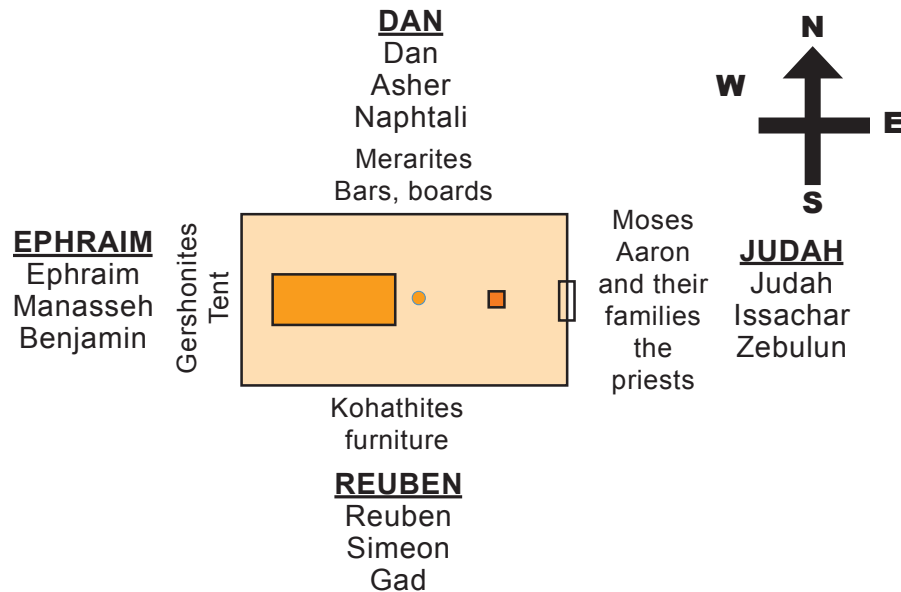


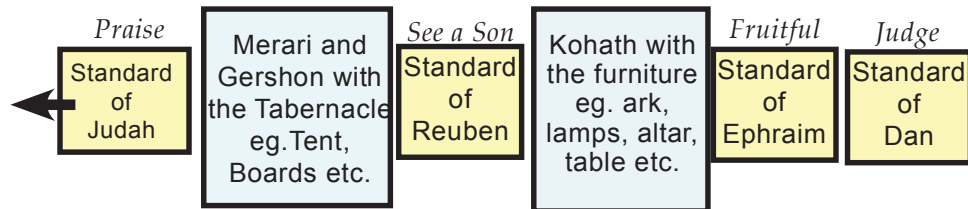
# Israel - The Priests of the LORD

Under the Abrahamic Covenant, Abraham's seed were to be the means whereby God would bless all the nations. In the Age of Law Israel became a priestly nation with an everlasting Aaronic priesthood. There are no Gentile prophets or priests (Rom.3:1-2). Converted Gentiles became "strangers" in Israel (2Chron.2:17). The high priesthood passed to the sons of Phinehas. It was occupied by the descendants of Ithamar in the days of Eli but restored by David when he appointed Zadok as high priest.

