RESPONDING TO GOD'S FAITHFUL INTERVENTION



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The Message of Hosea:

"Hosea is called by God to prophesy during Israel's last hours, just as Jeremiah would be called years later to prophesy to the crumbling kingdom of Judah. <u>Hosea's personal tragedy</u> becomes an intense illustration of Israel's national tragedy. It is a story of one-sided love and faithfulness—between a prophet and his faithless wife (Hosea and Gomer) and Jehovah and His faithless people. Just as Gomer is married to Hosea, Israel is betrothed to God. In both cases the bride plays the harlot and runs after other lovers. But unconditional love keeps seeking even when it is spurned. In Hosea's case, that means buying back his wife from the slave market; for Israel it means purifying punishment followed by restoration to the Land of Promise."



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Introduction and Title:

"Hosea, whose name means 'salvation', ministers to the northern kingdom of Israel (also called Ephraim, after its largest tribe). Outwardly, the nation is enjoying a time of prosperity & growth; but inwardly, moral corruption and spiritual adultery permeate the people. Hosea, instructed by God to marry a woman named Gomer, finds his domestic life to be an accurate and tragic dramatization of the unfaithfulness of God's people. During his half century of prophetic ministry, Hosea repeatedly echoes his threefold message: 1) God abhors the sins of His people; 2) judgment is certain; but 3) God's loyal love stands firm."



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Background:

These kings, given to Israel by God "in anger" and taken away "in wrath" (13:11), floated away "like a twig on the surface of the waters" (10:7). "Bloodshed followed bloodshed" (4:2). Assyria was expanding westward, and Menahem accepted that world power as overlord and paid tribute (2 Kgs. 15:19-20). But shortly afterward, in 733 B.C., Israel was dismembered by Assyria because of the intrigue of Pekah (who had gained Israel's throne by killing Pekahiah, Menahem's son & successor). Only the territories of Ephraim & western Manasseh were left to the king of Israel. Then, because of the disloyalty of Hosea (Pekah's successor), Samaria was captured and its people exiled in 722-721, bringing the northern kingdom to an end.



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Distinctive Features and Issues: *Judgment and Salvation Oracles*

Judgment	Salvation
1:2-9	1:10-2:1
2:2-13	2:14-3:5
4:1-5:14	5:15-6:3
6:4-11:7	11:8-11
11:12-13:16	14:1-9

Robert B. Chisholm, Jr. "Hosea" in <u>The Bible Knowledge Commentary</u>

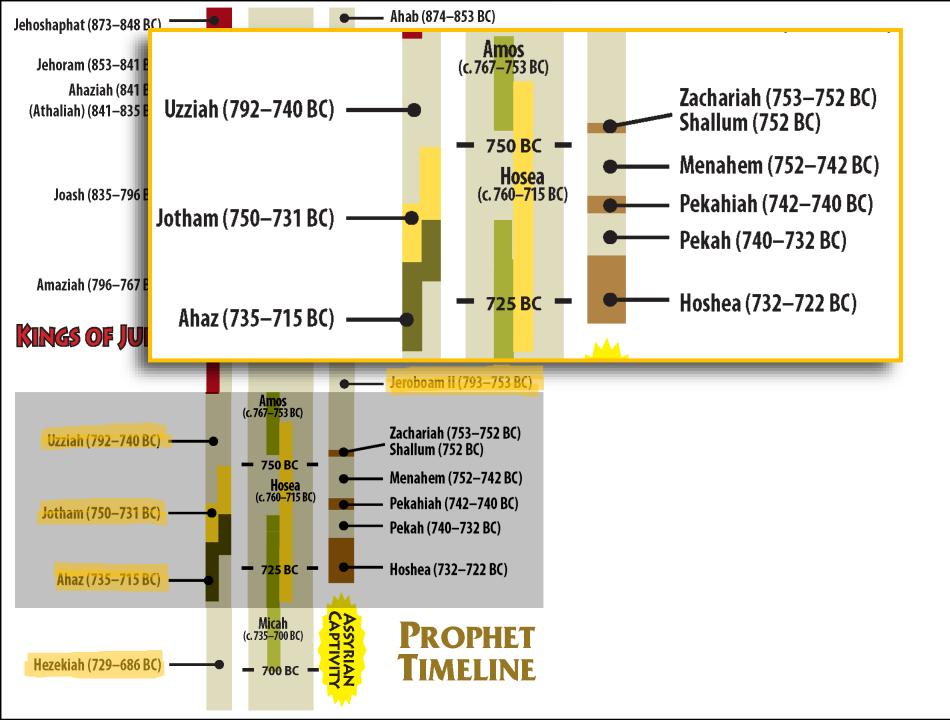
THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

