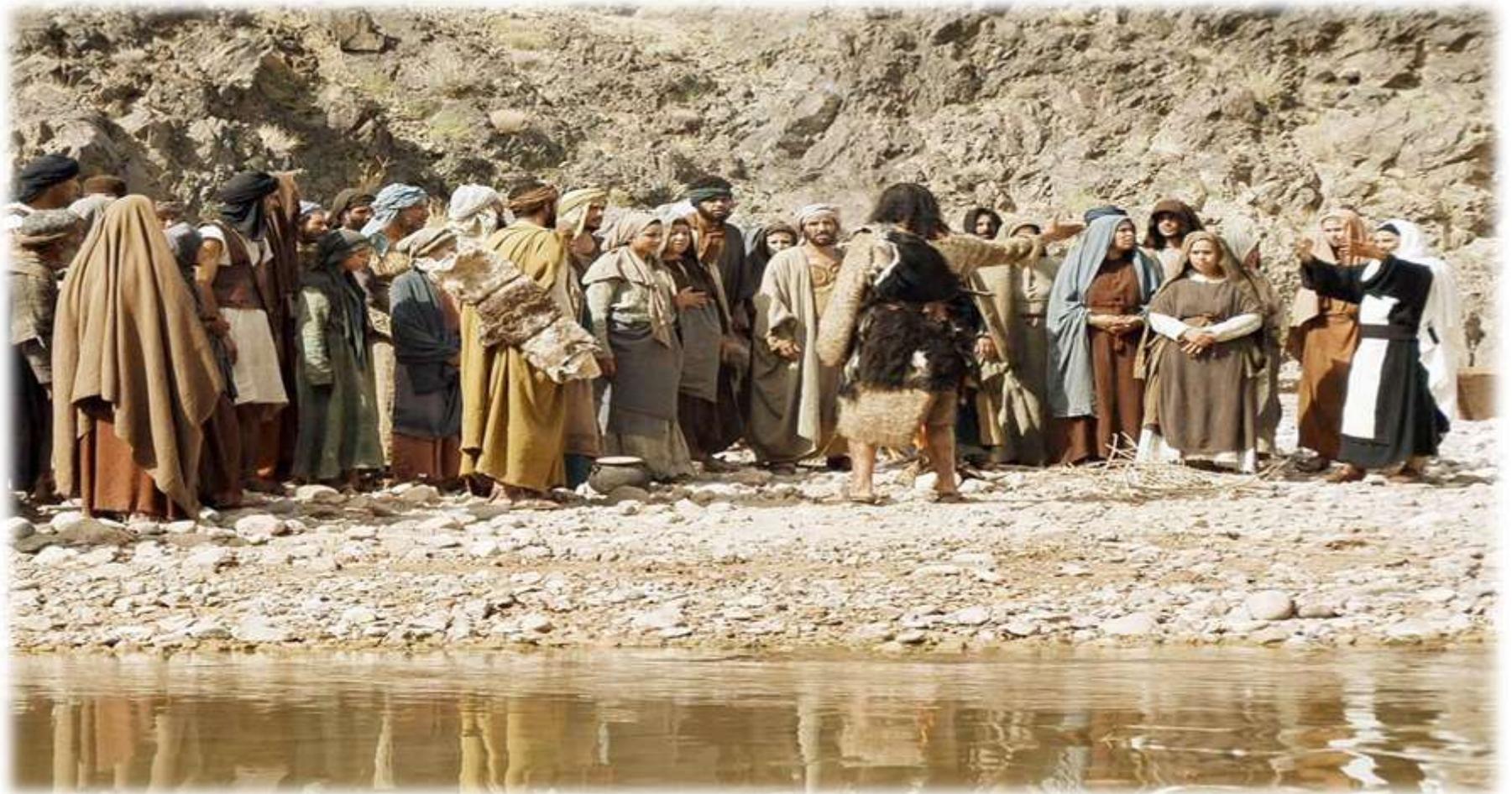


The Messenger Prepared

Luke 1:5-17



Key Concept

God will send the messenger to prepare His way.

