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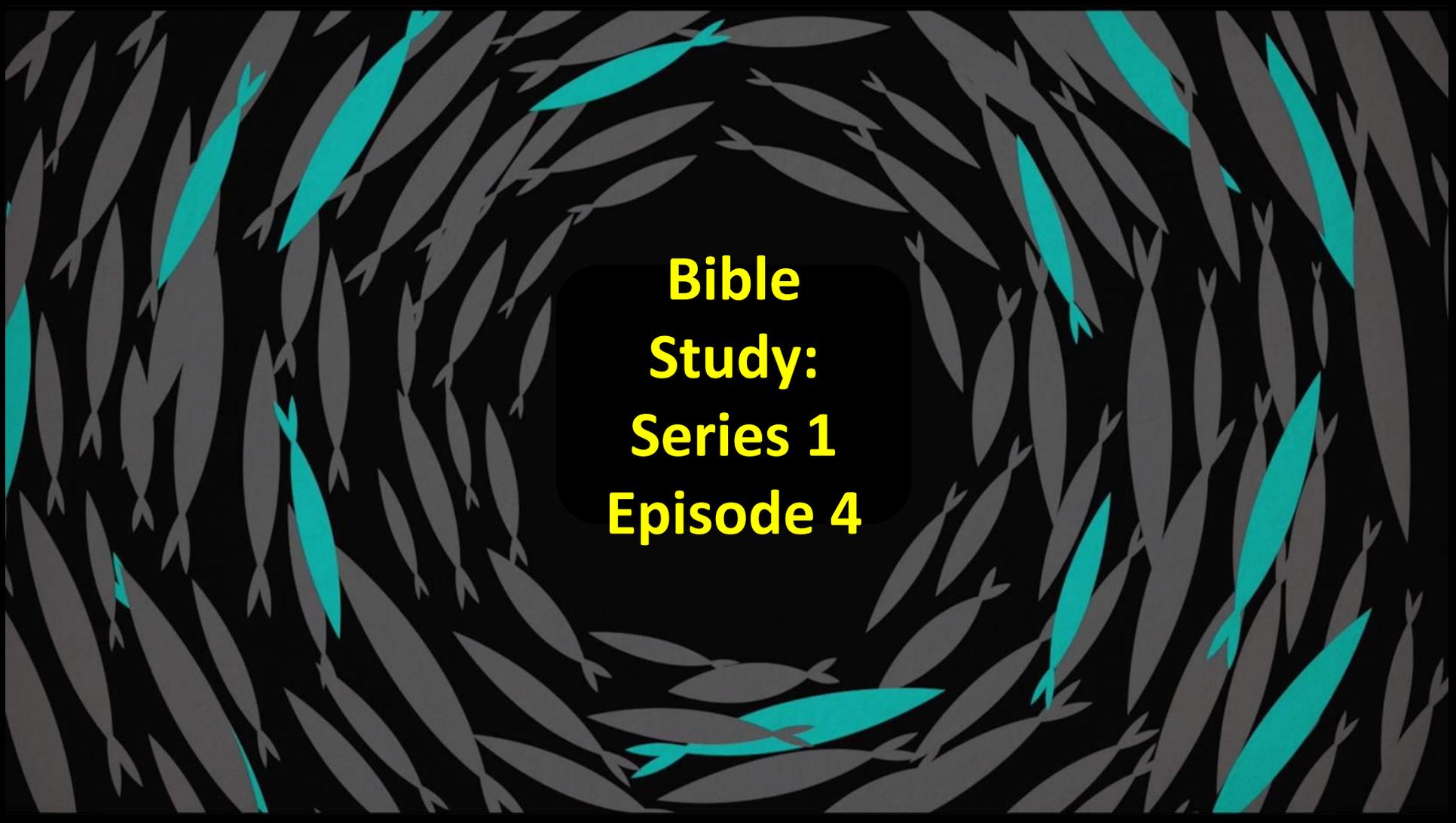
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*“Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”*

Isaiah 43:5–7



**Bible
Study:
Series 1
Episode 4**



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What Does it Mean to Be Chosen?

*Previously... Forego control... have you changed course and “Repented and Returned” to **God**?*

Series 1 – Episode 4: “**YOU CHANGE COURSE**” – Part 2

1. I Was... but God... and Now... *continued*

- *Personal questions*

2. Jesus Is... **Our Leader**

- *Personal questions*

3. **The Chosen** Context Summary

4. **Group Discussion(s)** – *Break Out Room(s)*



I Was...
but God...
and Now



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4.1 You Change Course – *I Was... but **God**... and Now... continued...*

- Like Israel, most of us would rather be rescued than deal with our sin
 - but our biggest problem is our sin... and that we choose it over **God**
 - the result... it's actually sin that sits in the driver's seat of our lives, not us
 - foolishly, we strap ourselves in, tell ourselves we're in control
 - ...and then blame **God** when we land in a ditch
- belonging to **God** isn't about taking His help, provision, protection
 - ...whenever we feel like it
- It's about *Repenting & Returning* to our Creator and one true King (Rom 8:28)
- When we repent and return to Him, our lives change and we become...
 - ...the people He intended us to be... like our New Testament brothers & sisters
- The change experienced by every follower—whether 1st or 21st Century—
 - ...can be summed up as: I was... but **God**... and now!



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4.1 You Change Course – *I Was... but **God**... and Now... continued...*

• Mary...



Matthew...



Simon...



Nicodemus...



- Mary was broken, ruled by evil, cut off, cast aside, ashamed of who she'd become
 - but God rescued, accepted, restored... and now Mary faithfully followed Jesus
- Matthew was rebellious, isolated, hated for serving the enemy
 - but God pursued, called, welcomed... and now Matthew is one of the 12 apostles
- Simon was self-sufficient, brash and impulsive
 - but God revealed and called... and now Peter is the "Rock" (Matthew 16:18)
- Nicodemus was self-centred, proud, confident in his own ability to lead
 - but God humbled, was patient... and now Nicodemus seeks answers from Jesus



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4.1 You Change Course – *I Was... but **God**... and Now... continued...*

- To *Repent* of our sin and *Return* to our Creator requires a change of course
 - following Jesus means:
 - going where *He goes* and doing what *He does*
...not choosing ourselves!
 - surrendering the control we think we have to Him...
...to climb into the passenger seat... and to hand the keys to Jesus
 - believing His way is better than ours
 - trusting **God** will lead us as faithfully and lovingly as He did Israel
- ...so that over time... we'll become more like Jesus...
...and less like the *was* we once were!



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4.1 I Was... but God... and Now... *personal questions...*

1. *Read Luke 5:1–11.*

The moment Simon realised he was completely unworthy to be in Jesus' presence was also the moment he left everything behind to follow Jesus and remain in His presence.

- *What is the correlation?*

2. *Following Jesus means surrendering to Him.*

What do the words surrender and (even more controversial) submission mean to you?



**Jesus is
Our
Leader**



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4.2 You Change Course – *Jesus is... Our Leader*

- Most of us don't like submitting...
 - ...in addition to our strong desire to be in control...
 - ...we find the notion insulting... sometimes even degrading
- but it's simply not possible to *retain control* and *follow* at the same time
- Following Jesus is required... to be in relationship with Him (Luke 5:4–8,10–11)
- Leaving everything behind was quite literal for these men...
 - ...their livelihoods were 100% dependent on their boats and fishing gear
- When Simon Peter realised Jesus was the promised Messiah...
 - ...he got real low... real fast... any previous notion of control disappeared
- In its place were deference and a desire to serve the One actually in control
 - Then Simon did the only logical thing...
 - ...he surrendered... and called Jesus “LORD”



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4.2 You Change Course – *Jesus is... Our Leader*

SIMON: My brother, and baptizer... they... You are the Lamb of God, yes?

