

THE ISRAELITE KINGDOM

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- By 1100 BCE, Israelites had settled Canaan
- Developed a prosperous culture
- Created a calendar
- Created an alphabet

ONE POWERFUL ENEMY...

THE PHILISTINES



The Philistines

- Many Israelites wanted a king to unite the Twelve Tribes

SAUL
DAVID
SOLOMON

The first three kings



Saul: The First King

- Samuel anointed Saul as first king of Israel
- Won many battles against the Philistines
 - But also disobeyed God's commands

KING DAVID

A young Shepard

Won prizes for bravery before he was king.



David vs. Goliath



King David

- King united tribes of Israel
 - Defeated the Philistines
- Established a capital city in Jerusalem
- Good musician and poet
 - Many believe he wrote many of the Psalms





PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths
of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod
and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:1-4

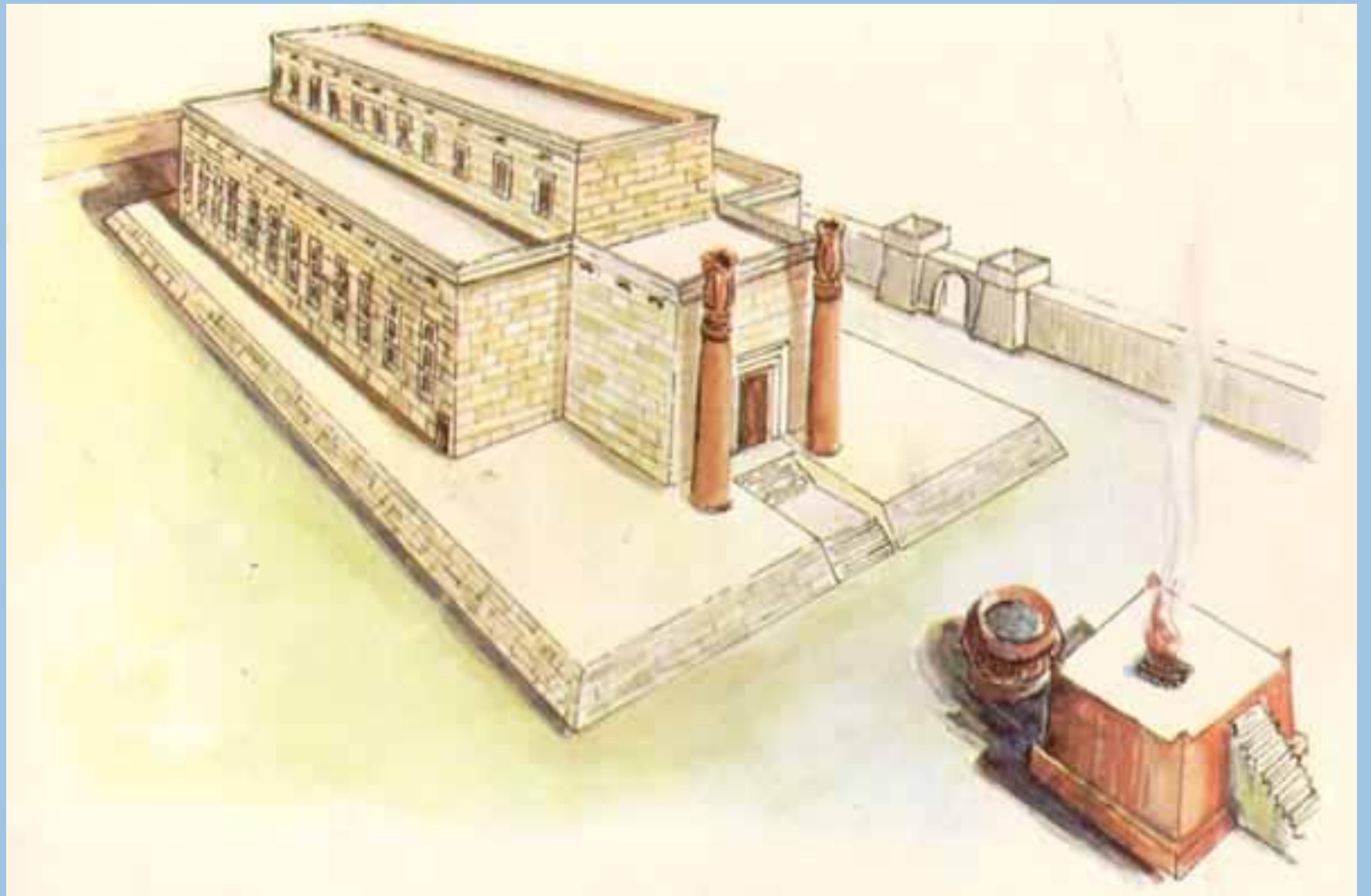


