

# God's Nation Fell

**2 Chronicles 36:11-21**



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

## **Today's Lesson**

**Babylon besieges and conquers  
Judah, deporting the people  
(2 Kings 25; 2 Chr 36)**

**Jeremiah prophesies judgment on  
Judah and a new covenant  
(Jeremiah 1)**

**Judah's remaining kings return  
to what is evil in the Lord's sight  
(2 Kings 23-24)**

**Hezekiah and Josiah restores  
the worship of the Lord  
(2 Kings 18-20; 22-23)**

**Ezekiel prophesies to the  
exiles  
(Ezekiel 1-48)**

## Key Concept

**God warns people with compassion but will also judge evil.**

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					



# Kings & Prophets

## Legend

**JOSIAH** Name of king and years of reign  
641-609 BC

**AMOS** Name of prophet and approximate dates of influence

**Governor Nehemiah** Leaders of the Jewish people after they returned from the Exile in Babylonia

? Dates Unknown

NAHUM

ZEPHANIAH

JEREMIAH

DANIEL EZEKIEL

HABAKKUK

ISAIAH

**MANASSEH**  
697-643 BC

**AMON**  
643-641 BC

**JOSIAH**  
641-609 BC

**JEHOAHAZ (SHALLUM)**  
609 BC

**JEHOIACHIN (JECONIAH)**  
597-587 BC

**JEHOIAKIM (ELIAKIM)**  
609-598 BC

**ZEDEKIAH (MATTANIAH)**  
597-586 BC

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HAGGAI ZECHARIAH

Temple Rebuilt

70 years

**Governor Sheshbazzar**  
536? - ? BC

**Governor Zerubbabel**  
Dates unknown

**MALACHI?**

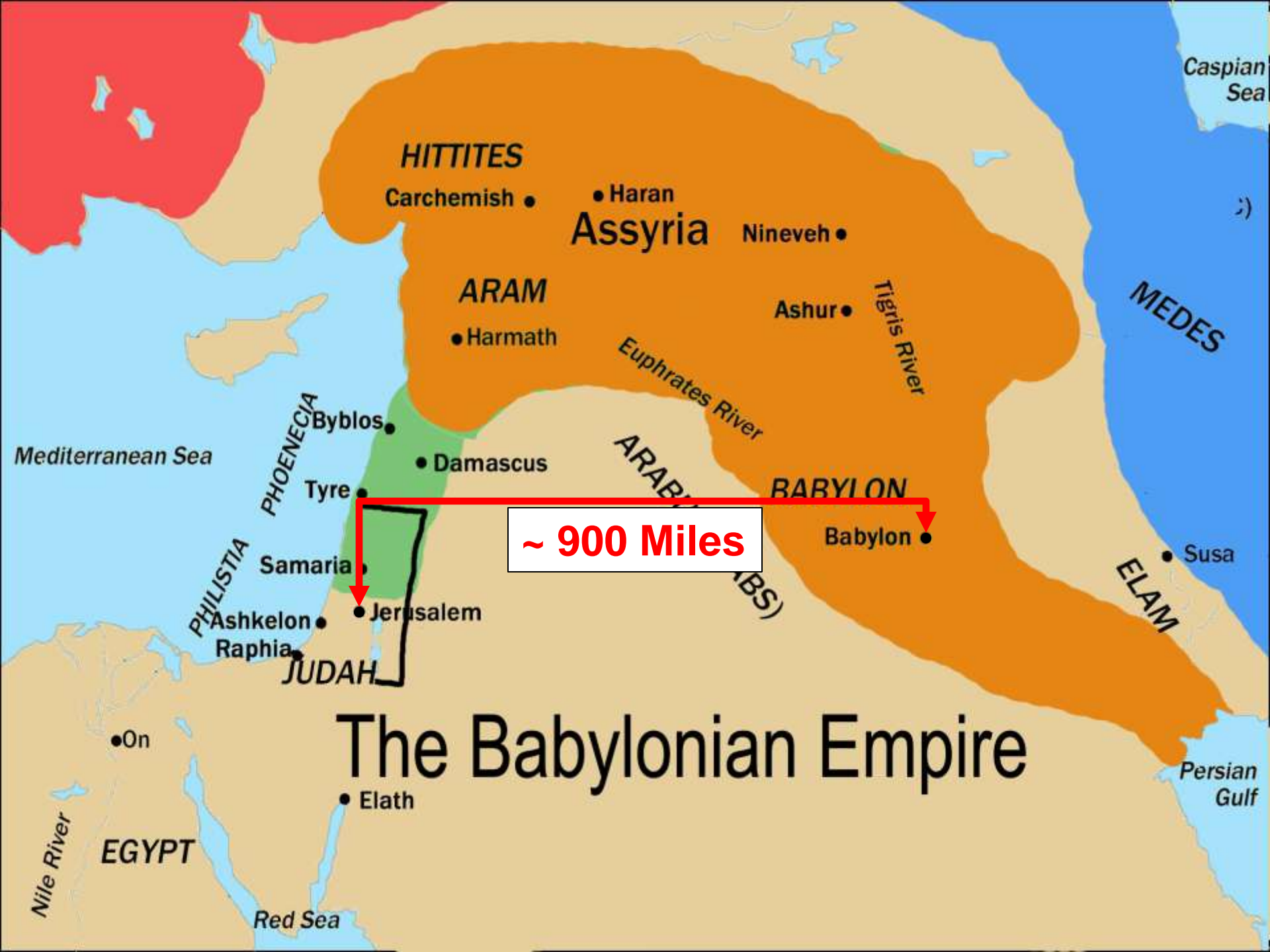
**JOEL?**

**Governor Ezra**  
457 - ? BC

**Governor Nehemiah**  
444-432 BC

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HITTITES

Carchemish •

• Haran

Assyria

Nineveh •

ARAM

• Harmath

Ashur •

Tigris River

Euphrates River

MEDES

Caspian Sea

;) )

Mediterranean Sea

PHOENECIA