JESUS: I am.

SIMON: Depart from me; I'm a sinful man. You don't know who I am,
the things I've done...

JESUS: Don't be afraid, Simon.

SIMON: I'm sorry, we've waited for You for so long, we believed, but my faith
—how sorry.

JESUS: Lift up your head, fisherman.

SIMON: What do You want from me? Anything You ask, I will do.

JESUS : Follow Me.

*(Simon looks into His eyes, seeing something in them he's never seen before.
And he's transfixed.)*

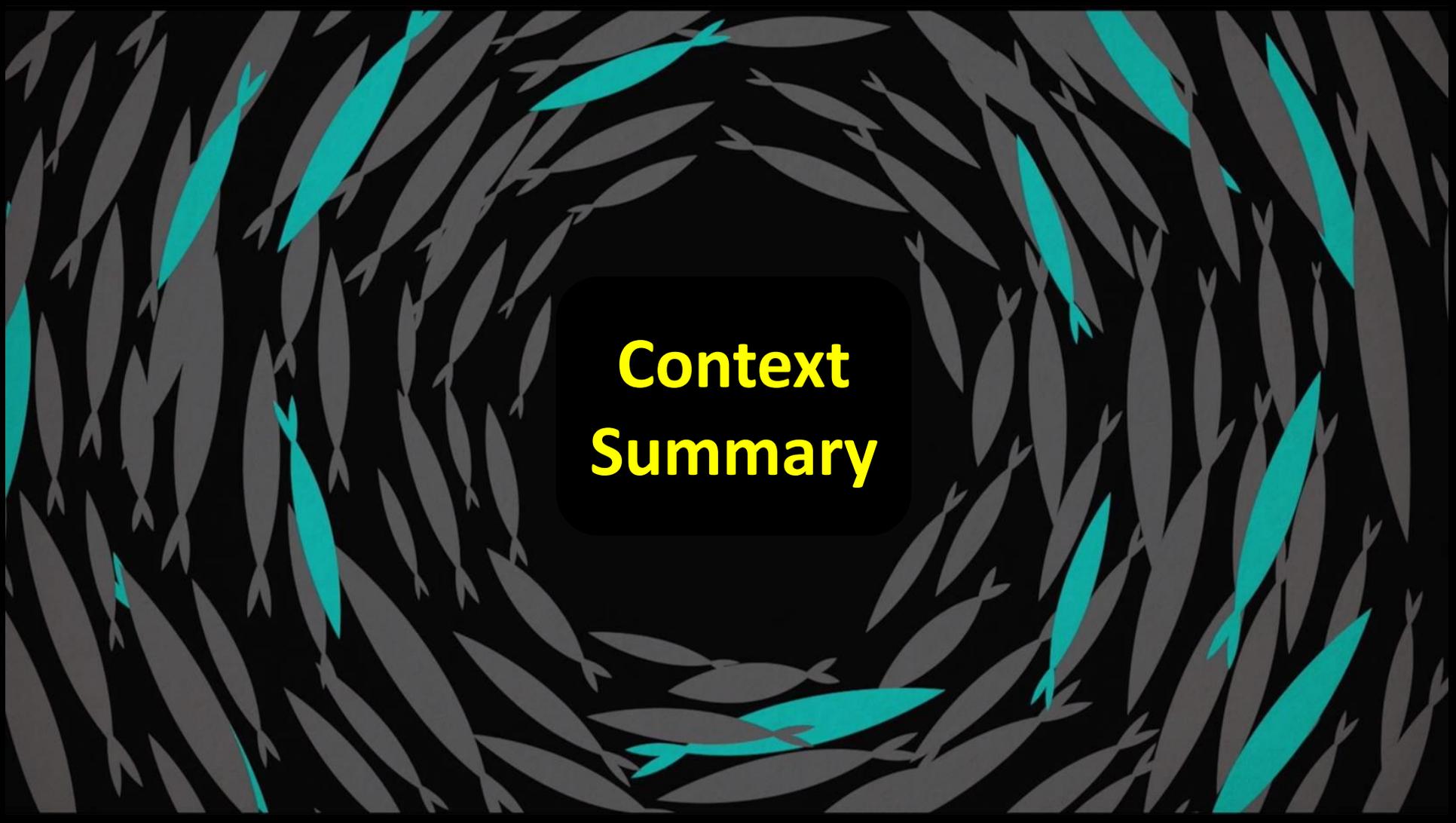
SIMON: I will.



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4.2 Jesus is Our Leader... *personal questions...*

3. *Explain in your own words why salvation through faith in **Jesus** is free...
...but following **Him** costs us everything?*
4. *Read Matthew 7:21–23, in which **Jesus** clearly stated that...
...not all people who claim to know **Him** actually do.*
 - *What is the evidence of a true follower?
(Hint: re-read the second half of verse 21)*
5. *What area of your life do you need to leave behind...
...in order to follow **Jesus** more fully?*



**Context
Summary**



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4.3 The Chosen Bible Study for Episodes 1–4: *Summary*

1. **You are Called...** Fear Not... **Worthy, Not Worthy** **Jesus is our Rescuer**
Holy... LORD... YHWH... Glory
Geographic context of Scotland v Israel, Nazareth, and Galilee
2. **You Rest...** Shabbat... **Wellspring of Rest** **Jesus is our Present**
Kingdoms of Israel & Judah, the Seleucids, and the Hasmonean dynasty
The Shabbat and the Sabbath
3. **You are Cherished...** Precious in His Sight... **Welcomed** **Jesus is our Keeper**
The Shemah
The Nicene Creed, Apostles Creed, and The Westminster Confession
4. **You Change Course...** Forego Control... **I Was... but God... and Now** **Jesus is our Leader**
The kings of the northern kingdom of Israel and southern kingdom of Judah



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1.2 Old Testament Context... Insights...

- “Holy” is used to refer to **God** who is inherently holy, sacred, set apart
 - As **God is Holy** we must be holy (Leviticus 11:44,45; 19:2)
 - Holiness requires righteousness, without which there must be judgement
 - This word “Holy” can also modify parts of creation:
 - places, e.g., Camp of Israel (Deuteronomy 23:14), Heaven (Isaiah 57:15)
 - people, e.g., Priests (Lev.21:8), Nazirite (Num.6:5) [Aaron’s blessing]
 - time (Nehemiah 8:8-11)
- “Lord”/LORD... **YHWH** (vowel-less) Covenantal name
 - **Yahweh** (only in the Bible and 6,828 times) also **Adonai... El... Elohim... El Shaddai ... Isra-El**
- “glory” that fills the whole Earth (idols???)
 - Royal splendour, honour, reverence, reputation

Spelling of Tetragrammaton and connected forms in the Masoretic Hebrew text (vowel points in red).

