

The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

The Reformation under Hezekiah

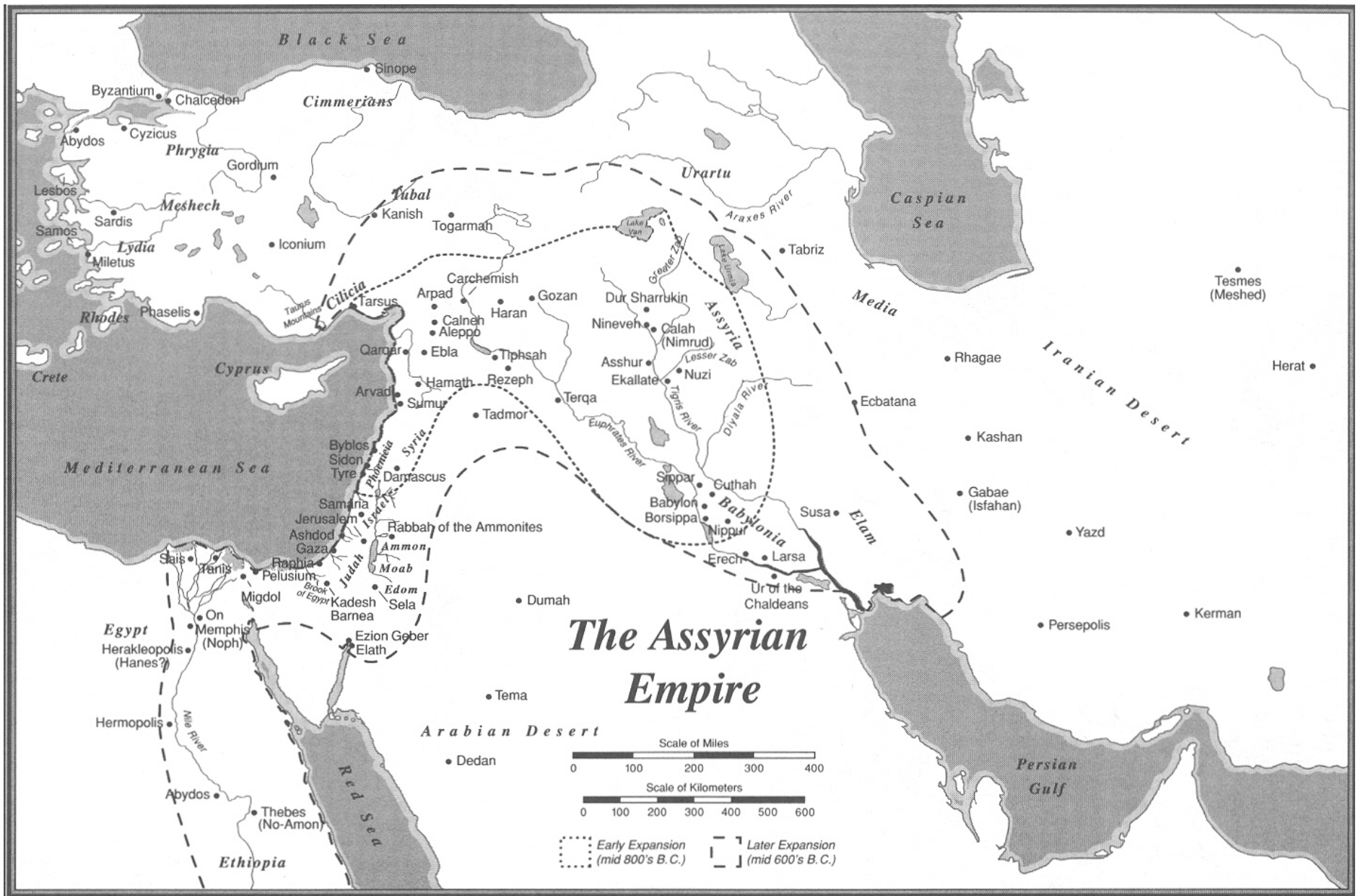
Lesson 16

2 Chronicles 29-32

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1&2 Chronicles

- ▶ The Messiah's trail through the Old Testament
- ▶ The Davidic Monarchy (1 Chronicles 17:10b-14)
- ▶ The House of God – David planned; Solomon built
- ▶ The Divided Kingdom
 - Phase 1: Conflict – Rehoboam, Abijam, Asa
 - Phase 2: Cooperation – Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, Ahaziah, Athaliah
 - Phase 3: Peace and prosperity – Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham
 - Phase 4: Decline and fall – Ahaz to Zedekiah (9 kings)



