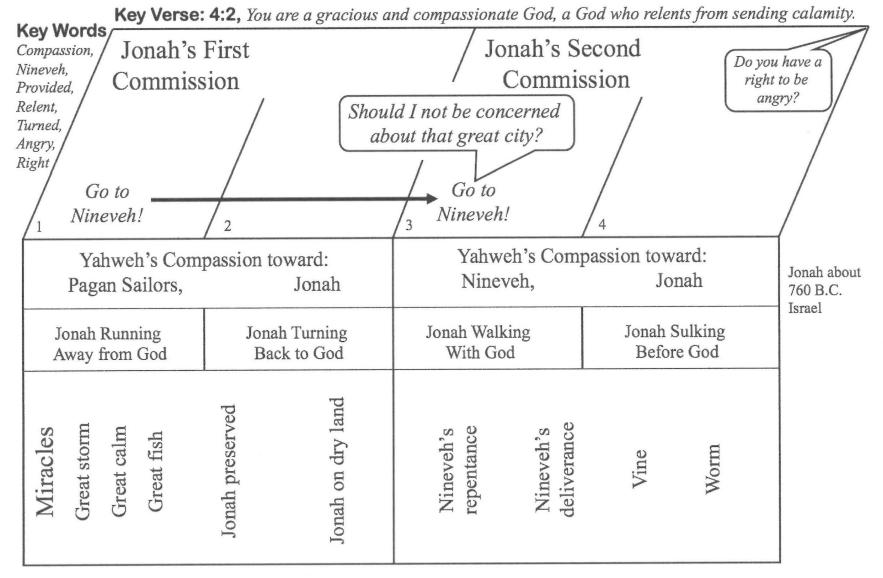
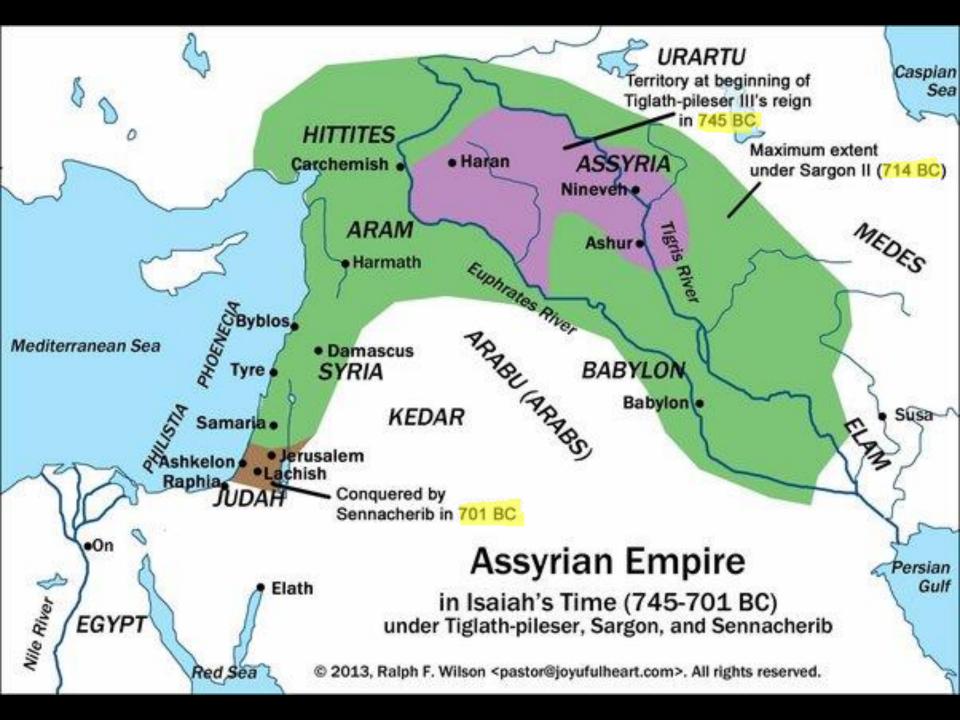
RESPONDING TO GOD'S FAITHFUL INTERVENTION

Jonah: God Is Sovereign and Savior, Even in Nineveh!