YHWH intended to be pronounced as Adonai:

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In the best Biblical manuscripts and scholarly editions:

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Adonai, with its slightly different vowel points:

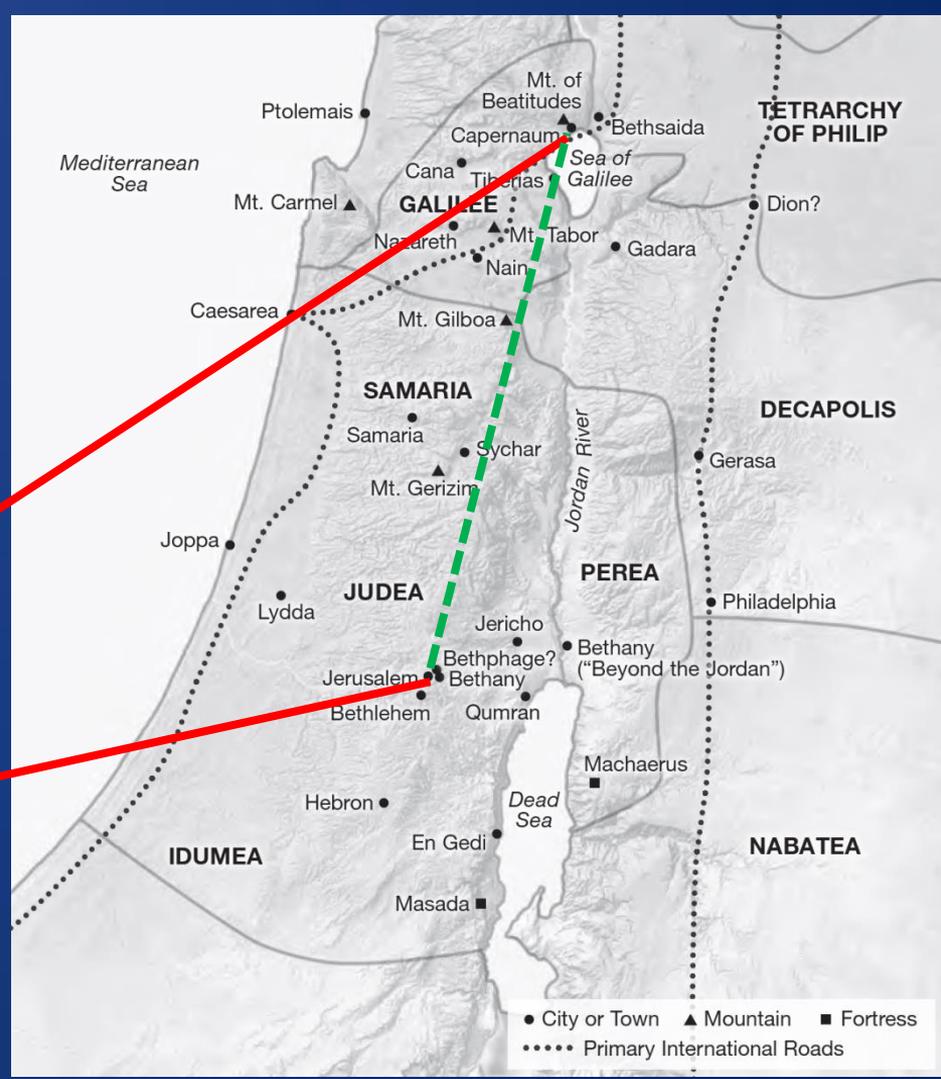
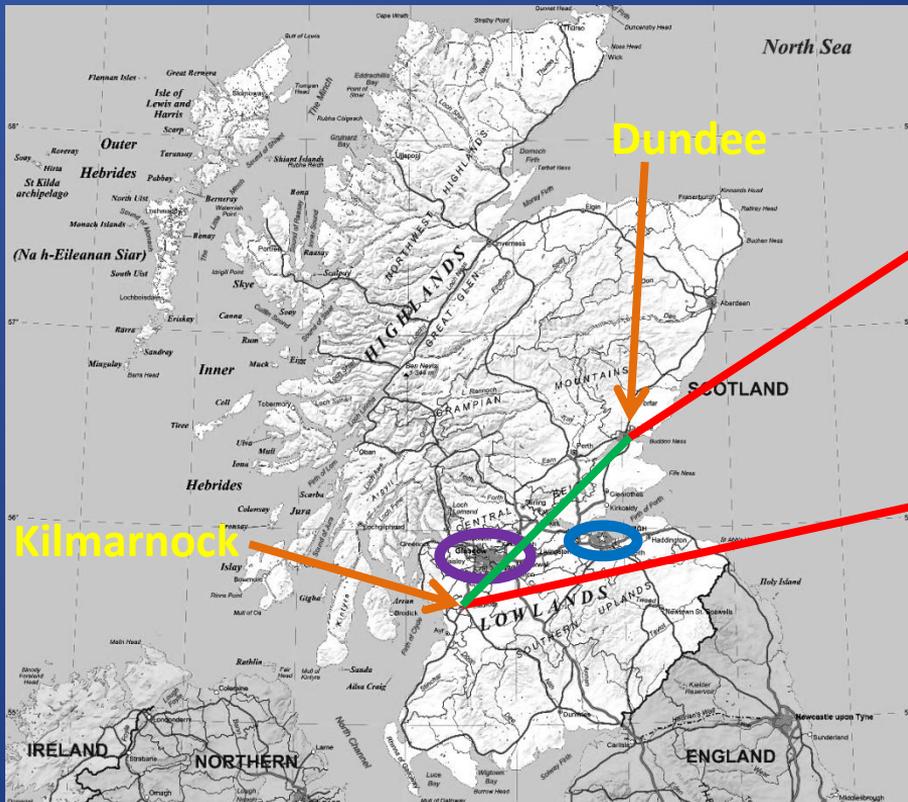
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1.2 Geographic Context...

