

# Interlocked Series

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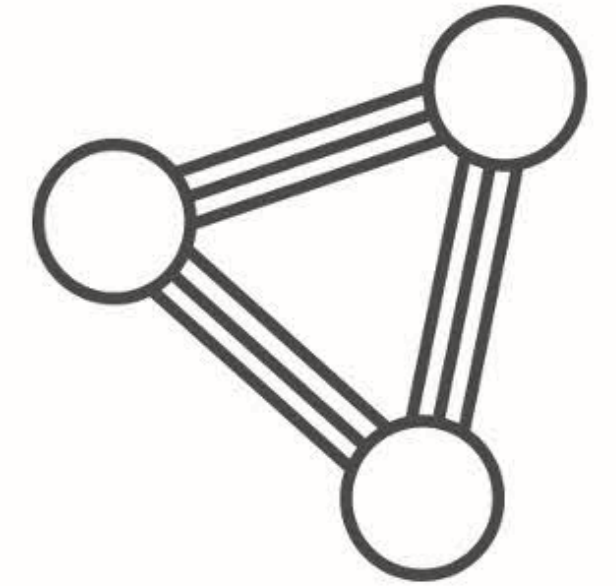
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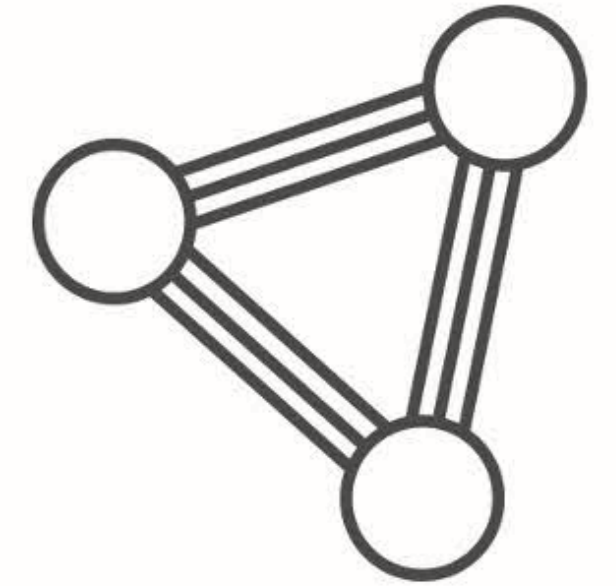


## Lesson 25: Decline of the Kingdom

### Lesson 25A The Prophets

- The Prophets
- The Job of the Prophets
- The Message of the Prophets
- Curses
- The Different Parties in the “*Riv*” Lawsuit

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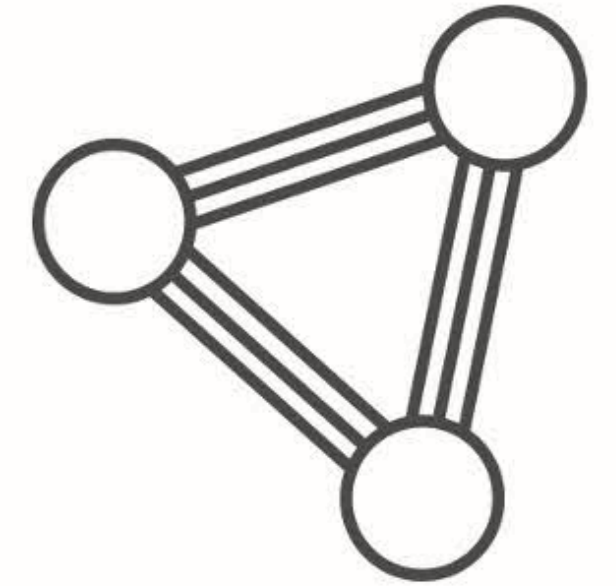


## **Lesson 25: Decline of the Kingdom**

### **Lesson 25B The Prophets**

- **The Bible's Commentary on the Blessings and Curses**
- **The Eternal Promises of Land, Seed, Blessing**
- **The Unresolved Mystery of the Prophets**
- **Is the Role of the Prophet Active in the Church Today?**

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## **Lesson 26: Sent into Exile**

### **Lesson 26A Exile**

- **Transfer of Political Power to Gentiles**
- **Transfer of Political Power from Israel to Gentile Rulers (603 BC)**
- **End of Solomon's Dynasty (598 BC)**
- **Departure of the Shekinah Glory (591 BC)**

# Kingdom of God

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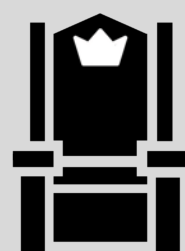


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Conquest and Settlement  
in the Promised Land

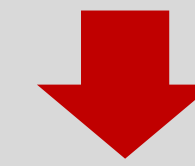


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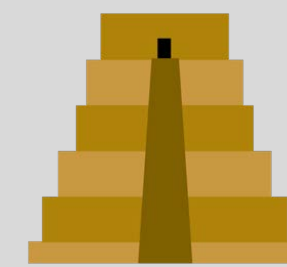
- **Unified kingdom**

Kings in Israel:

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Israel and Judah turned against  
God: Paganized—unbelievers



**Brought in man's ideas**



**Made the king and  
state all-powerful**

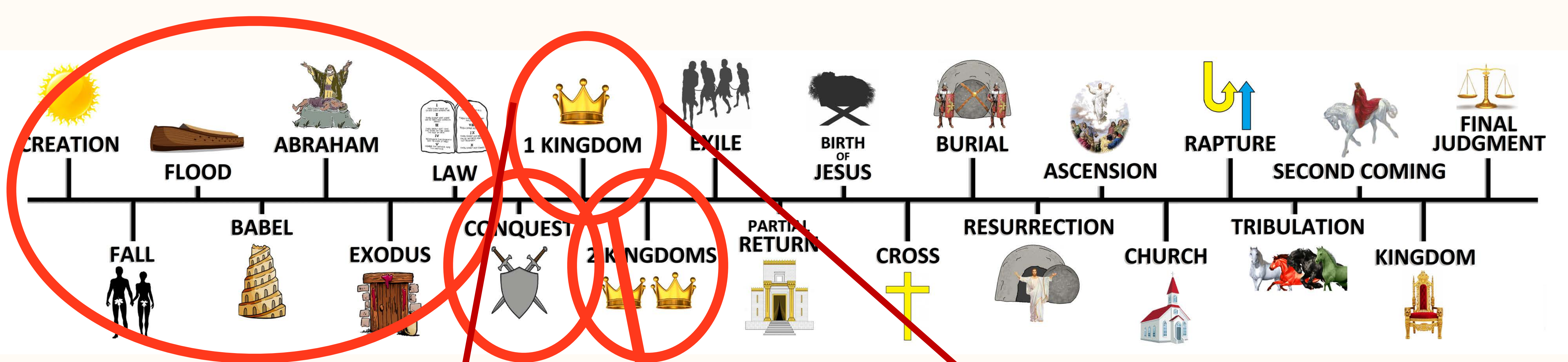


**Worshipped idols**



Few  
believers

Grey shows paganization



Torah  
Pentateuch

Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy

1-2 Samuel  
1-2 Kings  
1-2 Chronicles

Kings  
FOR  
Israel

King  
David

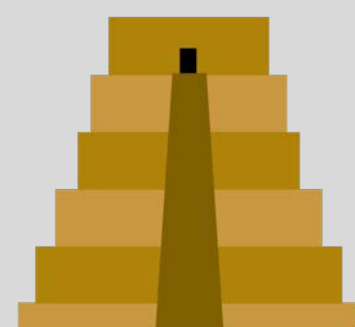
King  
Solomon

Kingdom  
Divided

Decline of  
the Kingdom

# Pagan Kingdom of Man

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Man would save himself through  
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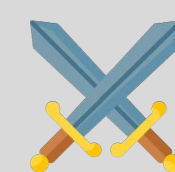


