

CLARIFYING THE BIBLE

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The Big Picture

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The Bible is the...



Inspired



Inerrant



Authoritative

...word of God.

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The Bible is 1 book
that consists of 66 individual books.

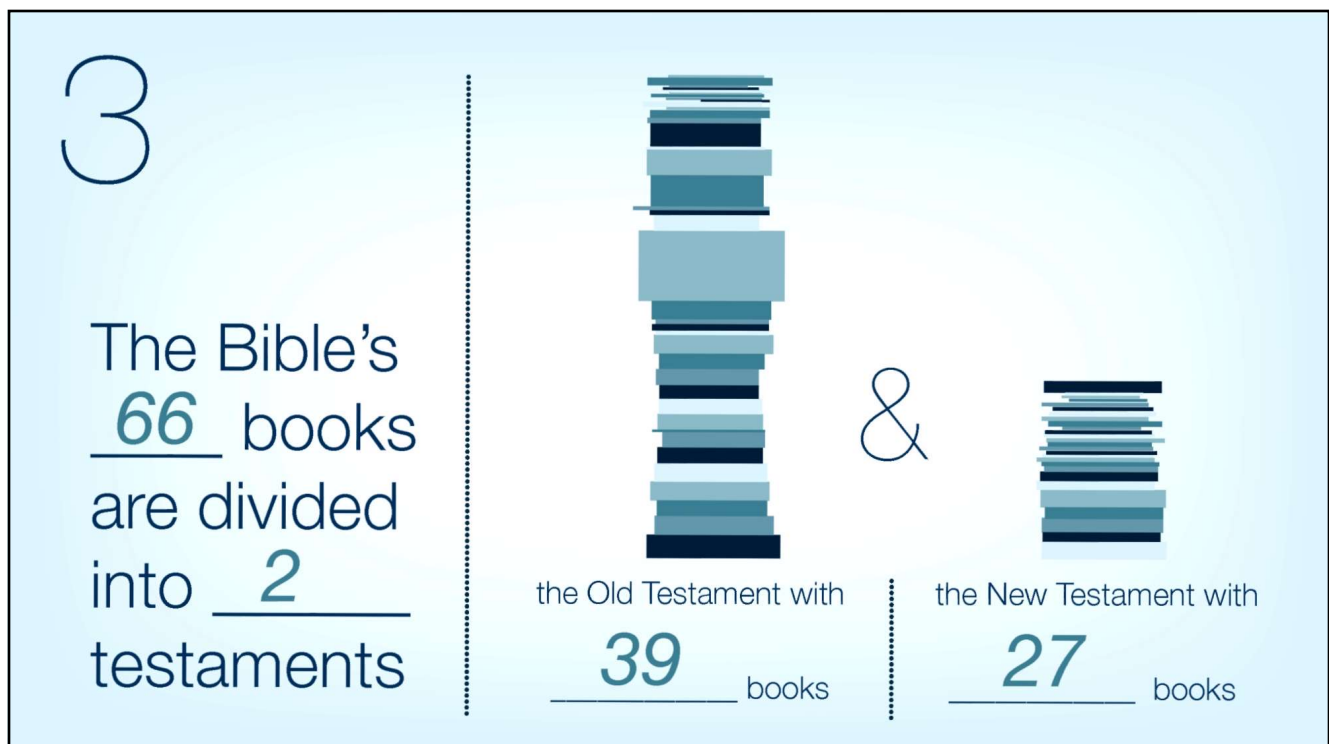


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The Bible was:

- Written over a period of about **1500** years.
- Written by over **40** different authors from various walks of life.
- Written in **3** different languages.
- Written on **3** different continents.

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The big picture of the Bible can be understood in terms of five Christ-centered divisions:

Anticipation

(Genesis – Malachi)

Manifestation

(Matthew – John)

Proclamation

(Acts)

Explanation

(Romans – Jude)

Consummation

(Revelation)



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The Old Testament

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The Old Testament consists of 39 books written before the birth of Jesus Christ.

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The 39 books
of the Old
Testament are
divided into

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Historical
Books

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Poetical
Books

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Prophetical
Books

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The key to understanding the Old Testament is to realize that the Historical Books cover the major storyline of the Old Testament from creation to approximately 400 BC, while the remaining Poetical and Prophetical Books fit in at proper places within that storyline.



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Creation

400BC



The 17 Historical Books cover the major storyline.
The 5 Poetical Books and 17 Prophetical Books fit in at their proper places.

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The major storyline of the Old Testament can be understood by following Max Anders' nine eras of Old Testament history:



Creation



Patriarch



Exodus



Conquest



Judges



Kingdom



Exile

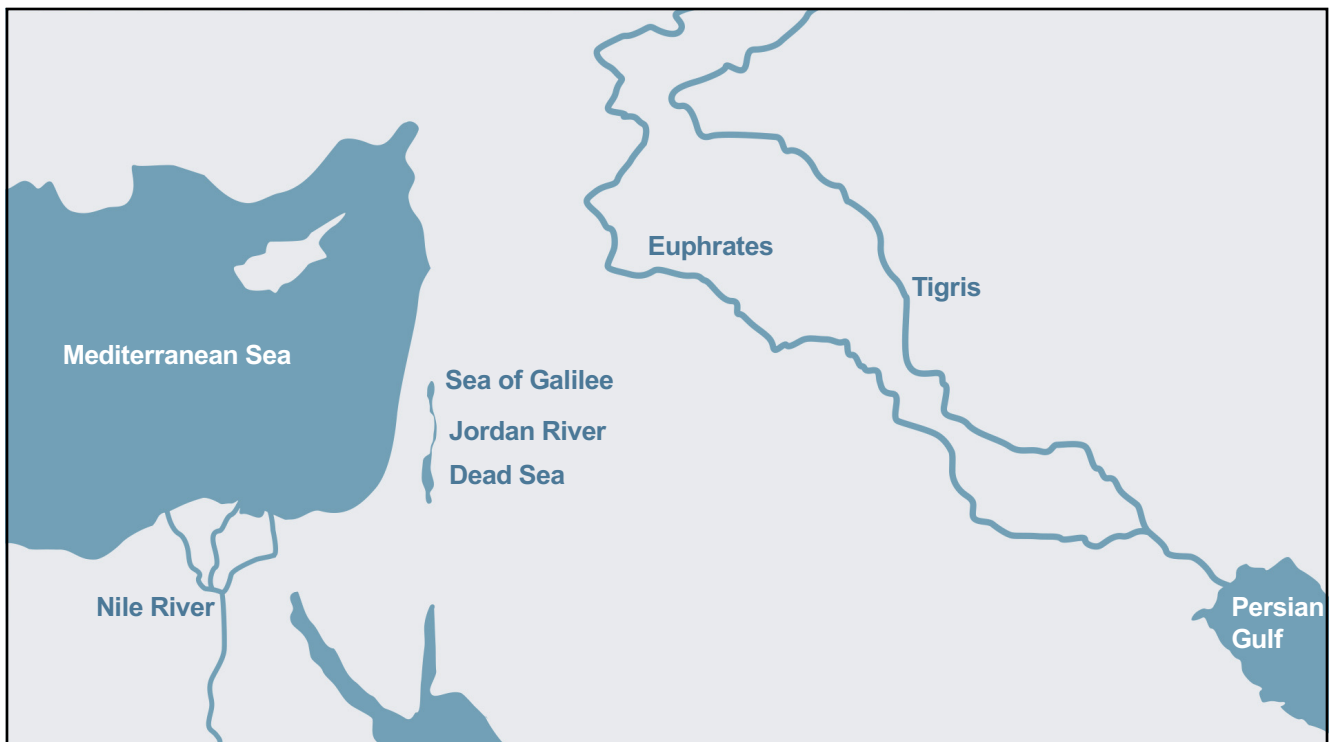


Return



Silence

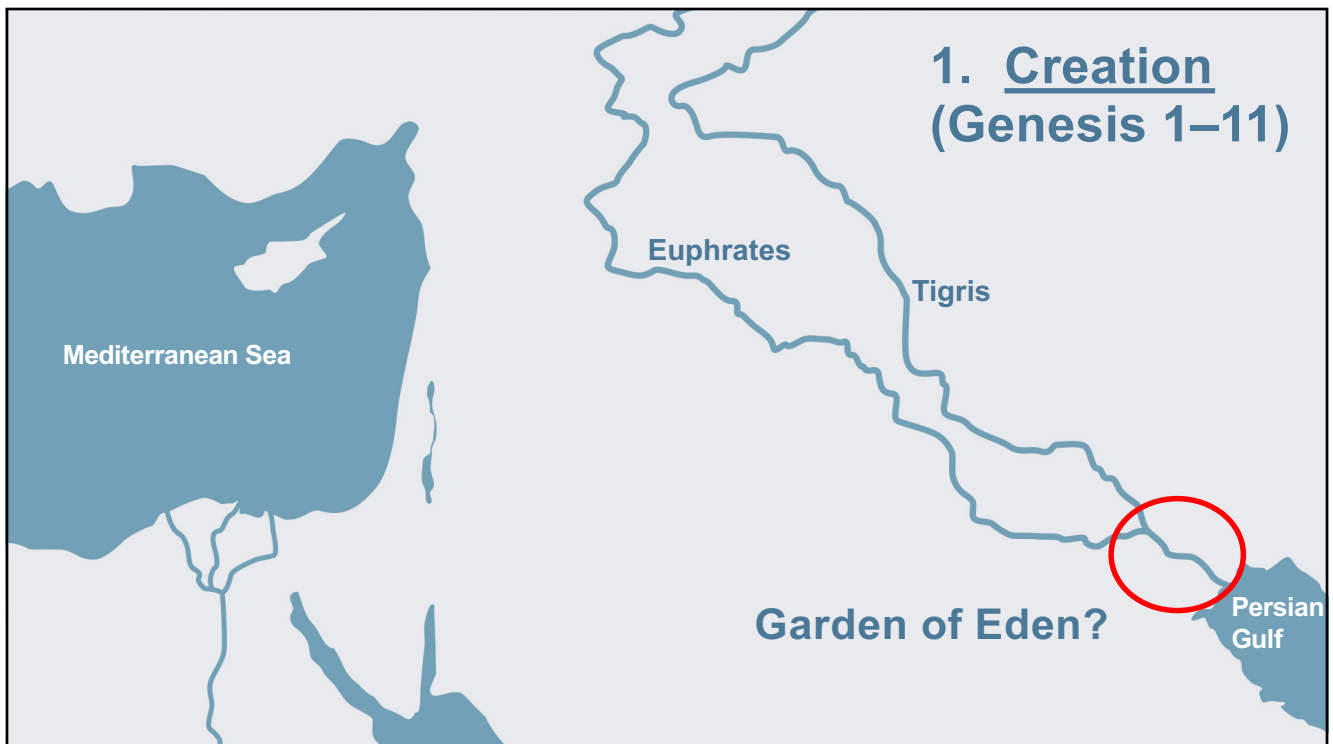
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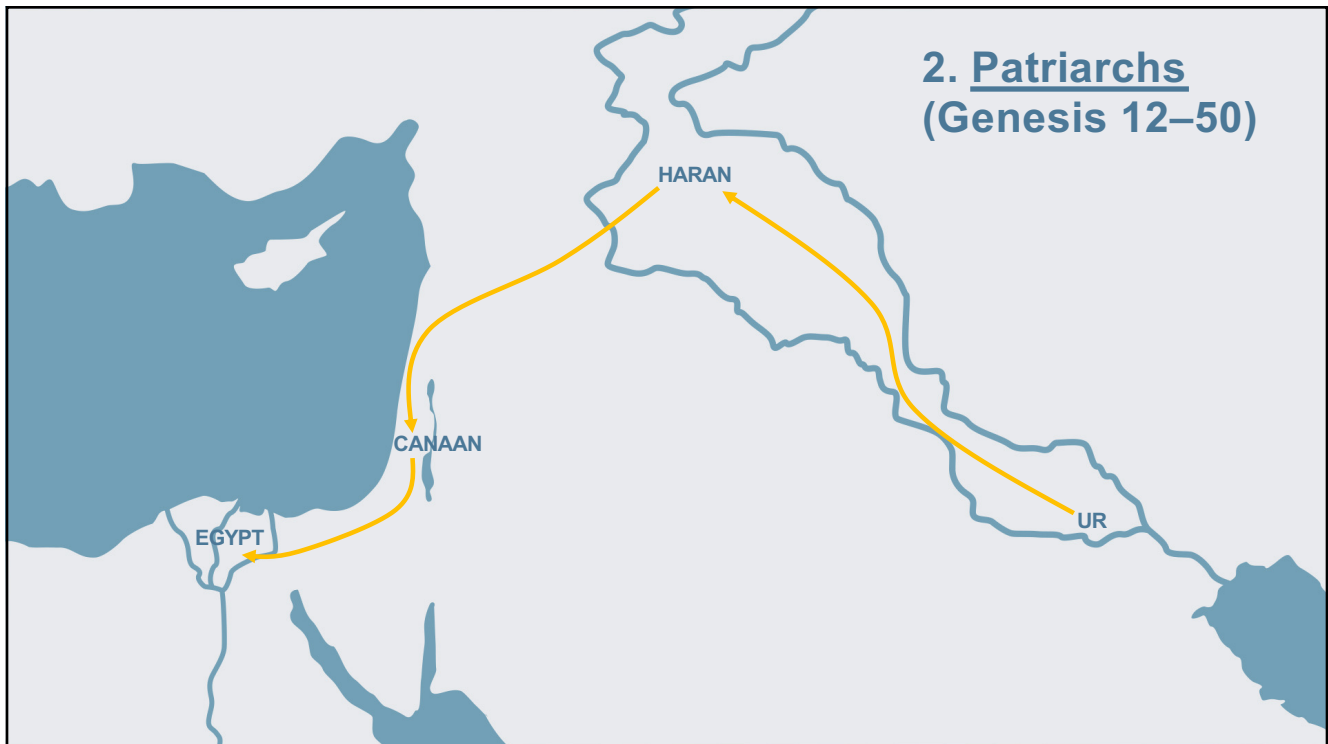
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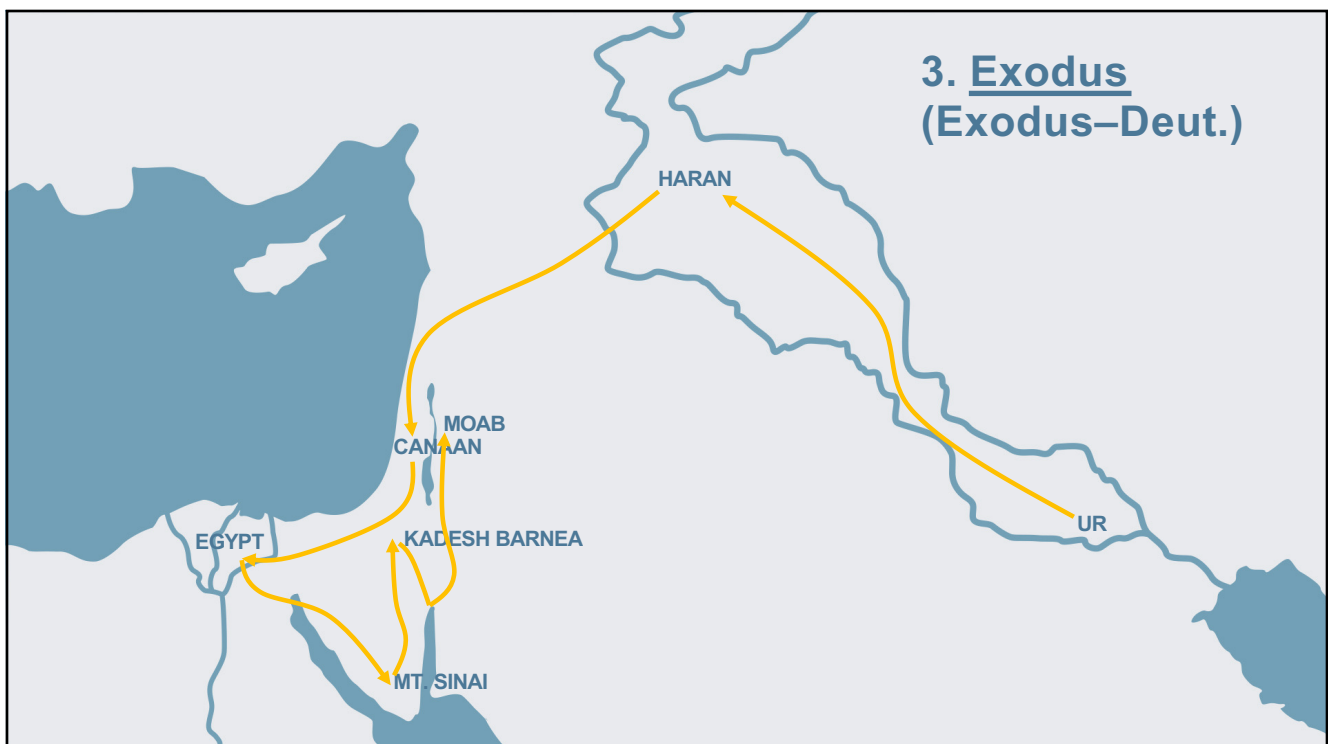