Scotland scale to Israel

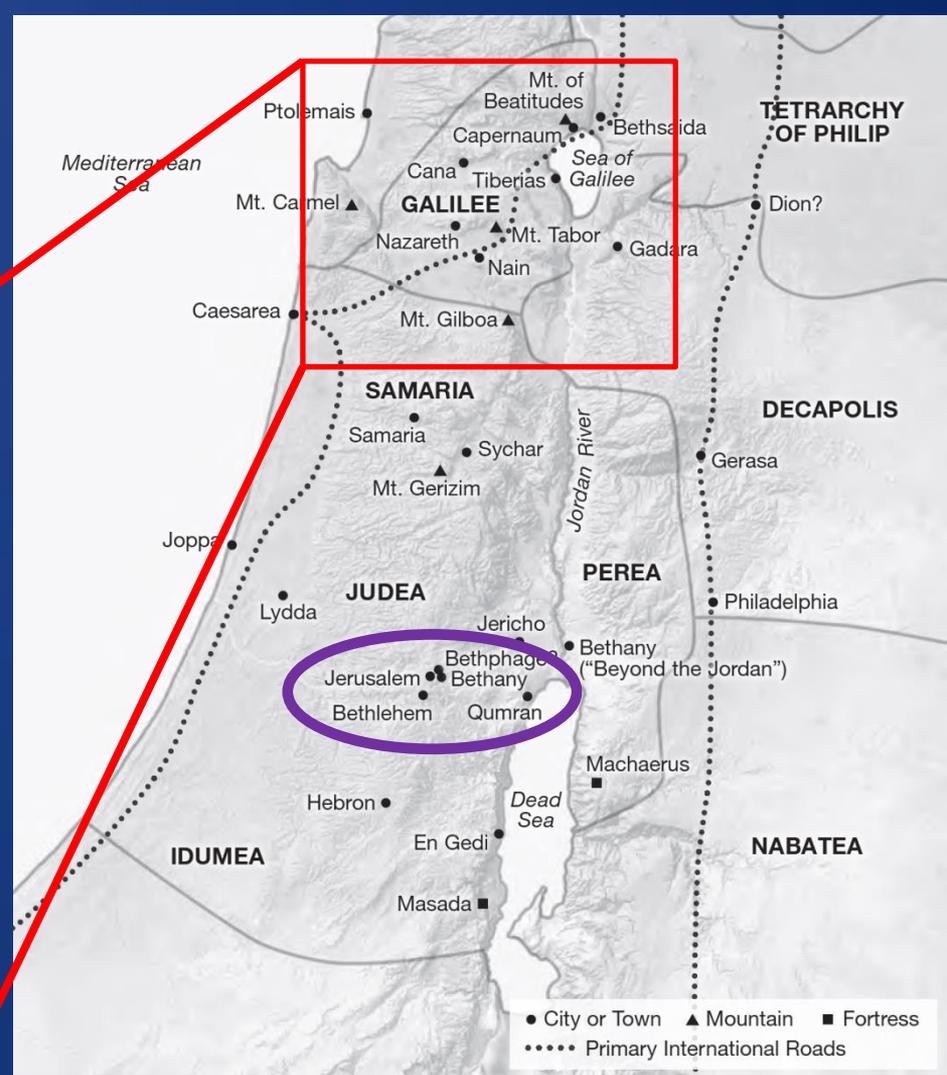
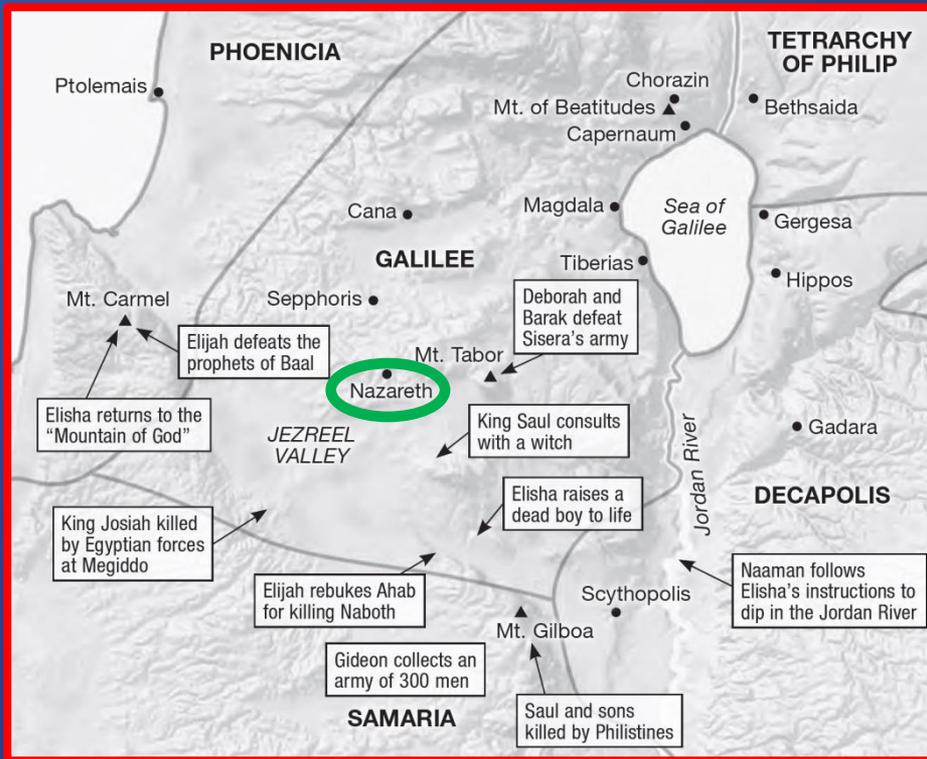




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1.2 Geographic Context...

Nazareth – where Jesus grew up

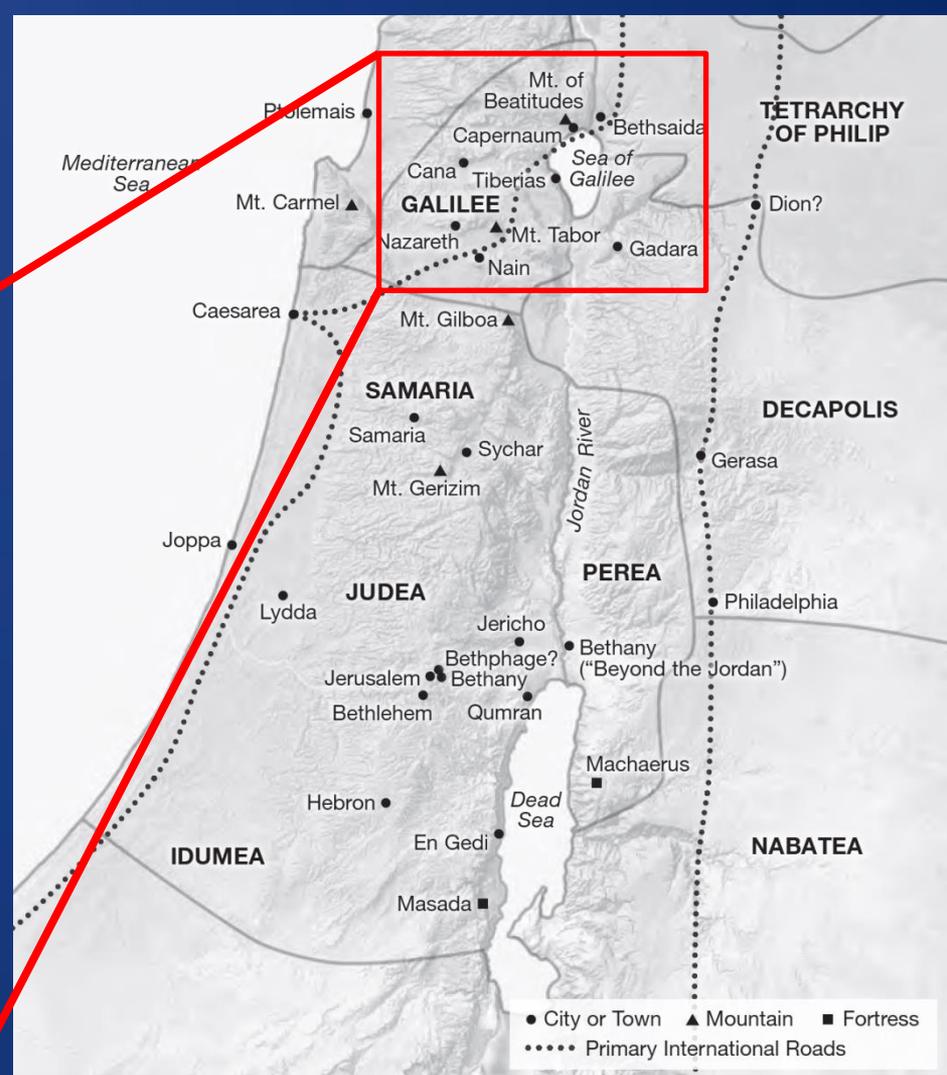
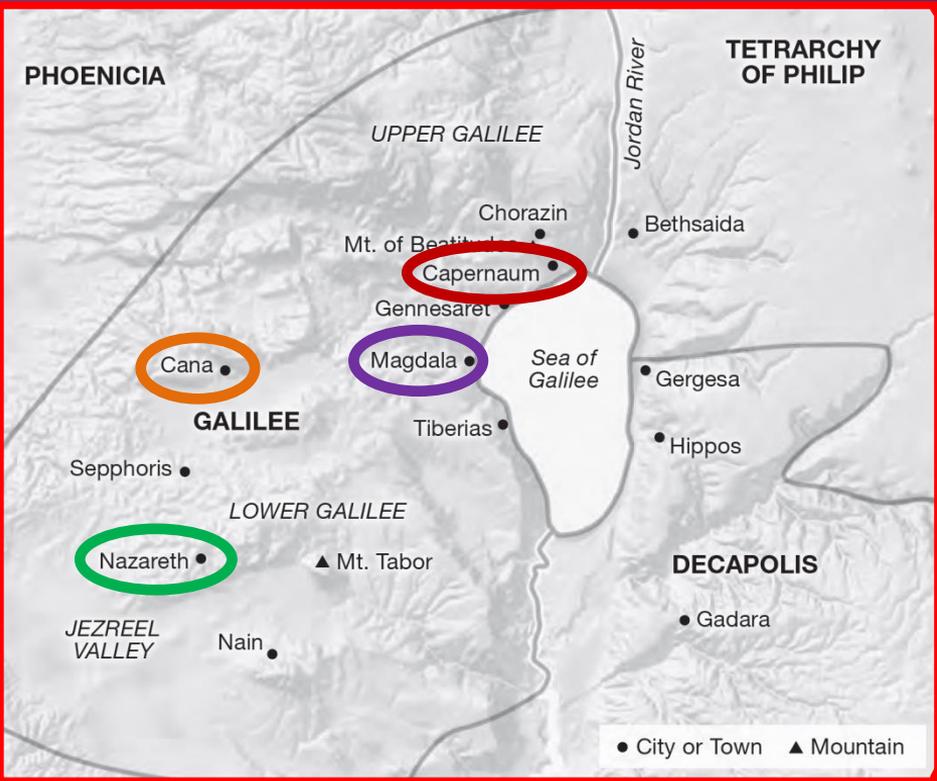