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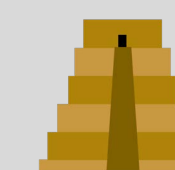
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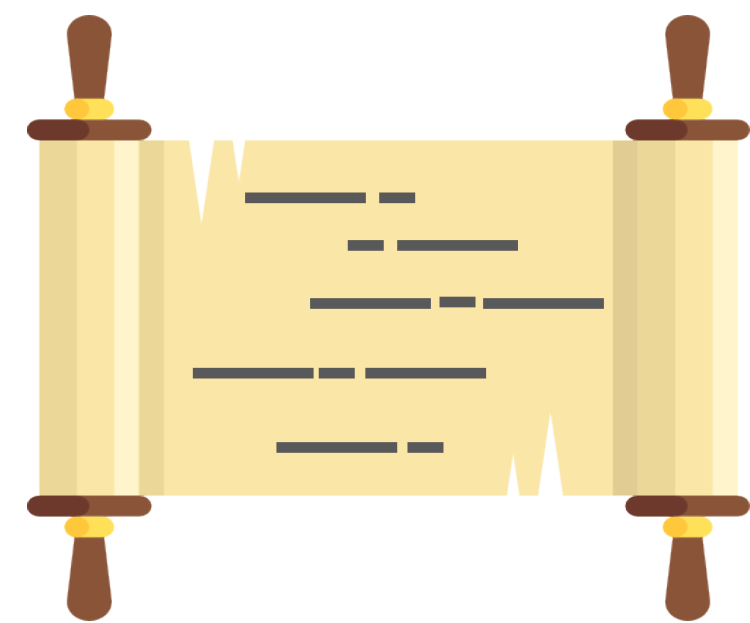
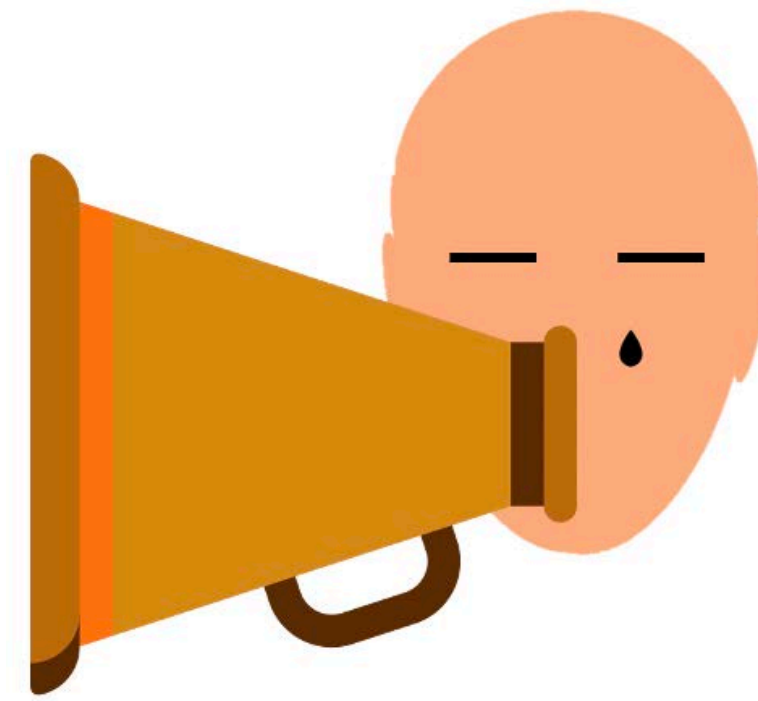
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paganization

**The nation of Israel was no different from the rebellious pagans.**

- **They rebelled against *Yahweh* from the time God first made them into a nation.**
- **They rebelled against His Mosaic Law.**
- **They rebelled when God told them to conquer the Promised Land of Canaan.**
- **They rebelled by asking for a human king instead of honoring *Yahweh* as their king.**
- **They rebelled by ignoring the prophets God sent to warn them of judgment if they didn't repent.**
- **They rebelled even when God sent judgment to discipline them.**



# Job of the Old Testament Prophets



**A.**  
**God's**  
**historians**



**B.**  
**God's**  
**prosecuting attorneys**



**C.**  
**God's**  
**Scripture writers**

# Correct Understanding of *Yahweh*

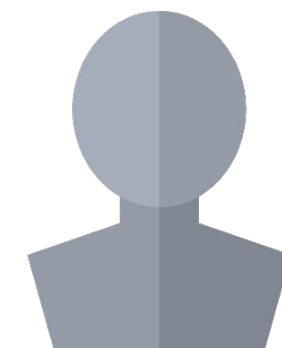
## Creator-Creature Distinction

1<sup>st</sup> level  
CREATOR  
(*Yahweh*)

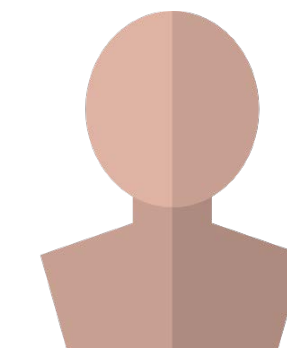
INFINITE SOVEREIGN *YAHWEH*

2<sup>nd</sup> level  
creature  
(man)

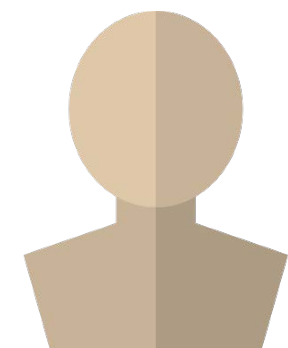
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Idol 2



