



REBELLION

RESTORATION

REVIVAL

Ezra-Nehemiah

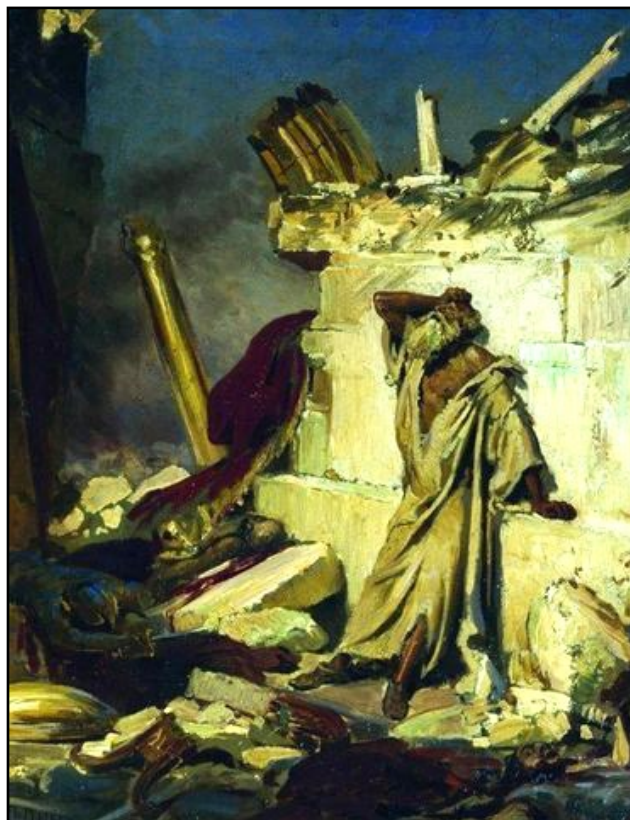


# The Divided Kingdom



# Principal Characters

(in order of appearance)



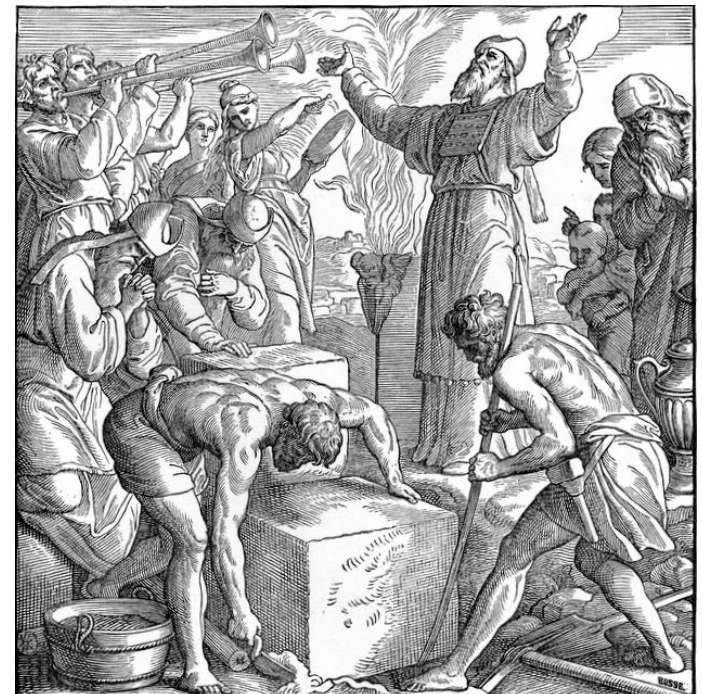
<div>1</div> Rebellion / Judgment (from 2 Kings)			
First Removal	Azariah king of Judah	732 BC	15:27ff
	Pekah king of Israel		
	Tiglath-pilaser king of Assyria		
Second Removal	Ahaz king of Judah	722 BC	17:1ff
	Hoshea king of Israel		
	Shalmaneser king of Assyria		
Third Removal	Hezekiah king of Judah	701 BC	18:13ff
	Sennacherib king of Assyria		
Fourth Removal	Jehoiakim king of Judah	604-586 BC	24:1ff
	Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon		
	Jehoiachin king of Judah		
	Zedekiah king of Judah		