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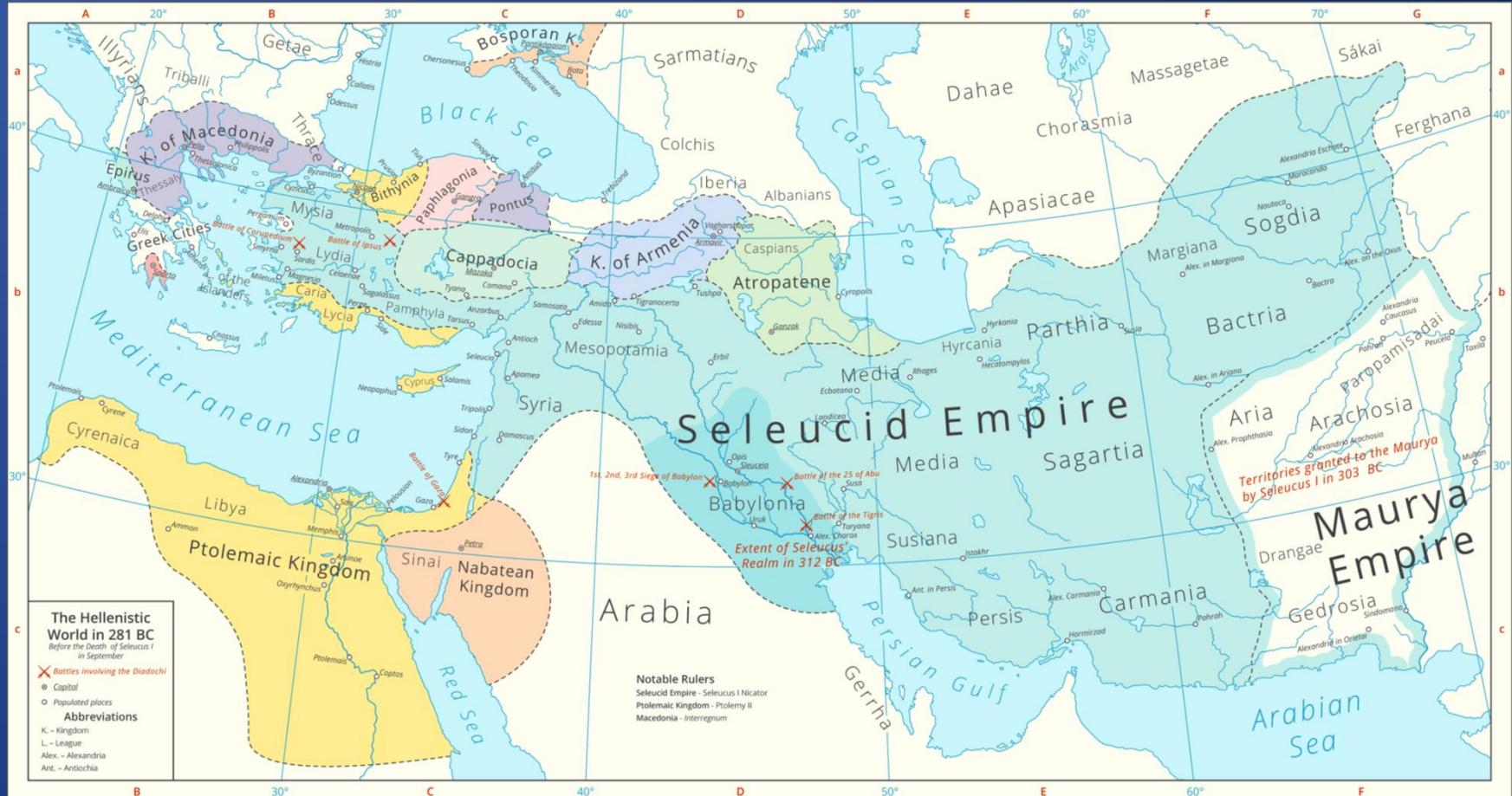
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Galilee – Jesus' ministry begins





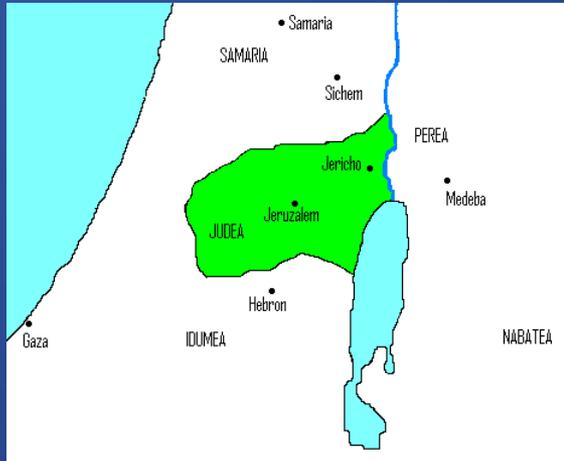
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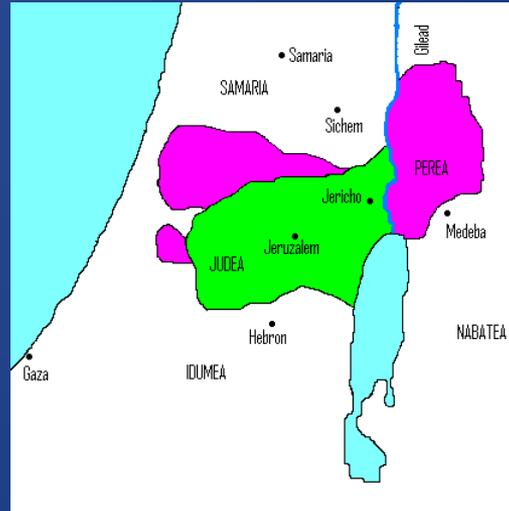


