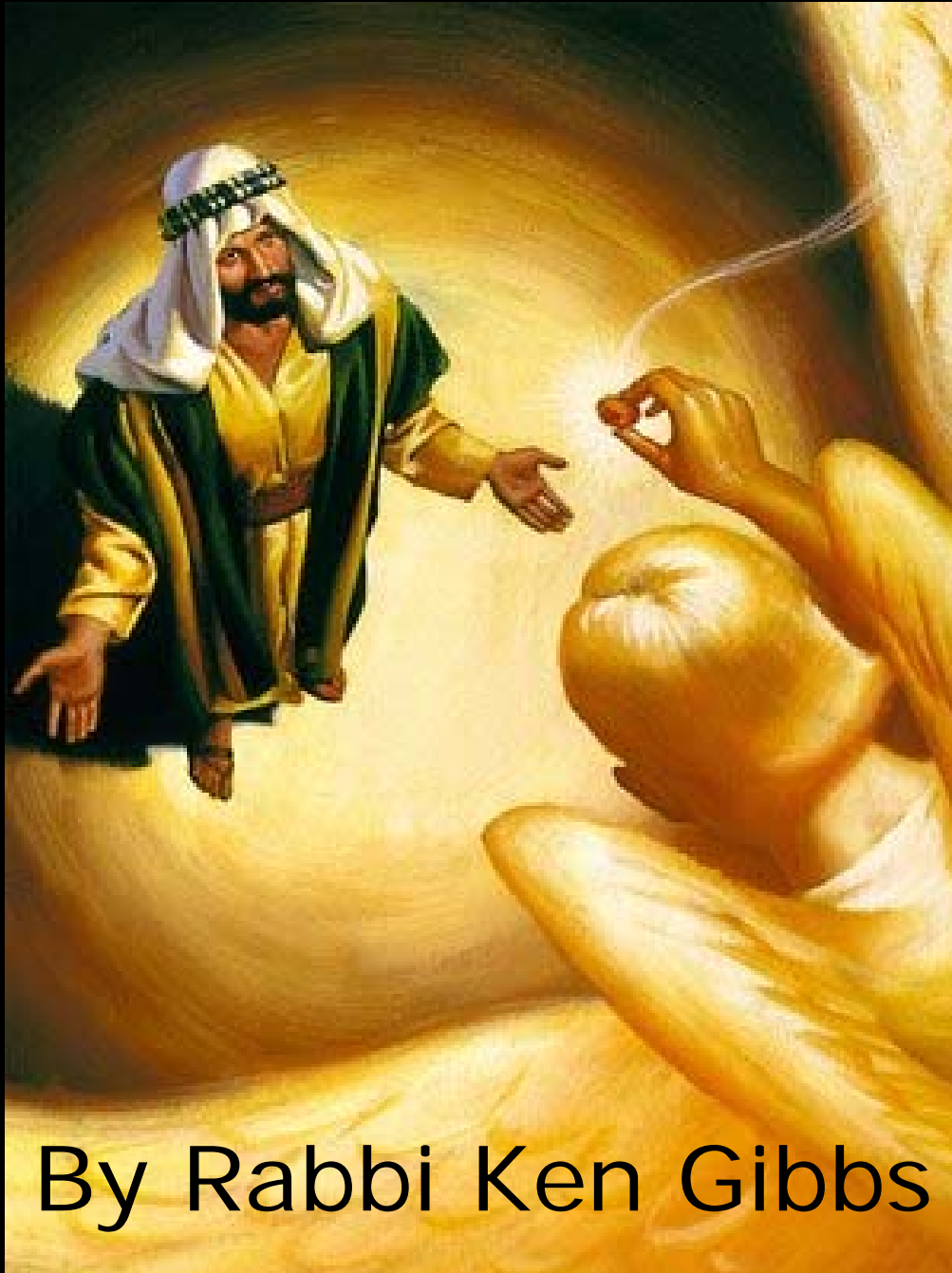


# The Book of Isaiah



## Part 1

## Introduction and the Great Indictment

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I my mouth and said,  
 these things<sup>a</sup> for yourselves  
 without money.  
 your neck under the yoke,  
 let your souls receive  
 instruction;  
 is to be found close by.  
 with your eyes that I have  
 laboured little  
 and found for myself much rest.

- The sinful
- 28 Get instruction with a lesson  
of silver,  
and you will gain by it  
and your soul rejoice in his word,  
and may you not be put to  
shame when you praise him.
  - 29 May your soul rejoice in his word,  
and may you not be put to  
shame when you praise him.
  - 30 Do your work before the  
time,  
and in God's<sup>a</sup> time he will give  
you your reward.

## THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

**1** The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz,  
 which he saw concerning Judah and  
 Jerusalem in the days of Uzzi'ah,  
 Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezeki'ah, kings of  
 Judah.

**2** Hear, O heavens, and give ear,  
 O earth;

for the LORD has spoken:  
 "Sons have I reared and brought up,  
 but they have rebelled against me.

**3** The ox knows its owner,  
 and the ass its master's crib;  
 but Israel does not know,  
 my people does not understand."

your cities are burned with fire,  
 in your very presence  
 aliens devour your land;  
 it is desolate, as overthrown by  
 aliens.

**8** And the daughter of Zion is left  
 like a booth in a vineyard,  
 like a lodge in a cucumber field,  
 like a besieged city.

**9** If the LORD of hosts  
 had not left us a few  
 we should have become  
 and become

Judgment and  
**11** Your new moons  
 my soul hates;  
 they have become a burden  
 I am weary of bearing the  
 I will hide my eyes from  
 even though you make  
 I will not listen;  
 your hands are full  
 wash yourselves; make  
 remove the evil  
 from before my  
 cease to do evil,  
 learn to do good,  
 seek justice,  
 correct oppression,  
 defend the  
 plead for

**12** When you spread forth your  
**13** I will not listen;  
**14** Wash yourselves; make  
 remove the evil  
 from before my  
 cease to do evil,  
 learn to do good,  
 seek justice,  
 correct oppression,  
 defend the  
 plead for

**15** "Come  
 says  
 thou



**Oil of Gladness**

**Good News to the Poor**

**Liberty to the Captives**

**The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me**

**Comfort All Who Mourn**

**Garment of Praise**

**Anointed**

**Day of Vengeance**

**Bind Up the Brokenhearted**

**Opening of Prison**

**Beauty Instead of Ashes**

**Isaiah 61:1-3**

**The Year of the Lord's Favor**

***Yeshua reads  
from the Scroll  
of Isaiah***

***Luke 4:16***

***16*** So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

***17*** And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:



# Isaiah 61

“The Spirit of the Lord God *is* upon Me,  
Because the Lord has anointed Me  
To preach good tidings to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison to *those who*  
*are* bound;

# Isaiah 1:18

“Come now,  
and let us reason together,”

Says the Lord,

“Though your sins are like scarlet,

They shall be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson,

They shall be as wool.

# Isaiah 7:14

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself  
will give you a sign:

Behold, the virgin shall  
conceive and bear a Son, and  
shall call His name Immanuel.

# Isaiah 9:6

- 6 For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His  
shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of *His* government and  
peace, *there will be* no end,

# Isaiah 40:3

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord;  
Make straight in the desert  
A highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted  
And every mountain and hill brought low;

The crooked places shall be made straight

And the rough places smooth;

# Isaiah 40:31

31 But those who wait on the Lord  
Shall renew *their* strength;  
They shall mount up with wings  
like eagles,  
They shall run and not be  
weary,  
They shall walk and not faint.

# Isaiah 2

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
To the house of the God of Jacob;  
He will teach us His ways,  
And we shall walk in His paths."  
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 He shall judge between the nations,  
And rebuke many people;  
They shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
And their spears into pruning hooks;  
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
Neither shall they learn war anymore.

# Isaiah 53

Who has believed our report?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord  
been revealed?

For He shall grow up before Him as a  
tender plant,

And as a root out of dry ground.

He has no form or comeliness;

And when we see Him,

*There is no beauty that we should  
desire Him.*

Fragment of an ancient manuscript, likely a scroll, featuring three columns of text written in a cursive script. The parchment is heavily aged, showing significant discoloration and damage, particularly along the top and bottom edges. The text is arranged in approximately 20 horizontal lines across the three columns. The script is dense and difficult to decipher, but appears to be a form of early alphabetic writing. The fragment is set against a black background.

# I. The Retribution of God (chaps. 1-39)

## A. The Lord's indictment of the nation (chaps. 1-6)

1. The heading for the book (1:1)
2. The Lord's lawsuit against the nation (1:2-31)
3. An affirmation of restored kingdom (2:1-5)
4. The present condition and future consequences (2:6-4:1)
5. The holy survivors (4:2-6)
6. The worthless vineyard (5:1-7)
7. An indictment on sin (5:8-30)
8. Isaiah's commission (chap. 6)

The name **ישעייהו**: "Yeshayahu" means

**יהוה**: YHVH is salvation

Similar name to Yeshua, Joshua, and Hosea.

