



EXPLORING EARLY HEBREW HISTORY

About 2190 - God calls Abraham

- Gen 11:27-12:8

²⁷Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.

²⁸Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his kindred, in Ur of the Chaldeans.

²⁹And Abram and Nahor took wives. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and Iscah.

³⁰Now Sarai was barren; she had no child.

³¹Terah took Abram his son and Lot the son of Haran, his grandson, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife, and they went forth together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan, but when they came to Haran, they settled there.

³²The days of Terah were 205 years, and Terah died in Haran.

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to a land that I will show you.

²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and all who curse you I will curse. And you will be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan.

⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh.

⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So Abram said to Sarai his wife, "Behold, I have done what you said."

⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.



About 2180 - God makes covenant

- Gen 15:1-21

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

⁷And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldees."

⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female pigeon." ¹⁰And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid them out.

¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, a burning lamp passed between him and Me.

¹³Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years."

¹⁴But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and you shall come out with great wealth.

¹⁵As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

¹⁶And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the Amorites have not yet been counted.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a star appeared.

¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, the great river, the river Euphrates,"

¹⁹the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Jebusites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.

²⁰the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.



About 1450 - Moses receives covenant

- Ex 20:1-21 / Deut 5:1-21

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor

¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the donkey of your house.

¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder. ¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵"You

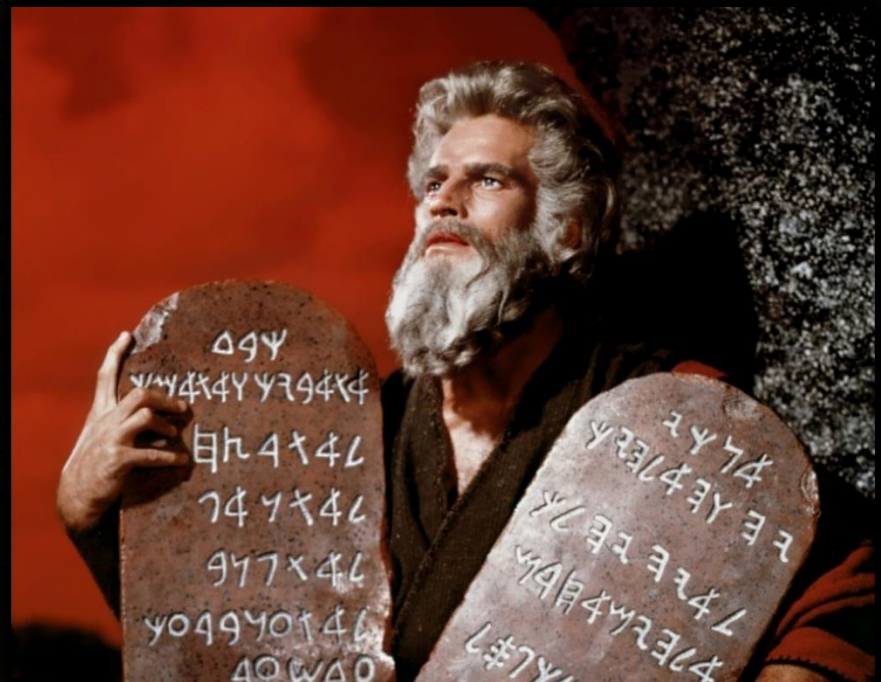
¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house, nor his wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is his; for you shall fear the LORD your God, for I, the LORD, am jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to thousands of generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

¹⁸Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the great fire, and the sound of the trumpet, and the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off from Moses, saying to him, "Speak to us, we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die."

¹⁹And Moses said to the LORD, "Do not let God speak to me, lest I die."

²⁰Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, but you have not sinned."

²¹The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.