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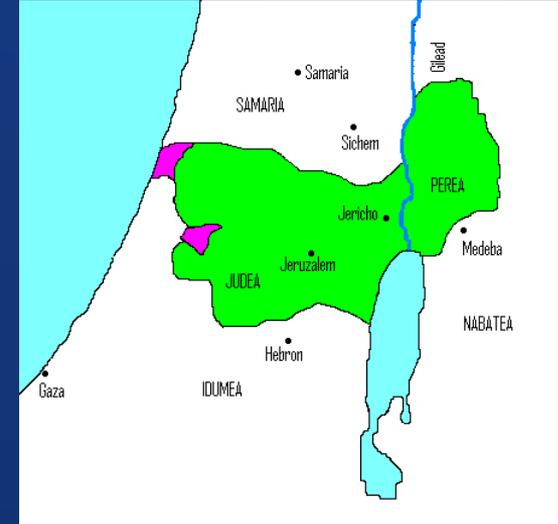
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Judah Maccabees
(from 166BC)
[died in battle 160BC]



Jonathan Maccabees
(from 160BC)
[assassinated 142BC]



Simon Maccabees
(from 142BC)
[murdered 134BC]



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2.2 You Rest – Sabbath (Shabbat) Context

- It was Jesus' custom to attend the synagogue on the Sabbath (Lk. 4:16)
 - He upheld the authority and validity of the OT law (Matt. 5:17–20)
 - SIX times Jesus came into direct conflict with Jewish prejudices over the Sabbath, e.g., which explains why on a “Sabbath” the sick were brought to Jesus to be healed... *after* sunset (Mark 1:32)
 - According to rabbinical ideas, the disciples (Luke 6:1–5), broke the “Sabbath” in 2 respects; to *pluck* was to *reap*, & to *rub* was to *thresh*
- The Lord's attitude to the “Sabbath” was to free it from these frustrating “religious” add-ons that made it an end in itself (Mark 2:27)
- Observing Sabbath: a prosperity of religion; neglect, a decay of religion
The day of rest is good for workers and their animals (Exodus 23:12)
The institution's great importance: its spiritual and religious meaning
A sign of **God's** holiness, and the holiness required of His people
Its deliberate violation was punished with death (Numbers 15:32–36)

sabbaton (σάββατον, 4521) or *sabbata*: the latter, the plural form, was transliterated from the **Aramaic** word, which was mistaken for a plural; hence the singular, *sabbaton*, was formed from it. The root means “to cease, desist” (Heb., *shabbath*; cf. Arab., *sabata*, “to intercept, interrupt”); the doubled **b** has an intensive force, implying a complete cessation or a making to cease, probably the former. The idea is not that of *relaxation* or *refreshment*, but *cessation* from activity.



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2.2 You Rest – *Sabbath (Shabbat) Context*

- Proofs of Sabbath importance and the seven-period cycle include the development of:
 - the Fallow year (Exod. 23:10–11) into...
 - the year of Release (Deut. 15:1–11) into...
 - the Sabbatical year (Lev. 25:1–7; Neh. 10:31b)
 - the establishment of the year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:8–55)
- Rest can be entered by those who “hear His voice”, “don’t harden their hearts”, and believe the Good News (Hebrews 4:1–11)
- So what can we glean from all the above about what the Sabbath is:
 - Our Living pattern imitating **God**... in that work is followed by rest
 - a time for **God’s** people to think about and enjoy what **God** has accomplished
 - a time to practice celebrating Rest... and Salvation... from slavery to SIN
 - a day of public convocation/Worship of **God** together
 - Celebration is a delight and **God** will abundantly provide, cf. Isaiah 58:13–14



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2.2 You Rest – *Sabbath (Shabbat) Context*

FUN... 😊

- “55 Things to do on the Sabbath” ...
- URL... <https://noblethoughtsblog.wordpress.com/2019/03/15/50-things-to-do-on-a-sabbath/>



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3.2 Old Testament Context... The Shema [*shuh MAH*]... *Insights...*

- the Shema is the Jewish confession of faith that begins...
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!” (Deut. 6:4)
- the complete Shema, one of the most ancient features of Jewish worship is found in three Old Testament (*Covenant*) passages that are said consecutively in Synagogue services:
 - Deuteronomy 6:4–9... *this first passage stresses the unity of **God**, the importance of loving Him, and valuing His commands*
 - Deuteronomy 11:13–21... *this second passage promises blessing or punishment according to a person’s obedience to **God’s** will*
 - Numbers 15:37–41... *this third passage commands that a fringe be worn on the edge of one’s garments as a continual reminder of **God’s** laws*
- Jesus actually quoted from the Shema during a dispute with the scribes (Mark 12:28–30; Matthew 22:37–40)



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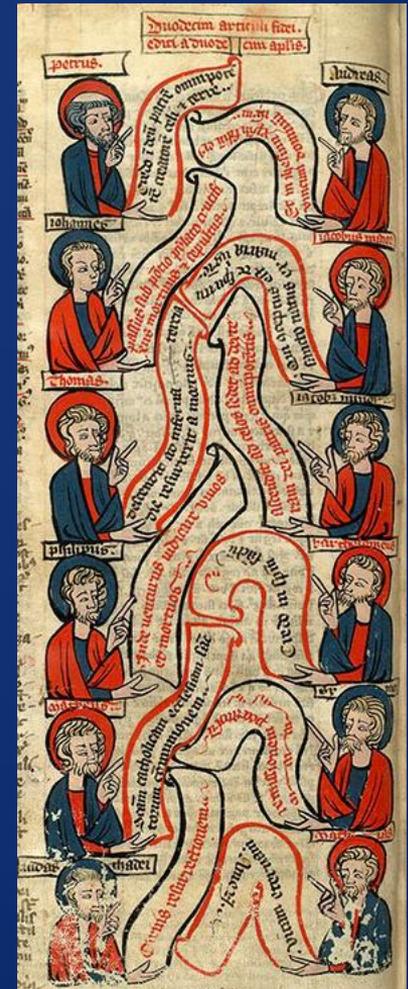
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From the Church of Scotland...

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of Sins; the Resurrection of the Body; and the Life Everlasting.



~1300 Paris



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3.2 You are Cherished – Nicene Creed From the Church of Scotland...

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.