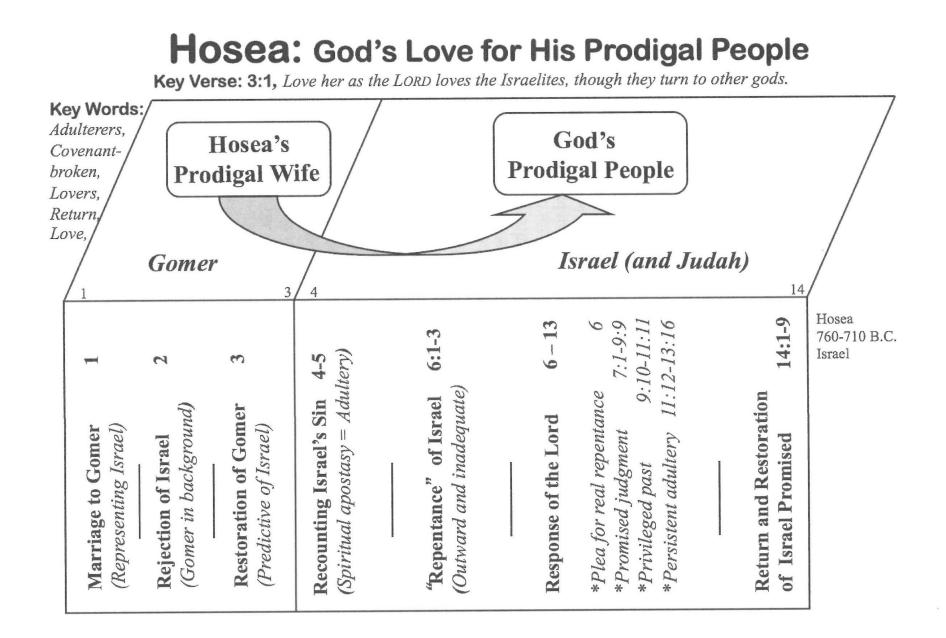
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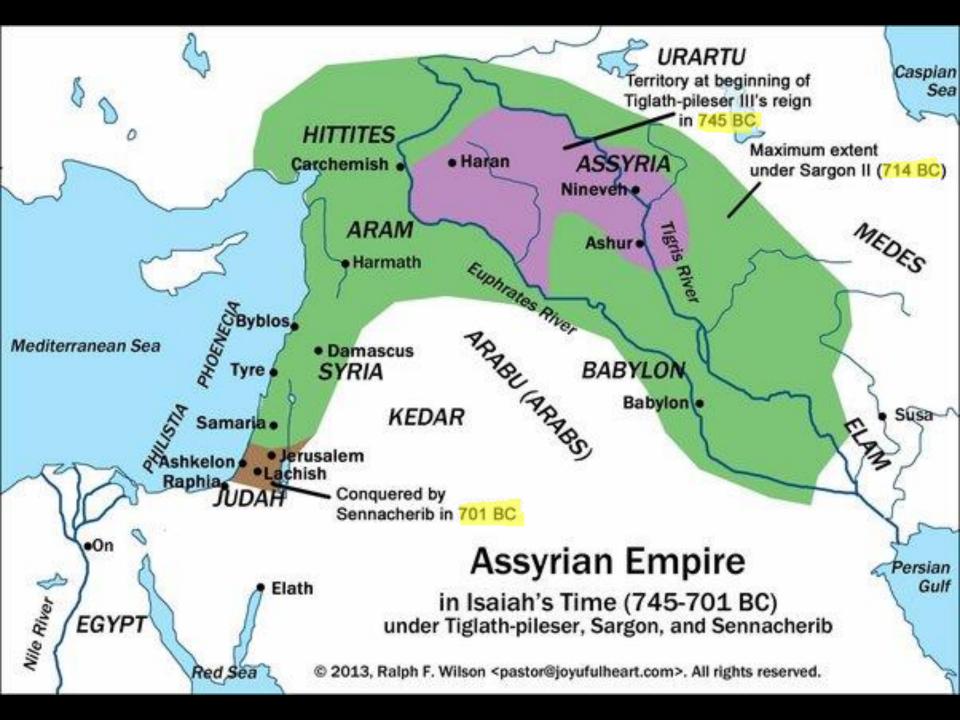