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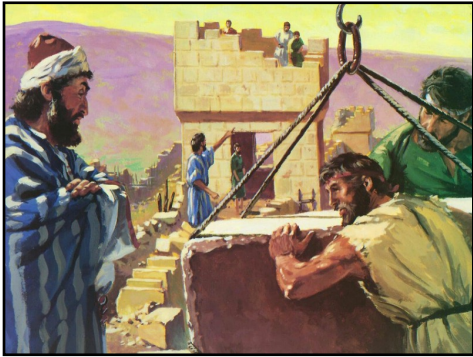
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<div>2</div> <div>Ezra: Jerusalem Temple</div> <div>(from Ezra)</div>	
Cyrus king of Persia	1:1
Sheshbazzar, prince of Judah (Persian name of Zerubbabel, grandson of last Davidic king)	1:8
Tobiah (same as in Nehemiah?)	2:60
Jeshuah, high priest	2:2ff
Haggai, prophet	5:1
Zechariah, prophet	5:1
Tattenai, governor of Trans-Euphrates	5:3
Darius king of Persia/Babylon	4:24
Artaxerxes king of Persia/Babylon	7:1
Ezra son of... Aaron: scribe, priest	7:1
Shecaniah son of Jehiel	10:2

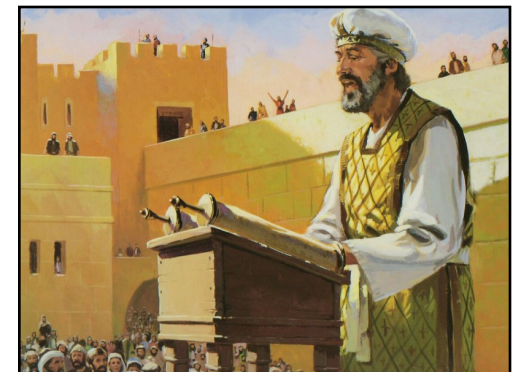


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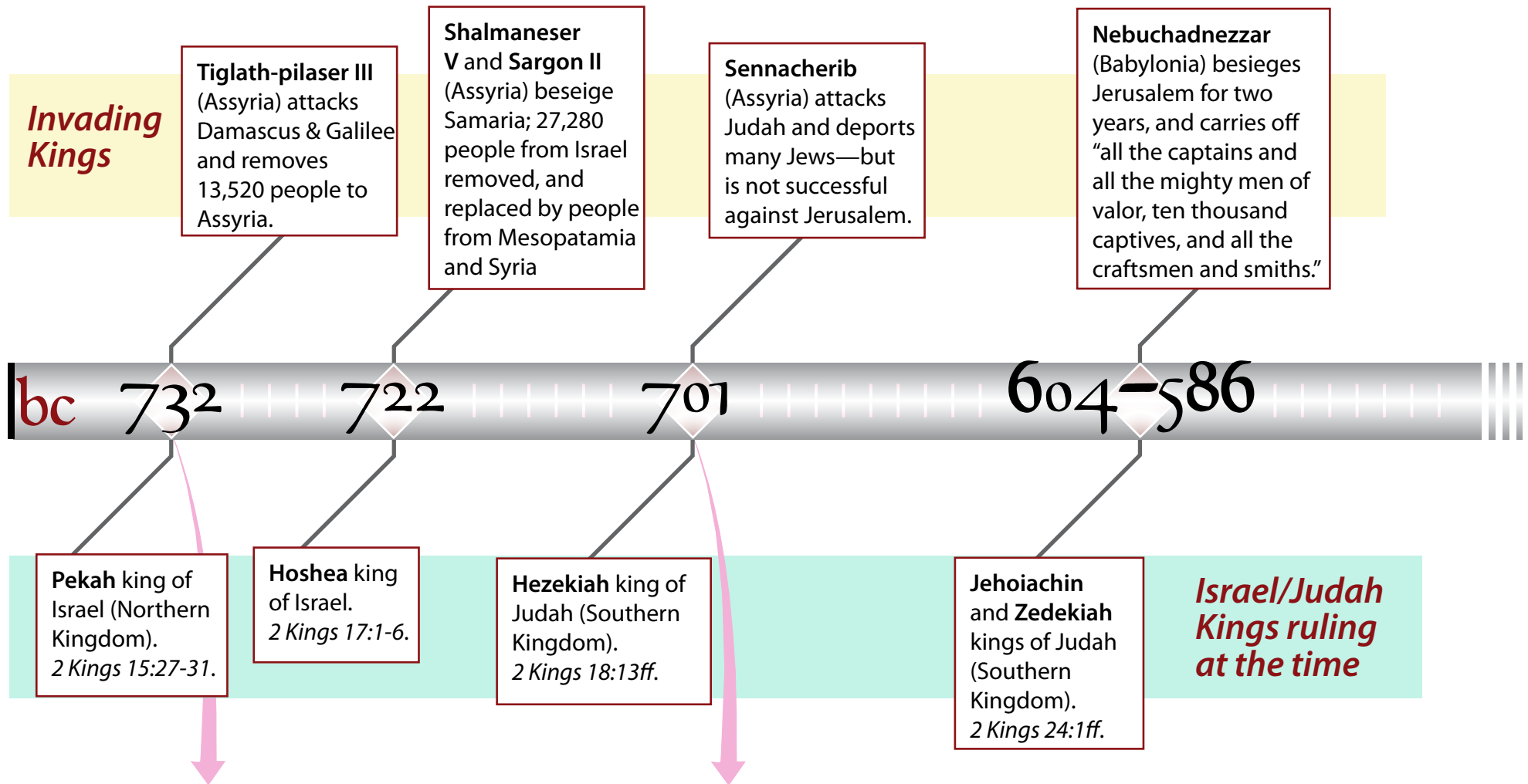