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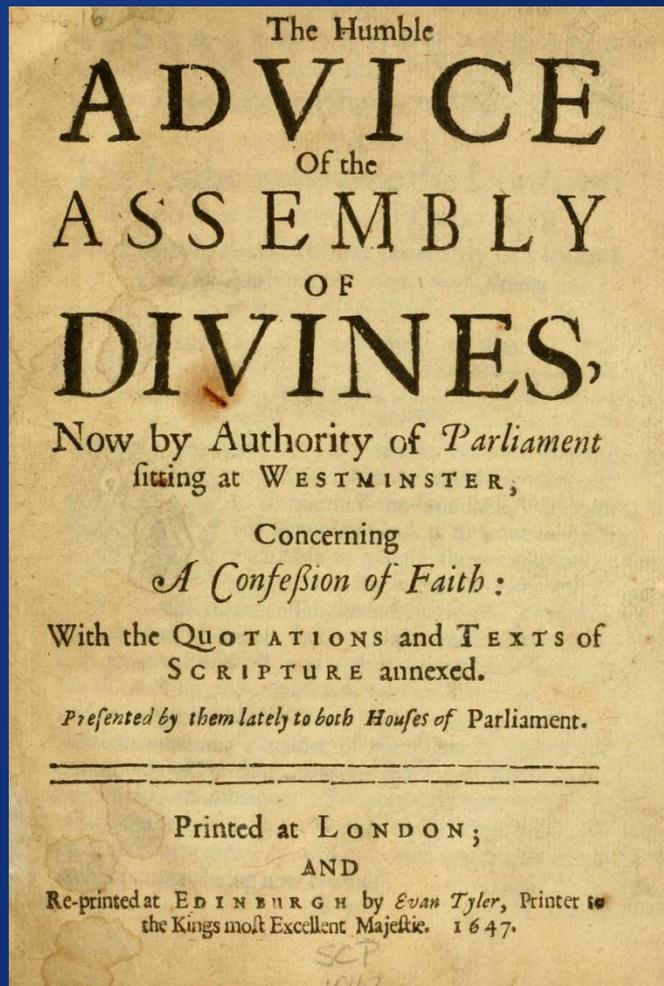


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3.2 You are Cherished – *Westminster Confession*

For the Church of Scotland...

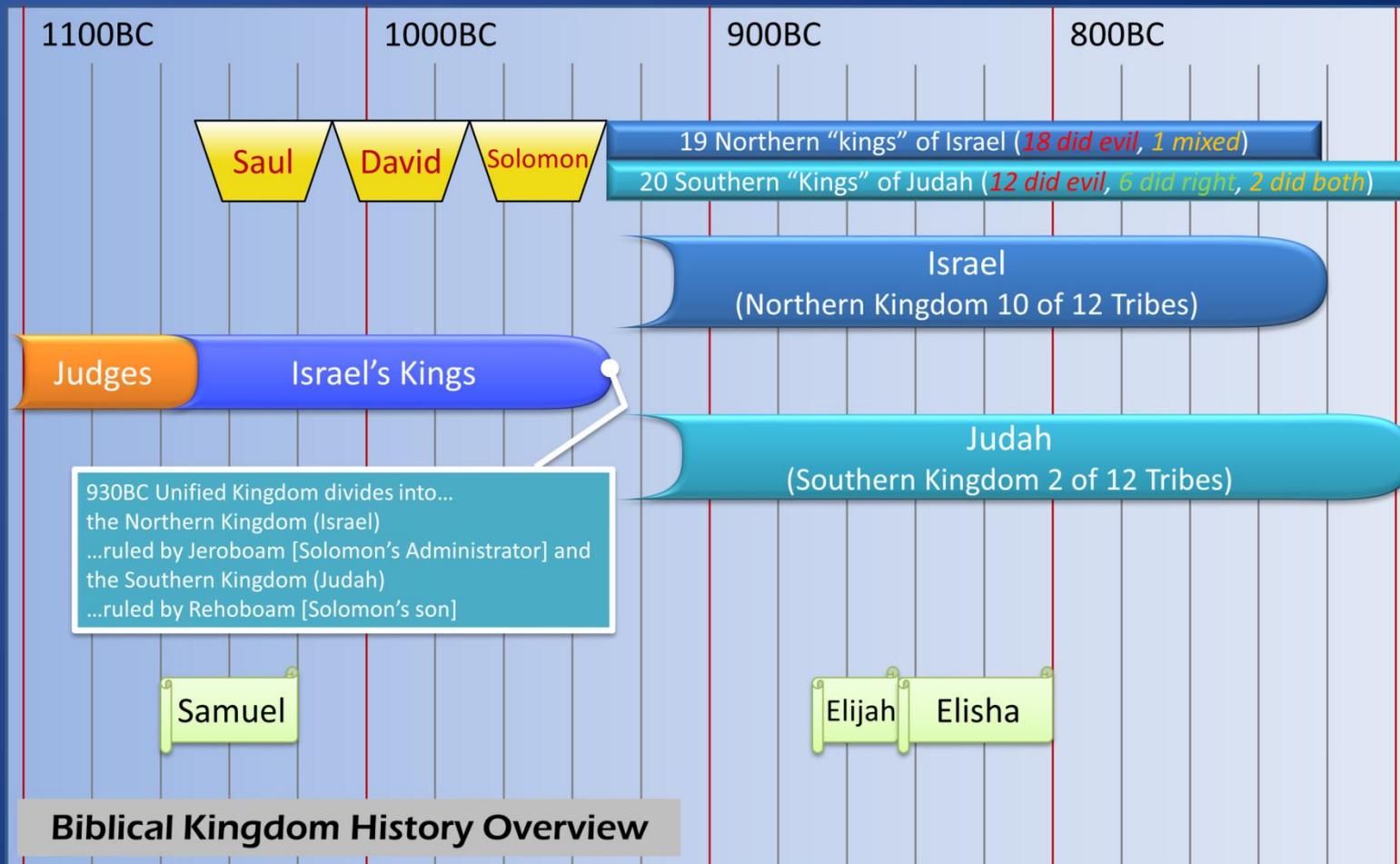
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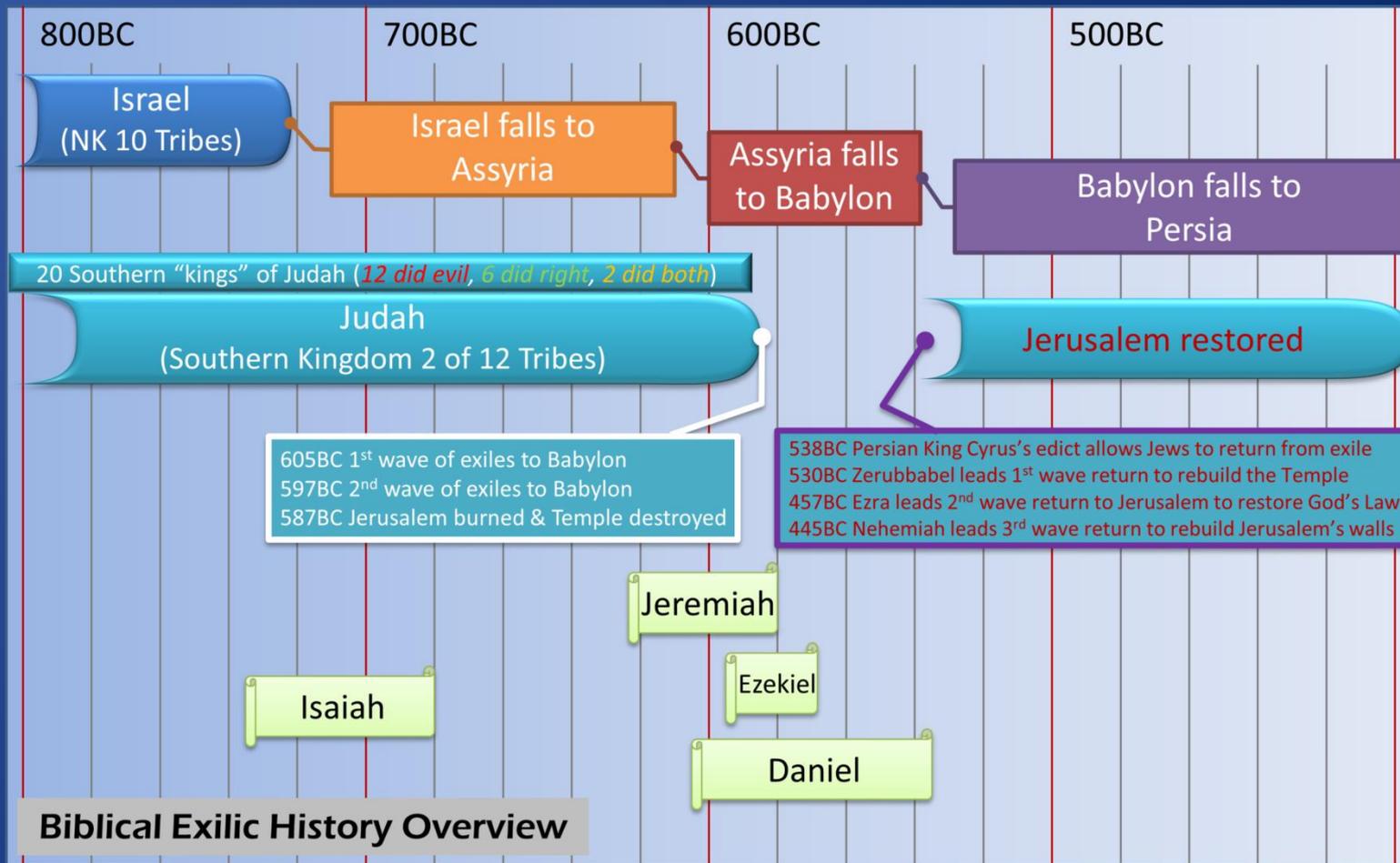