Holman Bible Handbook (Nashville: Holman Bible Publishers, 1992)

Important Biblical Era

- ▶ 2 Kings 18-20; 2 Chron. 29-32; Isaiah 36-39; Micah
- ▶ Isaiah – major new revelation
 - Rise and fall of Assyria
 - Rise and fall of Babylon
 - Rise of Medo-Persians
 - Decree of Cyrus to return and rebuild the Temple
 - Wrath and grace for Israel
 - The greatness of God
 - Messiah – virgin birth; God-man; suffering for sin; eternal reign

King Hezekiah

- ▶ 3 kings were like David:
 - Jehoshaphat (17:3, 6)
 - Hezekiah (29:2)
 - Josiah (34:2)
- ▶ Serious Assyrian threat
- ▶ Four main events:
 - Religious reformation
 - Assyrian invasion
 - Hezekiah healed from a terminal illness
 - Babylonian envoy

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2 Chronicles 29-32

- ▶ Religious reformation (29-31)
- ▶ Sennacherib's invasion (32:1-23)
- ▶ Hezekiah's terminal illness (32:24-26)
- ▶ Babylonian envoys (32:27-31)
- ▶ Final summary – “deeds of devotion” (32:32-33)

Restoration of Temple Service (29)

- ▶ A sense of urgency (29:1-4)
- ▶ Restoration of the temple, priests and Levites (29:3-19)
 - Exhortation
 - Purification of priests and Levites
 - Purification of Temple
- ▶ Restoration of Temple sacrifices (29:20-36)
 - Burnt offerings and sin offerings
 - Worship
 - Assembly – thank offerings, burnt offerings, peace offerings

Restoration of Passover (30)

- ▶ Invitation to all Israel (30:1-12)
 - Call to repent
 - Mixed response
 - The hand of God on Judah
- ▶ Passover (30:13-27)
 - Second month (Numbers 9:10-11)
 - The LORD healed the people
 - Extension to 2 weeks
 - Nothing like this since the days of Solomon
 - Prayer came to the presence of God

The Good, the Right and the True (31)

- ▶ Removal idolatry (31:1)
- ▶ Organization of priests and Levites (31:2)
- ▶ Giving and managements of gifts (31:3-21)
- ▶ Whole heart and prosperity (31:21)

The Assyrian Invasion (32:1-23)

- ▶ After these acts of faithfulness (32:1)
- ▶ Assyrian invasion in the 14th year
- ▶ Preparation by Hezekiah
- ▶ Sennacherib taunts Hezekiah and God (32:9-19)
- ▶ Hezekiah and Isaiah pray
- ▶ The LORD destroyed the Assyrian army
- ▶ The exaltation of Hezekiah (32:22-23)

Hezekiah's Mortal Illness (32:24-26)

- ▶ Prayer
- ▶ Deliverance
- ▶ A sign (Isaiah 38:22; 2 Kings 20:8-11)
- ▶ Hezekiah “gave no return” (32:25)
- ▶ Wrath and repentance

The Babylonian Envoys (32:27-31)

- ▶ Immense riches
- ▶ God gave him great wealth
- ▶ Hezekiah's tunnel
- ▶ Hezekiah prospered in all he did
- ▶ Tested by the Babylonian envoys

Hezekiah's Epitaph (32:32-33)

- ▶ “Deeds of devotion”
- ▶ Honored at his death
- ▶ His son, *Manasseh*, became king in his place

Seeking God with a Whole Heart

- ▶ What priority when facing adversity?
 - Ahaz – alliance with Assyria
 - Hezekiah – spiritual reformation
- ▶ Deuteronomy 6:4 – love for God
- ▶ 1 Peter 4:19; Hebrews 11:6 – faith
- ▶ Matthew 6:33-34 – priorities
- ▶ The heart of the matter (31:21)
- ▶ Life circumstances are tests for the heart!