Nehemiah: Jerusalem Walls (from Nehemiah)		3
Nehemiah son of Hacaliah, governor	1:1	
Artaxerxes king of Persia/Babylon	2:1	
Sanballat the Horonite	2:10	
Tobiah the Ammonite	2:10; 6:17-18	
Geshem the Arab	2:19	
Eliashib, high priest	3:1; 13:4ff	
Shemaiah son of Delaiah	6:10	
Ezra the scribe	8:1ff	

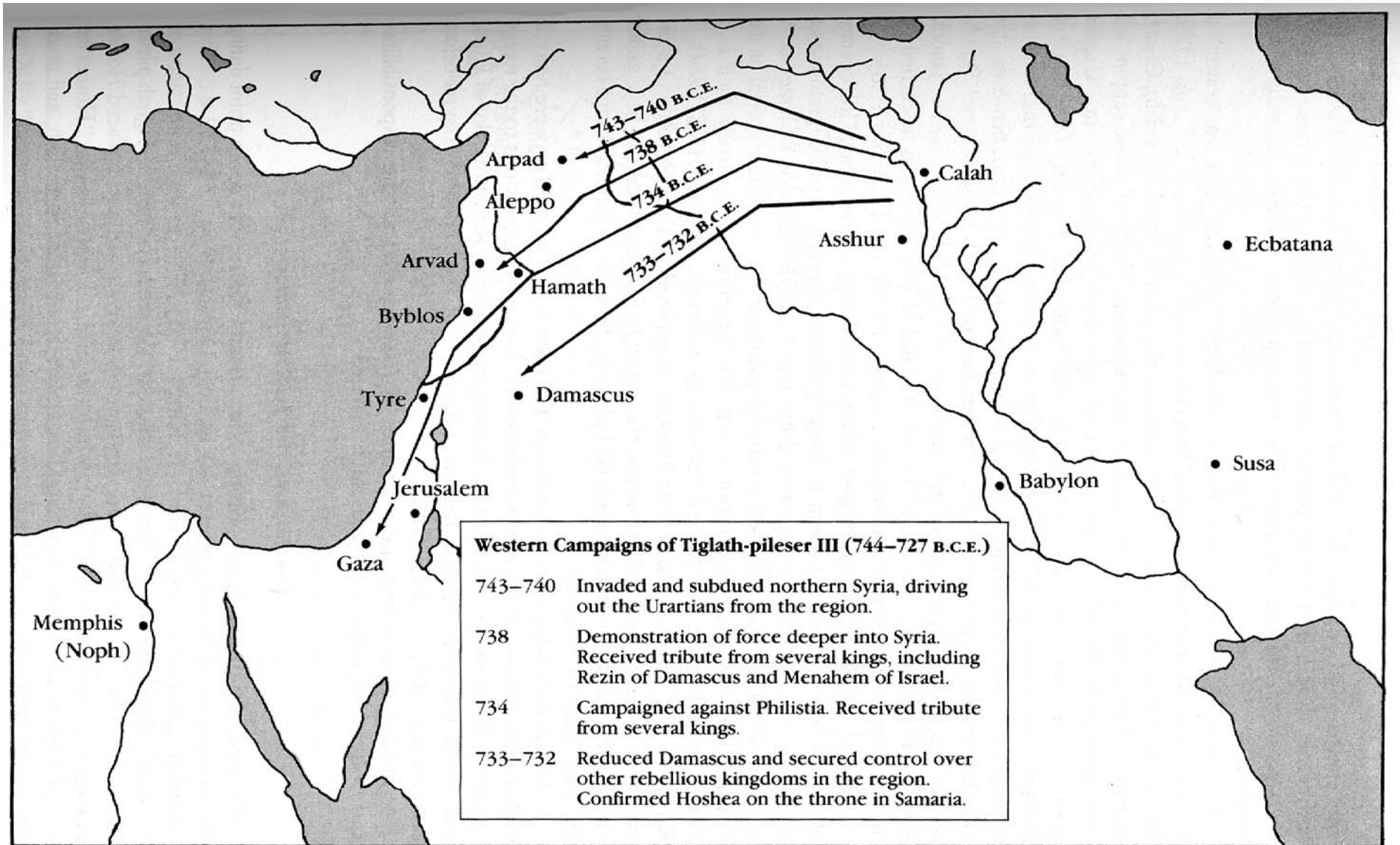


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# Timeline: *Judgment!*

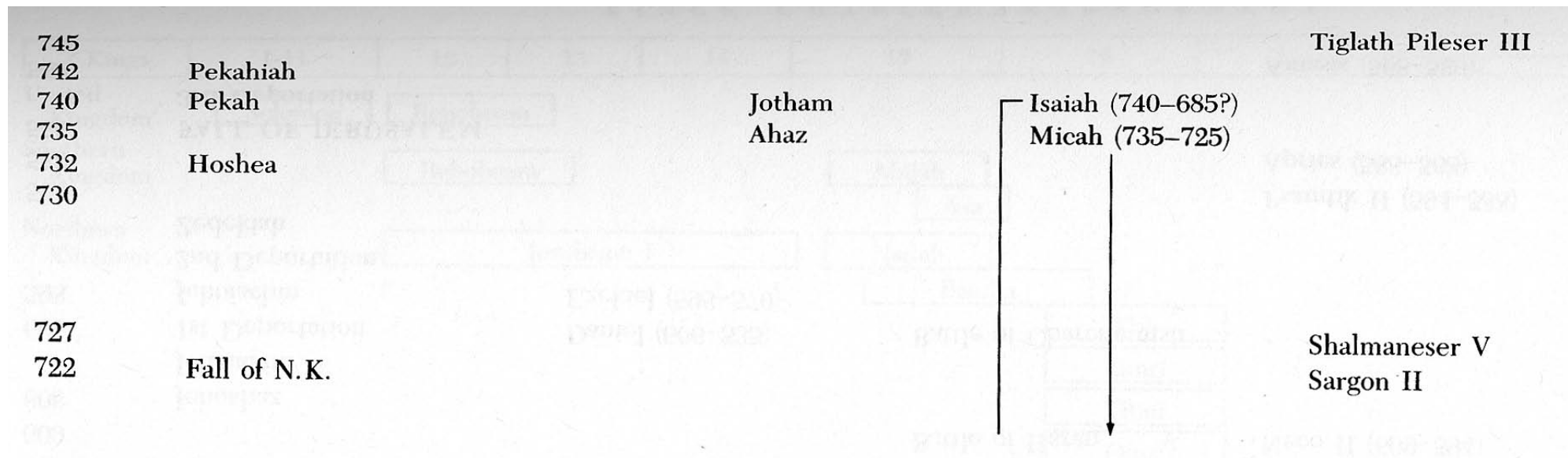


## *Tiglath-pilaser III's Western Campaign*

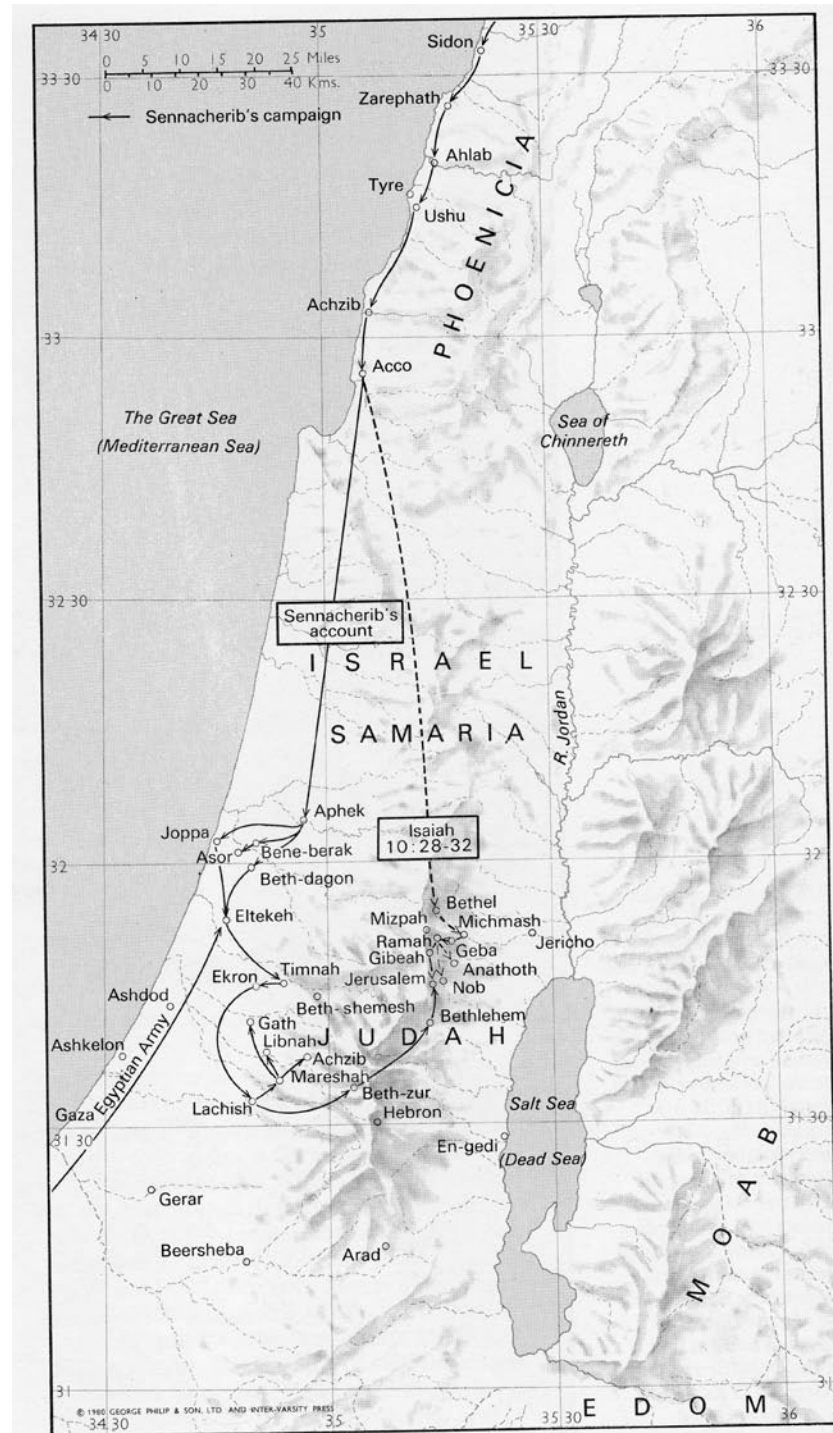




# Timeline: 745 to 722 BC



# Sennacherib's Campaign

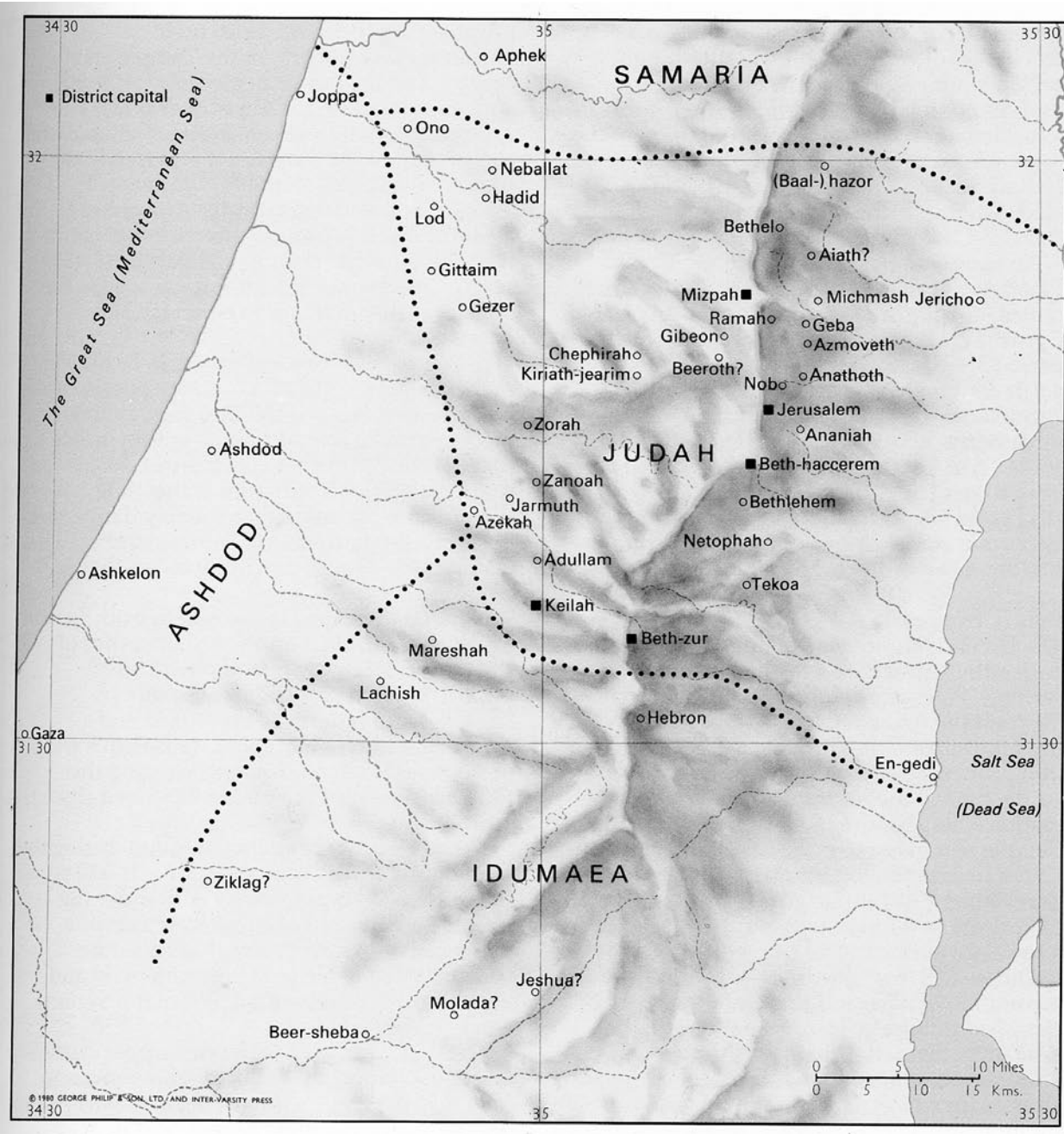


# Timeline: 720 to 568 BC

DATE	JUDAH	PROPHETS	ASSYRIA	EGYPT	BABYLON