**Malachi prophesies the coming
Messiah and the day of the Lord
(Malachi 3-4)**

Today's Lesson

**An angel foretells the
birth of John the
Baptist, who prepares
the way for the Messiah
(Luke 1)**

**Nehemiah returns and
rebuilds the wall around
Jerusalem
(Nehemiah 1-6)**

**Ezra reads the book of the
law and the people confess
their sin
(Nehemiah 8-12)**

**Ezra the priest returns to
Judah and instructs the
people in the law
(Ezra 7-10)**

**The intertestamental
period**



Hill

John the Baptist
Born here
Ministered here

Ein Karem ●

Jerusalem ●

Qumran ●

Bethlehem ●

Tekoa ●

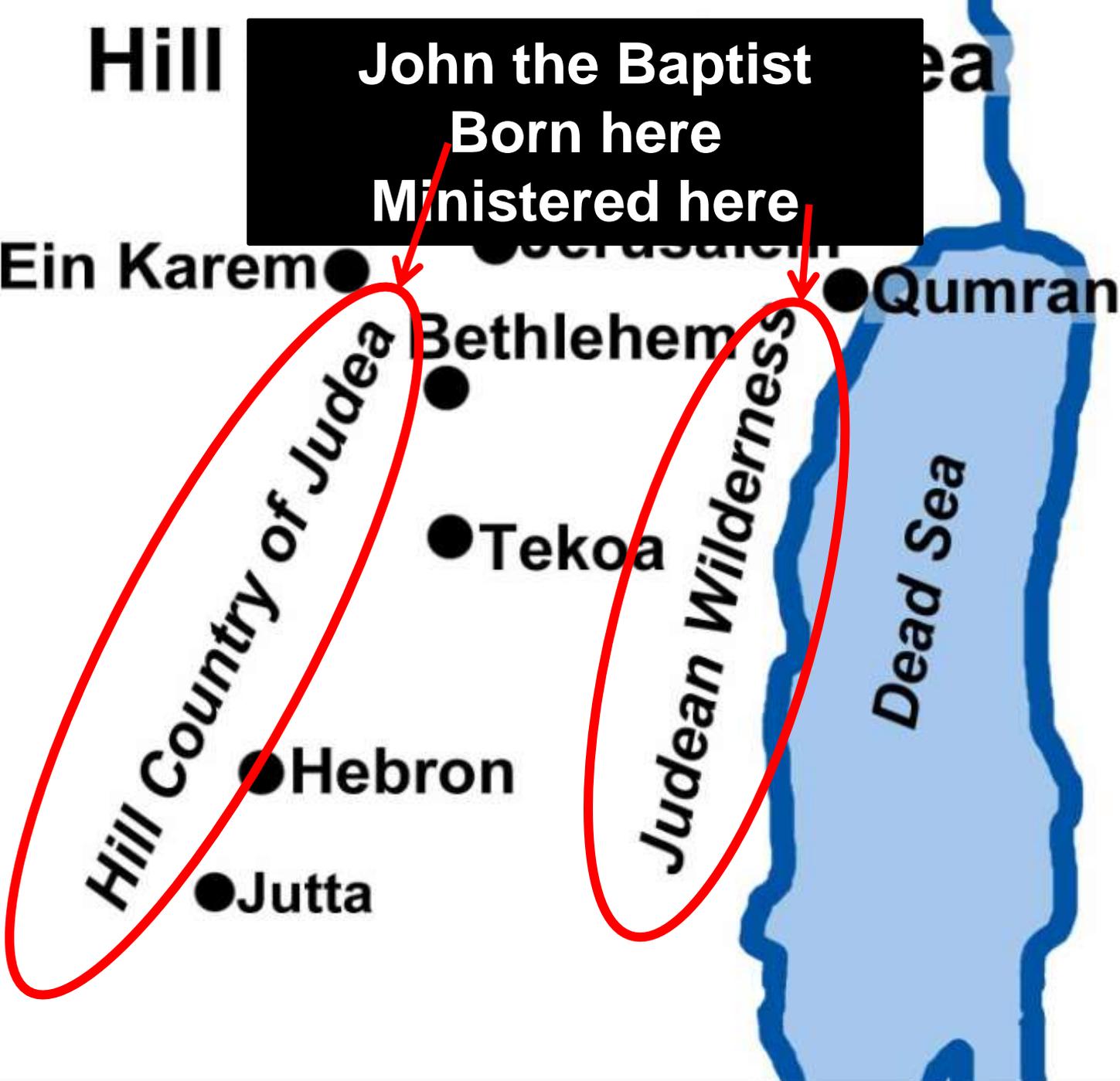
Hebron ●

Jutta ●

Hill Country of Judea

Judean Wilderness

Dead Sea



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Ezra

500 B.C.

HISTORY OF ISRAEL

THE KINGDOM

THE REMNANT

Cyrus the Great

Roman Republic Begins

Socrates
469

Plato
428