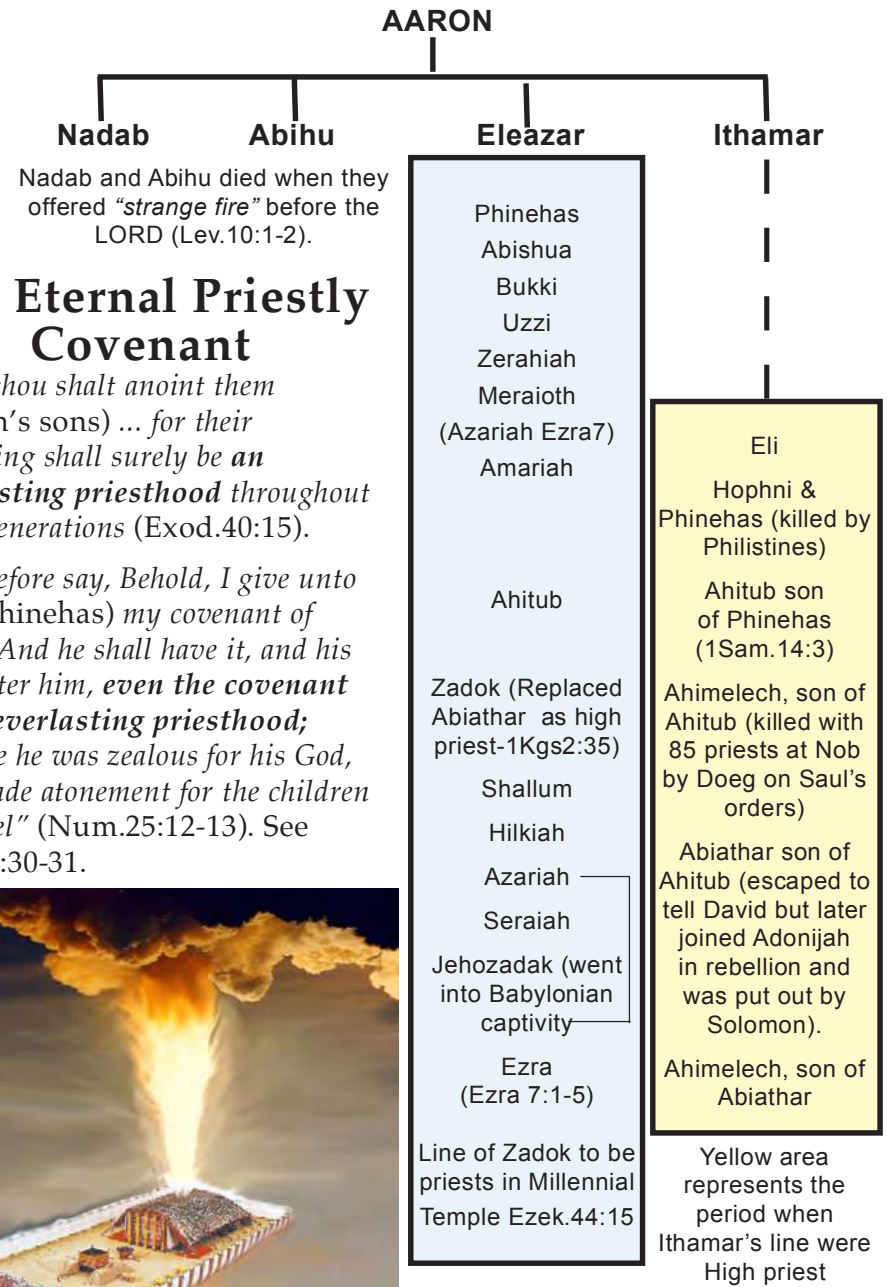
In the Millennium the descendants of Zadok will be the priests in the Temple; the whole nation will be "named the Priests of the LORD" and "men shall call you the Ministers of our God" (Isa.61:6). See also Isa.66:19; Isa.2:1-4.