720				Bakenrenef (24th dyn., 720–715)	
716	Hezekiah (coreg. 729)			Shabaku (25th dyn. 716–701, defeats 24th dyn.)	
705			Sennacherib		
701		BATTLE	OF	EL TEKEH	
698	Manasseh			Shebitku (701–690)	
690				Taharqa (690–664)	
681	(Samaritans)		Esarhaddon		
671			↓	Fall of Memphis	
668			Assurbanipal		
664				Tanutamun (664–653)	
663				Fall of Thebes	
660		Nahum (660–655)			
642	Amon				
640	Josiah	Habakkuk (665–650)		26th dyn.: Psamtik I (665–609)	
630		Zephaniah (635–630)			
626		Jeremiah (626–580)	Assur Etil Ilani (et al.)		Nabopolassar
612			Fall of Nineveh		
609			Battle of Haran	Neco II (609–594)	
608	Jehoahaz Jehoiakim				
605	1st Deportation	Daniel (606–535)	Battle of Charchemish		Nebuchadnezzar
598	Jehoiachin 2nd Deportation Zedekiah	Ezekiel (598–570)			
594				Psamtik II (594–588)	
588				Apries (588–568)	
586	FALL OF JERUSALEM 3rd Deportation				
568				Amasis (568–526)	



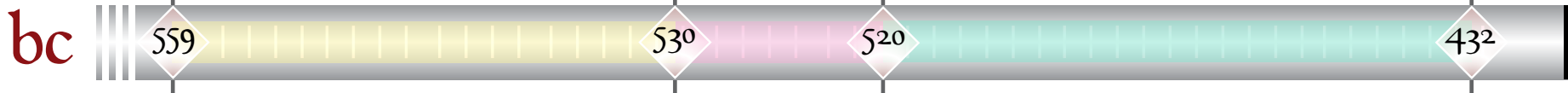
## Judah in Time of Nehemiah



# Timeline: *Rebuilding Jerusalem Temple & Walls*

559 BC	Rule of Cyrus II, king of Persia, begins	
October 12, 539	Babylon falls to Persian forces	
October 29, 539	Cyrus II enters Babylon	Dan. 5:30-31
March 538	Cambyes, son of Cyrus, becomes steward in Babylonia; Cyrus II departs	
Spring 537	Return to Judah under Sheshbazzar (Zerubbabel)	Ezra 1:11
October to November 537	Building the Jerusalem altar	Ezra 3:1-3
April 29, 536 to May 28, 530	Work on temple resumed and opposition experienced	Ezra 3:8; 4:1-5