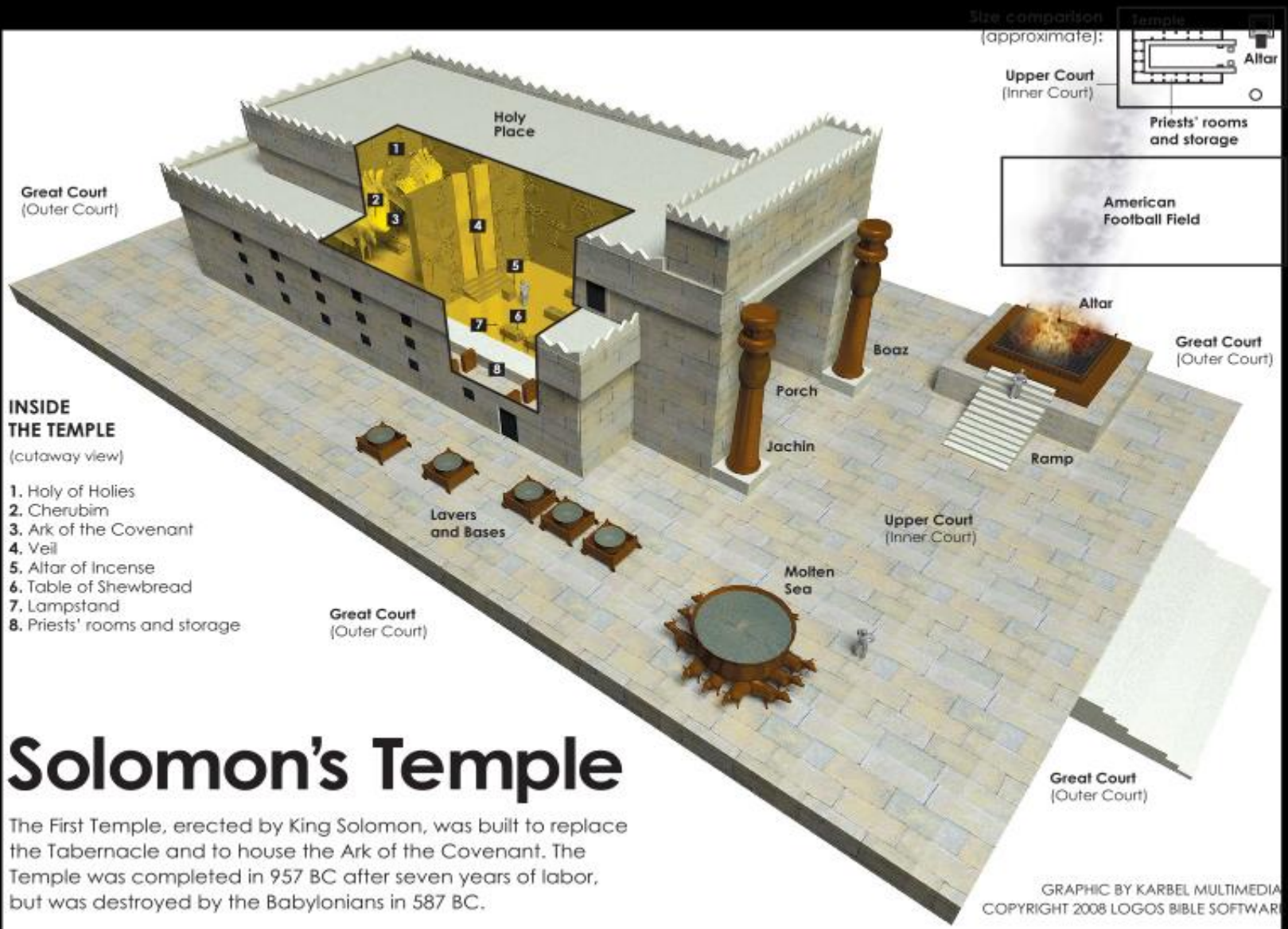
King David

- Under his rule: Israelites prospered
 - Able to farm
- Considered to be the greatest king [even today]

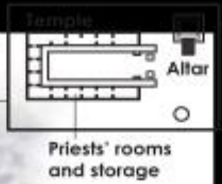
King Solomon

- Son of David
- Brought a long, peaceful period with calm
- Built many cities
- Built first temple in Jerusalem
 - ▣ Held the Ark of the Covenant & other sacred objects





Size comparison (approximate):



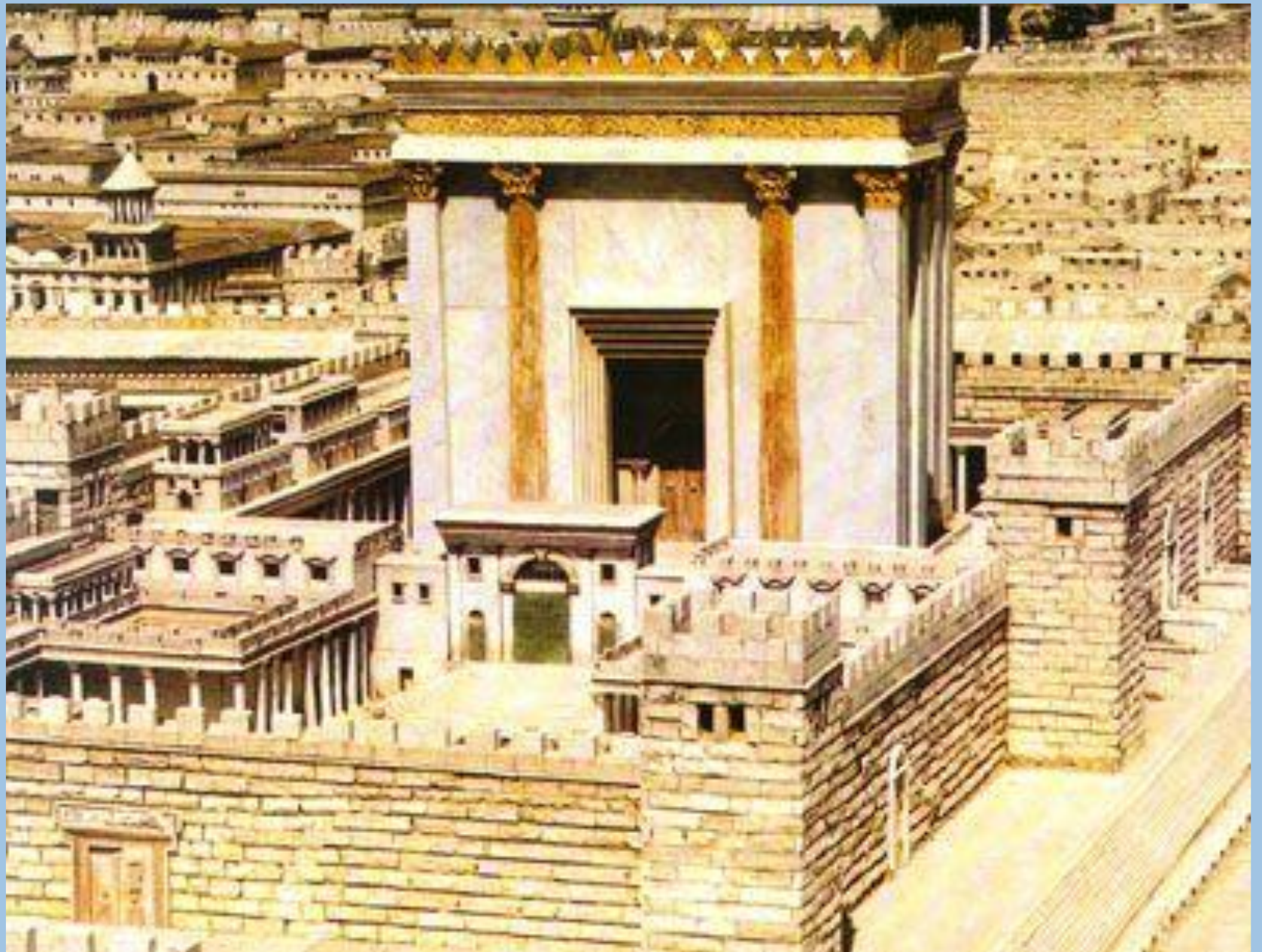
INSIDE THE TEMPLE
(cutaway view)