Dynasties in the Divided Kingdom



David's Dynasty in Judah

Line of David continues through Jehoiachin	Rehoboam Abijam Asa Jehoshaphat Jehoram Ahaziah Athaliah Joash Amaziah Uzziah Jotham Ahaz Hezekiah Manasseh Amon Josiah Jehoahaz Jehoiakim Jehoiachin Zedekiah	931–913 BC 913–911 BC 911–870 BC (873) 870–848 BC (853) 848–841 BC 841–835 BC 841–835 BC 835–796 BC 796–767 BC (792) 767–740 BC (792) 767–740 BC (750) 740–731 BC (750) 740–731 BC (750) 740–731 BC (750) 740–731 BC (729) 715–686 BC (696) 686–642 BC 642–640 BC 642–640 BC 640–609 BC 609–598 BC 598–597 BC
586 BC – Kingdom Ends – Line Continues		



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

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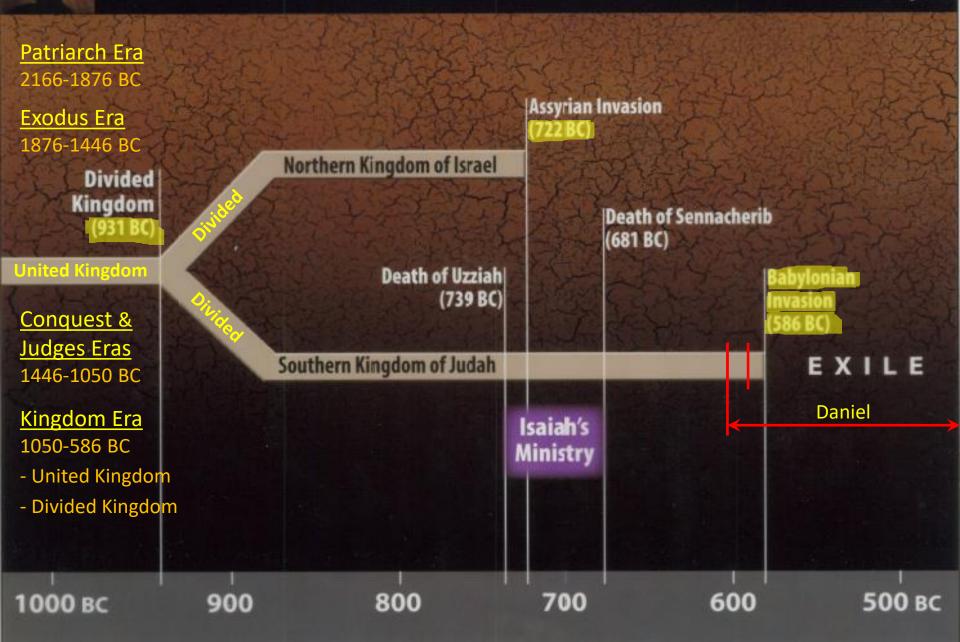
Jerusalem

- 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





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

Revived, Restored Weaker Phase FEET OF IRON & CLAY KINGDOM OF RESTORED ROME

CRUSHING ROCK KINGDOM OF GOD

DANIEL 2 FIGURE OF A MAN



Comparison of Daniel 2 and 7

SIMILARITIES

- 1. Four to one arrangement
- 2. Fourth kingdom: Progression An earlier, initial, strong phase to a future stage of the same kingdom; a revived, restored, and weaker phase.
- 3. Fifth kingdom destroys others