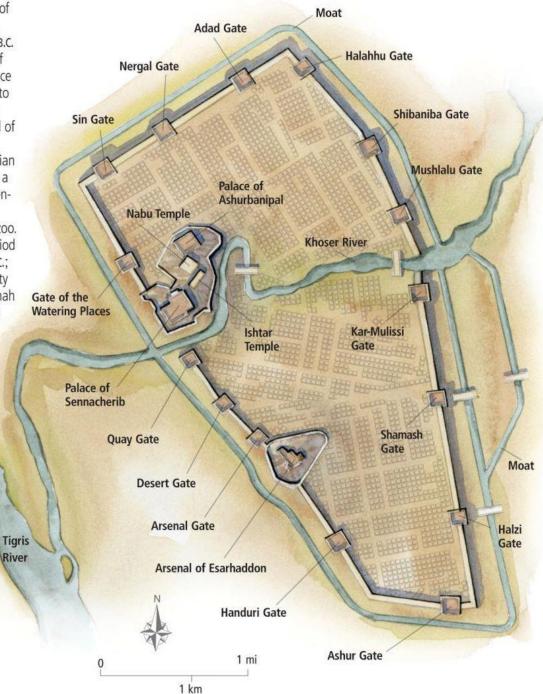






The City of Nineveh

Nineveh, which was situated at the confluence of the Tigris and Khoser rivers (modern-day Mosul, Iraq), was first settled in the seventh millennium B.C. According to the Bible, Nimrod was the founder of the city (Gen. 10:11). Major excavations took place under the direction of Henry Layard from 1845 to 1854. The diagram pictures the results of those excavations, especially as they reflect the period of the Assyrian Empire (1420-609 B.C.). Around 1000 B.C. there occurred a great revival of Assyrian power, and Nineveh became a royal city. It was a thriving city during the first half of the first millennium, and contained such luxuries as public squares, parks, botanical gardens, and even a zoo. One of the great archaeological finds of the period is the library of King Ashurbanipal (669-627 B.C.; called Osnappar in Ezra 4:10). The size of the city was approximately 1,850 acres. The book of Jonah reflects the flourishing nature of Nineveh at this time (3:1-5). Nineveh eventually fell to the Medes and Babylonians in 612 B.C. The invading armies dammed the rivers that supplied water to the city, causing a flood that broke through one of the perimeter walls, giving the foreign armies access to the city.