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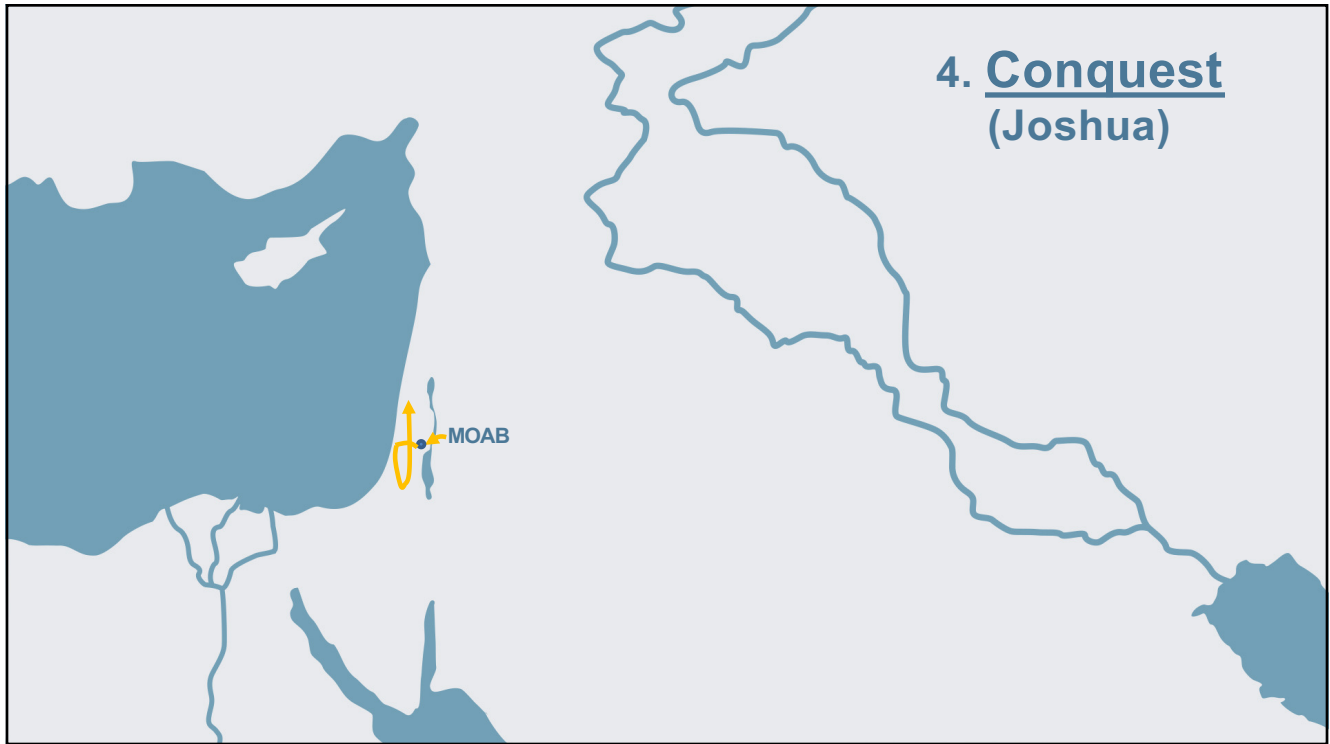
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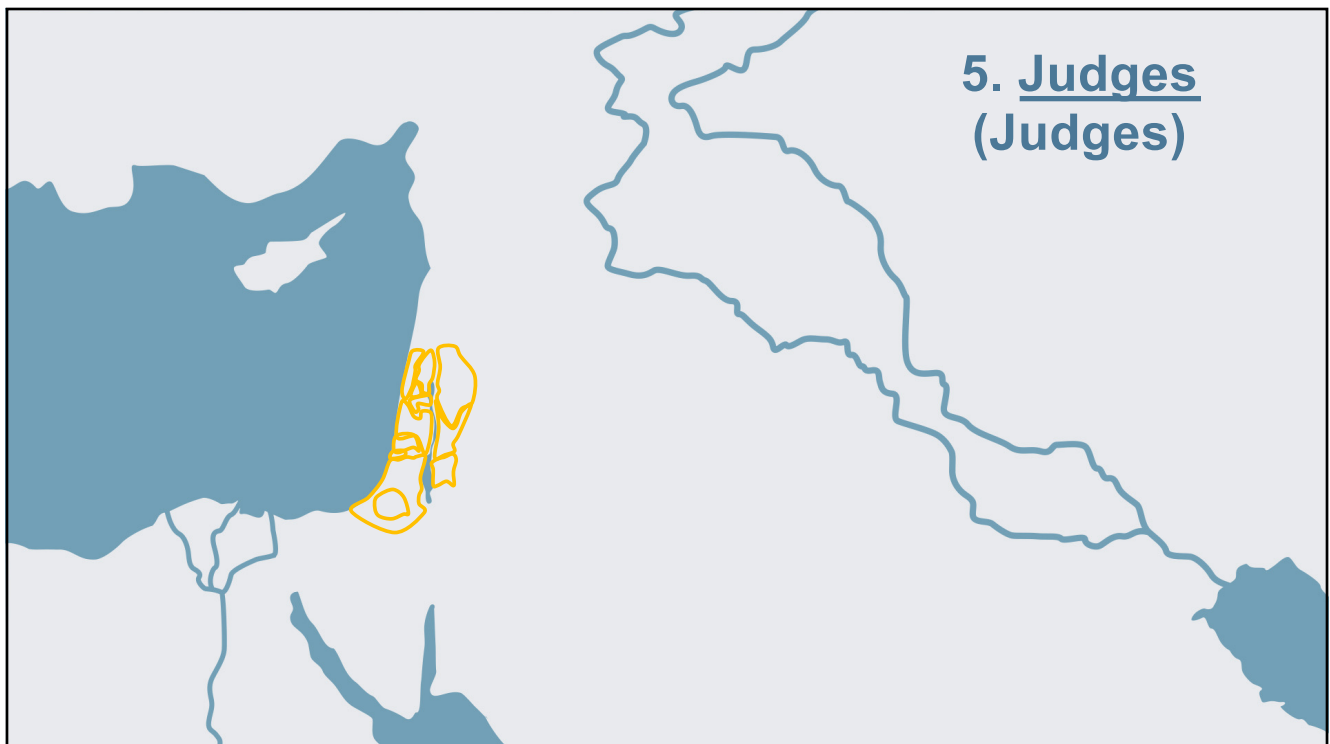
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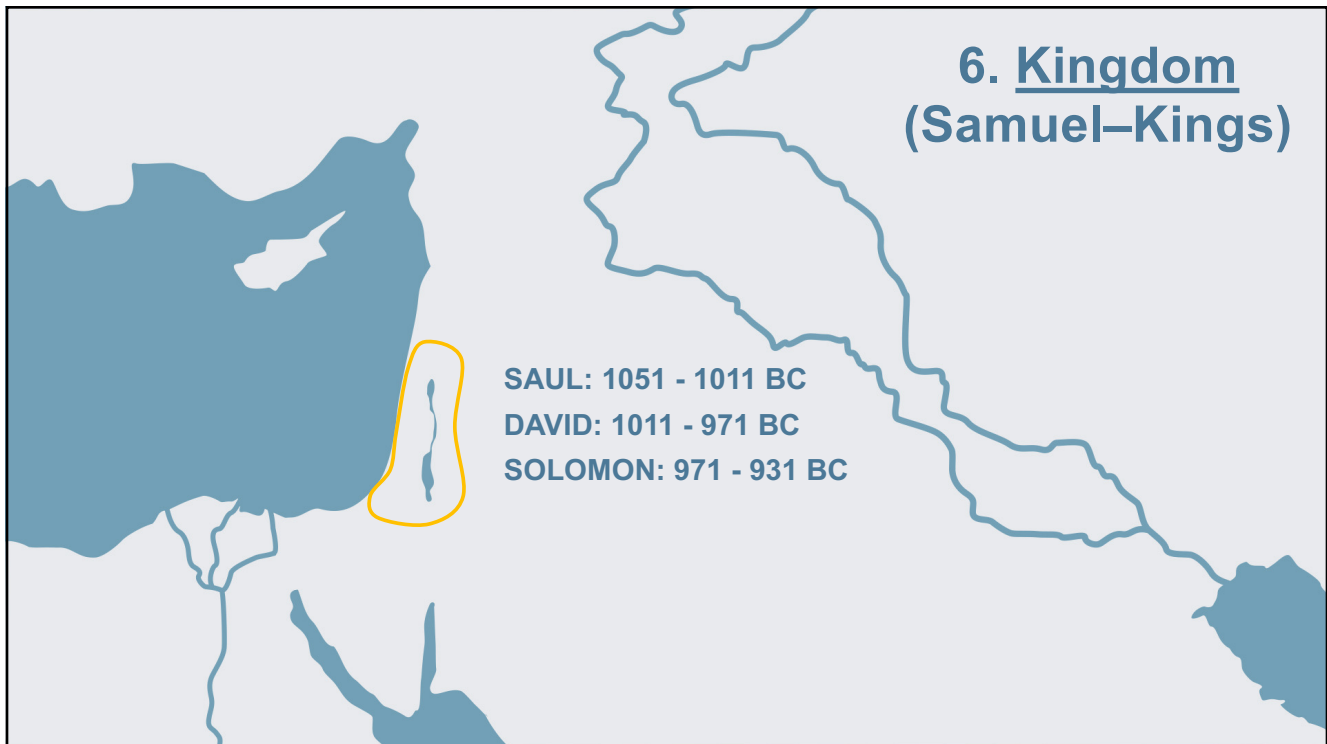
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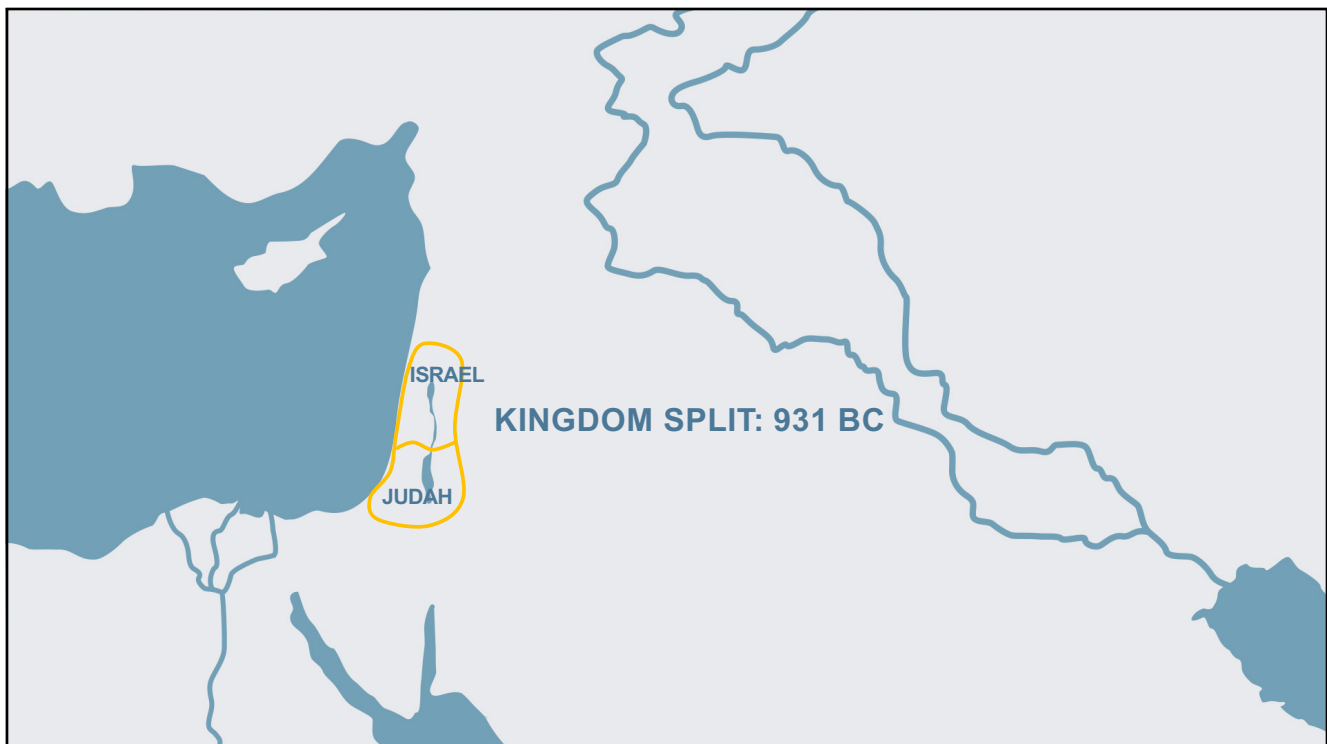
