

God's People Worshipped

2 Kings 18:1-6; 22:1-2; 23:1-3



Assyria besieges and conquers Israel, deporting the people (2 Kings 17)

Judah's remaining kings return to what is evil in the Lord's sight (2 Kings 22-23)

Manasseh and Amon, two evil kings of Judah turn back to idols with excessive wickedness (2 Kings 21)

Today's Lesson

Assyria threatens Judah, but Hezekiah relies on the Lord (2 Kings 18-20)

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Josiah repairs the temple, finds the law, and restores the worship of the Lord (2 Kings 17)

Key Concept

Worship of God includes following Him and His word.

Kings of Judah	Bible	Good/Bad	Kings of Israel	Bible	All Bad
Rehoboam	1 Kings 11-14	BAD	Jeroboam I	1 Kings 12-14	BAD
Abijam	1 Kings 11-14	BAD			
Asa	1 Kings 15	Good	Nadab	1 Kings 15	BAD
			Baasha	1 Kings 15-16	BAD
			Elah	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Zimri	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Omri	1 Kings 16	BAD
			Ahab	1 Kings 16	BAD
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 22	Good	Ahaziah	1 Kings 22	BAD
			Jehoram	2 Kings 1	BAD
Jehoram	2 Kings 8	BAD	Jehu	2 Kings 3-9	BAD
Ahaziah	2 Kings 8-9	BAD	Jehoahaz	2 Kings 9-10	BAD
Athaliah	2 Kings 11	BAD			
Joash	2 Kings 11-12	Good	Jehoash	2 Kings 13-14	BAD
Amaziah	2 Kings 14	Good	Jeroboam II	2 Kings 14	BAD
			Zechariah	2 Kings 14-15	BAD
Azariah	2 Kings 15	Good	Shallum	2 Kings 15	BAD
Jotham	2 Kings 15	Good	Menahem	2 Kings 15	BAD
			Pekahiah	2 Kings 15	BAD
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Ahaziah	2 Kings 16	BAD	Hoshea	2 Kings 15-17	BAD
Hezekiah	2 Kings 18-20	Good	Assyrian Captivity - No return		
Manasseh	2 Kings 21	BAD			
Amon	2 Kings 21	BAD			
Josiah	2 Kings 21-23	Good			
Jehoahaz	2 Kings 23	BAD			
Jehoiakim	2 Kings 23	BAD			
Johoiachin	2 Kings 24	BAD			
Zedekiah	2 Kings 24-25	BAD			
Babylonian Captivity - 70 years					



The Lachish Reliefs

They were discovered in 1845, among the ruins in the Nineveh palace of the Assyrian King Sennacherib. 62' long reliefs that picture the fall of the Judean fortress of Lachish in 701BC.