Aristotle
384

750

612

550

539

529

509

Assyria

Babylon

Persia

Esther Becomes Queen

722

605

586

538

478

457

444

Israel

Jerusalem
Destroyed

Fall of Babylon

Zerubbabel

Ezra

Under
Nehemiah

Judah

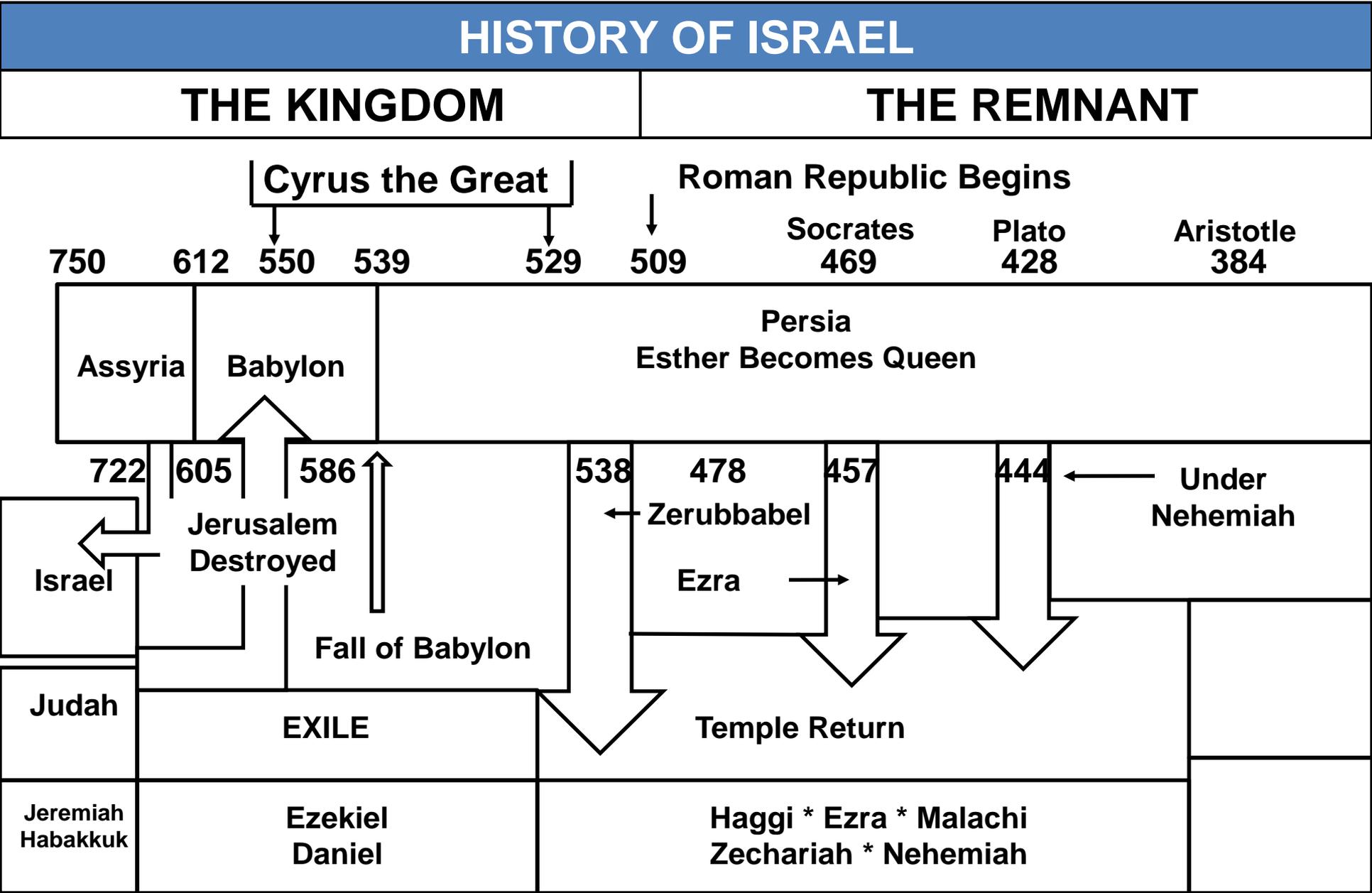
EXILE

Temple Return

Jeremiah
Habakkuk

Ezekiel
Daniel

Haggi * Ezra * Malachi
Zechariah * Nehemiah

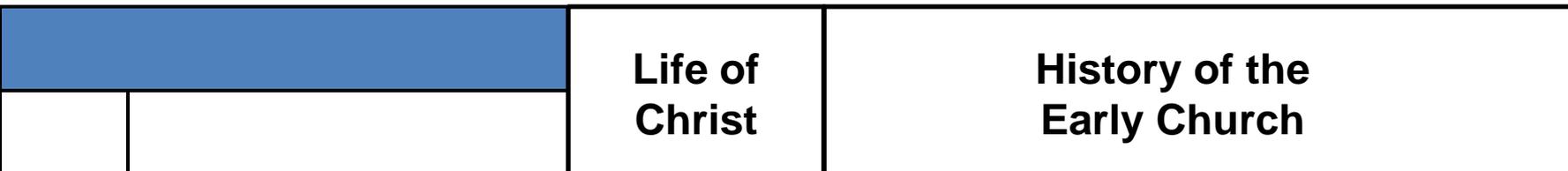


Christ

4 B.C.

A.D. 33

A.D.100



Hannibal

Cicero

331

237

183

146

106



336

323

Temple Defiled 166

63

46-44

70

Reign of Alexander the Great

168
Revolt

Conquered by Rome

Dictatorship of Julius Caesar
Jerusalem Destroyed



400+

Years of Waiting for Messiah

The Word

Apostles

•How does the book of Luke emphasis the character of Jesus (distinction) in comparison with the other Gospels?

Jesus is symbolized as humanity (human) – the Son of man

•What is the age difference between John the Baptist and Jesus?

John the Baptist was ~6 months older

•Zacharias and Elizabeth were both descendants of who and what tribe?

Aaron – Tribe of Levi

•Who was the messenger to Zacharias and how many times is he mentioned in the Bible?

The angel Gabriel – four (2x Daniel, 2x Luke)

•The book of Luke is the only gospel written by a Gentile ?

•(T/F) Luke is the longest book in the New Testament?

True – 24 chapters

•Can you list some facts about John the Baptist?

- 1) Baptized Jesus**
- 2) Was considered a Nazarite (lifestyle)**
- 3) The only person the Bible mentioned was filled with the Holy Spirit before birth**
- 4) Wore camel hair and leather belt to identify himself as a prophet**
- 5) Jesus described John as “none greater has risen born of a woman”**
- 6) Given a sign (John 1:33)“The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one”**