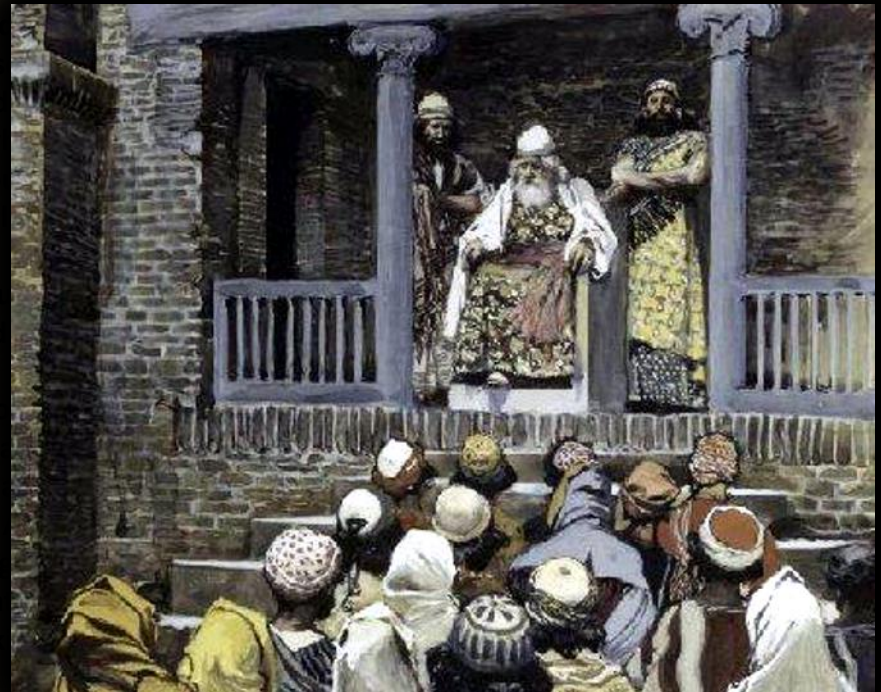
The Suzerain-Vasel Covenant

- This is a covenant between a superior (King, God etc.) and subordinates (Vasels).
- The SV covenant has 4 main parts:
 - Who is the sovereign *Yahweh, The Lord and God*
 - What he has done for the vasels to earn their trust *Brought them out of Egypt & Slavery*
 - His stipulations *The 10 commandments, 4+6*
 - Blessings and Curses based on the vasels performance. *Land, Nation – Exile and Death*

About 1050 - Israel Demands a King

- 1 Sam 8:1-22

¹When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ²The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. ³Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice. ⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD. ⁷And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸According to all that I said to you, you have obeyed my voice, and you have not rejected my voice. ⁹Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and tell them of the ways of the king who will reign over them. ¹⁰So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to be his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹²And he will appoint commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his servants and to his women. ¹⁶He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your fields and vineyards and give them to his servants. ¹⁷He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his servants. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves. ¹⁹But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. ²⁰They said to Samuel, "Do not cry out against us, for we have not rejected you, but we have rejected the LORD our God, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us. ²¹And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated to the LORD. ²²And the LORD said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king."



About 1010-970 - David is King

• 2 Sam 7:1-29

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." ³And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I went with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people, I have not dwelt in a house of cedar.'" ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: I have chosen you, and you shall be the shepherd of my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great men of old, and I will plant you, so that they may dwell in their own place and be no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are over, and you shall lie down, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish him on the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall call me 'father.' ¹⁵I will be to him a father, and he shall call me 'father.' ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made strong forever.'" ¹⁷In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, David sat before the LORD and said, "Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have chosen me over all the men of Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God. ²⁵And now, O LORD, concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. ²⁶For you know your servant, O LORD, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears, for there is no nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name for himself out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and a great people, and you have made Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God. ²⁸And now, O LORD, concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. ²⁹For you know your servant, O LORD, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears, for there is no nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name for himself out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and a great people, and you have made Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God."



