

The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

From Glory to Shame

Lesson 15

2 Chronicles 26-28


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DAILY NEWS


NEW YORK'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

14 DEAD IN CALIFORNIA MASS SHOOTING




Ted Cruz 
 @tedcruz
 Our prayers are with the victims, their families, and the first responders in San Bernardino ...




Dr. Rand Paul 
 @RandPaul
 My thoughts and prayers are with the victims, families, and brave first responders ...

GOD ISN'T FIXING THIS



Lindsey Graham 
 @LindseyGrahamSc
 Thoughts & prayers are with #SanBernardino



Paul Ryan 
 @SpeakerRyan
 Please keep the victims of #SanBernardino, California in your prayers.

As latest batch of **innocent Americans** are left lying in pools of blood, **cowards** who could truly **end gun scourge** continue to hide behind meaningless **platitudes** PAGES 2-9

God has fixed all things!

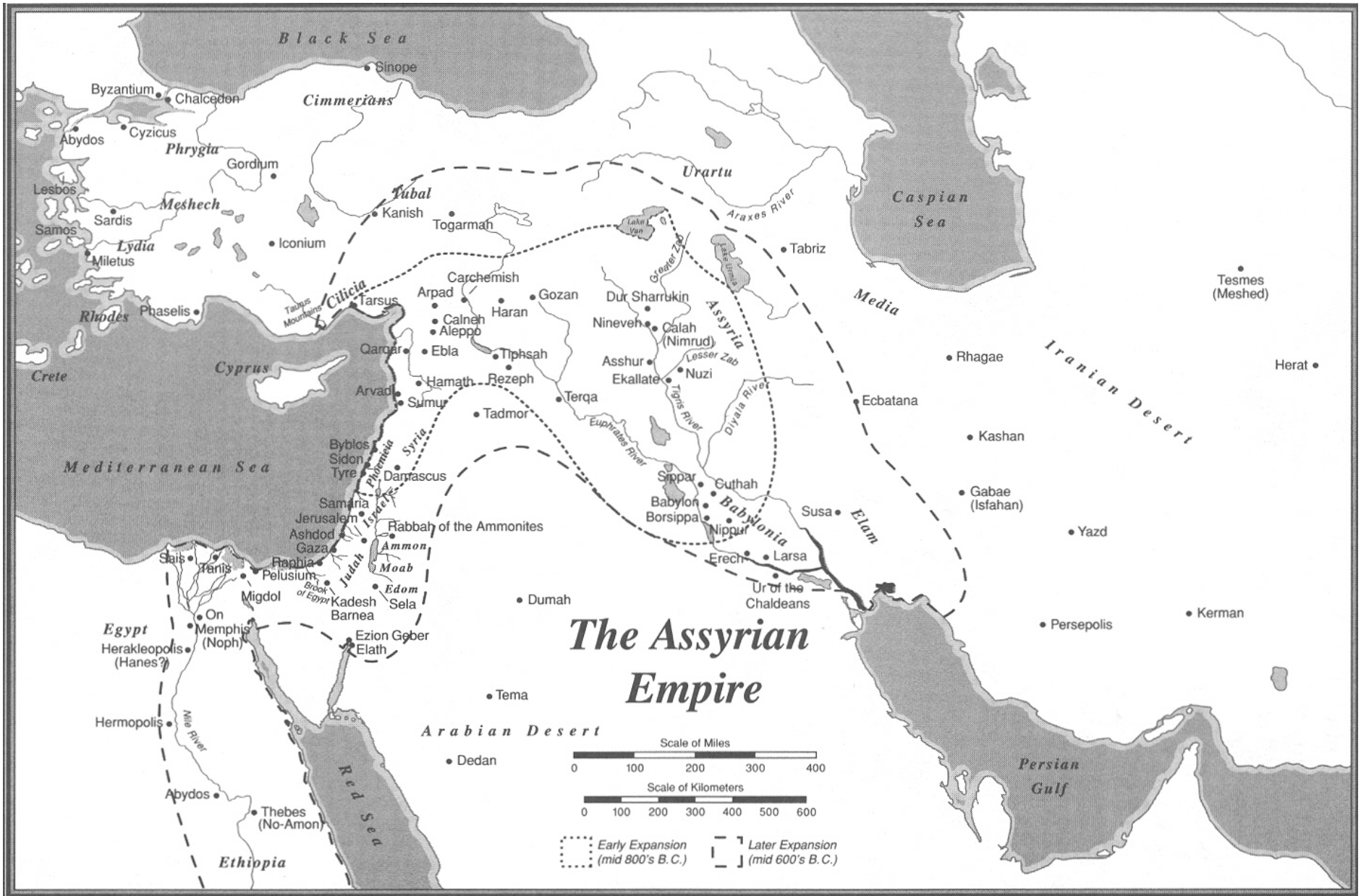
- ▶ What is the problem? Terrorism? Guns? The curse!
- ▶ Galatians 3:13-14
 - Redeemed from the curse
 - Receive the blessing of Abraham
- ▶ The Savior, Who is Christ the Lord!