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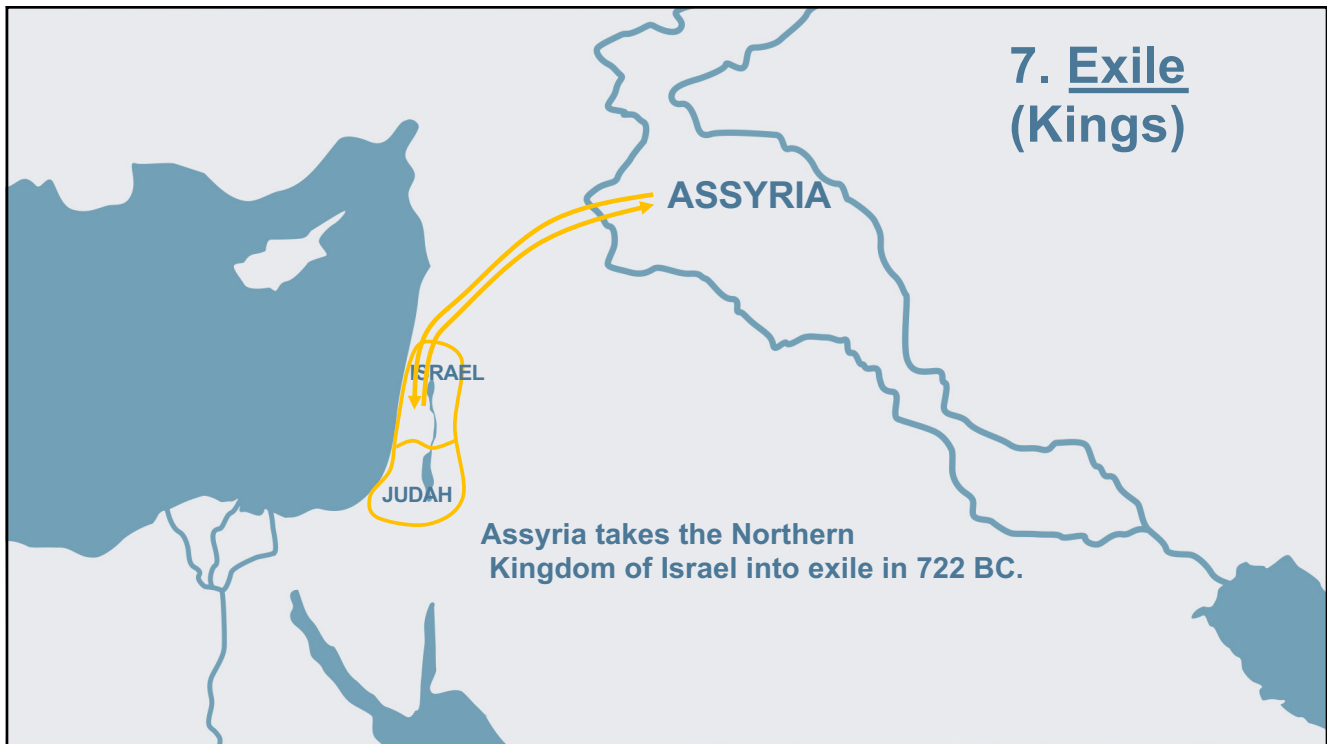
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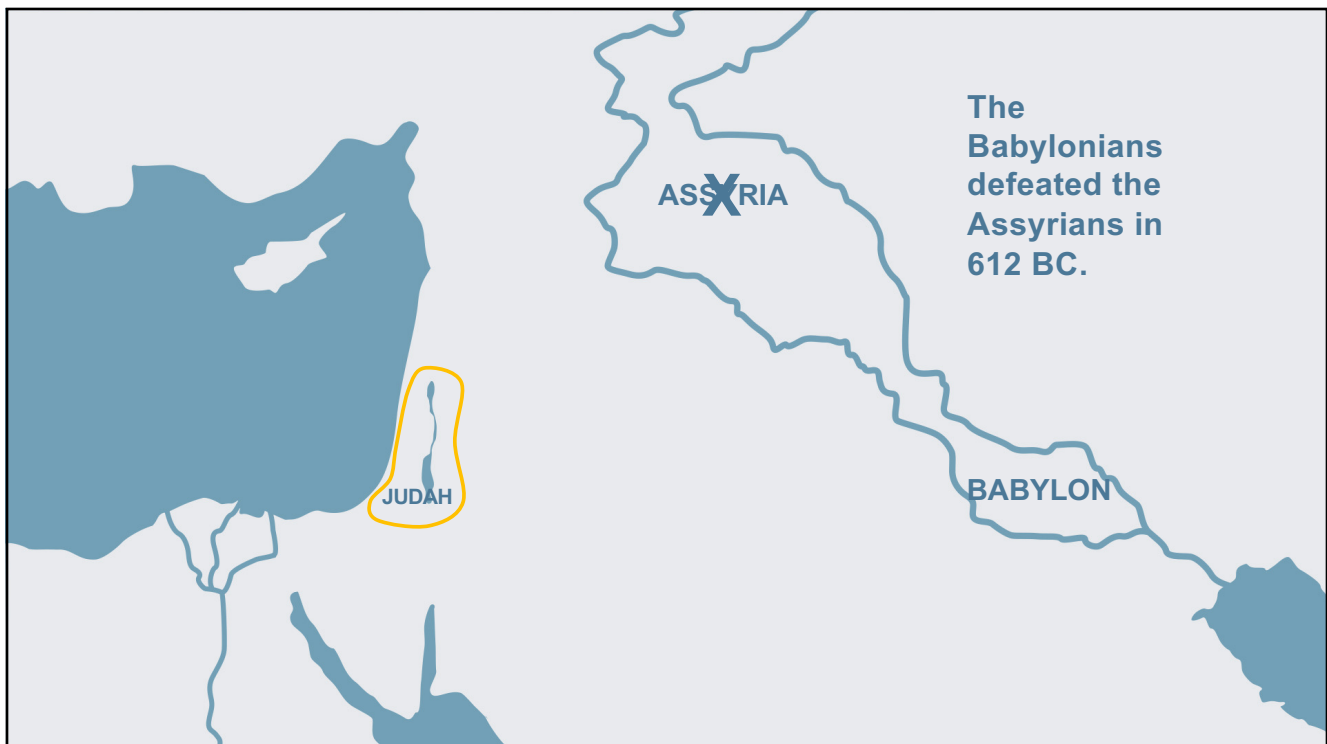
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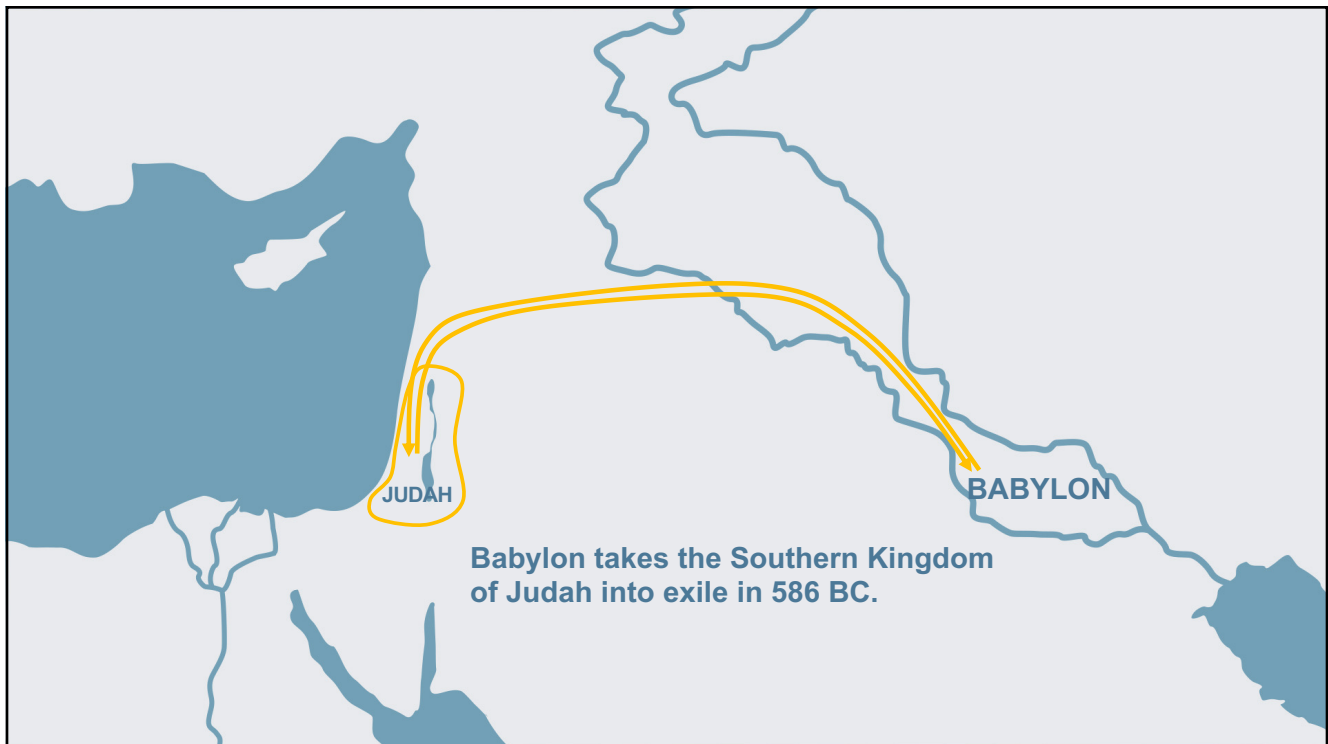