About 930 - The Kingdom Divides

- 1 Kings 11:42-12:24

⁴²And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. ⁴³And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place. ¹Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

²And as soon as Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. ³And they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, ⁴"Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke on us, and we will serve you." ⁵He said to them, "Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away. ⁶Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, who had stood before Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" ⁷And they said to him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever." ⁸But he abandoned the counsel that the old men gave him and took counsel with the young men who had grown up with him and stood before him. ⁹And he said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?" ¹⁰And the young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus shall you speak to this people who said to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you lighten it for us,' thus shall you say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's thighs.

¹¹And now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.'" ¹²So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem.

¹³And the king answered the counsel of the young men, saying, "I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ¹⁴So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem. ¹⁵And the king answered the counsel of the young men, saying, "I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ¹⁶So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem. ¹⁷And the king answered the counsel of the young men, saying, "I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ¹⁸So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem. ¹⁹And the king answered the counsel of the young men, saying, "I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ²⁰So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem. ²¹And the king answered the counsel of the young men, saying, "I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ²²So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem. ²³And the king answered the counsel of the young men, saying, "I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ²⁴So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem.

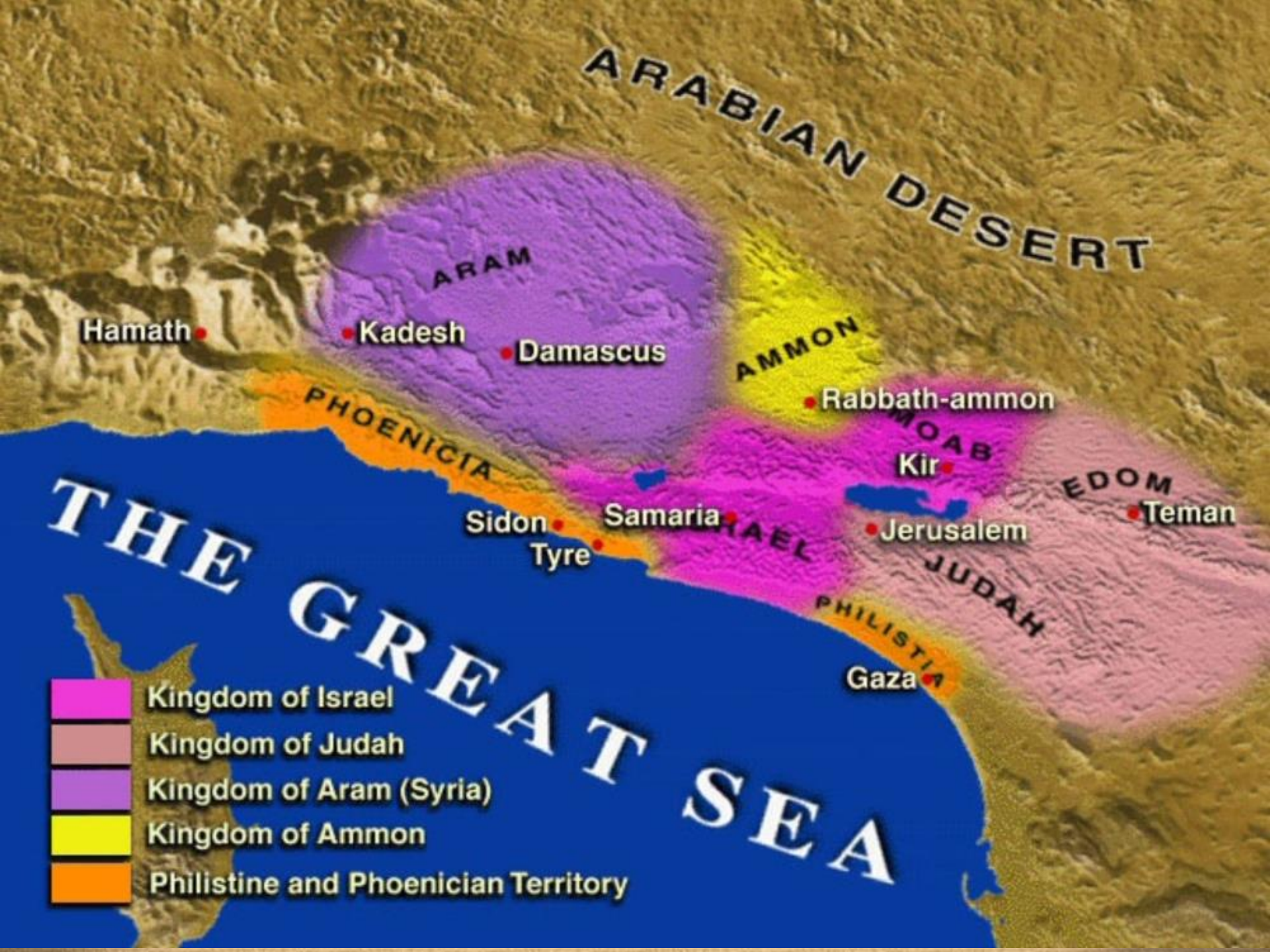
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²⁰And when all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem, there was none that followed him.

