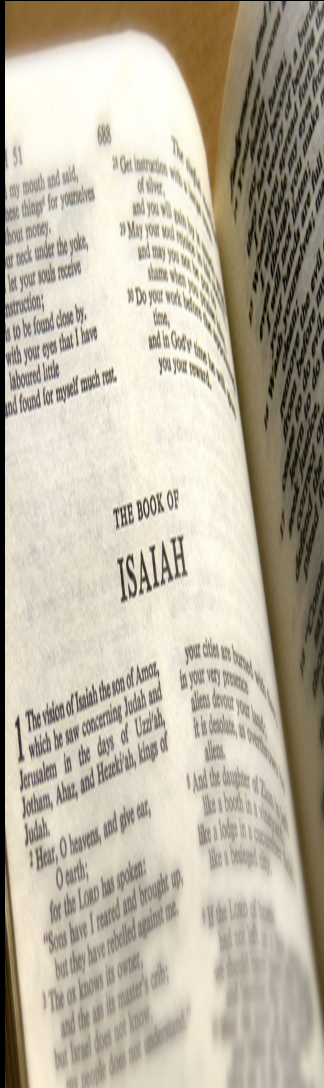
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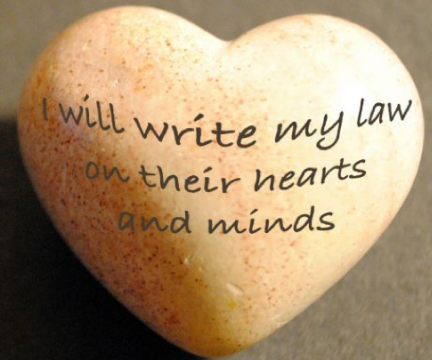
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EVERLASTING COVENANT – ISAIAH 61:8

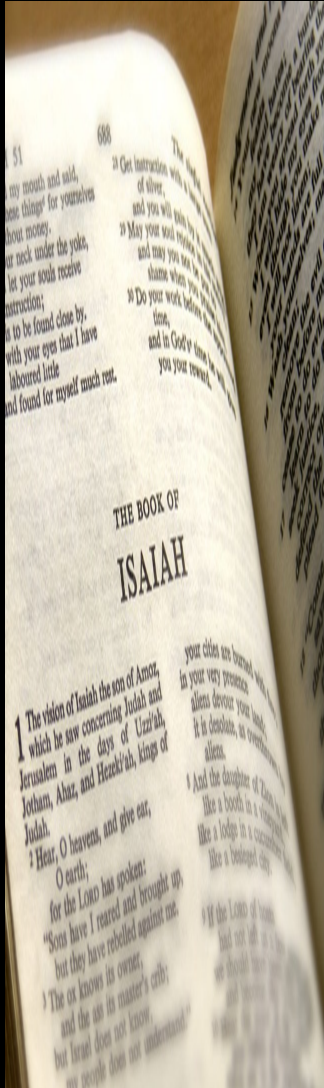
- I. Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)
- II. Davidic Covenant (2 Samuel 7:16)
- III. New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:33)

God's New Covenant
Jeremiah 31:31-34



Correct study of Scripture assumes a careful distinction made between the church and Israel both recipients of God's steadfast love

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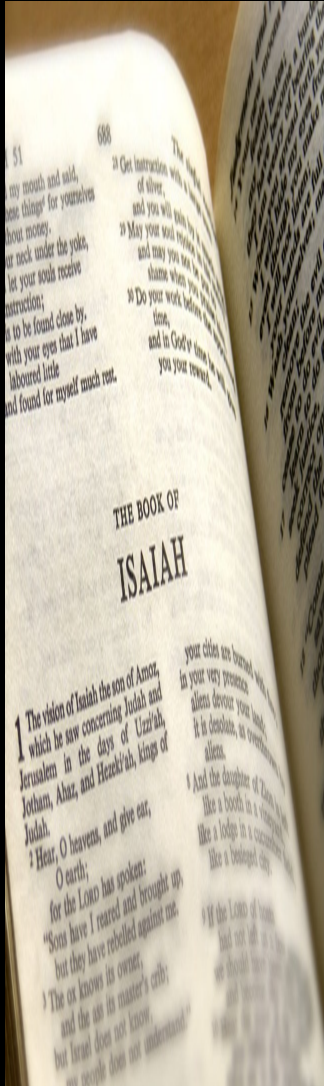
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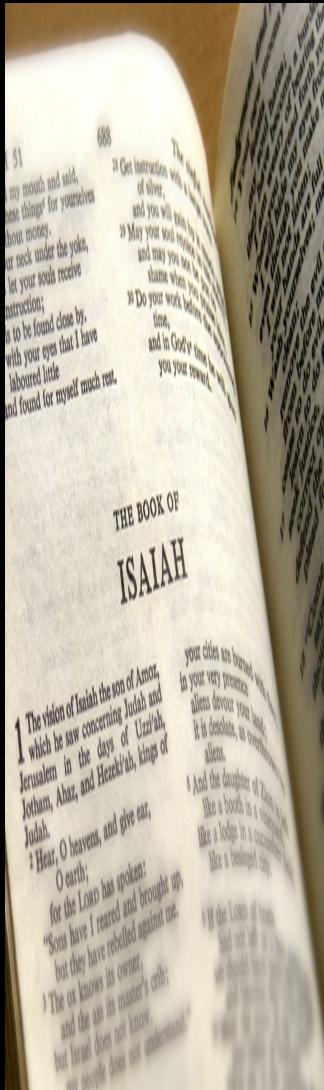
III. The Prayer for Reconciliation (63:15-19)

A. Israel is challenged to Depend Solely on God and warned not to worship mere men like Abraham and Jacob (16).

B. Israel has no power to return to Him and can only pray for God's Reconciliation (17).

C. Isaiah identifies himself with his people and includes himself in his Prayer for Reconciliation (17-19).

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IV. The Prayer of Confession (64:1-6)

A. There is another plea for the Lord to once again demonstrate His power. With this plea comes the realization of Culpability and the need for Confession (1-2).