Israel's Golden Age 1 Kings 4:21, 34; 10:23-25 Solomon's Empire

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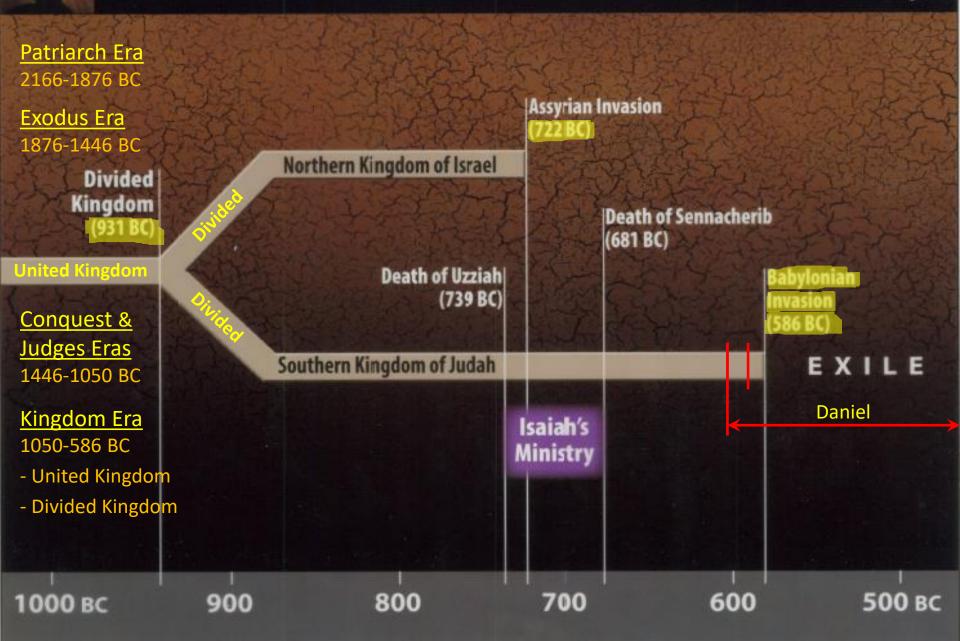
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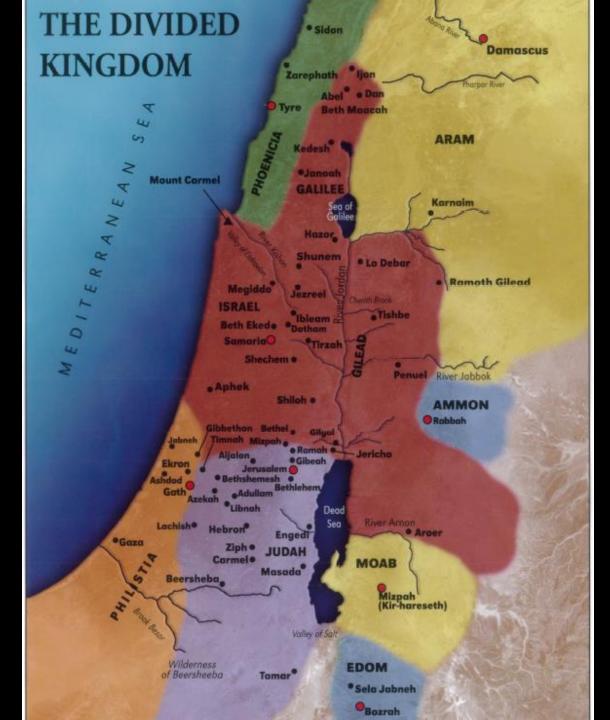
- The territory of Israel before David became king
- Area conquered by David and inherited by Solomon
- Area under strong economic influence of Solomon

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Isaiah's Place in Israel's History





THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

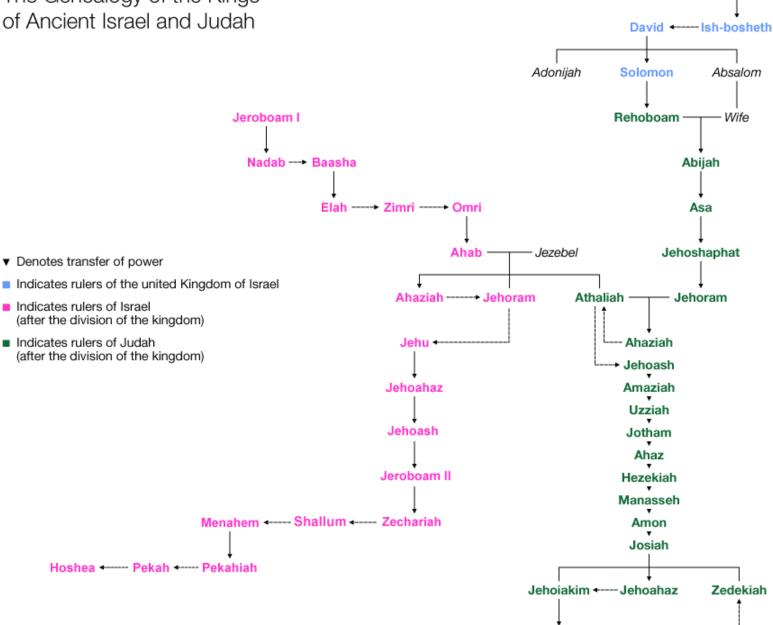
Kings of Israel

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Kings of Judah

Rehoboam 931-913 B.C. Abijam 913-911 B.C. Asa 911-870 B.C. Jehoshaphat 870 (873)-848 B.C. Jehoram 848 (853)-841 B.C. Ahaziah 841 B.C. Athaliah 841-835 B.C. Joash 835-796 B.C. Amaziah 796-767 B.C. Uzziah 767 (792)-740 B.C. Jotham 740 (750)-731 B.C. Ahaz 731 (735)-715 B.C. Hezekiah 715 (729)-686 B.C. Manasseh 686 (696)-642 B.C. Amon 642-640 B.C. Josiah 640-609 B.C. Jehoahaz 609 B.C. Jehoiakim 609-598 B.C. Jehoiachin 598-597 B.C. Zedekiah 597-586 B.C.

The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah



Jehoiachin ---

Saul



CHEST & ARMS OF SILVER

KINGDOM OF MEDES & PERSIANS

BELLY & THIGHS OF BRONZE KINGDOM OF

ANCIENT GREECE

Initial Strong Phase LEGS OF IRON KINGDOM OF ANCIENT ROME

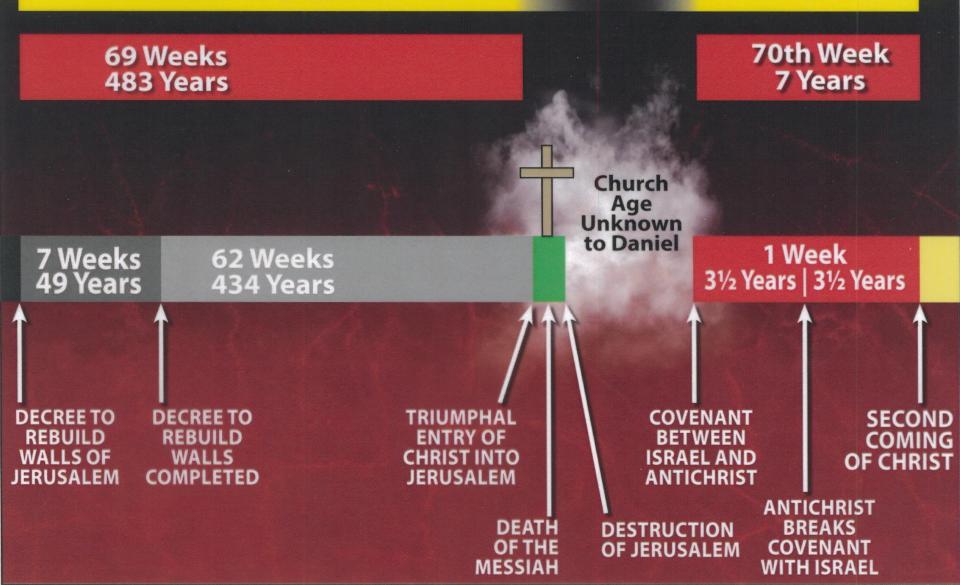
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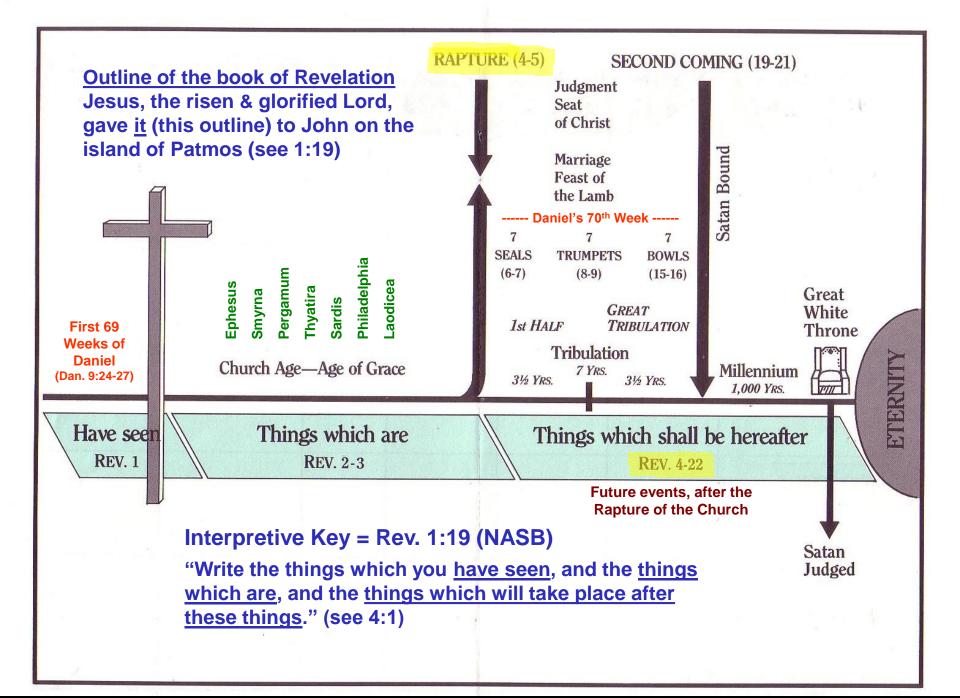
CRUSHING ROCK KINGDOM OF GOD