Idol 3

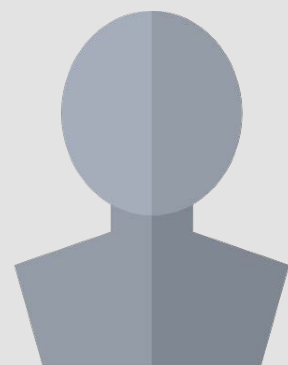
# Incorrect Understanding of *Yahweh*

## The People's Main Sin

ONE level

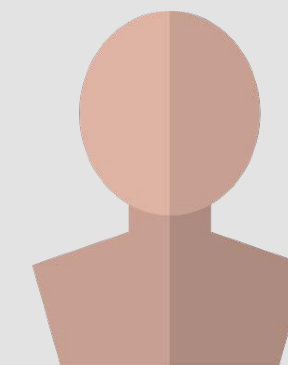


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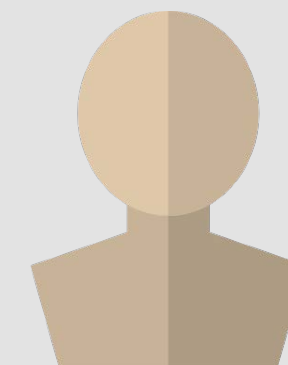
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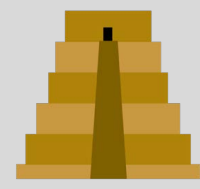
Idol 3

***Yahweh* is no different from idols.  
*Yahweh* can be replaced with idols.**

**Exile**

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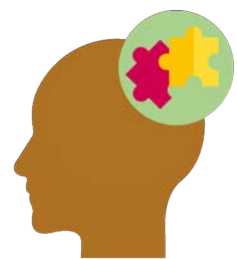


Canaan

God's restraining hand on the pagan kingdom of man

## Rise of the Kingdom of Man

**a** Rise of religion and philosophy

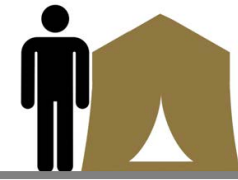


**b** Governments try to rule globally



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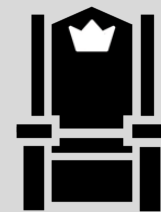


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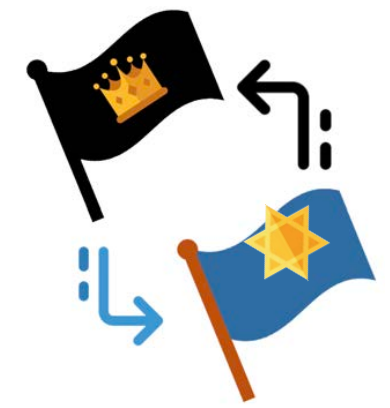
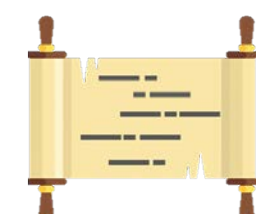


## Exile: Kingdom of God Ended

**A** Start of prophetic writings

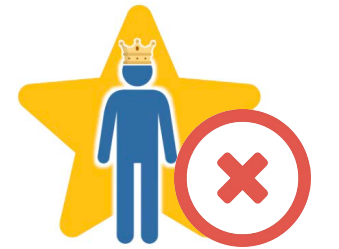


**B** Access to the Old Testament



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Transfer of political power from Israel to Gentile rulers

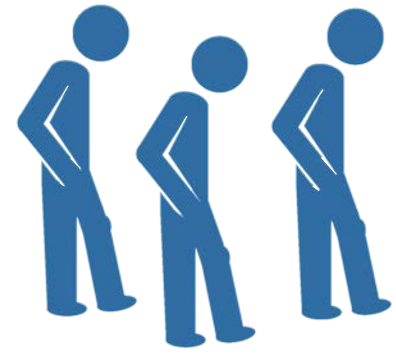


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End of Solomon's Dynasty

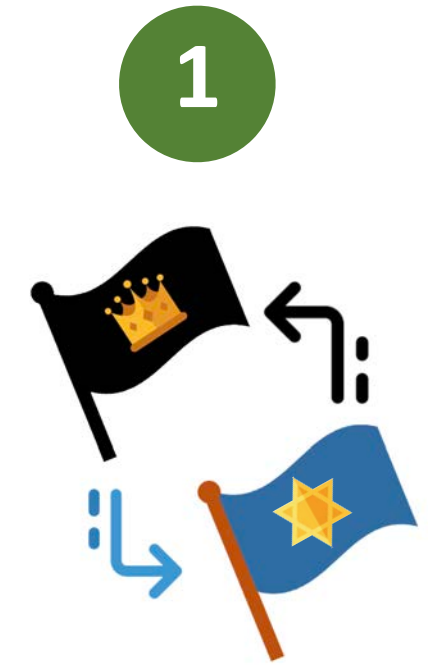
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Shekinah Glory departed



**Israel  
exiled**

**721**



**Transfer of political  
power from Israel to  
Gentile rulers**

**603**



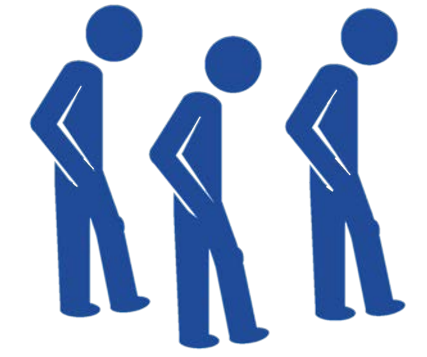
**End of  
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**598**