If it be so, why am I thus?

- ▶ Genesis 25:22 – Rebekah’s question
- ▶ Reality v. perception
- ▶ Romans 8:28-32, 38-39
- ▶ Celebration deferred:
 - Romans 2:4; 9:22-24 – repentance and faith
 - 1 Peter 1:6-9 – the precious proof of your faith
- ▶ Gospel: preaching v. “fixing”
- ▶ Christmas in Chronicles

1&2 Chronicles

- ▶ Messiah's line from Genesis 1 to the end of the O.T.
- ▶ The Davidic Monarchy – the Everlasting Covenant
 - An eternal Kingdom
 - A dwelling place for God (1 Chronicles 17:11-14)
- ▶ The decline and fall of the Davidic Monarchy
- ▶ The divided Kingdom
 - Phase 1 – Kingdoms at war (10-16)
 - Phase 2 – Kingdoms allied together (17-22)
 - Phase 3 – Kingdoms in prosperity (23-27)
 - Phase 4 – decline and termination (28-39)



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2 CHRONICLES 26-28

- ▶ Josiah and Amaziah – recovery begins
- ▶ Uzziah (Azariah) – godly and prosperous – major sin
- ▶ Jotham – godly and prosperous – no failures
- ▶ Ahaz – ungodly – no goodness

Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26)

- ▶ 52 year reign (24/Amaziah + 12/Jotham)
- ▶ Prosperity
 - Military (26:6-9, 11-15)
 - Economic (26:10)
 - Spiritual (26:4-5, 15b)
- ▶ Unfaithful (26:16)
- ▶ Leprosy (26:17-21)
- ▶ Death as a leper (26:22-23)

Jotham (2 Chronicles 27)

- ▶ 25 years old when he became king
- ▶ Ruled 16 years (12 with Uzziah)
- ▶ Did right in the sight of the LORD (27:2)
- ▶ People kept to their sins
- ▶ Prosperous in building and war
- ▶ Mighty – he ordered his ways before the LORD his God
- ▶ Died in honor
- ▶ The goodness of Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah and Jotham

Ahaz (2 Chronicles 28)

- ▶ 20 years old – 16 years on the throne
- ▶ Great wickedness – like kings of Israel and Canaanites
- ▶ Under wrath (28:5)
 - Syria and Israel
 - Great defeat, but limited
- ▶ The “strange” intervention of the LORD
- ▶ Ahaz sought help from Tilgath-pilneser of Assyria
- ▶ Ahaz intensifies his defiance of God

The Christmas Story (Isaiah 7)

- ▶ It was the worst of times – great evil and great peril
- ▶ God's Word through Isaiah:
 - Be at peace – Fear not
 - Be faithful (Isaiah 7:9; Genesis 15:6; Habakkuk 2:4)
 - Ask for a sign
- ▶ Ahaz tests God – wants nothing from God
- ▶ The sign
 - A virgin will bear a son; Immanuel – God with us
 - Coming wrath (by Assyria)
- ▶ The Son (Isaiah 9:6-7) – the righteous King

From glory to shame . . . to hope

- ▶ God isn't fixing this!
- ▶ Failure to understand the problem – sin and death
- ▶ The truth: God alone can and has fixed this!
- ▶ Man cannot fix this in any generation
- ▶ Must see the sign – the Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
- ▶ Signs intended to bring to salvation (John 20:30-31)