Isaiah resided in Jerusalem and had access to the royal court.

# Isaiah was a prophet in Jerusalem



According to Jewish tradition he was a cousin of King Uzziah but no firm evidence exists to support this.

He did have personal contact with at least two of Judah's kings who were David's descendants (Ahaz 7:3; Hezekiah 38:1; 39:3).

Some conclude that Isaiah was a Levite (a Priest) because he was serving in the Temple (Isaiah 6)

Isaiah was married (8:3).

“Then I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. ”

He had two sons, Shear-Jashub (7:3)

- The Remnant Shall Return

שֵׁאֵר יָשׁוּב

Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (8:3).

– The Spoil Speed, the Booty Hastens.

מָהֵר שָׁלַל חָשׁ בַּז

The year of Isaiah's death is unknown but it was probably after Hezekiah's death in 686 b.c.

Isaiah wrote a biography of King Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 32:32).

Isaiah ministered for at least 58 years.

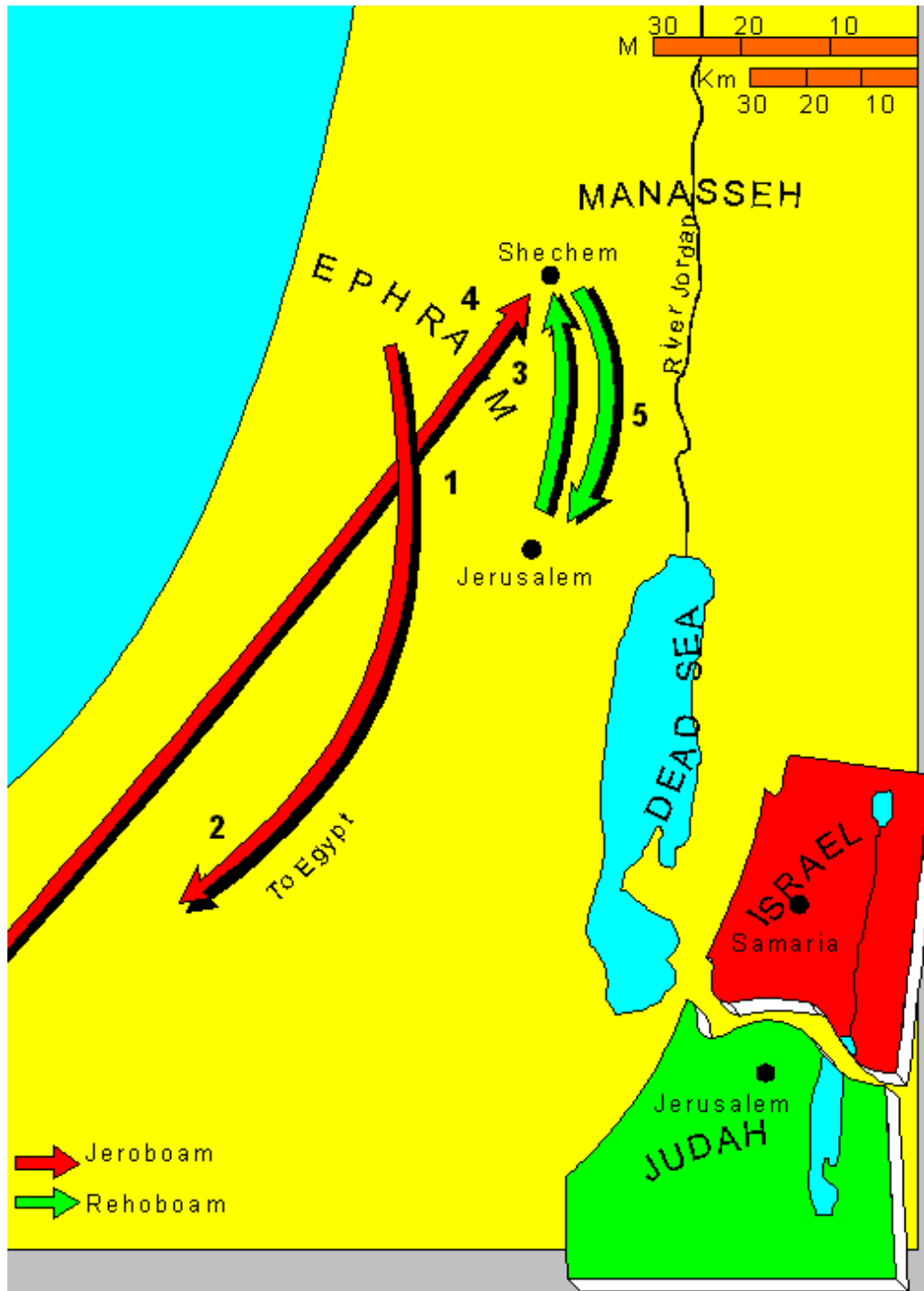
According to Jewish tradition dating from the second century a.d., Isaiah was martyred by King Manasseh.