**Shekinah  
Glory  
departed**

**591**

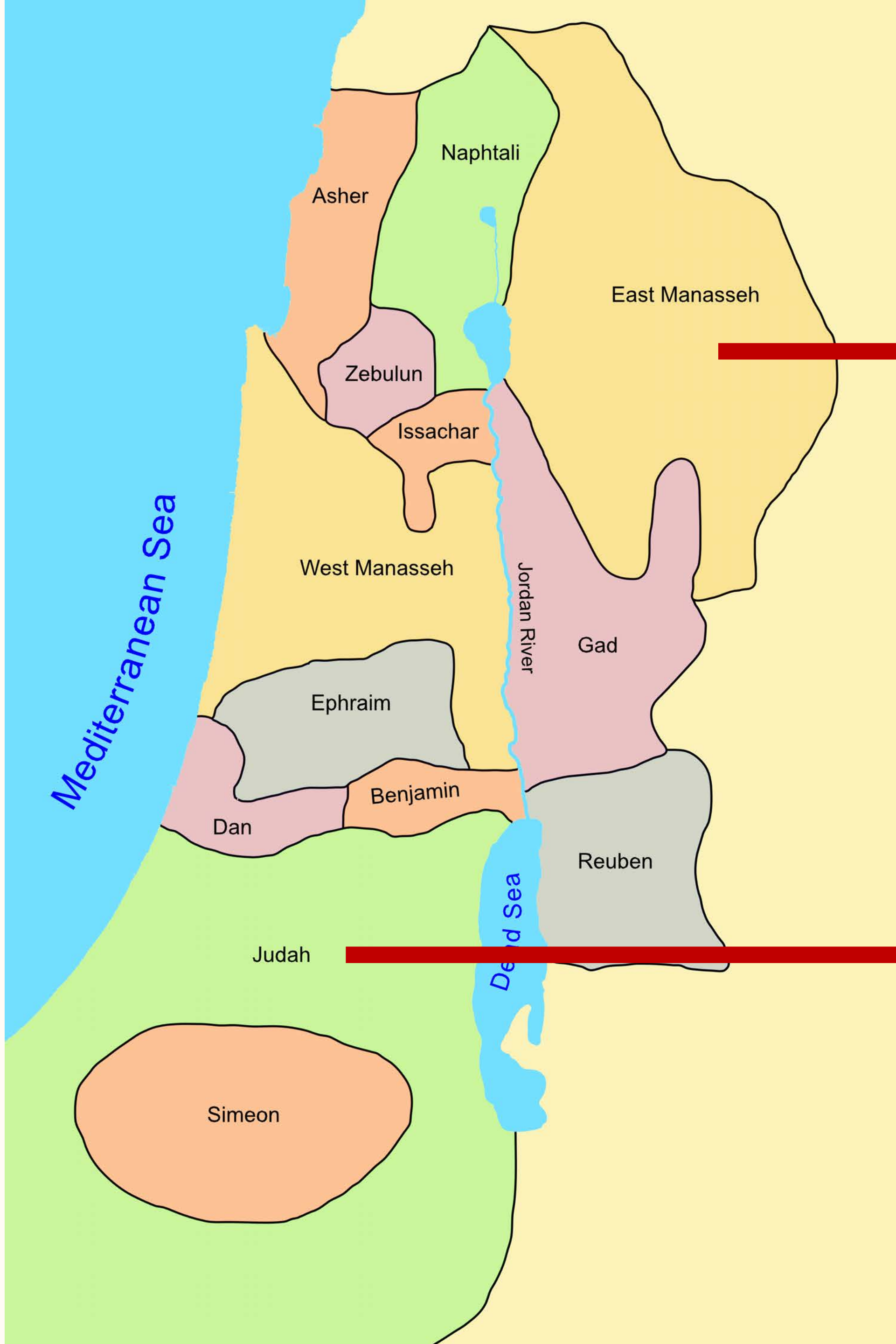


**Judah exiled  
until 515 BC**

**586**

**Year (BC)  
not to scale**

# **Transfer of Political Power from Israel to Gentile Rulers (603 BC)**

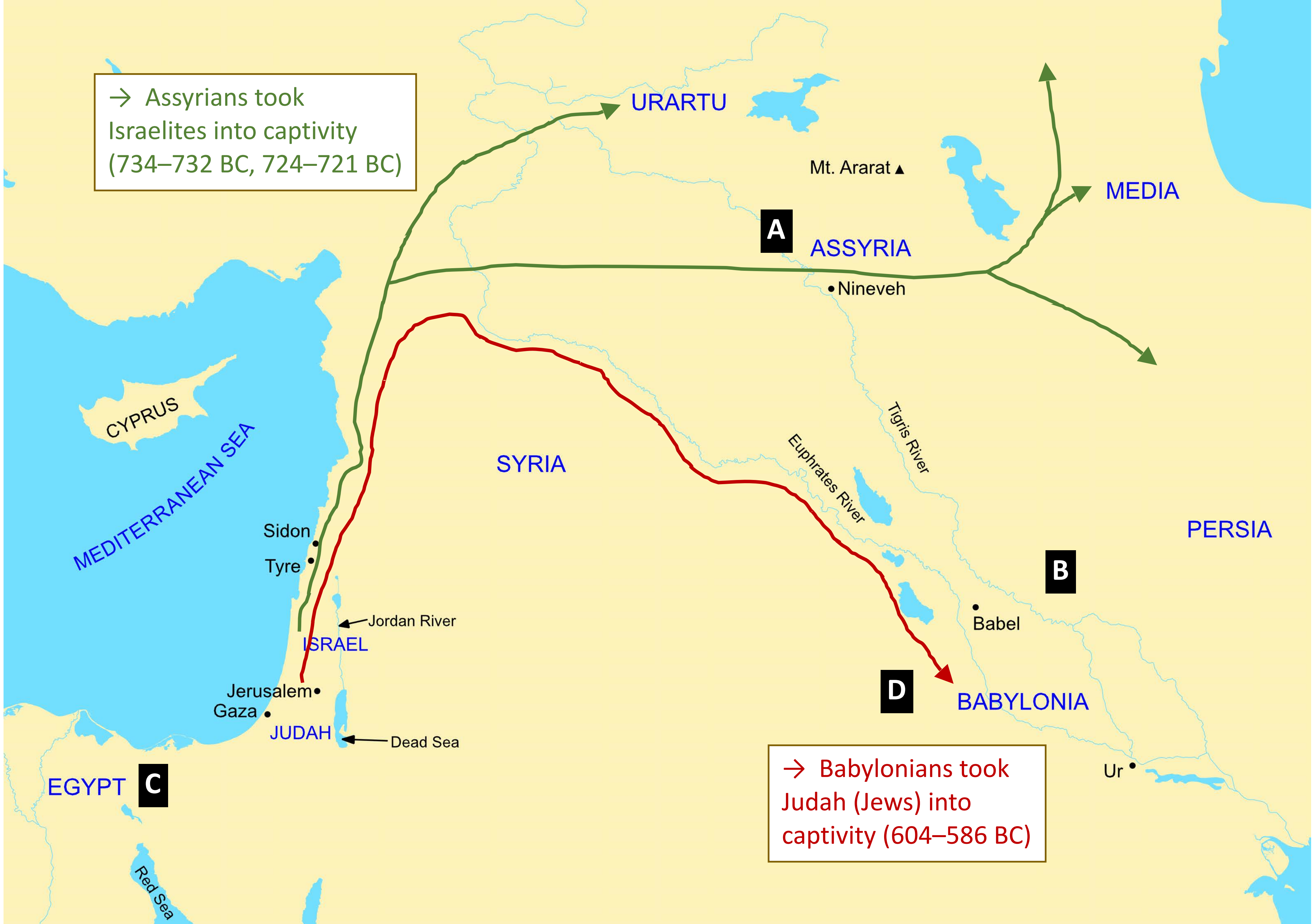


**Northern Kingdom of  
Israel  
destroyed by  
ASSYRIA  
in 722 BC**

**Southern Kingdom of  
Judah  
destroyed by  
BABYLON  
in 586 BC**



→ Assyrians took Israelites into captivity (734–732 BC, 724–721 BC)



→ Babylonians took Judah (Jews) into captivity (604–586 BC)

