

# 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



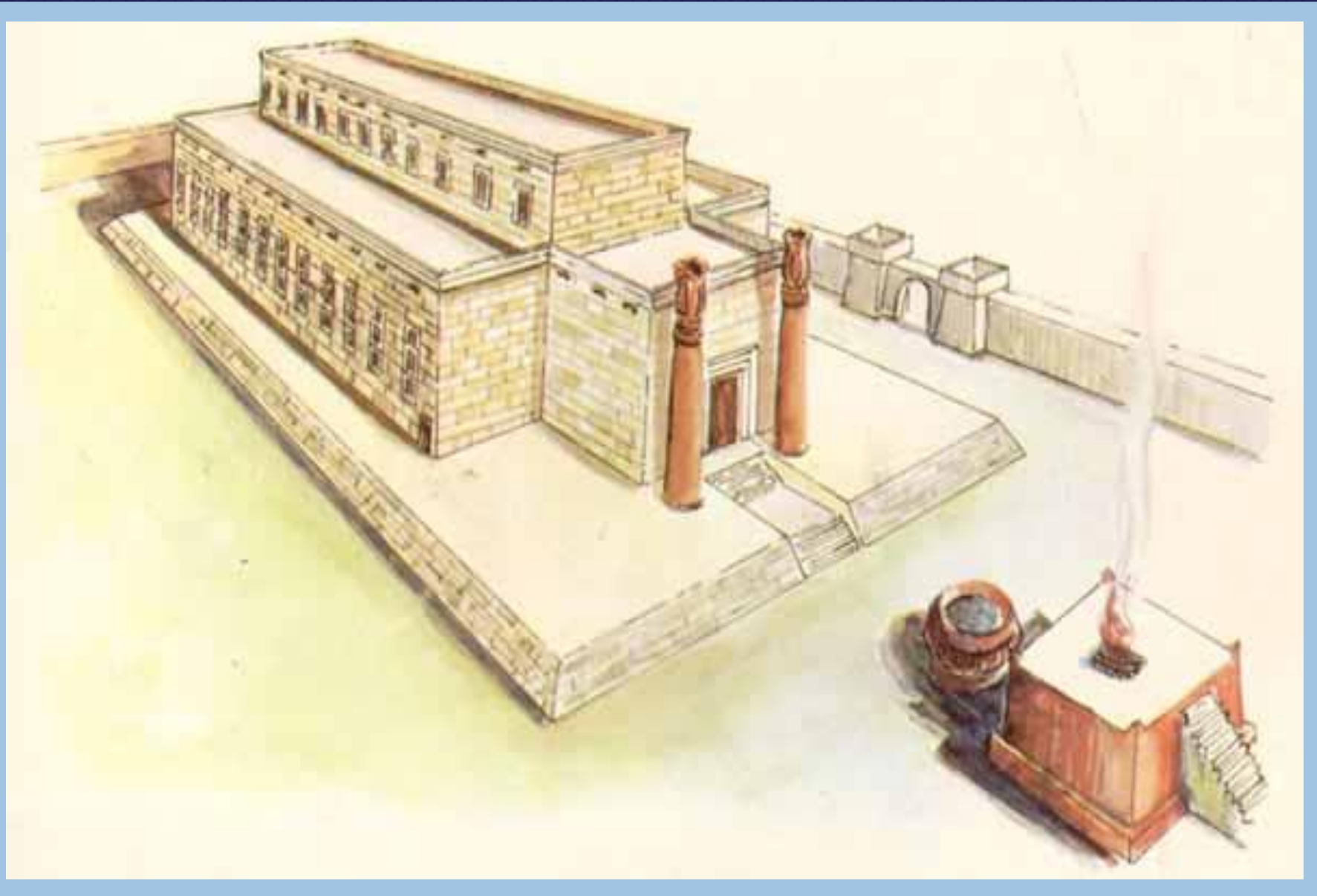