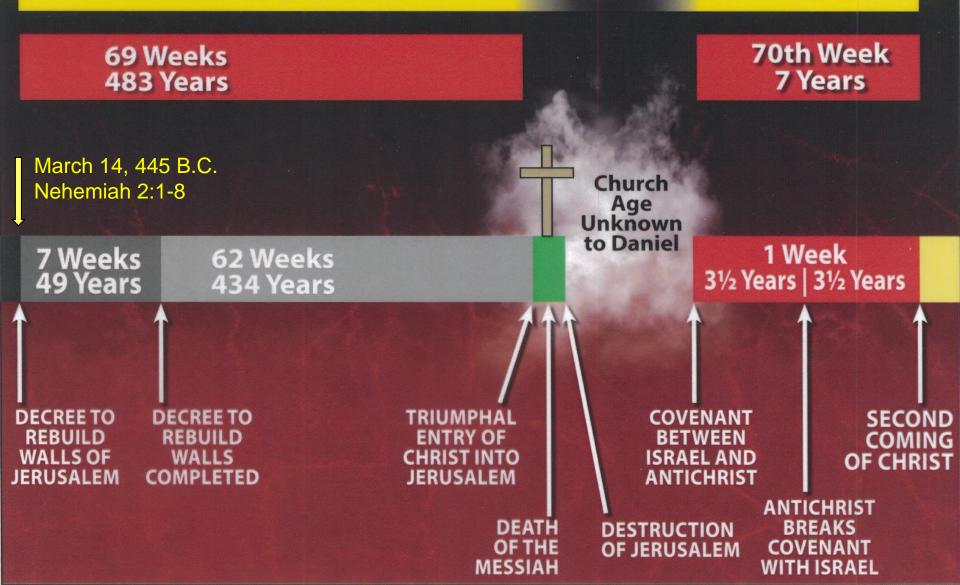
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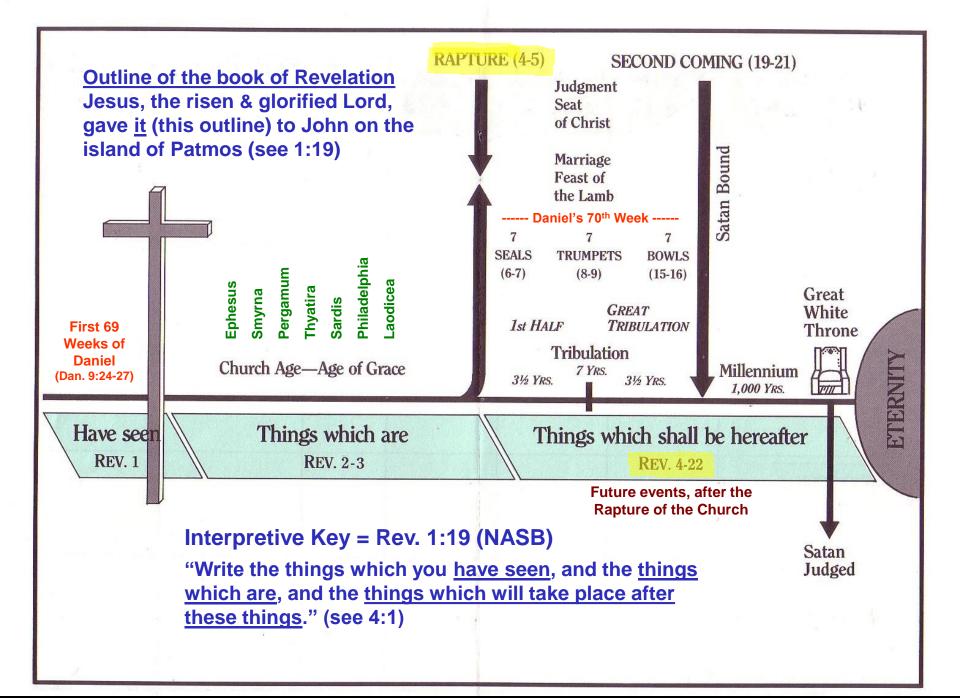
- 1. Different perspective:
 - Ch. 2 man's point of view
 - Ch. 7 God's point of view
- 2. Different image/picture:
 - Feet and Toes (of iron & clay)
 - Ten horns and a "little horn"



Daniel's Seventy Weeks

70 Weeks 490 Years





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