**Dan. 2:31, “ ‘You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome.**

**Dan. 2:32, “ ‘This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze,**

**Dan. 2:33, “ ‘its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.**

**Dan. 2:34, “ ‘You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.**

**Dan. 2:35, “ ‘Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.’ ”**

**Dan. 2:36, “ ‘This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.**

**Dan. 2:37, “ ‘You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;**

**Dan. 2:38, “ ‘and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you are this head of gold.**

**Dan. 2:39, “ ‘But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.**

**Dan. 2:40, “ ‘And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.’ ”**

**Dan. 2:41, “ ‘Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.**

**Dan. 2:42, “ ‘And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.**

**Dan. 2:43, “ ‘As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.**

**Dan. 2:44, “ ‘And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.**

**Dan. 2:45, “ ‘Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.’ ”**



**HEAD OF GOLD**

**CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER**

**BELLY & THIGHS OF BRONZE**

**LEGS OF IRON**

**FEET OF IRON AND CLAY**

**CRUSHING ROCK**



**HEAD OF GOLD**

**Kingdom of Babylon**

**CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER**

**Kingdom of Medes and Persians**

**BELLY & THIGHS OF BRONZE**

**Kingdom of Ancient Greece**

**LEGS OF IRON**


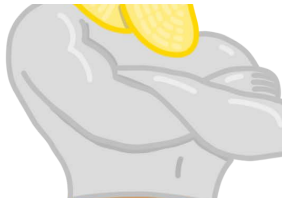
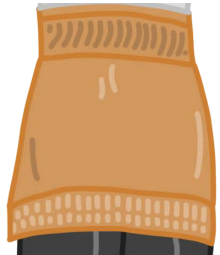


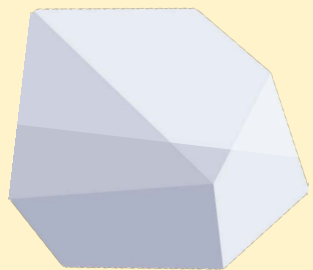
**Kingdom of Ancient Rome**

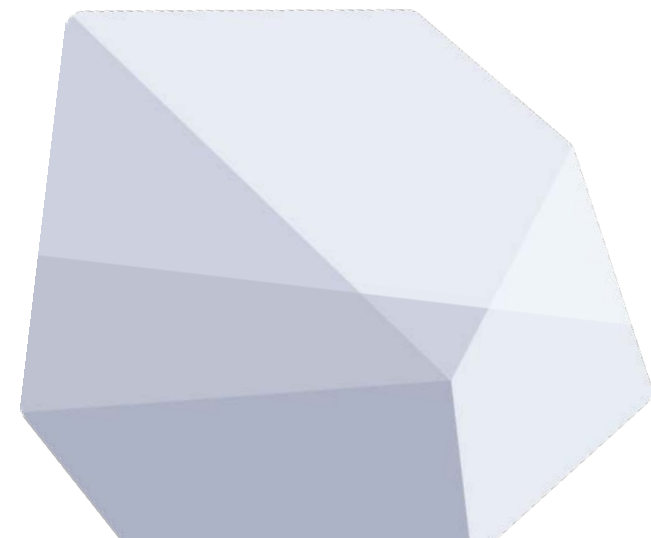
**FEET OF IRON AND CLAY**

**Kingdom of Restored Rome**

**CRUSHING ROCK**

**Kingdom of God**

Part of the Statue	The Kingdom it Represents	Notes
 <p>Head of gold</p>	<p>The kingdom of Babylon</p>	<p>This information pleased Nebuchadnezzar. It was his kingdom which has now passed.</p>
 <p>Chest and arms of silver</p>	<p>The co-kingdoms of the Medes and Persians</p>	<p>This kingdom has passed. (It occurs in the later part of Daniel and the book of Esther.)</p>
 <p>Belly and thighs of bronze</p>	<p>The empire of Greece</p>	<p>This kingdom has passed. It was initially led by Alexander the Great.</p>
 <p>The legs of iron</p>	<p>The Roman Empire</p>	<p>This kingdom was present throughout the time of the New Testament.</p>
 <p>The feet of mixed iron and clay</p>	<p>A future kingdom that is some form of revived Roman Empire.</p>	<p>This has not happened yet. It is in the future.</p>
 <p><b>The crushing rock not cut by human hands</b></p>	<p><b>This is God's kingdom, headed by the Messiah.</b></p>	<p><b>It comes to smash the Kingdom of Man. This has not yet happened. It is in the future.</b></p>



**CRUSHING ROCK**

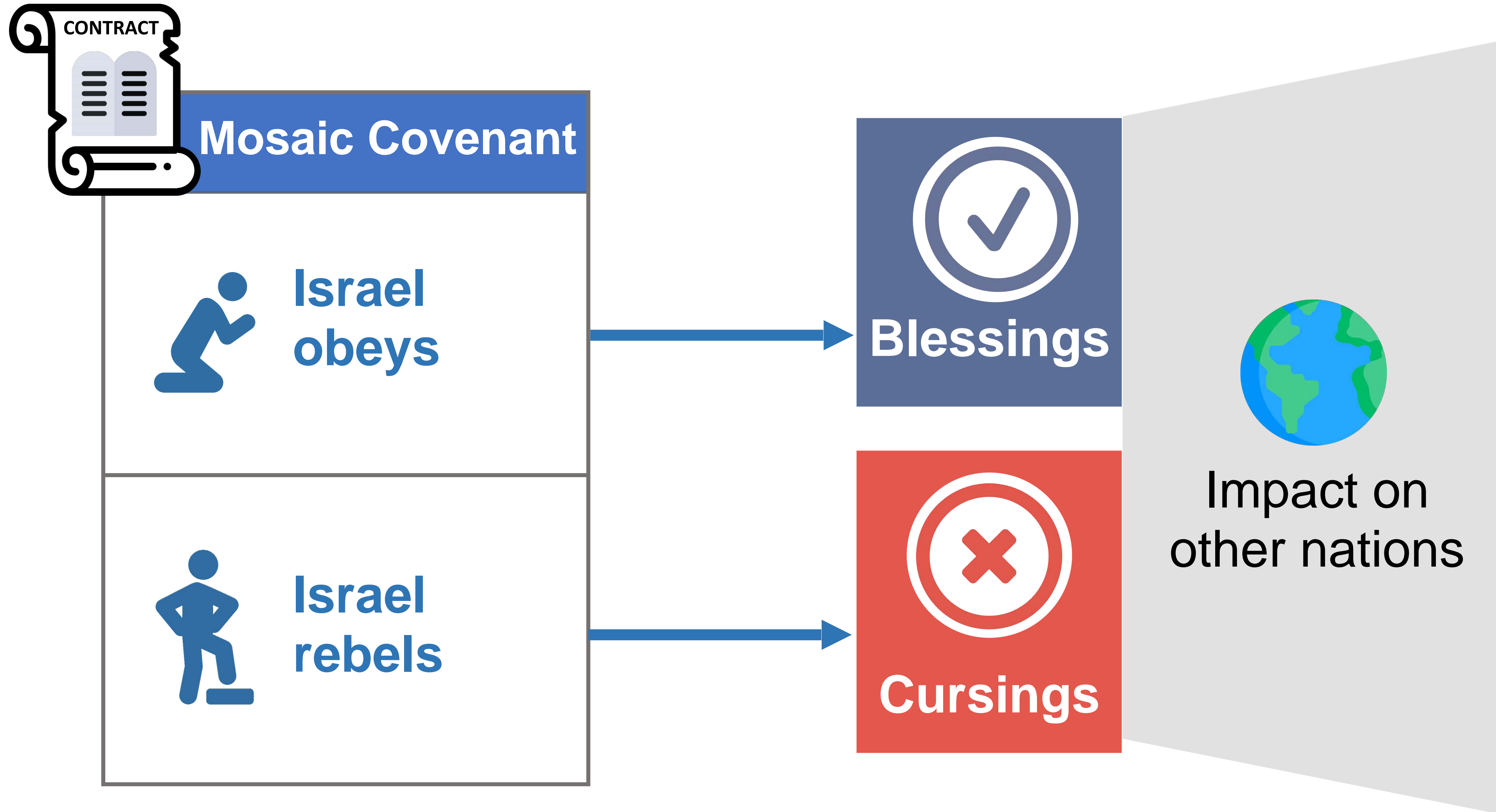


**GREAT MOUNTAIN**



**Deut. 28:1, “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.”**

# How God directs history



**Jer. 27:4, “And command them to say to their masters,  
‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel—thus you  
shall say to your masters:**