²¹When Rehoboam came to the house of Israel, to Rehoboam, he said to them, "I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ²²So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem. ²³And the king answered the counsel of the young men, saying, "I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." ²⁴So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem.

²³"Say to Rehoboam the king, 'The LORD, You shall not go with him, for he has not listened to the word of the LORD, and he will make you a kingdom over the house of Israel. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.'" ²⁴So Jeroboam and all Israel came to Rehoboam at Shechem.





ARABIAN DESERT

ARAM

AMMON

MOAB

EDOM

JUDAH

PHILISTIA

PHOENICIA

THE GREAT SEA

- Kingdom of Israel
- Kingdom of Judah
- Kingdom of Aram (Syria)
- Kingdom of Ammon
- Philistine and Phoenician Territory

Hamath

Kadesh

Damascus

Rabbath-ammon

Kir

Jerusalem

Teman

Sidon

Tyre

Samaria

Gaza

About 722 - Israel is deported.

- 2 Kings 17: 6-23

⁶In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he carried the Israelites away to Assyria and placed them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. ⁷And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods ⁸and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had practiced. ⁹And the people of Israel did secretly against the LORD their God things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city. ¹⁰They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, ¹¹and there they made offerings on all the high places, as the nations did whom the LORD carried away before them. And they did wicked things, provoking the LORD to anger, ¹²and they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this." ¹³They warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep the LORD's commandments, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers." ¹⁴But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers were, who did not believe in the LORD their God. ¹⁵They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with them, and they went after false idols and became false, and they followed the customs of the nations whom the LORD had commanded them that they should not do like them. They made for themselves graven images, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; they bowed down and served Baal. ¹⁷And they burned their sons and their daughters, and they did themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger, and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the remnant of the LORD their God, but walked in the customs that the kings of Israel had practiced, and he afflicted them and gave them into the hands of the king of Assyria. ²¹When he had torn Israel from the house of David, they made for themselves graven images, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; they bowed down and served Baal. ²²And they did not depart from them, ²³until the LORD removed the prophets. So Israel was exiled from their own land to Assyria




***About 605 - Judah defeated and
Exile to Babylon started***

- 2 Kings 23:31-24:7

³¹Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. ³²And he did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. ³³And Pharaoh Neco put him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem, and laid on the land a tribute of a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. ³⁴And Pharaoh Neco made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the place of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away, and he came to Egypt and died there.

³⁵And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land to give the money according to the command of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, from everyone according to his assessment, to give it to Pharaoh Neco. ³⁶Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he

A painting of a fortified city with a large crowd of people gathered in front of the walls. The city is built on a hillside, with a large wall and a gate visible. The crowd is gathered in the foreground, and the sky is filled with smoke or clouds. The painting is in a classical style, with a focus on the architecture and the crowd. The colors are muted, with a lot of brown and grey tones. The overall mood is one of a significant event or battle.

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Summary of Divided Kingdom Years

	Number of Kings after Solomon	Number of GOOD Kings	Year of Exile or Deportation	Years in Exile
ISRAEL	19	0	~720	
JUDAH	20	8	605-586	70