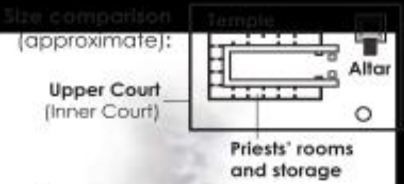
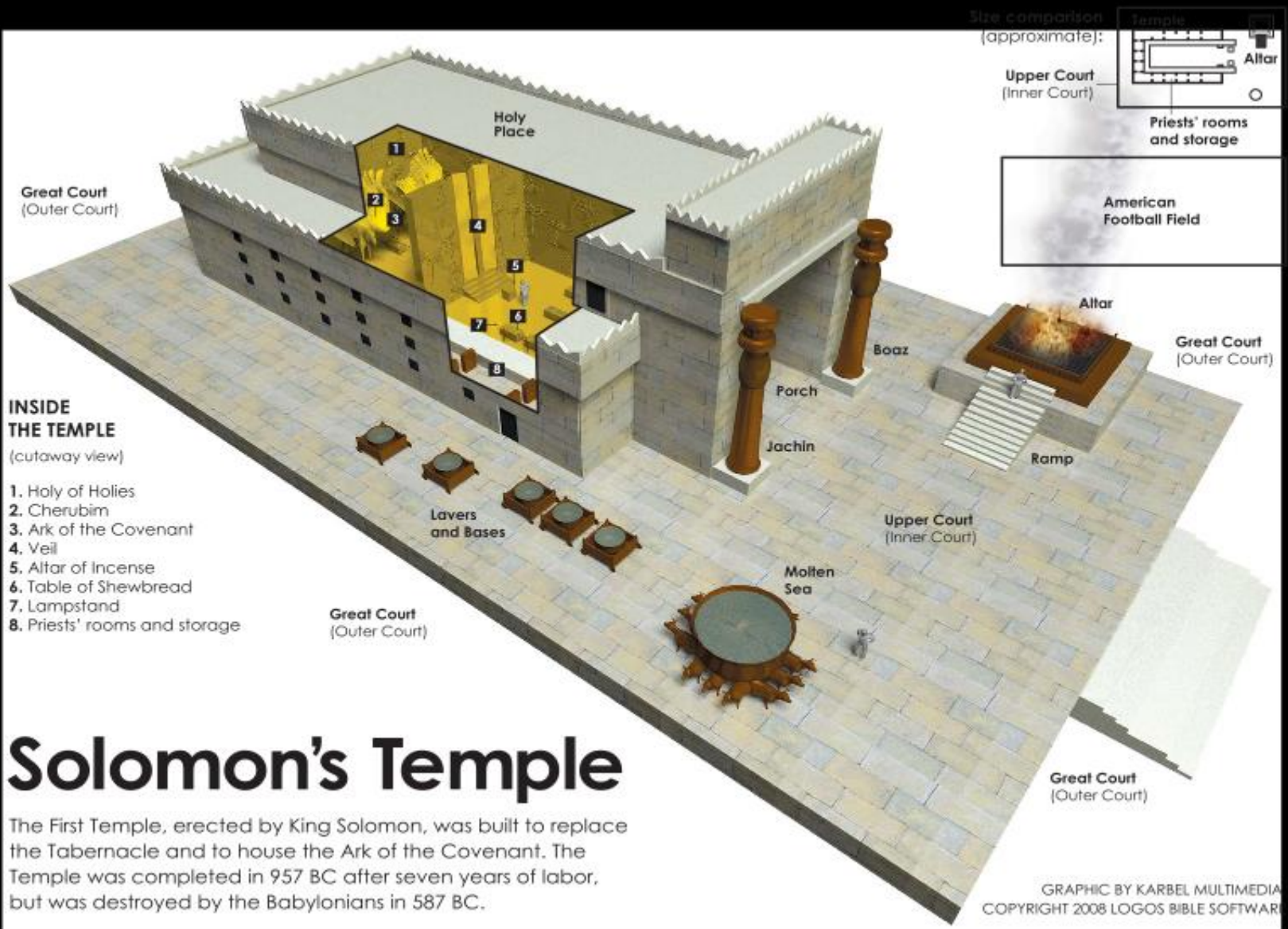
# King David