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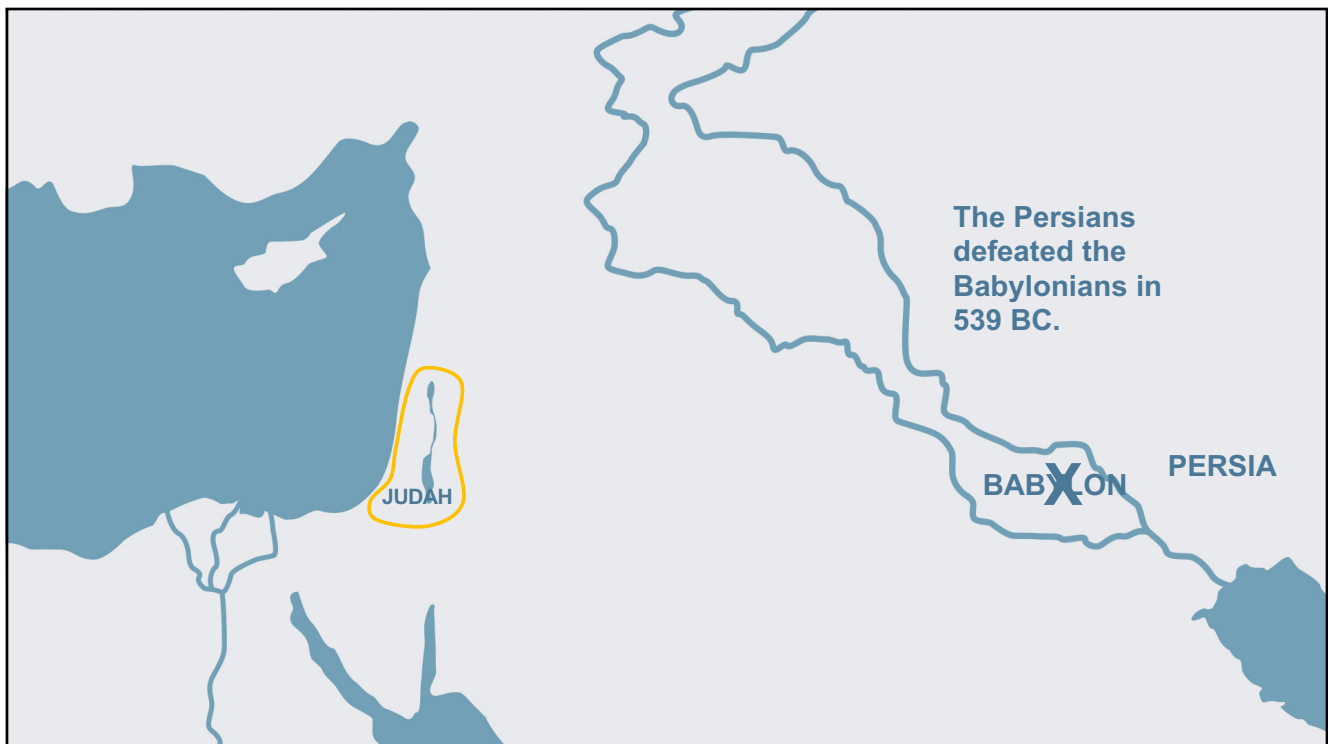
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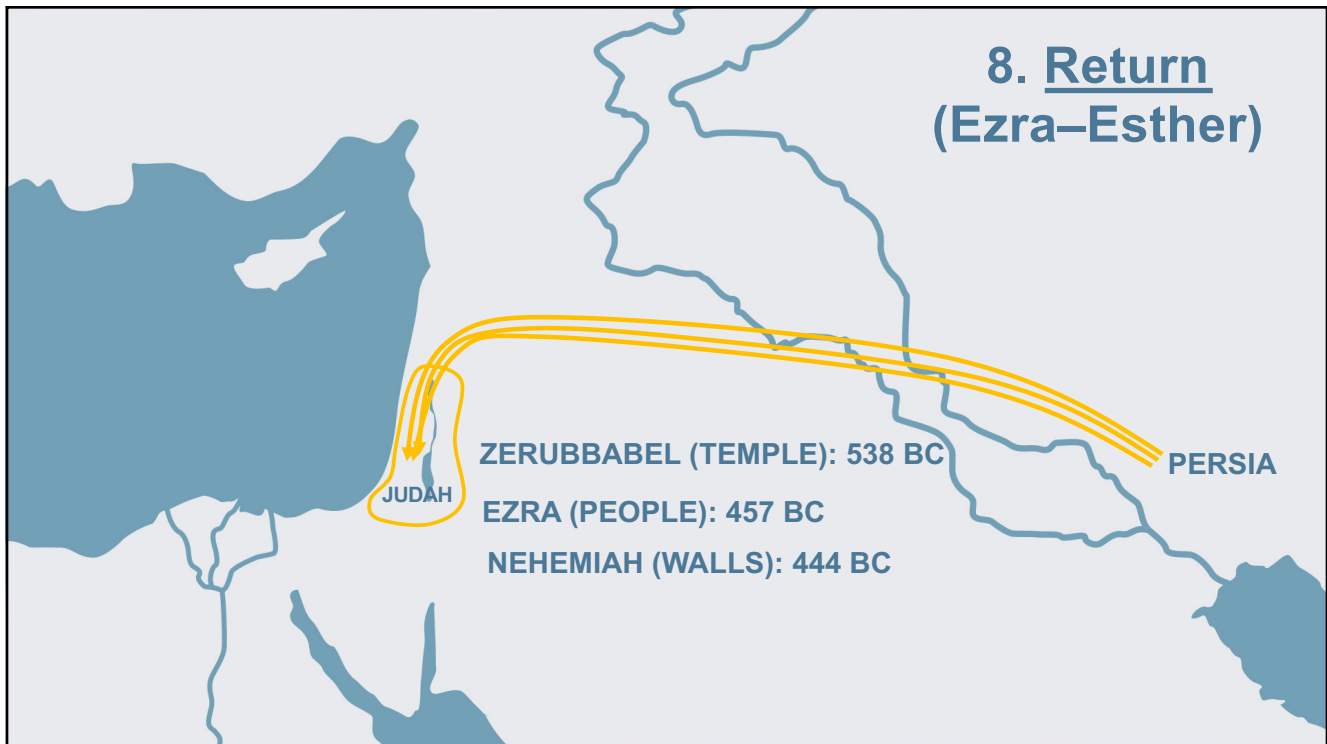
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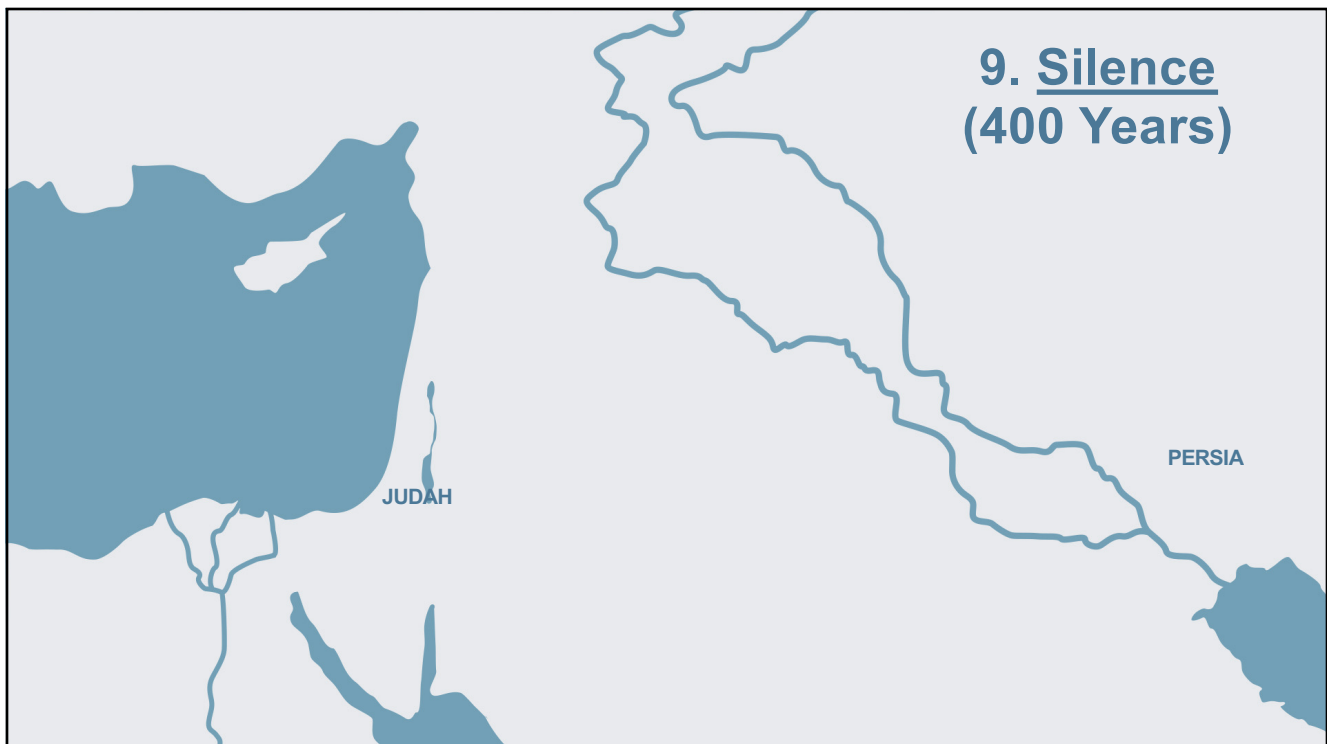
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Concerning the
Poetical Books:

Job is about

suffering

Psalms is about

worship

Proverbs is about

wisdom

Ecclesiastes is about

meaning

Song of Solomon is about

marital romance

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Concerning the Prophetical Books, the first thing to know is that the descriptions Major and Minor refer to length and not importance. (So, don't be misled.)

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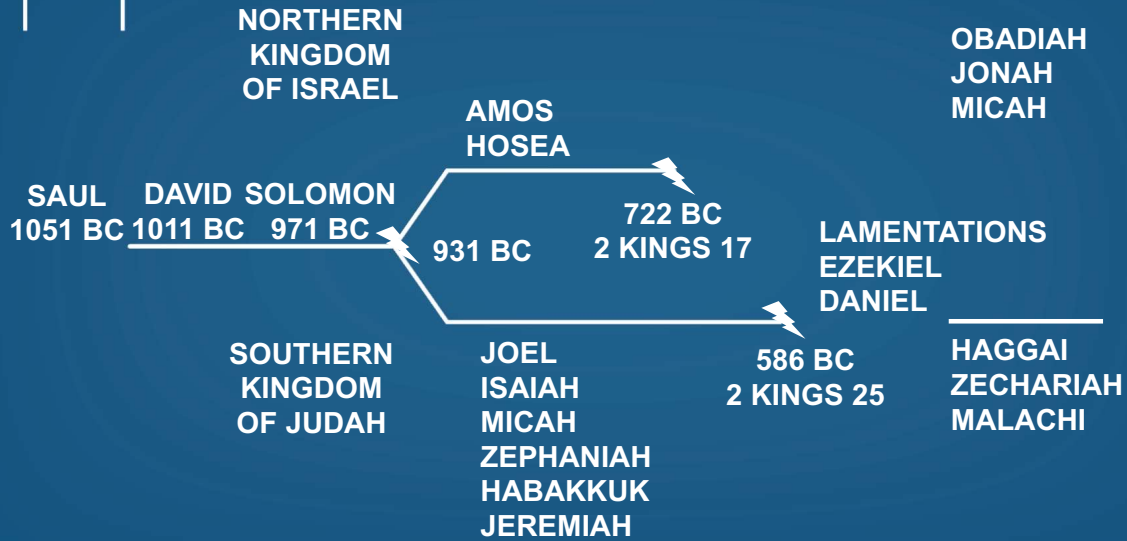
The second thing to know concerning the Prophetical Books is that there are three major categories



though, three Prophetical Books do not fit into these categories.

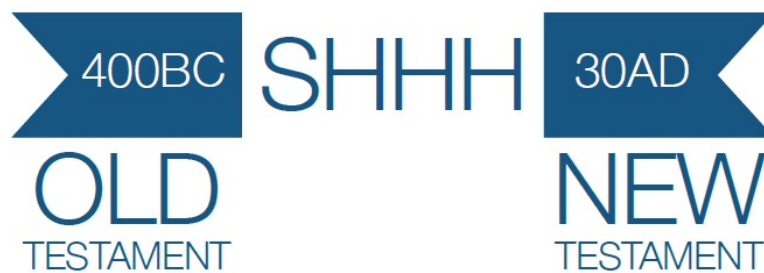
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The period between the end of the Old Testament (approximately 400 BC) and the beginning of the New Testament (the ministry of John the Baptist around AD 30) is often referred to as the Silence Period because there was no prophetic word from God during this time, though God was at work behind the scenes preparing the way for His Son.

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The New Testament

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The New Testament consists of 27 books written by the early followers of Jesus Christ.