B. The phrase "Coming Down" is repeated twice in this section, emphasizing the plea for the Lord's return (1-3).

C. Paul quotes verse 4 in 1 Corinthians 2:9, speaking of God's wisdom revealed through His prophets in times past and through His apostles in the church age.

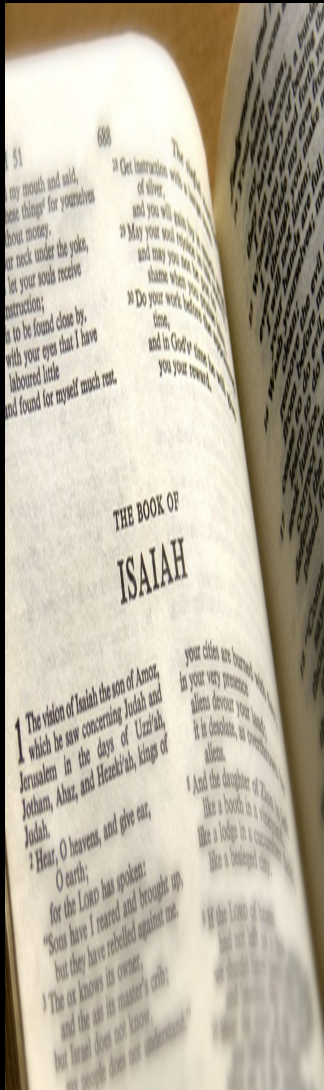
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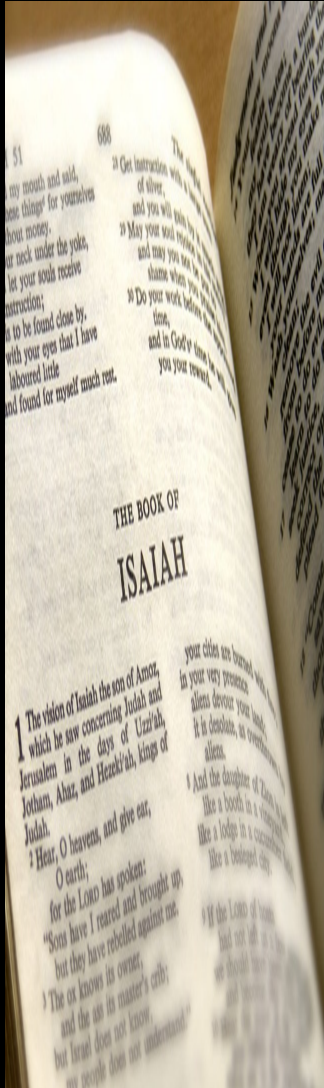
A. The prophet finds No Exception among a people whose iniquities have separated them from God (7).

B. The "Potter" is identified as Israel's Father (8).

C. Israel recognizes that they are as clay in the Potter's hand as Instruments for His glory. (Isaiah 29:16; Isaiah 45:9).



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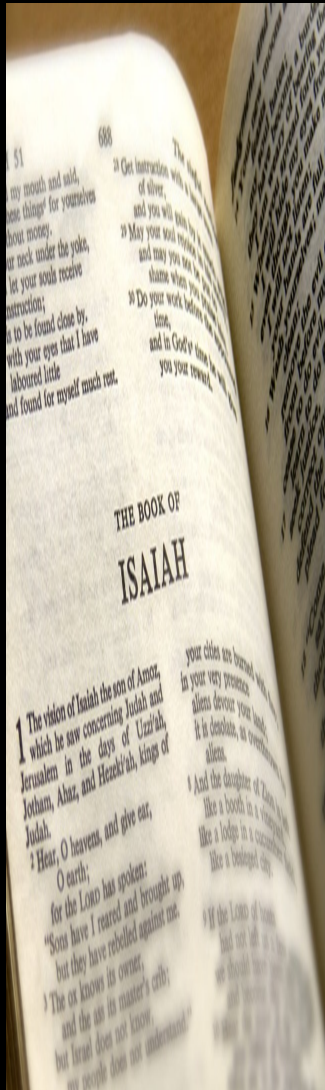
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IMPLICATIONS



- 1) Remember that Judgment and the Steadfast Love of the Lord are two inseparable truths – Isaiah 63-64
- 2) Remember the Consequences of an Unrepentant Life – Isaiah 63:1; Revelation 20:11-15
- 3) Remember God's call to Trust in His Servant alone for Salvation – Isaiah 50:10; 53:1-12
- 4) Remember to Focus on Obedience and the Resolve to Flee Sin – Isaiah 64; 1 Thess. 5:22

PSALM 33:18-22

**“Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope for His lovingkindness,**

**¹⁹ To deliver their soul from death
And to keep them alive in famine.**

**²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.**

**²¹ For our heart rejoices in Him,
Because we trust in His holy name.**

**²² Let Your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we have hoped in You.”**