**Jer. 27:5, “ ‘I have made the earth, the man and the beast  
that are on the ground, by My great power and by My  
outstretched arm, and have given it to whom it seemed  
proper to Me.**

**Jer. 27:6, “ ‘And now I have given all these lands into the  
hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, My servant;  
and the beasts of the field I have also given him to serve  
him.’ ”**

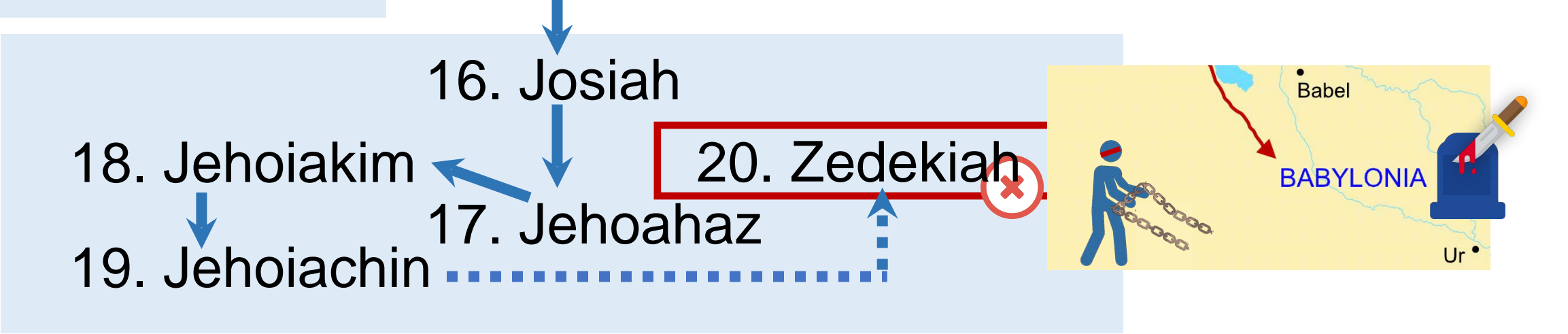
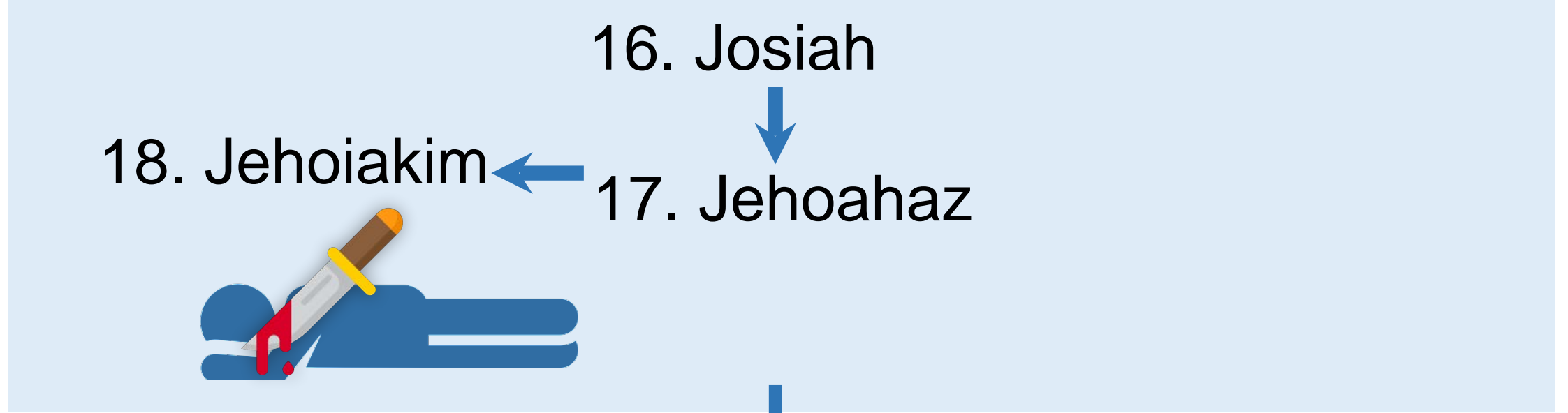
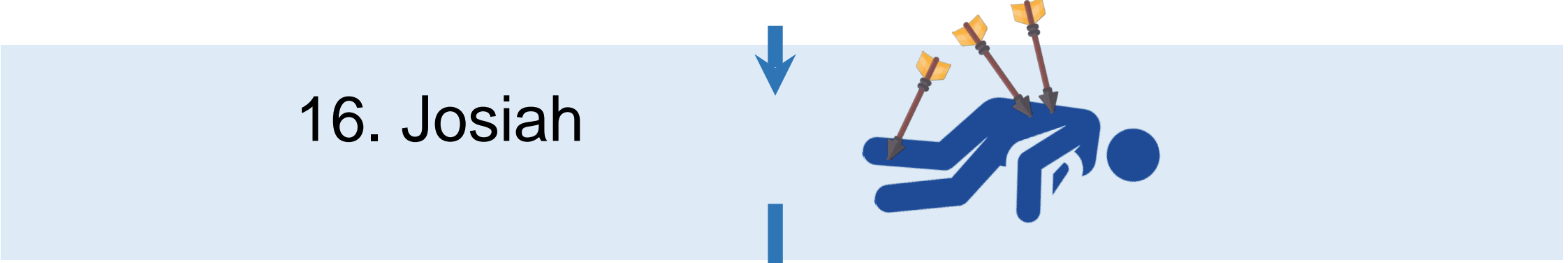
**Jer. 27:7, “ ‘So all nations shall serve him and his son and his son’s son, until the time of his land comes; and then many nations and great kings shall make him serve them.**

**Jer. 27:8, “ ‘And it shall be, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and which will not put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I will punish,’ says the LORD, ‘with the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.’ ”**

# **End of Solomon's Dynasty (598 BC)**

# Southern Kingdom of Judah: One dynasty: David's





**Jer. 22:24, “ ‘As I live,’ says the LORD, ‘though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off;**

**Jer. 22:25, “ ‘and I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of those whose face you fear—the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and the hand of the Chaldeans.**