Justin Martyr (ca. a.d. 100-165) wrote that Isaiah was placed in a hollow tree sawed asunder with a saw (cf. Heb. 11:37).

These years in Israel's history were a time of great struggle both politically and spiritually.

The Northern Kingdom of Israel was deteriorating politically, spiritually, and militarily and finally fell to the Assyrian Empire in 722 b.c.

The Southern Kingdom of Judah looked as though it too would collapse and fall to Assyria, but it withstood the attack.



# Divided Kingdom

In this **political struggle** and spiritual decline Isaiah rose to deliver a message to the people in Judah.

His message was that they should trust in the God who had **promised** them a glorious kingdom through the Covenants with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And the Torah of Moses and Promises of King David.

Isaiah urged the nation not to rely on Egypt, Syria or any other foreign power to protect them for the Lord was the only protection they would need.

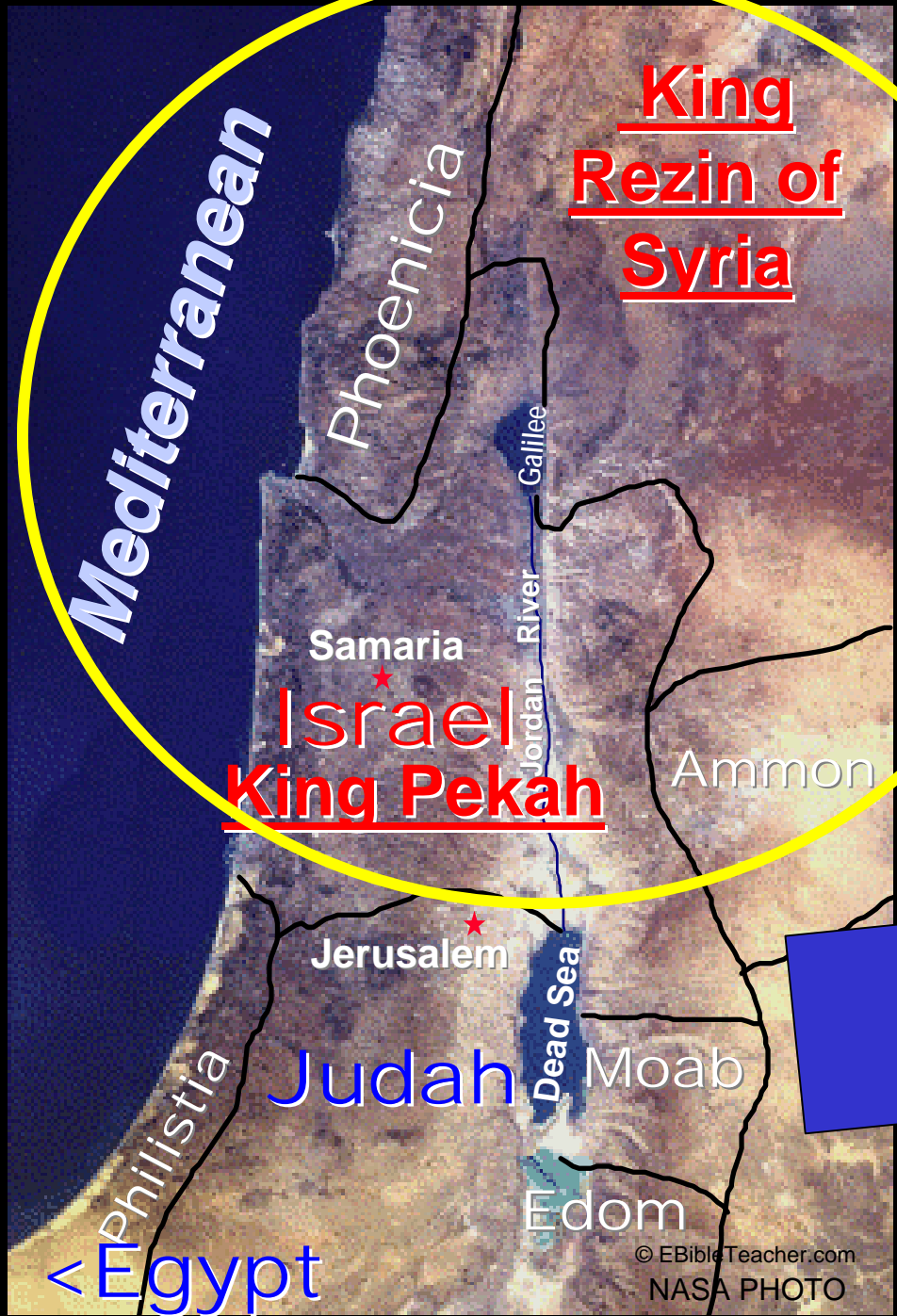
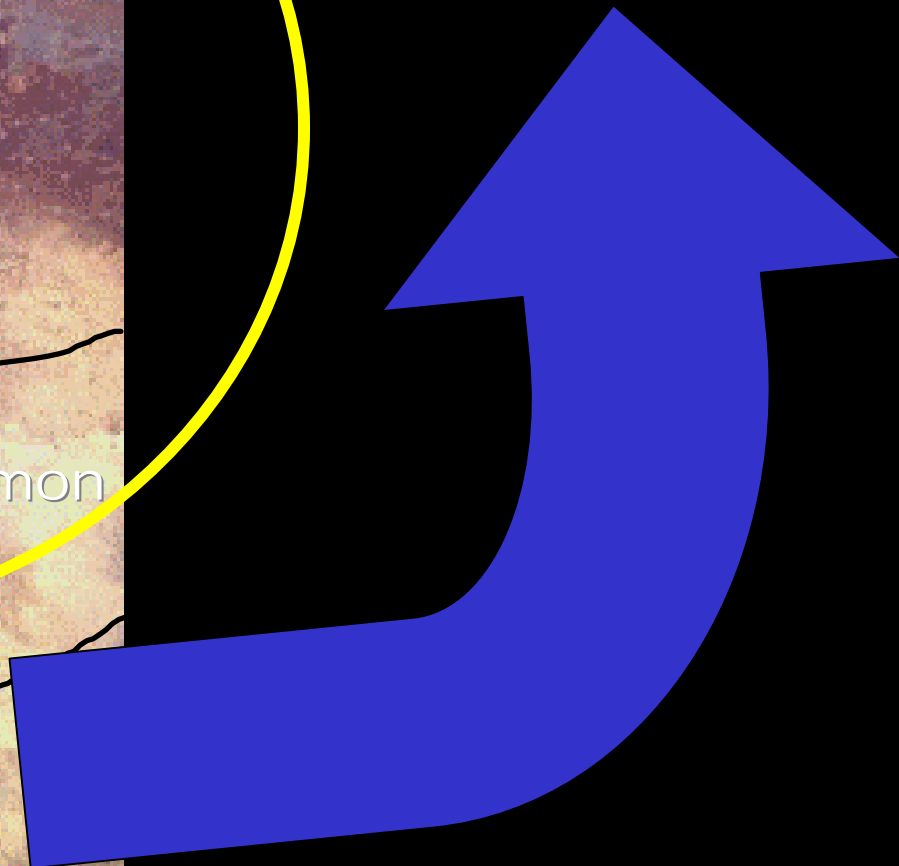


Political alliances of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Nation of Syria to conquer the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

Isaiah warns the King of Judah NOT to make an alliance with Assyria or Egypt.

They are only to put their trust in God alone. He will be their victory.