- 1. Holy of Holies
- 2. Cherubim
- 3. Ark of the Covenant
- 4. Veil
- 5. Altar of Incense
- 6. Table of Shewbread
- 7. Lampstand
- 8. Priests' rooms and storage

Solomon's Temple

The First Temple, erected by King Solomon, was built to replace the Tabernacle and to house the Ark of the Covenant. The Temple was completed in 957 BC after seven years of labor, but was destroyed by the Babylonians in 587 BC.

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King Solomon

- Known for his wisdom
 - Believed to be author of the proverbs found in the Hebrew Bible
 - Shared his proverbs in hopes of helping others.



Solomon ordered the child to be divided between them. The false mother agreed; the true mother said, "No." Solomon gave the child to the true mother.

King Solomon

- Lots of Israelites turned against Solomon
 - ▣ Against his building projects and high taxes
- Died around 922 BCE
- Powerful neighbors threatened Israelite survival.

Three Reasons: David Greatest King.

1. United Israel
2. War hero [Defeated Goliath and the Philistines]
3. Wrote many songs [psalms]

TWO KINGDOMS

Northern tribes rebelled

Kingdom of Israel

- 10 northern tribes founded Israel
- Capital was Samaria

Kingdom of Judah

- Two southern kingdoms formed Judah
- Capital was Jerusalem
- Split was political.
- Same religion... Judaism