- 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



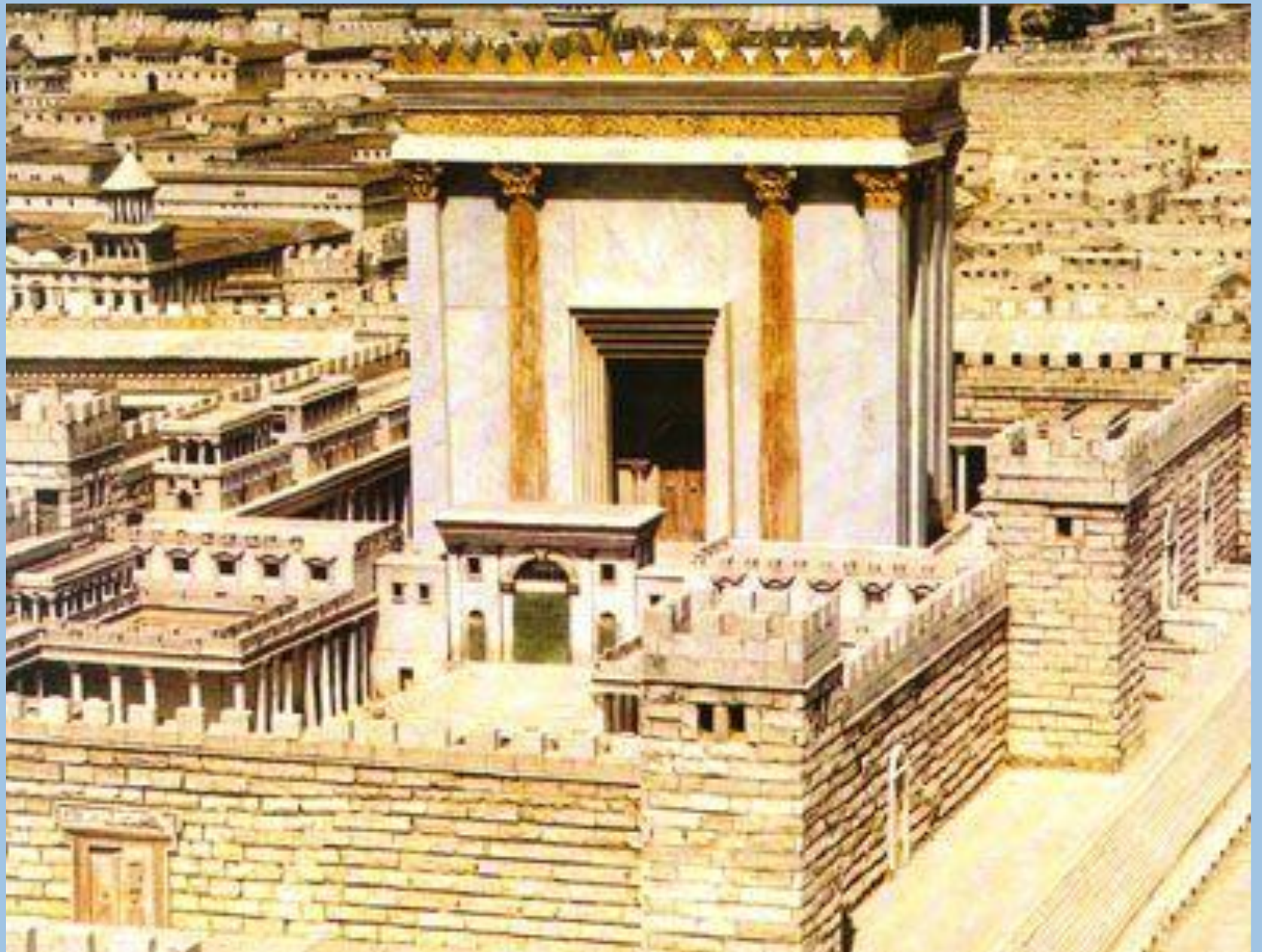


**INSIDE THE TEMPLE**  
(cutaway view)

- 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.



