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Luke 3:1-22 Ministry of John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus

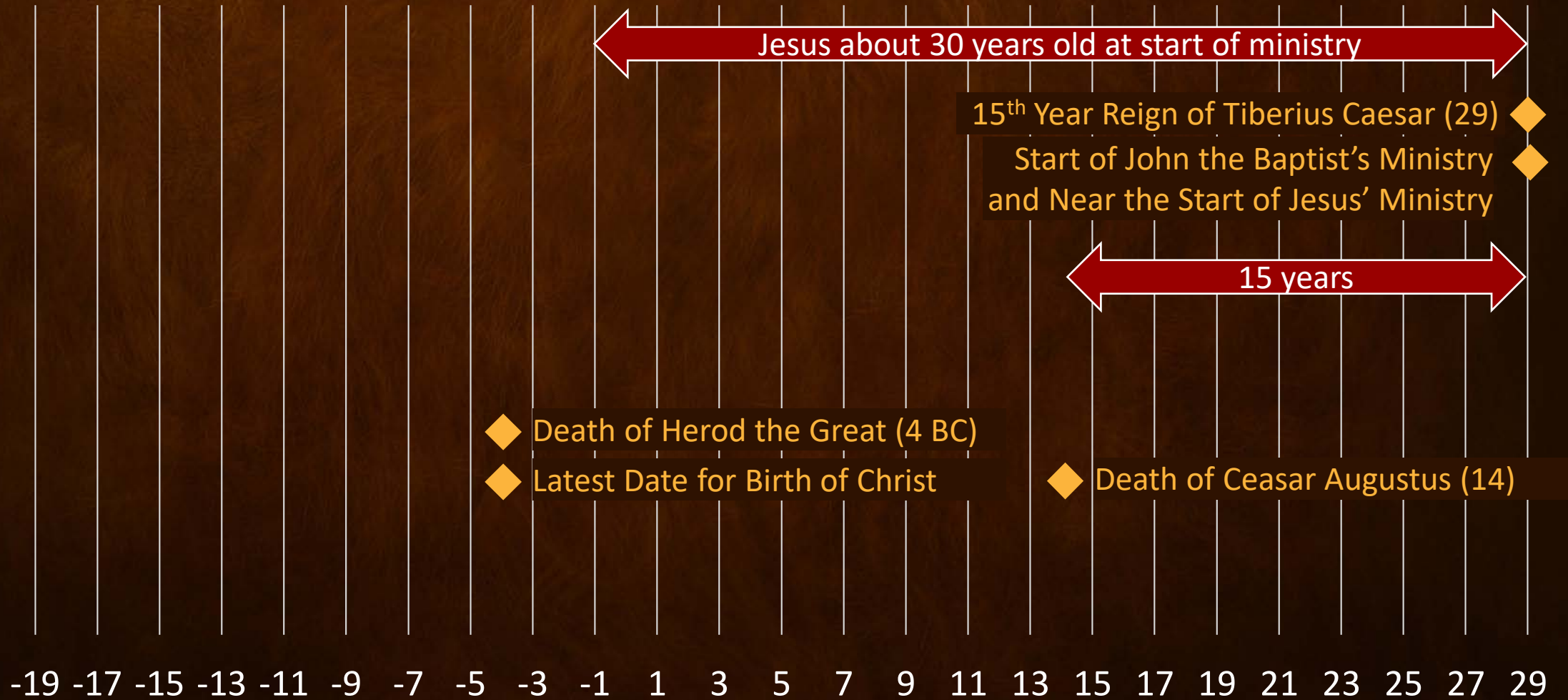
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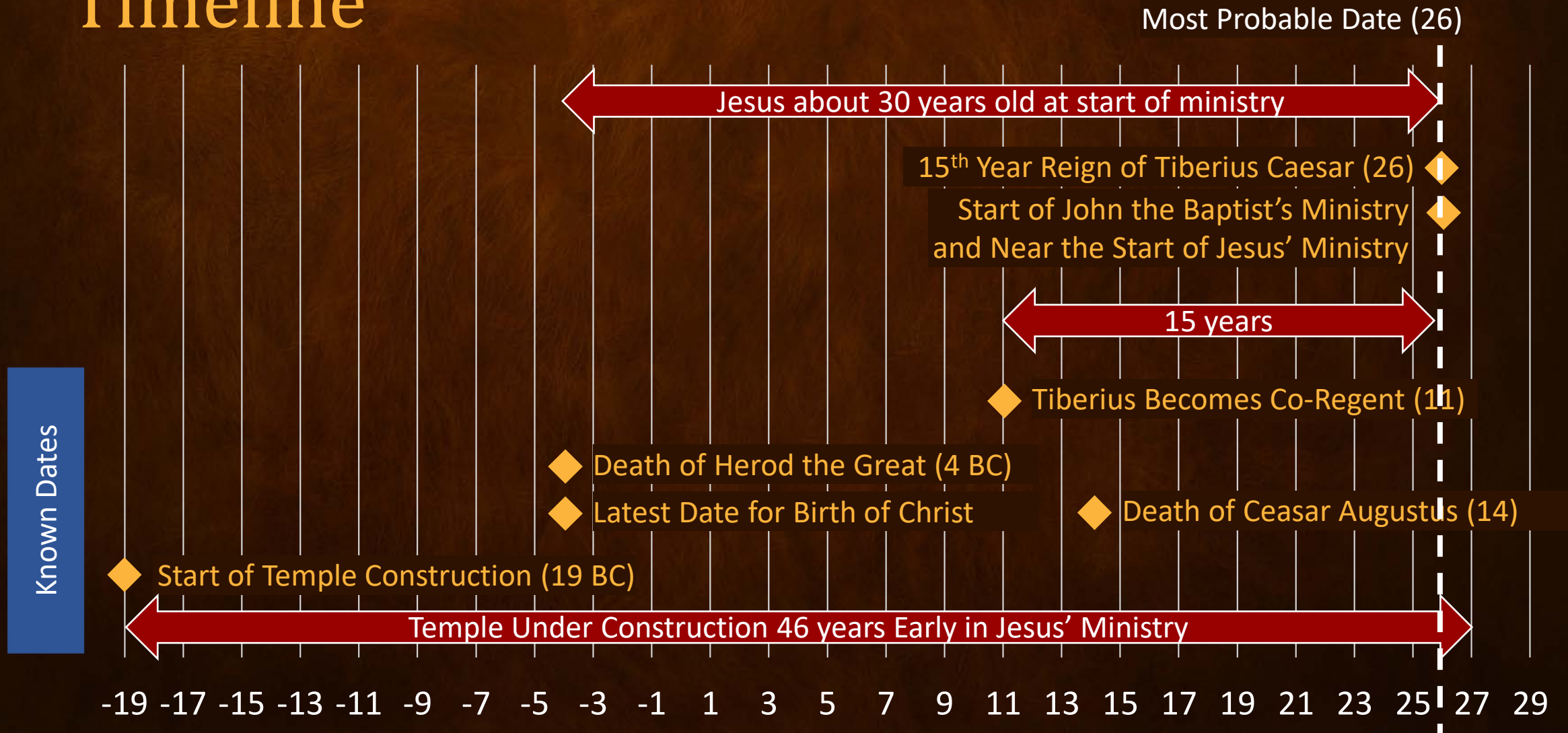
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- Date
 - *It was AD 26*
- Political setting
 - *It was a time of deep political darkness*
- Spiritual setting
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Galatians 4:4 ⁴But *when the fullness of the time came*, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law