March 26, 530	Cambyes named regent and "King of Babylon" when Cyrus II leaves for war	
September 9, 530	News of Cyrus' death reaches Cambyes; becomes "King of Babylon, King of Lands."	

Aug/Dec 520 BC	Work resumed on temple under Darius	Ezra 5:1-2
March 12, 515	Temple Completed	Ezra 6:15
April 8, 458	Ezra departs Babylon	Ezra 7:7
August 4, 458	Ezra arrives Jerusalem	Ezra 7:8-9
December 19, 458	The people assemble	Ezra 10:9
December 29, 458	Committee begins investigation	Ezra 10:16
March 26, 446 to April 12, 445	Nineteenth year of Artaxerxes I	
April 13, 445 to April 2, 444	Twentieth year of Artaxerxes I	Neh. 1:1
April/May 445	Nehemiah approaches the king	Neh. 2:1
August 445?	Nehemiah arrives Jerusalem	Neh. 2:11
October 2, 445	Completion of the wall (52 days!)	Neh. 6:15
October 8 to November 5, 445	Public assembly for worship and instruction	Neh. 7:73
October 30, 445	Fast	Neh. 9:1
April 1, 433 to April 19, 432	Thirty-second year of Artaxerxes; Nehemiah's recall and return	Neh. 5:14 Neh. 13:6



Period during which little progress was made in temple restoration because of opposition from without.

Timeline: *Foreign Kings*  
*With influence over Judah during time of reconstruction*



The tombs of the Achaemenid kings Darius 1, Artaxerxes 1 and Xerxes 1 (l. to r.).





# Assyrian Empire





## *Near East just before Cyrus takes Babylon*



## *Persian Empire at its Height*