## The Order of the Camp



## The Order When Israel Journeyed



## The Eternal Priestly Covenant

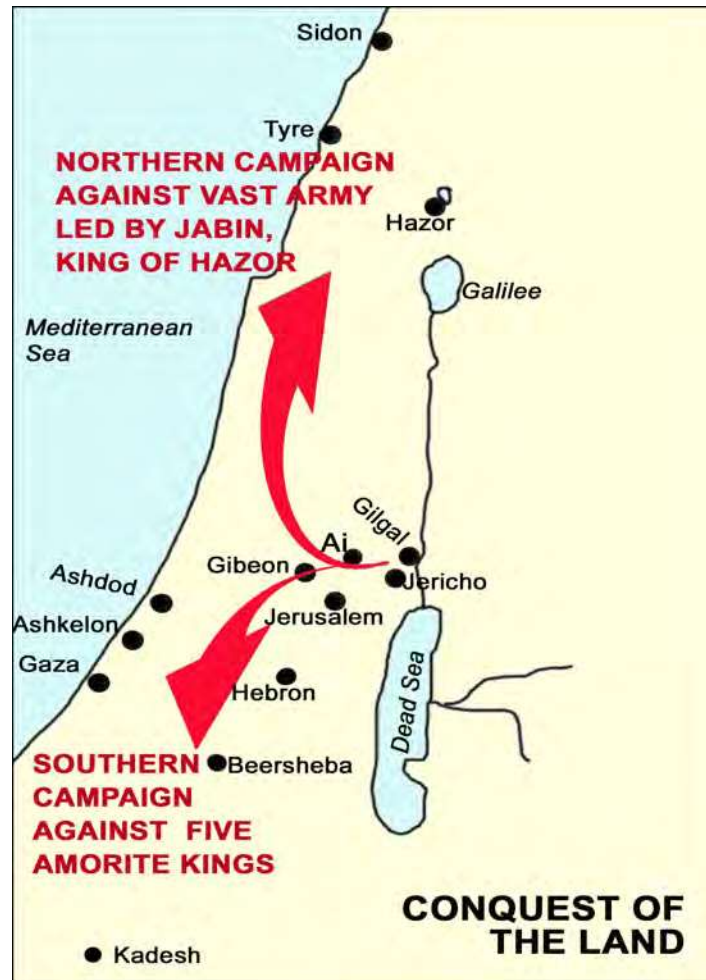
"And thou shalt anoint them (Aaron's sons) ... for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations (Exod.40:15).

"Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him (Phinehas) my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel" (Num.25:12-13). See Ps 106:30-31.



## Conquest of the Land of Canaan

The Conquest of Canaan was not easy. Having crossed the Jordan River Israel claimed a great victory at Jericho but then there was failure at Ai after Achan took of the accursed things from among the spoils of Jericho. Israel had to learn that sin hinders the blessing of God. Then the crafty Gibeonites made a league with Israel and when the five kings of the Amorites attacked the Gibeonites, Israel was compelled to defend them. This led to a successful **southern campaign** in which they defeated the giants, the sons of Anak. The sun stood still about the space of a whole day as God fought for Israel.



When Jabin King of Hazor, to the north of Galilee, organized a vast army to fight Israel, Joshua surprised them at the waters of Merom and pursued them to Mount Hermon; this led to a successful **northern campaign**. In all, there were 31 kings slain by Joshua in the conquest of the land however, when he died, there was still much land to be possessed and five lords of the Philistines along the southern coast were a constant problem.

The Phoenicians along the north coast of Lebanon also remained. Nevertheless, Joshua was commanded to allocate land to all the tribes. and

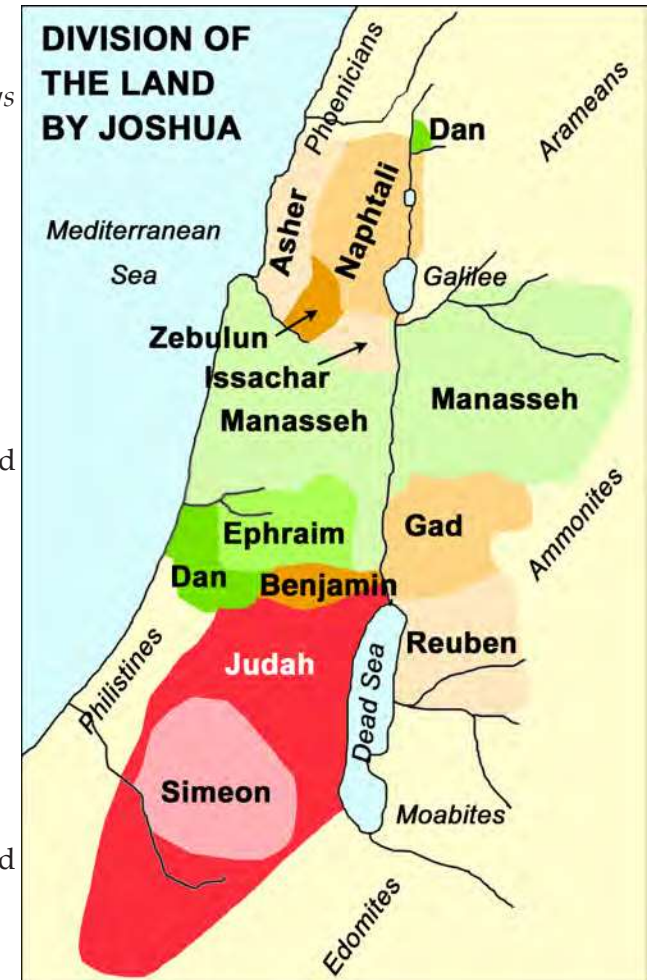
they were to occupy their portions in due course. We read:

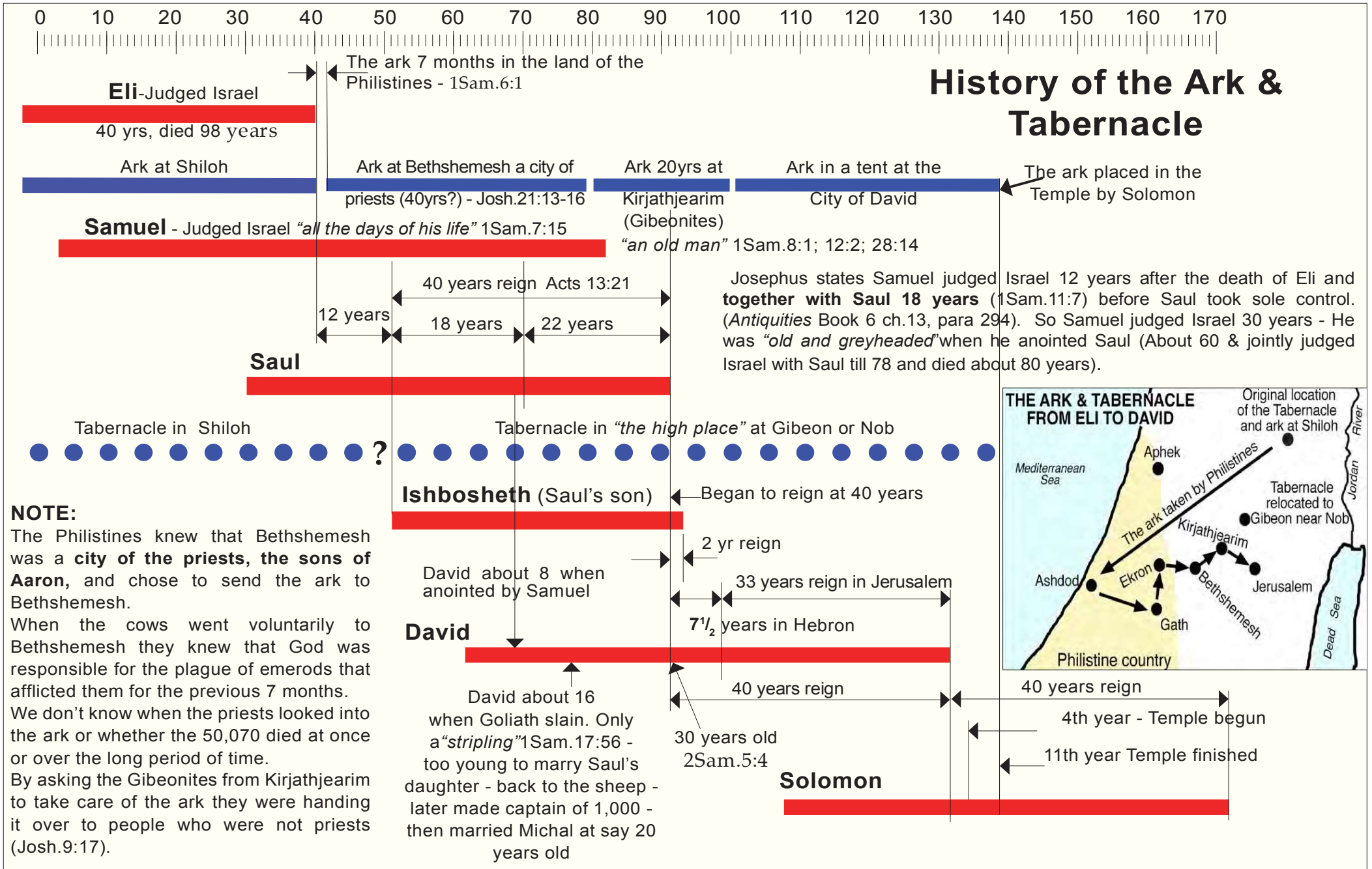
*"Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua" (Josh.24:31), but after these men died the nation entered a long period when the Judges ruled. After each Judge died the nation lapsed into idolatry and God allowed the heathen to oppress them until Israel cried out to the Lord and another Judge was raised up to deliver them.*

It was not until the days of Samuel that David was anointed King and all the land was finally subdued.