Byblos •

• Damascus

Tyre •

PHILISTIA

Samaria •

Ashkelon •

Raphia •

JUDAH

Jerusalem •

~ 900 Miles

BABYLON

Babylon •

Susa •

ELAM

Persian Gulf

# The Babylonian Empire

• On

EGYPT

• Elath

Red Sea

Nile River





**Pictures and concept drawings of  
temple destruction**









**Jerusalem and Temple scale model  
during Jesus ministry**









**Babylonian Chronicle detailing  
history of siege 597BC**

- How long did God allow the people to continue to do evil before He used the Babylonians to exile Judah as judgment?

~ Over 400 years

- What is the only writing about the people in exile in Babylon?

Book of Daniel – Servant in the palace  
Psalm 137:1-4, 42 & 43

- Through prophets God repeatedly reminded Judah they could avoid exile with two simple actions?

- 1) Repent

- 2) Take responsibility for their behavior

- Who did King Nebuchadnezzar install as king of Judah during the first siege in 597BC?

**Zedekiah**

- What did King Nebuchadnezzar change Zedekiah's name from? Why? **Mattaniah**

**To symbolize Nebuchadnezzar's authority over him**

# •How does the Bible describe God's discipline on His people?

**An analogy of a loving father and son**

**“God's correction is like a father's discipline for his children.” *(Hebrews 12:5-11)***

**“Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you”.  
*(Duet 8:5)***

**“My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke”  
*(Prov 3:11-12)***



• Can you list some aspects of God's discipline?

- A sign of love, not rejection
- Perfect in design and application
- Designed for restoration not destruction
- Encourages perseverance
- Should inspire hope

• How long did King Nebuchadnezzar take to deport the people to Babylon?

~ approximately 20 years