**Jer. 22:26, “ ‘So I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country where you were not born; and there you shall die.**

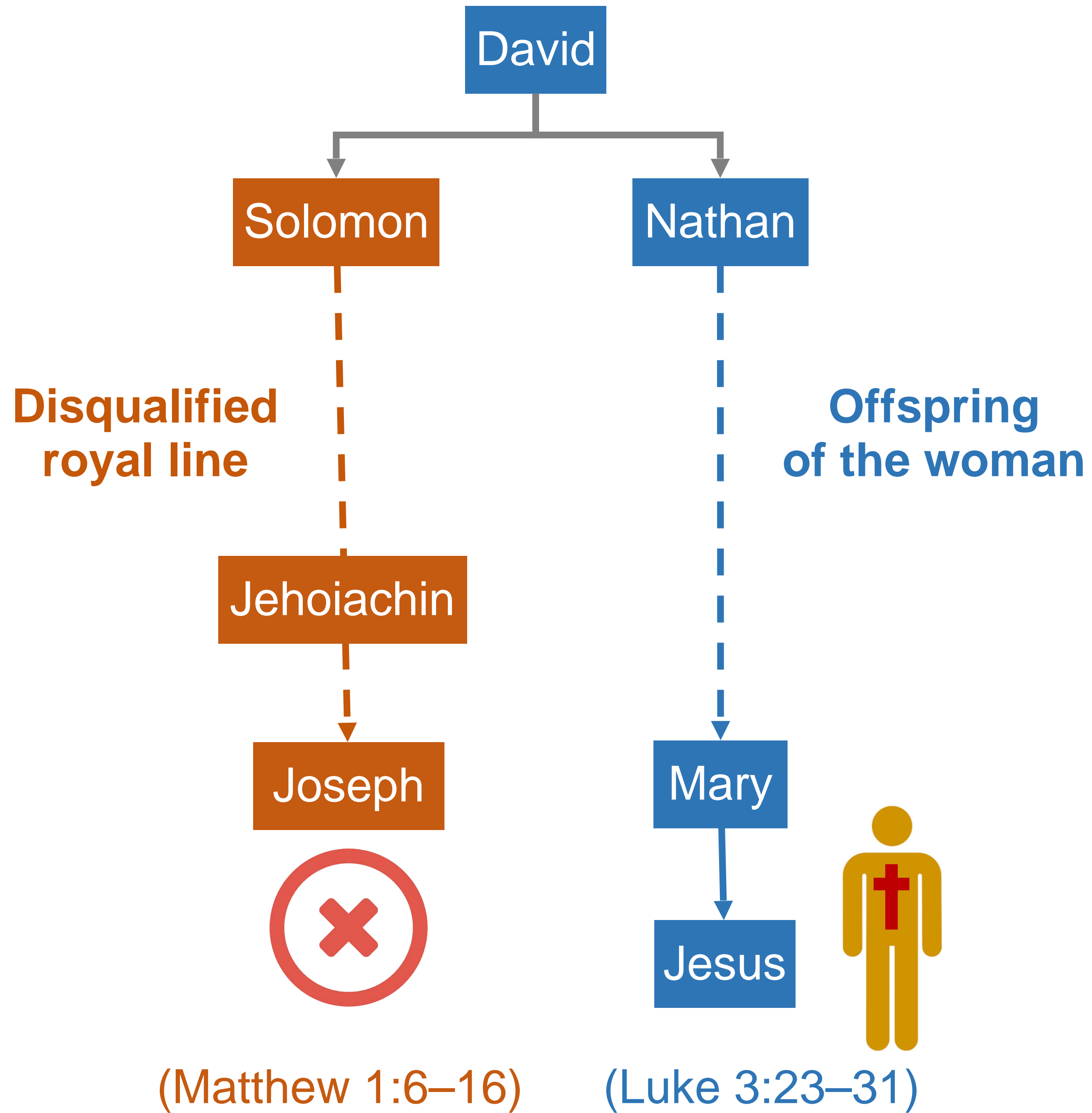
**Jer. 22:27, “ ‘But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return.’ ”**



**Jer. 22:28, “Is this man Coniah a despised, broken idol—a vessel in which is no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his descendants, and cast into a land which they do not know?”**

**Jer. 22:29, “O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD!”**

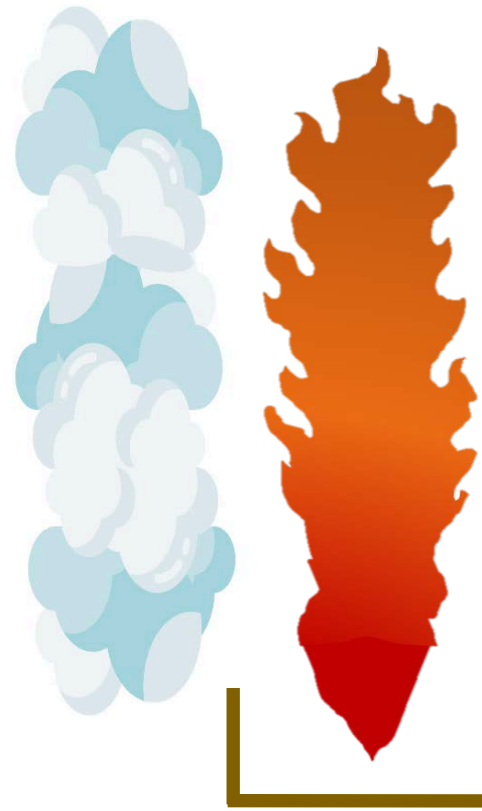
**Jer. 22:30, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Write this man down as childless, a man who shall not prosper in his days; For none of his descendants shall prosper, sitting on the throne of David, and ruling anymore in Judah.’ ”**



# **Departure of the Shekinah Glory (591 BC)**

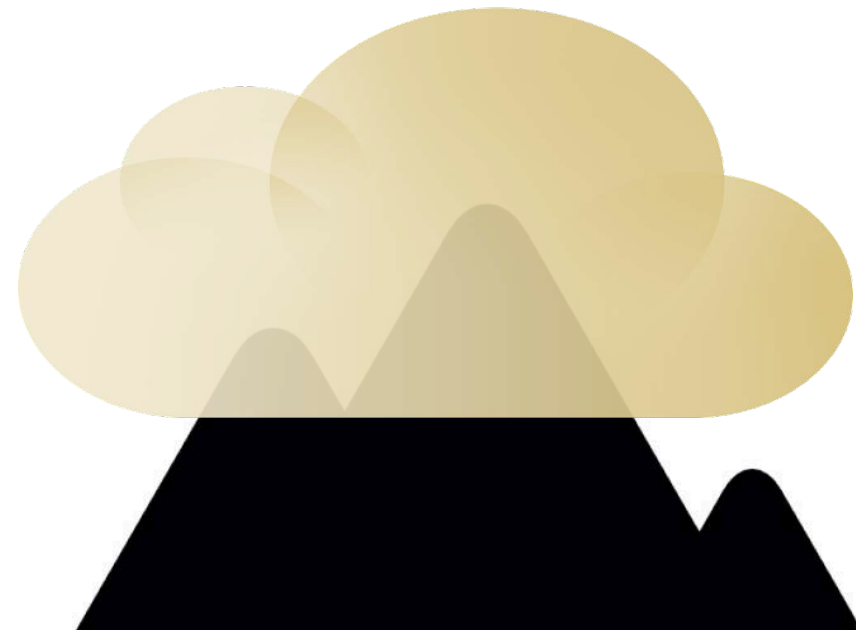
# History of God's Visible Presence with Israel