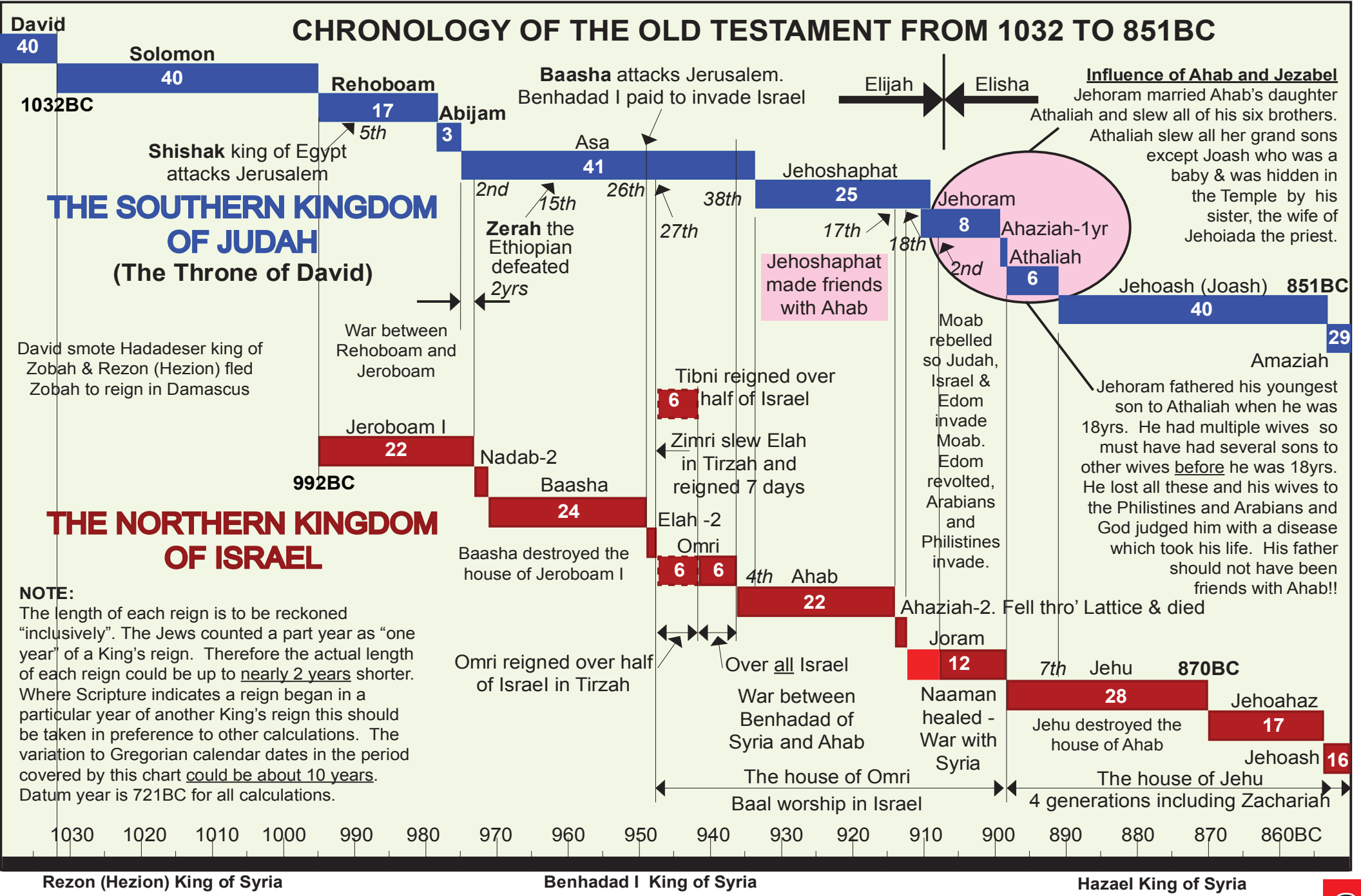
Entry into the land had been delayed 40 years when 12 spies returned from 40 days in Canaan and though they gave a glowing report of the land, 10 of the 12 refused to believe God, and so Israel wandered for 40 years in the wilderness through unbelief.