# 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

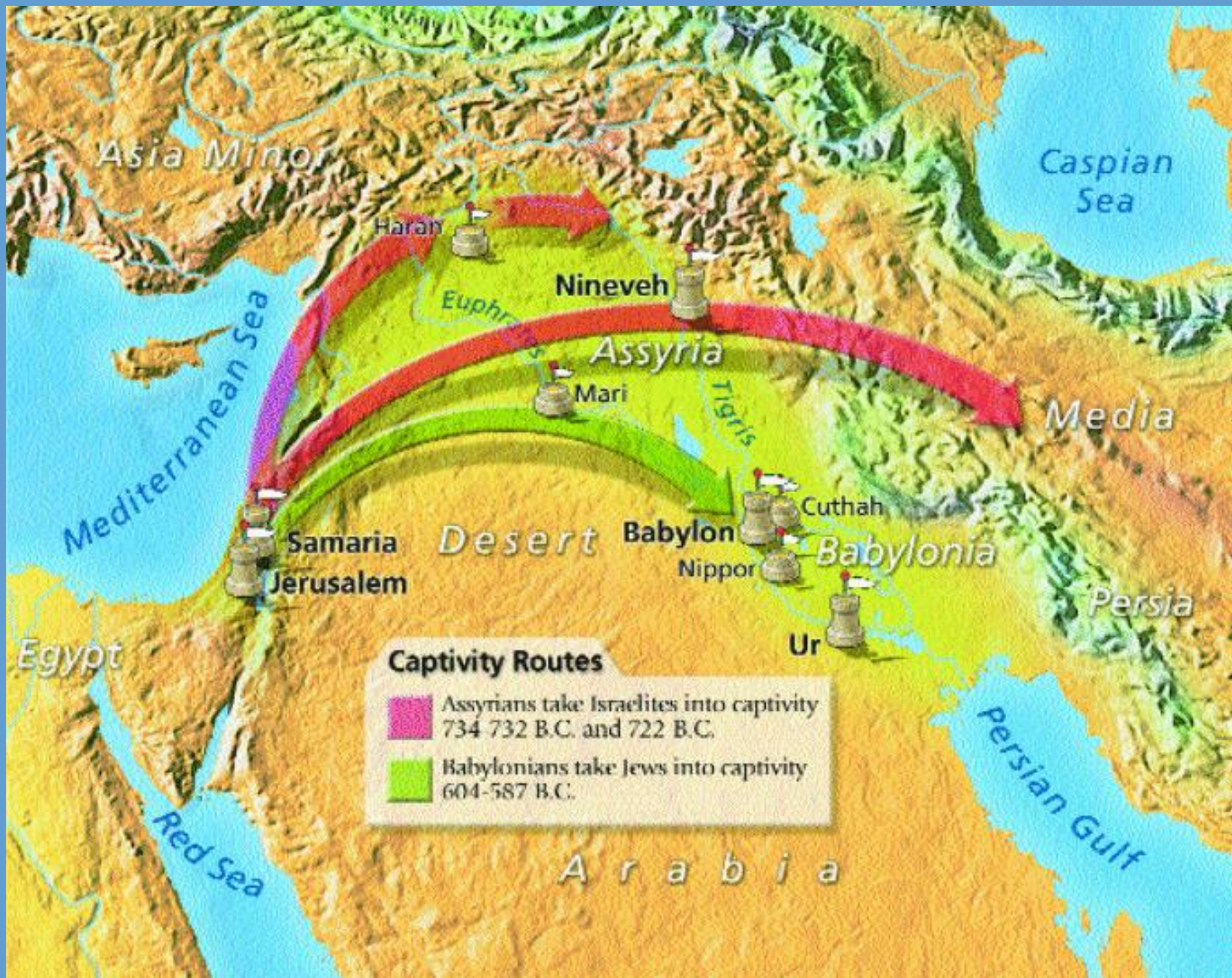
- Assyrians and Chaldeans threatened Israel & Judah
- Assyrians forced conquered people to pay tribute
- Israel refused
- Assyrians invaded Israel in 722 BCE
  - Forced some Israelites to resettle





# 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





**Captivity Routes**

-  Assyrians take Israelites into captivity  
734-732 B.C. and 722 B.C.
-  Babylonians take Jews into captivity  
604-587 B.C.

- 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.