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PHOENICIAN
STATES

Byblos
Beirut
Sidon
Tyre

Acre

ASSYRIAN EMPIRE

Damascus

KINGDOM OF
ARAM-DAMASCUS

Umomium

Mediterranean
Sea

KINGDOM OF
ISRAEL

Samaria

Shechem

Jaffa

Jerash

KINGDOM OF
AMMON

ARAMEAN
TRIBES

Rabbath-Ammon

Beit El

Jericho

Dibon

Ashdod

Ashkelon

PHILISTINE
STATES

Gaza

KINGDOM OF
JUDAH

Jerusalem

Lachish

Hebron

Beersheba

KINGDOM OF
MOAB

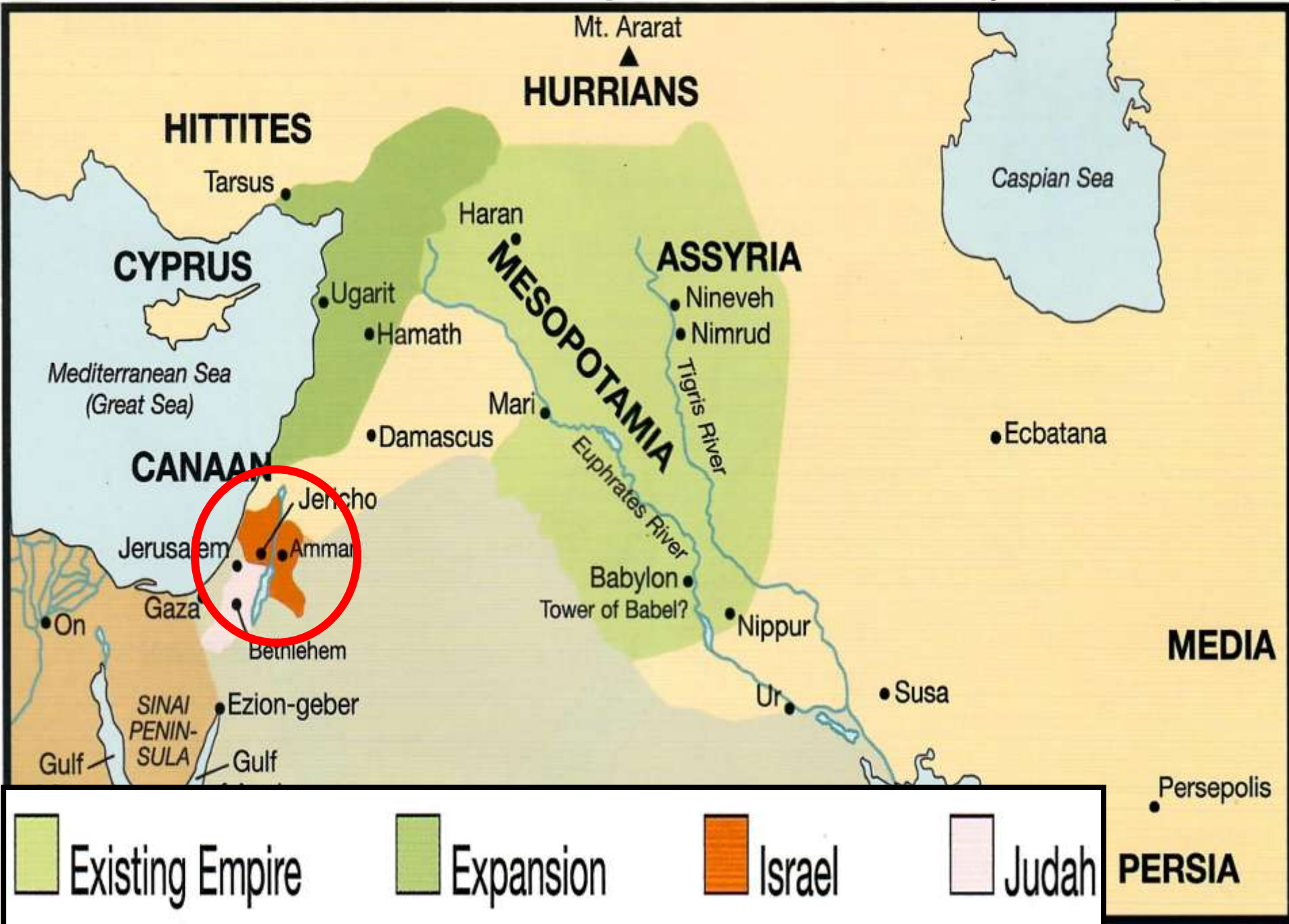
NABATU TRIBES

KINGDOM OF EDOM

Petra

ARABU
TRIBES

King: Shalmaneser III (858 BC–823 BC) Expansion of the Assyrian Empire



Hezekiah's Tunnel



- What were the sacred stones / pillars referenced 2 Kings 18:4?

They were used as altars for pagan gods

- What is a good way to define idolatry to others that may not be saved?

Misplaced worship of anything but the living God.

- Hezekiah is most well known for creating what civil architecture that greatly benefitted Jerusalem?

Hezekiah's Tunnel – water inside the city

- What did Hezekiah give the Assyrian King to not invade Judah?

11 tons of Silver / 1 ton of gold

- What is considered the biggest error that Hezekiah committed during his reign? **Pride: He took credit for God's blessing on Judah when he allowed the Babylonians to tour the temple treasures**

- What sign did God give to Hezekiah as proof he would be healed from sickness? **Sundial moved 10 steps backwards**

- What significant item discovered by the high priest Hilkiah helped Judah? How?

Book of Law – Created social reform by highlighting the nation's sin and prompting repentance

- What was Josiah's reaction to hearing the reading of the Book of the Law?

He tore his robe and realized how much the nation had been sinning against God

•What prophet grew up near and eventually began to prophesize to Josiah?

Jeremiah – Josiah was 21 years old then

•What are some other examples in the Bible of teens being used by God?

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| 1) Daniel | 5) Mark |
| 2) Gideon | 6) Samuel |
| 3) David | 7) Joseph |
| 4) Timothy | |