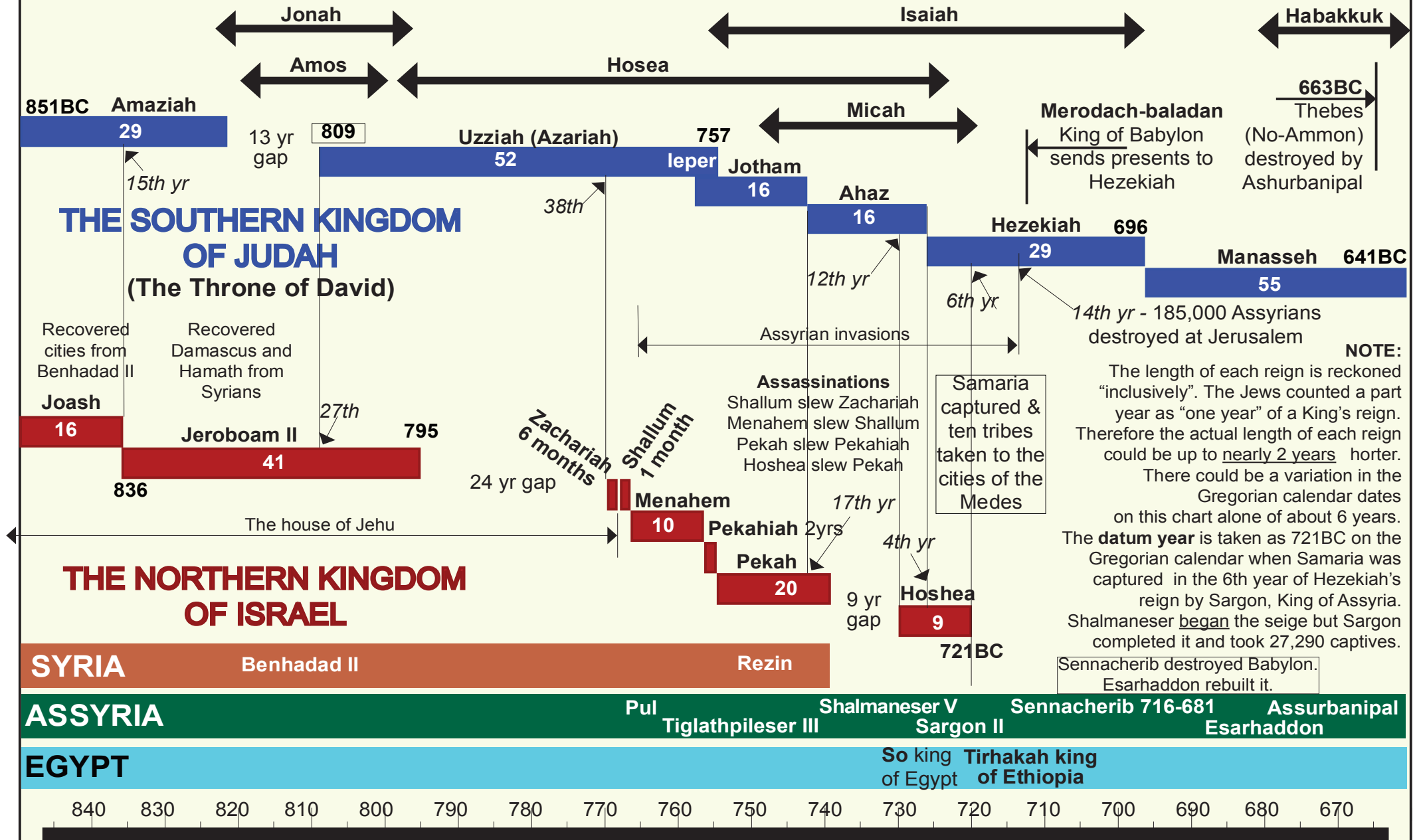




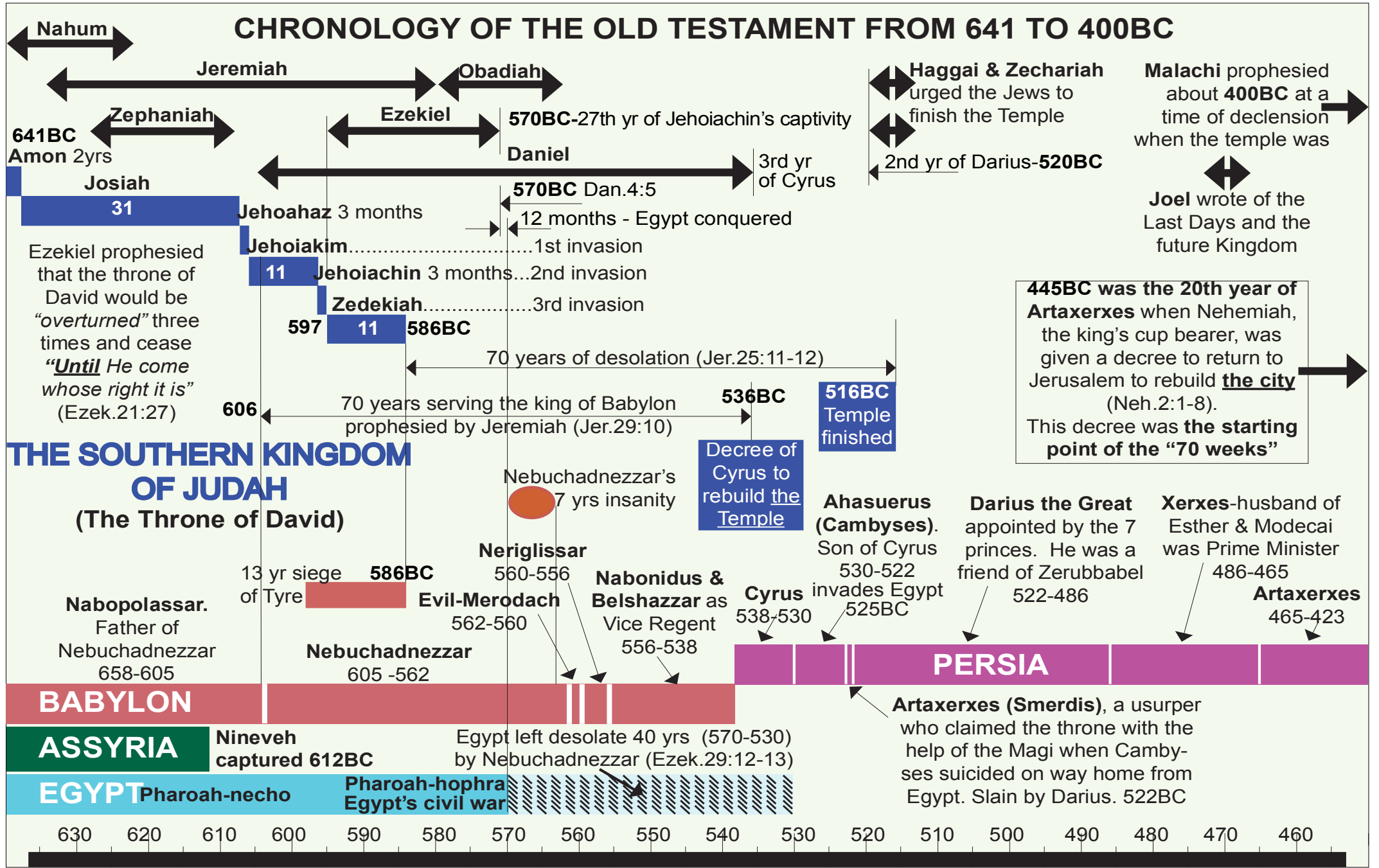
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