# Assyria



King  
Rezin of  
Syria

Samaria  
★  
Israel  
King Pekah

< Egypt

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# Assyrian Empire

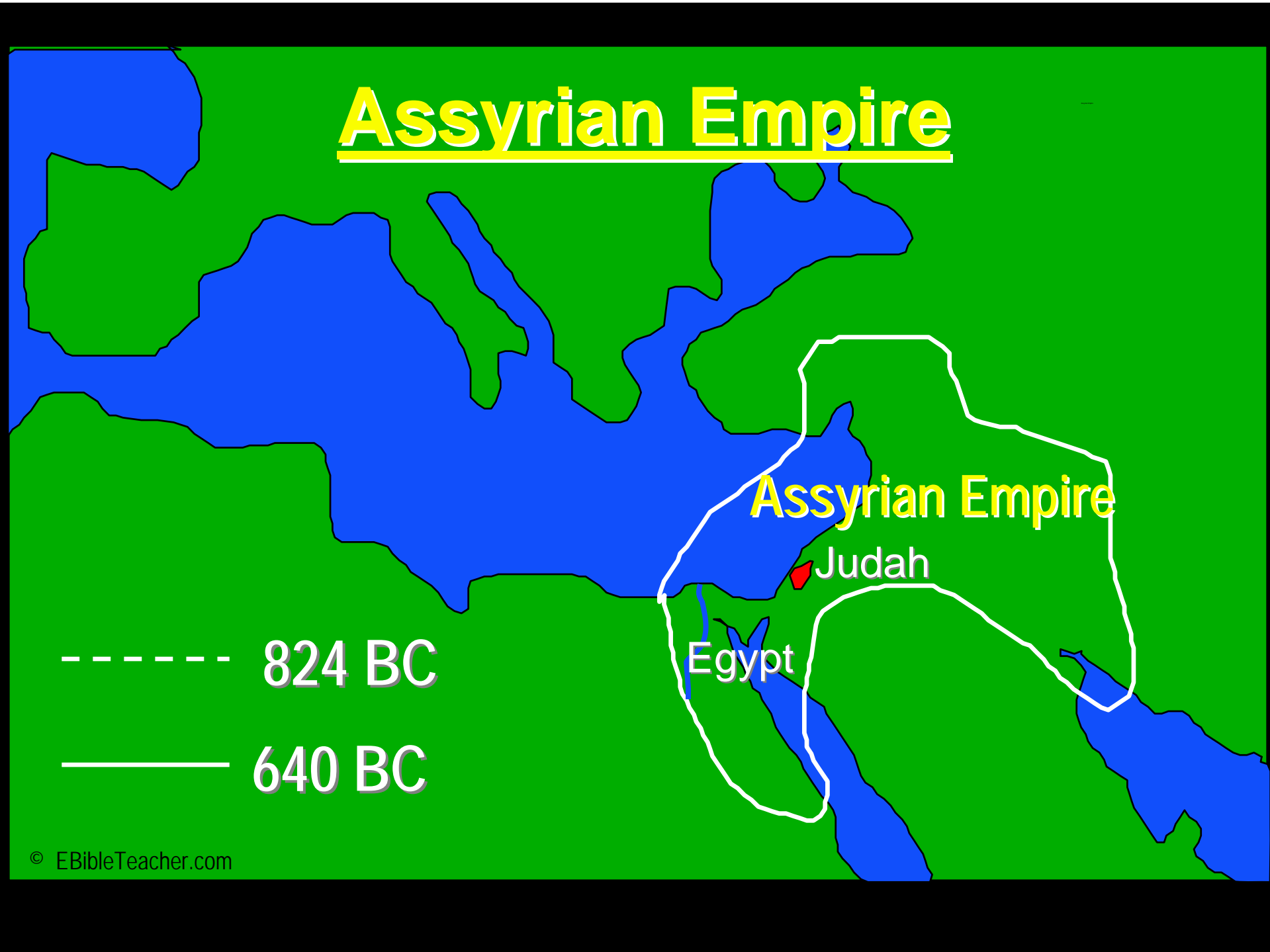
Assyrian Empire

Judah

Egypt

----- 824 BC

———— 640 BC



Hosea and Micah were Isaiah's contemporaries.

Hosea was speaking to the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Isaiah and Micah was speaking to the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

Isaiah's language and Hebrew is much more refined and eloquent than Micah's. Some of there written phrases were identical.

Isaiah was a "city prophet" while Micah was a "country" prophet.

<b>Judah Southern Kingdom</b>	<b>Israel Northern Kingdom</b>	<b>Edom</b>	<b>Assyria</b>
<p><u><b>Before the Exile</b></u></p> <p><b>Joel</b> <b>Isaiah</b> <b>Micah</b> <b>Jeremiah</b> <b>Habakkuk</b> <b>Zephaniah</b></p> <p><u><b>During Exile</b></u></p> <p><b>Ezekiel</b> <b>Daniel</b></p> <p><u><b>After the Exile</b></u></p> <p><b>Haggai</b> <b>Zechariah</b> <b>Malachi</b></p>	<p><b>Hosea</b> <b>Amos</b></p>	<p><b>Obadiah</b></p>	<p><b>Jonah</b></p> <p><b>Nahum</b></p>