**Birth of the nation of Israel**



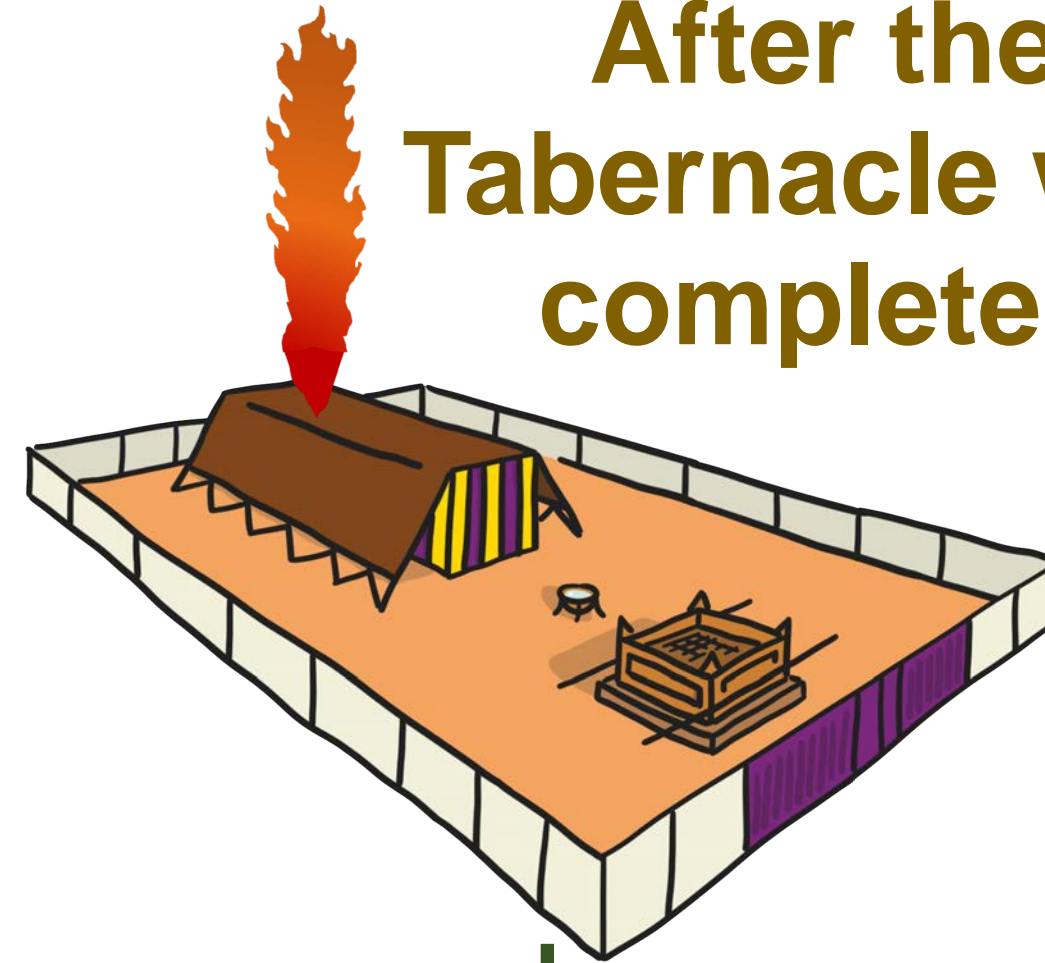
**Pillar of cloud by day and fire by night leading the people out of Egypt.**

**Giving of the Law at Mount Sinai**



**Glory of God covered the mountain.**

**After the Tabernacle was completed**



**Glory of God filled the Tabernacle. Cloud by day and cloud with fire inside by night.**

**After King Solomon completed the Temple**



**Presence of God filled the Temple.**

**Ex. 13:21, “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.”**

**Ex. 24:15, “Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.**

**Ex. 24:16, “Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.**

**Ex. 24:17, “The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.”**

**Ex. 40:34, “Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.”**

**2 Chron. 7:1, “When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.”**



**1. The glowing cloud was originally above the cherubim over the Ark of the Covenant.**



**Ezek. 9:3, “Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed with linen, who had the writer’s inkhorn at his side;”**

**2. The Shekinah Glory first moved to the door of the Temple, in the courtyard.**

**Ezek. 10:4, “Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and paused over the threshold of the temple; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD’S glory.**

**Ezek. 10:5, “And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even in the outer court, like the voice of Almighty God when He speaks.”**



**Departure of the Shekinah Glory from the Temple in Jerusalem**

**3. The Glory moved to the east gate entrance with the cherubim, who were also leaving.**

**Ezek. 10:19, “And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels were beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD’S house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.”**

#### **4. God's presence departed from the city of Jerusalem entirely, leaving via the Mount of Olives.**

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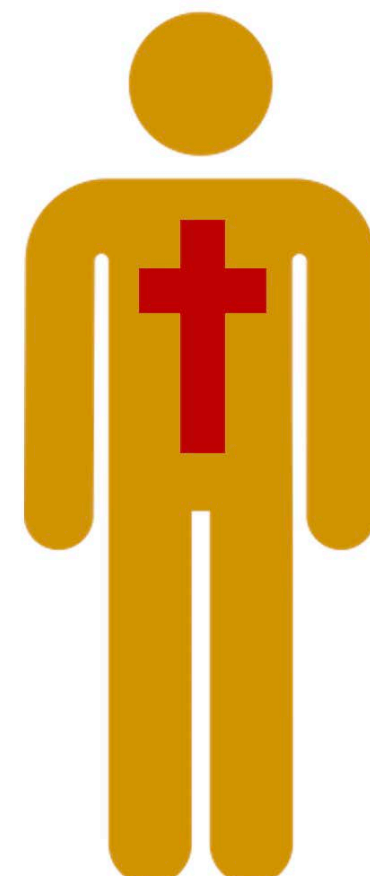
**Ezek. 10:19, “And the cherubim lifted their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels were beside them; and they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house, and the glory of the God of Israel was above them.”**

**Ezek. 11:22, “So the cherubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the glory of the God of Israel was high above them.**

**Ezek. 11:23, “And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood on the mountain, which is on the east side of the city.”**



God will still fulfil His contracts



God will still send the Saviour



God will still accept their worship

**Lev. 26:44, “ ‘Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.**

**Lev. 26:45, “ ‘But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.’ ”**



**John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”**

# **Prophetic Writings**

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