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The 27 books
of the New
Testament are
divided into

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Historical
Books

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Epistles
(Letters)

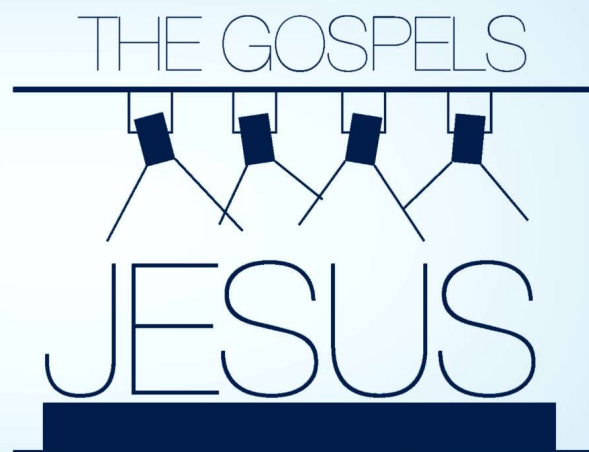
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Prophetical
Book

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The Gospels present the life and ministry of Jesus Christ from the unique perspectives of four different authors writing to four different audiences with four different purposes in mind, and together they illuminate the majesty of our Savior.



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Parallels between Jesus and Israel:

- Journeyed to Egypt to escape death
- “Wandered” in the wilderness
- “Crossed the Jordan”
- 12 sons vs. 12 disciples

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The book of Acts records the spread of the church from its birth (1:1 – 2:43) and expansion in Jerusalem (3:1 – 6:7) to its extension into Judea and Samaria (6:8 – 9:31), Antioch (9:32 – 12:24), Asia Minor (12:25 – 16:5), the Aegean Sea region (16:6 – 19:20), and Rome (19:21 – 28:31)—each movement summarized with a progress report from Luke.



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The Pauline Letters are best understood in their historical context:

1 st JOURNEY	✍	Galatians	1 st JOURNEY		Ephesians Colossians Philemon Philippians
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2 nd JOURNEY	✍	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians		← →	1 Timothy Titus
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3 rd JOURNEY	✍	1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Romans	2 nd JOURNEY		2 Timothy

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Paul's 1st Journey

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1st JOURNEY*Galatians*2nd JOURNEY3rd JOURNEY1st JOURNEY

JOURNEY

2nd JOURNEY

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Paul's 2nd Journey

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Paul's 3rd Journey

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The Pauline Letters are best understood in their historical context:

1st JOURNEY

Galatians

2nd JOURNEY

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

3rd JOURNEY

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Romans

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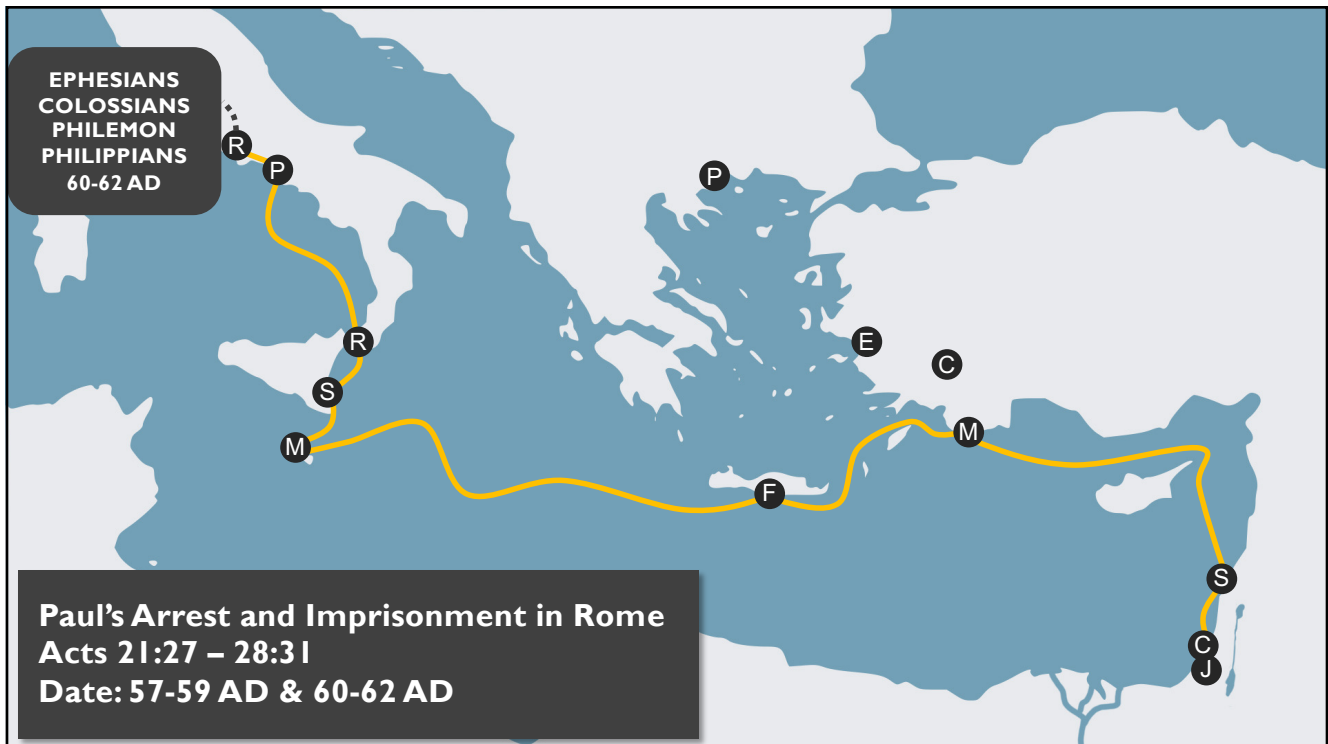
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Paul's Journey to Rome as a Prisoner

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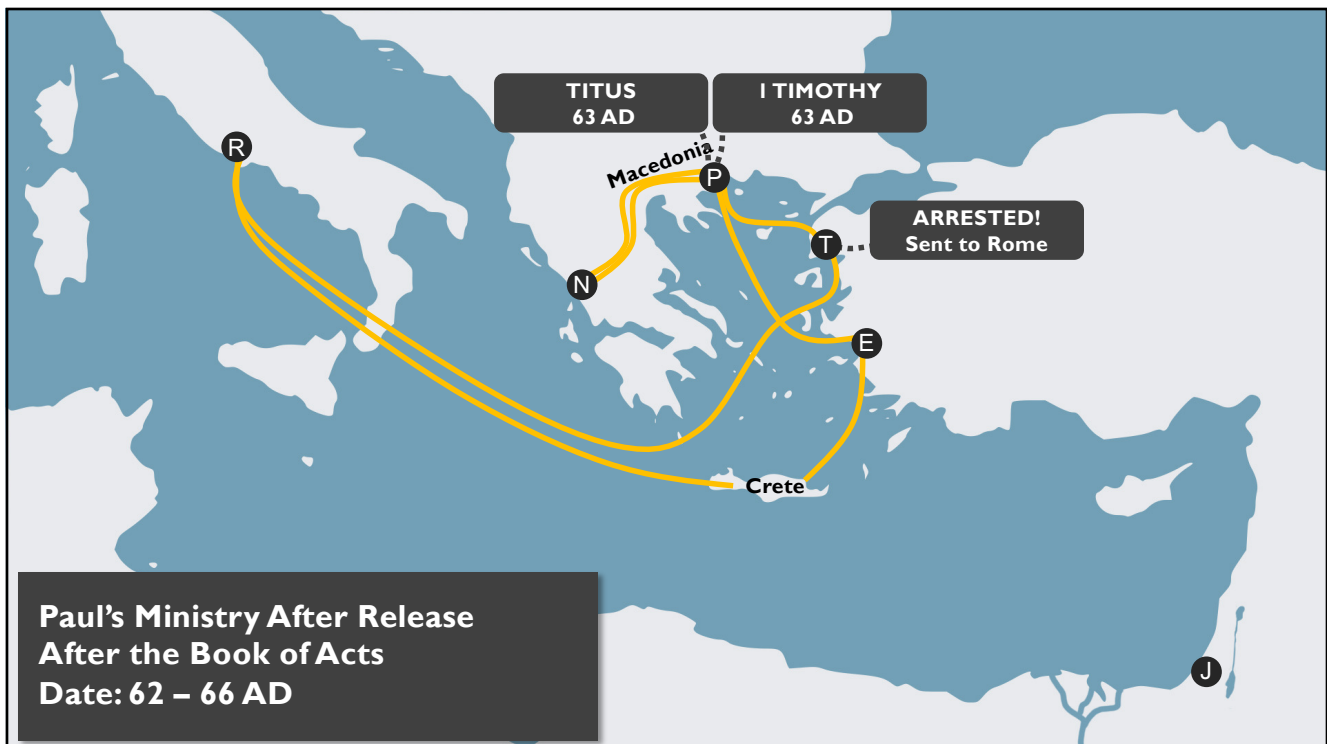
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<p>2nd JOURNEY</p>	<p><i>1 Thessalonians</i> <i>2 Thessalonians</i></p>	<p>III < > III</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>3rd JOURNEY</p>	<p><i>1 Corinthians</i> <i>2 Corinthians</i> <i>Romans</i></p>	<p>2nd IIII</p>	<p>_____</p>