Kings of Judah and Israel and the Preexilic Prophets						
JUDAH				ISRAEL		
Kings*	Dates	Years	Dynasty††	Kings	Dates	Years
Rehoboam	931-913	17	1st Dynasty	Jeroboam I	931-910	22
Abijah	913-911	3	"	Nadab ‡	910-909	2
Asa	911-870	41	2nd Dynasty	Baasha	909-886	24
Coregency† with Jehoshaphat	873-870	(3)	"	Elah ‡	886-885	2
Jehoshaphat	873-848	25	3rd Dynasty	Zimri	885	7 days
Coregency with Jehoram	853-848	(5)	—	Tibni	885-880	6
Jehoram <b>OBADIAH**</b>	848-841	8		Overlapping reign† with Omri	885-880	(6)
Ahaziah ‡	841	1	4th Dynasty	Omri	885-874	12
Queen Athaliah ‡	841-835	6	"	Ahab	874-853	22
Joash ‡ <b>JOEL**</b>	835-796	40	"	Ahaziah	853-852	2
Amaziah ‡	796-767	29	"	Jehoram (Joram) ‡	852-841	12
Azariah's vice-regency under Amaziah	790-767	(23)				
Azariah (Uzziah)	790-739	52	5th Dynasty	Jehu	841-814	28
Coregency with Jotham	750-739	(11)	"	Jehoahaz	814-798	17
Jotham	750-735	16	"	Jehoash (Joash)	798-782	16
Ahaz's vice-regency under Jotham	744-735	(9)	"	Coregency with Jeroboam II	793-782	(11)
Coregency of Jotham with Ahaz	735-732	4	"	Jeroboam II <b>JONAH AMOS</b>	793-753	41
Ahaz	732-715	16	6th Dynasty	Zechariah ‡	753-752	1/2
Hezekiah's vice-regency under Ahaz	729-715	(14)		Shallum ‡	752	1/12
Hezekiah	715-686	29	7th Dynasty	Menahem	752-742	10
Manasseh's vice-regency under Hezekiah	697-686	(11)	"	Overlapping reign with Pekah	752-742	(10)
Manasseh <b>NAHUM</b>	697-642	55		Pekahiah ‡	742-742	(2)
Amon ‡	642-640	2	8th Dynasty	Overlapping reign with Pekah	742-740	(2)
Josiah <b>ZEPHANIAH</b>	640-609	31	9th Dynasty	Pekah ‡	752-732	20
Jehoahaz	609	1/4		Hoshea	732-722	9
Jehoiakim <b>HABAKKUK</b>	609-598	11				
Jehoiachin	598-597	1/4				
Zedekiah	597-586	11				

\* Includes one queen (Athaliah).

† In coregency the kings ruled together; in overlapping reigns they reigned separately; in a vice-regency a son ruled with his father in a subordinate position.

‡ These kings and one queen were assassinated.

†† A dynasty is a succession of rulers who are members of the same family or a single ruler of a family different from those before and after him. (The kings of Judah were all of one dynasty because they were all descendants of David.)

\*\* Evangelical scholars differ on these dates of Obadiah and Joel. Some place them at later dates (see the *Introductions* to Joel and Obad.).

Note: In some kings' reigns the dates (e.g., Rehoboam, 931-913), when subtracted, may vary from the number in the "Years" column for that king. This is because the beginning and ending dates for a given king may include only portions of those years in the Gregorian calendar.

The dates of the kings are adapted from Edwin R. Thiele, *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1983.

# Isaiah 1:1

The **vision** of Isaiah the son of

Amoz, which he **saw** concerning  
Judah and Jerusalem in the days of  
Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah,  
kings of Judah.

The reigns of these kings were:

Uzziah (790-739),

Jotham (750-732),

Ahaz (735-715),

and Hezekiah (715-686).

# *The Great Indictment against Jerusalem*

## *Isaiah 1:2 – The Two Witness*

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth!

For the Lord has spoken:

“I have nourished and brought up children,

And they have rebelled against Me;

## Deuteronomy 17:6

“On the evidence of **two witnesses** or three witnesses, he who is to die shall be put to death; he shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.

# *Deuteronomy 30:19*

<sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death,

blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

# *Deuteronomy 4:25*

<sup>25</sup> After you have had children and grandchildren and have lived in the land a long time—if you then become corrupt and make any kind of idol, doing evil in the eyes of the LORD your God and provoking him to anger,

<sup>26</sup> I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day that you will quickly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess. You will not live there long but will certainly be destroyed.

## ***Deuteronomy 4:27***

**27** The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which the LORD will drive you. **28** There you will worship man-made gods of wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or eat or smell.