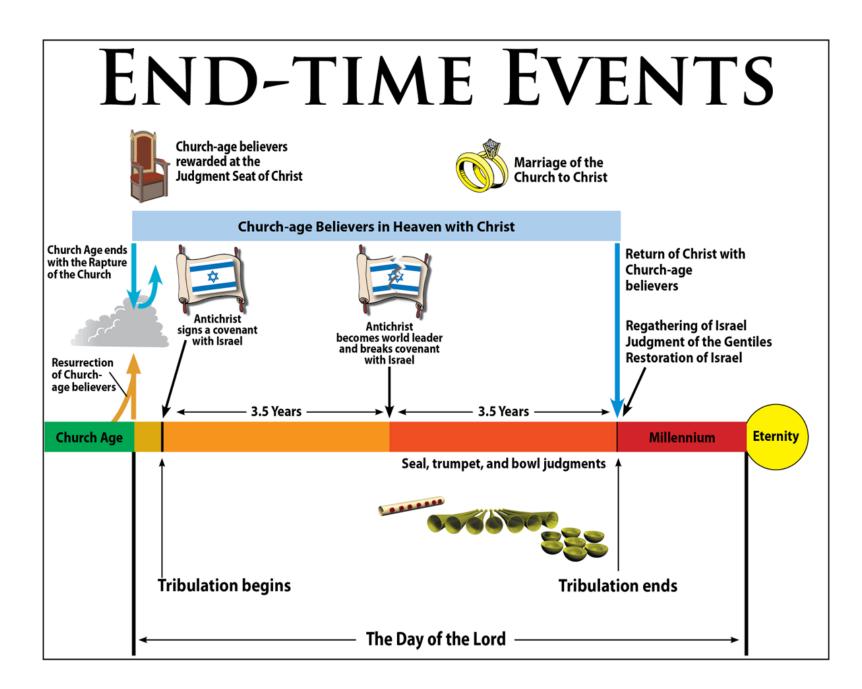
DANIEL 2 FIGURE OF A MAN

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

70 Weeks 490 Years









Jonah: God of the Second Chance

NIV Study Bible Note – 4:11

Should I not be concerned? God had the first word (1:1), and he also had the last. The commission he gave Jonah displayed his mercy and compassion to the Ninevites, and his last word to Jonah emphatically proclaimed that concern for every creature, both man and animal. Not only does the "Lord . . . preserve both man and beast" (Psa. 36:6; see Neh. 9:6; Psa. 145:16), but he takes "no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but (desires) rather that they turn from their ways and live" (Eze. 33:11; see Eze. 18:21-23). Jonah and his countrymen traditionally rejoiced in God's special mercies to Israel but wished only his wrath on their enemies. God here rebukes such hardness and proclaims his own gracious benevolence."