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After His Release

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The Pauline Letters are best understood in their historical context:

1st JOURNEY

Galatians

2nd JOURNEY

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

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1 Corinthians

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Ephesians

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Philemon

Philippians

III < > III

1 Timothy

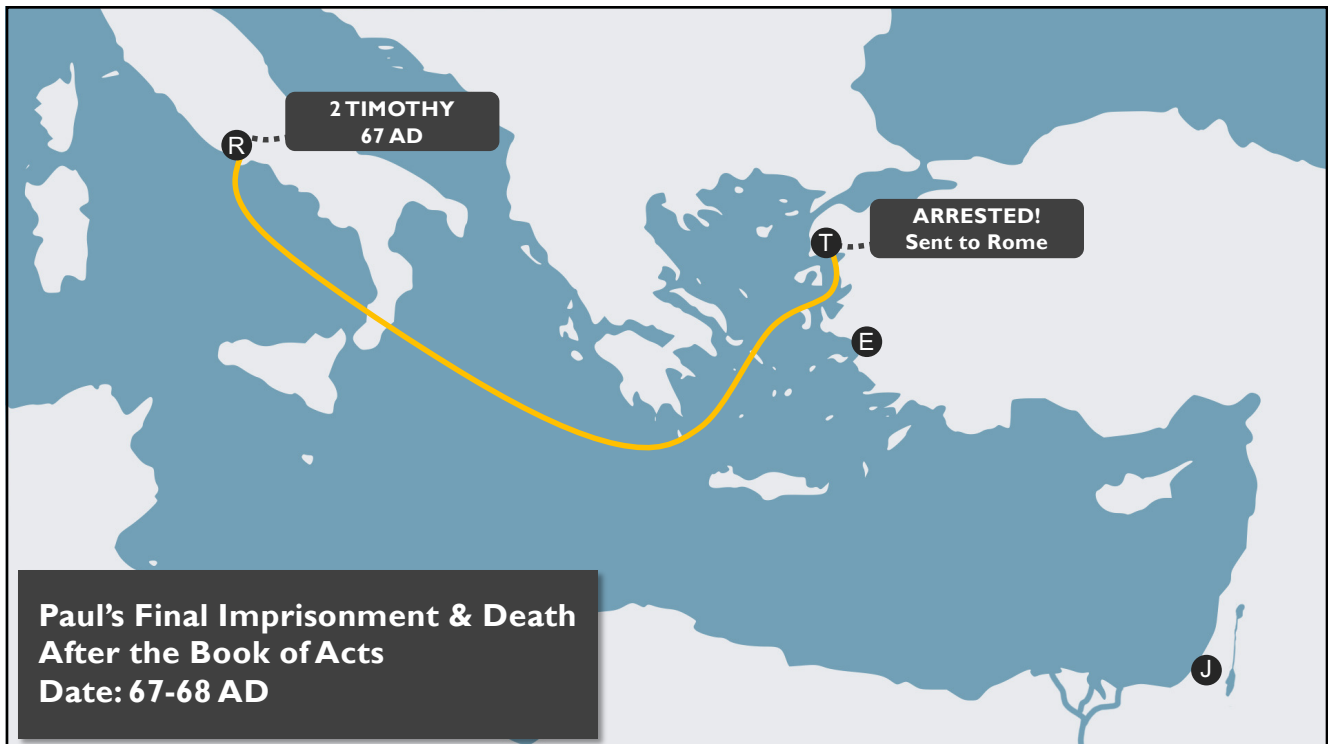
Titus

2nd IIII

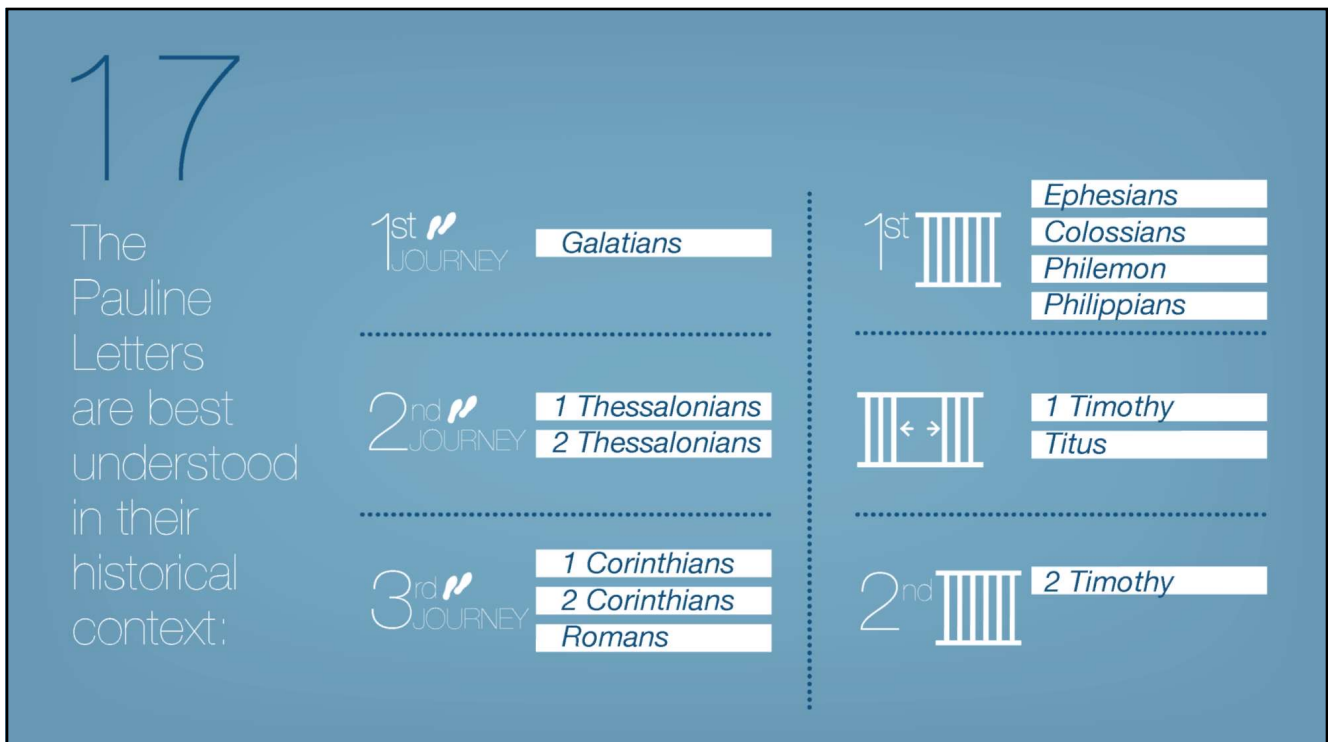
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Paul Goes Back to Prison

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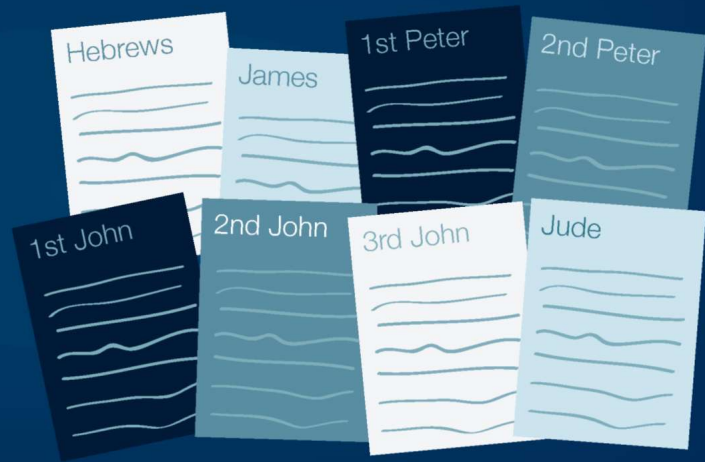
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The Non-Pauline Letters were written by various authors, some to more general audiences (these letters are often called the General Epistles), and together they supplement Paul's teaching by offering additional perspectives on the richness of Christian truth and life.



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REVELATION

Revelation is the final book of the Bible and records the vision of Jesus John saw (1:12-16), Jesus' letters to the seven churches of John's day (Ch. 2-3), and the things that will take place in the future (Ch. 4-22), most clearly the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the life everlasting for both the saved and the unsaved.

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Get a grip on the Bible by...

HOLY BIBLE

meditating on

memorizing

studying

reading

hearing

and applying

the Bible for a lifetime.

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