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- *He was given a specific call to prophetic ministry by God*

- Location

- *He was in the Judean wilderness and ministered along the Jordan river*

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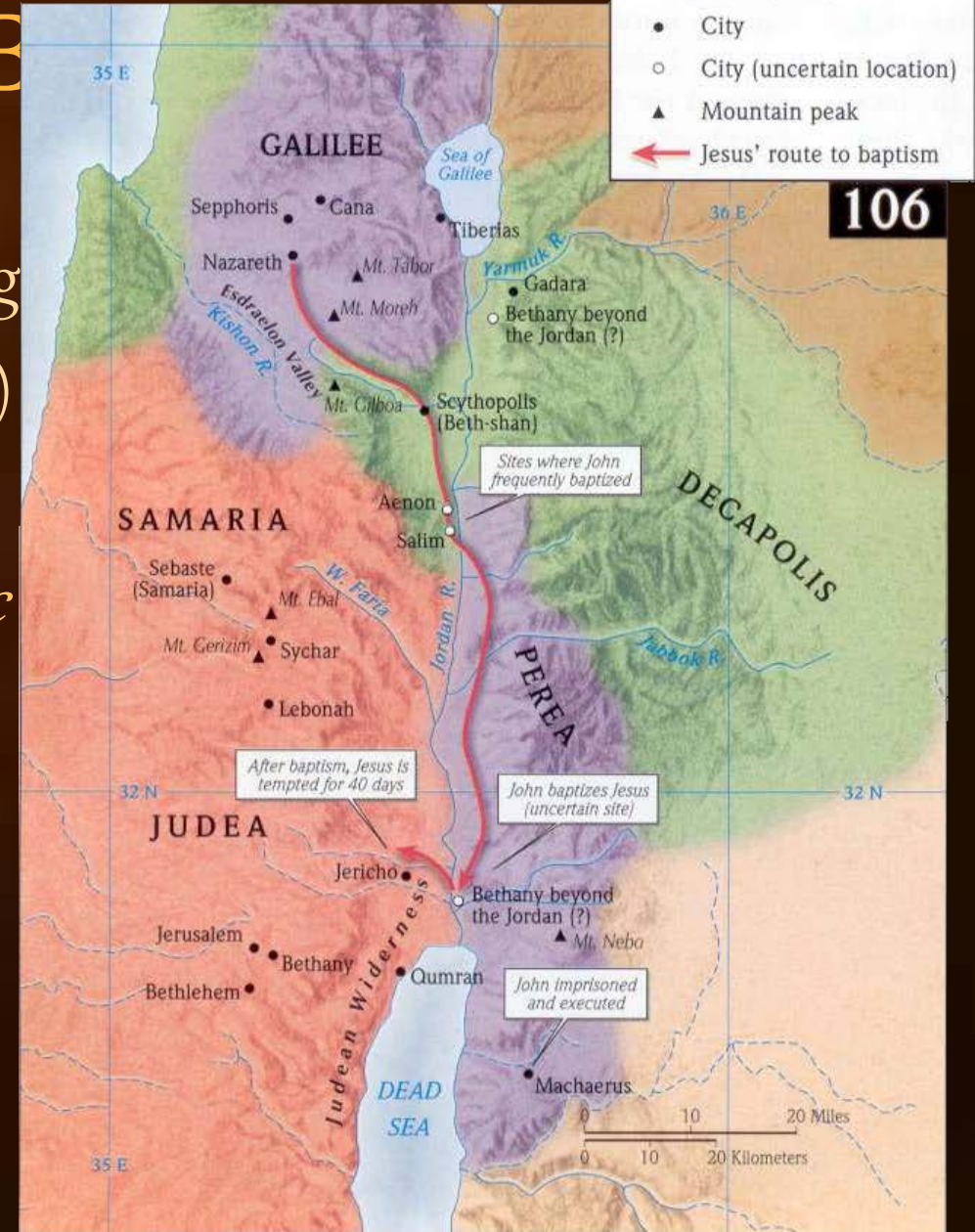
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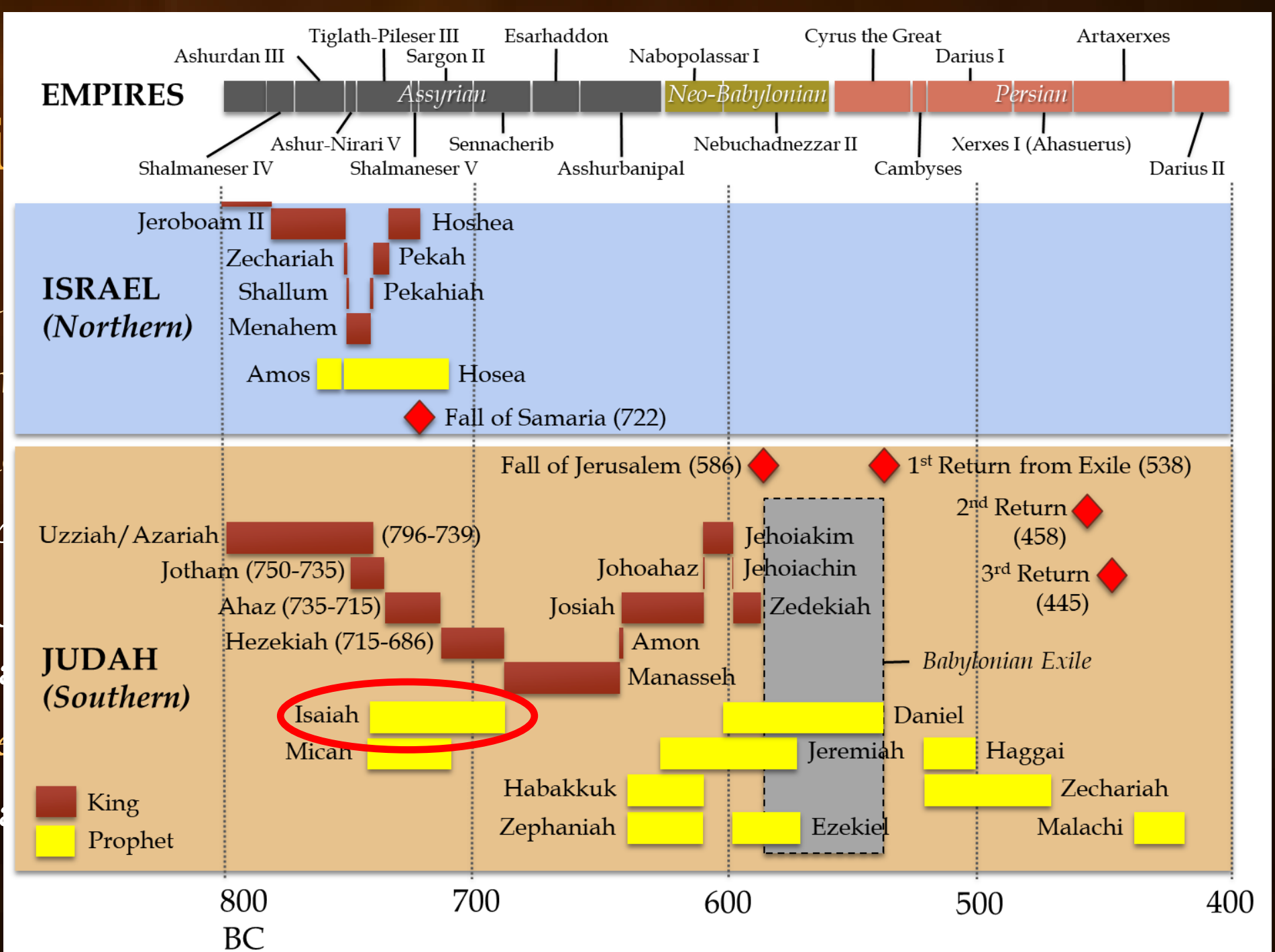
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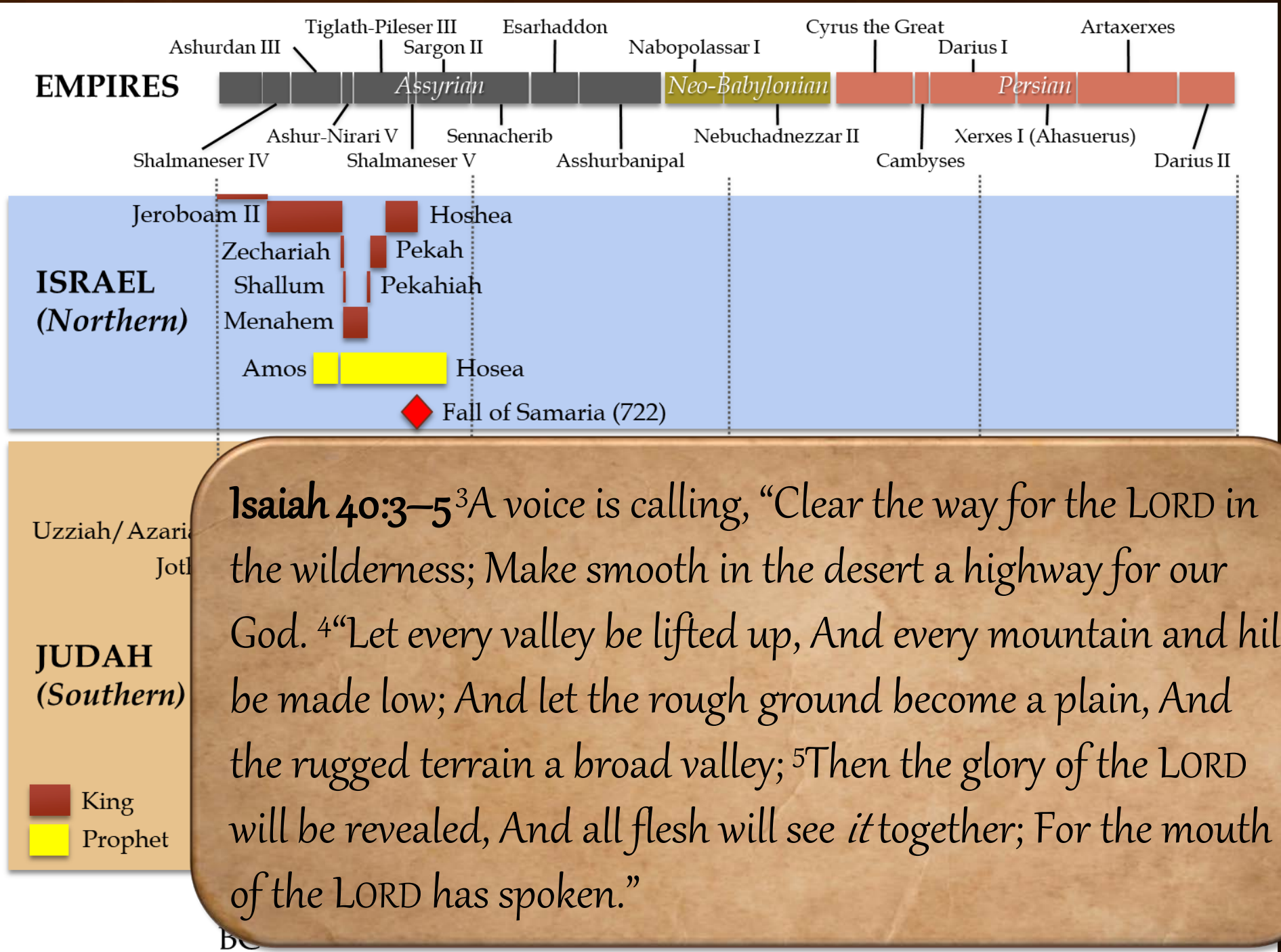
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- Was that one must bear fruit to demonstrate genuine repentance (vv7-8)
 - *One's ethnic and religious ancestry is not enough*
- Was that those not bearing fruit will be judged and eternally condemned (v9)

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- Share with others in need (v11)
- Flea dishonest gain and be fair in your dealings with others (vv12-13)
- Don't steal, don't bear false witness, and be content with your provisions (v14)

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- He is mighty, whereas I am not fit to untie his sandals (v16a)
- He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire (v16b)
- He will judge the hearts of men and separate those who belong to Him from those whom He will condemn (v17)

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The boldness and cost of his ministry (vv19-20)

- He even confronted a powerful ruler and was imprisoned for it

The Baptism of Jesus (vv21-22)

The baptism of God the Son by John the Baptist (v21a)

The affirming divine testimonies (vv2ab-22)

- God the Holy Spirit visibly descended upon Jesus
 - *Demonstrating the empowerment and divine unity with Jesus*
- God the Father audibly voiced approval of Jesus
 - *Affirming His love and pleasure in Jesus, as well as Jesus' divine nature*

Closing Thoughts

John's call to repentance and faith still applies today to be saved – don't rest on anything else

True repentance produces a transformed life

God already knows the outcome of your life story

- *If not a follower of Christ, then repent and believe in Christ*
- *If a follower of Christ, then fulfill your calling!*

Jesus is our perfect Substitute!