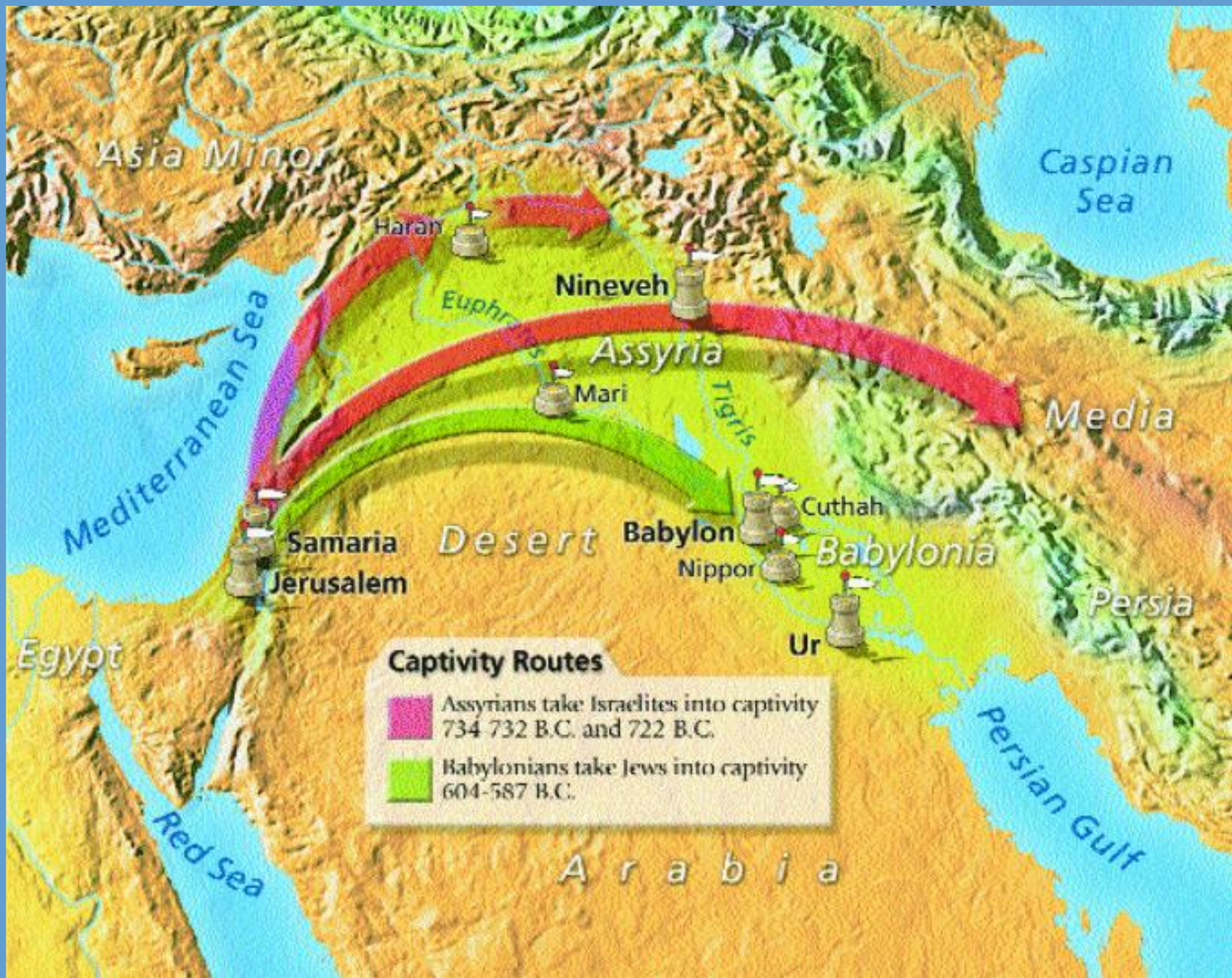
Fall of Israel

- Assyrians and Chaldeans threatened Israel & Judah
- Assyrians forced conquered people to pay tribute
- Israel refused
- Assyrians invaded Israel in 722 BCE
 - ▣ Forced some Israelites to resettle



Fall of Judah

- Survived the Assyrians but freedom didn't last
- Chaldean Empire led by Nebuchadnezzar forced thousands to leave and live in Babylon
 - Sent others to live in Israel (Samaritans)
 - This time became known as the Exile



- King wanted to rebel
 - God warned not to
 - King didn't listen
- The Chaldeans led by Nebuchadnezzar leveled Jerusalem in 586 BCE
 - Burned it to the ground
 - Destroyed the temple



What is the Babylonian Exile?

When the Israelites were forced out of their homeland. Had to live in Babylon.

WHAT
WAS THE
PROPHET'S
MESSAGE

Prophet's Message

- Prophet's offered hope in times of despair
- Explained people were not obeying God
- Urged people to change make the world better

Prophet Amos

“But let justice roll on
the like a river,
righteousness like a
never-failing stream!”

Prophet Amos

- Means everyone should work towards a just society in which everyone is treated fairly.
- Just Society: primary part of Christianity and Islam

Prophet's Message

- Prophets stressed importance of leading a moral life.
- Prophets helped others connect with God.