**29** But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. **30** When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the LORD your God and obey him.

**31** For the LORD your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your forefathers, which he confirmed to them by oath.

# *Isaiah 1:3*

3 The ox knows its owner  
And the donkey its master's crib\*;  
*But* Israel does not know,  
My people do not consider."

Animals known for their stupidity.  
Dumb @\$\$ and Stupid Ox

\*Manger – feeding trough

# Isaiah 1:4

4 Alas, sinful nation חַטָּא עַם

A people laden with iniquity,

A brood of evildoers,

Children who are corrupters!

They have forsaken the Lord,

They have provoked to anger

The Holy One of Israel, קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל

They have turned away backward.

See Matthew 3:7 – Brood of Vipers

**The Holy One of Israel** are used by Isaiah 25 out of the 31 in the Bible.

This title appropriately contrasts the people's sin with God's holiness.

# *Isaiah 1:5*

- <sup>5</sup> Why should you be stricken again?  
You will revolt more and more.  
The whole head is sick,  
And the whole heart faints.
- <sup>6</sup> From the sole of the foot even to the  
head,  
*There is no soundness in it,*  
*But wounds and bruises and*  
*putrefying sores;*  
They have not been closed or bound  
up, or soothed with ointment.

# ***Isaiah 1:7***

<sup>7</sup> Your country *is* desolate,  
Your cities *are* burned with fire;  
Strangers devour your land in your  
presence;  
And *it is* desolate, as overthrown by  
strangers.

# *Isaiah 1:8* בַּת-צִיּוֹן

8 So the daughter of Zion is left as a

booth (Sukkah) סִכָּהּ in a vineyard,

As a hut in a garden of cucumbers,  
As a besieged city.

## *Isaiah 1:8*

9 Unless the Lord of hosts יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת  
Had left to us a very small remnant,  
(some survivors)

We would have become like Sodom,  
We would have been made like  
Gomorrah.

# ***Romans 9:27-29***

27 Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel:

*“Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea,  
The remnant will be saved.*

28 *For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness,*

*Because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth.”*

29 And as Isaiah said before:

*“Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed,*

*We would have become like Sodom,  
And we would have been made like Gomorrah.”*

# *Isaiah 1:10*

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the Lord,  
You rulers of Sodom;  
Give ear to the law of our God,  
You people of Gomorrah:

<sup>11</sup> "To what purpose *is* the multitude of your  
sacrifices to Me?"  
Says the Lord.  
"I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
And the fat of fed cattle.  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
Or of lambs or goats.

# *Isaiah 1:12*

12 “When you come to appear before Me,  
Who has required this from your hand,  
To trample My courts?

13 Bring no more futile sacrifices;  
Incense is an abomination to Me.  
The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of  
assemblies—  
I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting.

# ***Isaiah 1:14***

- <sup>14</sup> Your New Moons and your appointed feasts  
My soul hates;  
They are a trouble to Me,  
I am weary of bearing *them*.
- <sup>15</sup> When you spread out your hands,  
I will hide My eyes from you;  
Even though you make many prayers,  
I will not hear.  
Your hands are full of blood.

# *Isaiah 1:16*

16 "Wash yourselves,  
make yourselves clean;  
Put away the evil of your doings  
from before My eyes.  
Cease to do evil,

17 Learn to do good;  
Seek justice,  
Rebuke the oppressor;  
Defend the fatherless,  
Plead for the widow.

## Psalm 51:15

### Clean Hands, Clean Heart

- 15 O Lord, open my lips,  
And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
- 16 For You do not desire sacrifice,  
or else I would give *it*;  
You do not delight in burnt offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit,  
A broken and a contrite heart—  
These, O God, You will not despise.

Hebrews 10:19

***Hold Fast Your Confession***

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Yeshua, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

## Romans 12:1

### *Living Sacrifices to God*

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*

<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

# *Isaiah 1:18*

<sup>18</sup> "Come now, and let us reason together,"  
Says the Lord,  
"Though your sins are like scarlet,  
They shall be as white as snow;  
Though they are red like crimson,  
They shall be as wool."

# Leviticus 16:1-34

“And the goat shall bear on itself all the their iniquities to a solitary land;  
and he shall release the goat in the wilderness.



# *Isaiah 1:19*

## *The Judges Offer*

<sup>19</sup> **I**f you are willing and obedient,  
You shall eat the good of the land;  
<sup>20</sup> **B**ut if you refuse and rebel,  
You shall be devoured by the sword";  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.



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