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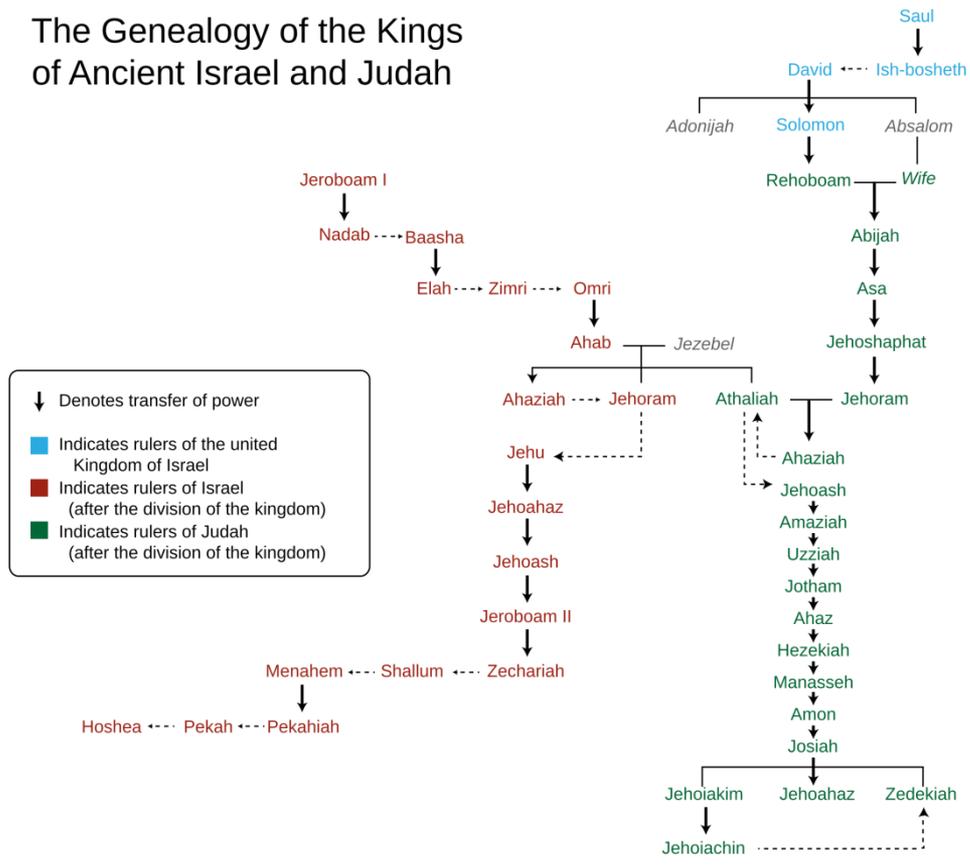




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4.2 Old Testament Context... Ancient Israel & Judah... *Insights...*

The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah





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4.2 Old Testament Context... Kings of united Israel/Judah... *Insights...*

House of David

- David (c. 1003–970 BC)
made Jerusalem the capital of Israel
- Solomon (c. 970–930 BC)
- Rehoboam (c. 930–915 BC)
- Abijah (915–912 BC)
- Asa (912–870 BC)
- Jehoshaphat (870–849 BC)
- Jehoram (849–842 BC)
- Ahaziah (842–840 BC)

House of Omri (*from the Kingdom of Israel*)

- (Queen) Athaliah (840–836 BC)

House of David (restored)

- Jehoash (836–796 BC)
- Amaziah (796–767 BC)
- Uzziah (767–750 BC)
- Jotham (750–735 BC)
- Ahaz (735–716 BC)
- Hezekiah (729/716 – 697/687 BC)
- Manasseh (697/687–643 BC)
- Amon (643–640 BC)
- Josiah (640–609 BC)
- Jehoahaz (609 BC)
- Jehoiakim (609–598 BC)
- Jeconiah (598 BC–597 BC)
- Zedekiah (597–586 BC)



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4.3 You Change Course – *Prayer Focus... on PRAISE!*

- Praise **God** for calling you in spite of all our personal mistakes... and...
 - for sending His Son Jesus to rescue us and sacrificially secure our calling
- Praise **God** for how excited we are for the perfect rest that awaits in heaven
- Praise and thank **God** for the best moment(s) of our personal childhood
- Praise and thank **God** that He chooses us... He loves us... now and eternally!

Further Study for these two weeks...

- Scholars note the gloomier tone of Isaiah 1–39 and the hopeful tone of Isaiah 40–66
- Word for “gather” in Old Greek version of Is.43:5 is same NT word for gathering people (Mat.13:47) and crops & fish. Jesus compared sorting fish to people, separating those righteous in Him with those who are not (Mat.13:1–52, in v14–15 Jesus cited Is.6:9–10)
- 1st C Jews expecting fulfilment of Moses’ prediction Deut.18:15–19 in reference to the Prophet (John 1:21, 25;6:14;7:40) & who is to come (Luke7:18–35, Matt.11:2–19), cf. Jesus with Moses & Elijah Luke 9:28–36 and OT Exodus to Jesus’ new Exodus (v31)



**Group
Discussion**



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4.4 Group discussion...

1. *What made you smile, or surprised you, most from Episodes 1–4?*
2. *What thought struck you most from our first eight studies?*
3. *Looking back over our TVP Zoom Bible Study on...
...the first four episodes of **The Chosen**...*
 - *What have you most enjoyed?*
 - *What would you change?*

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