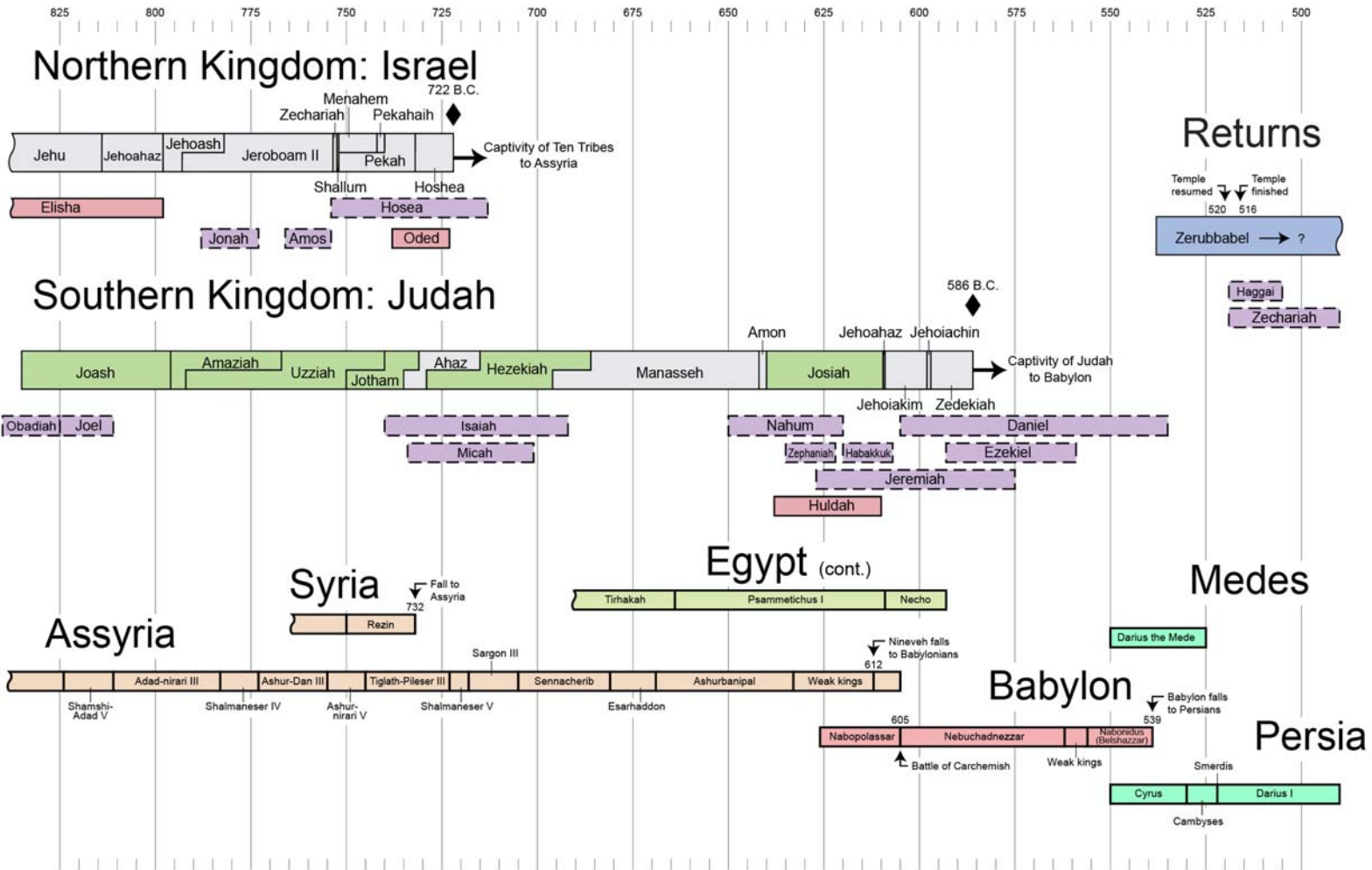


# **Isaiah: Behold Your God!**

**The LORD Names Cyrus  
Lesson 11  
Isaiah 43-45**

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# Time Line of Isaiah



# Isaiah – 1-39 and 40-66

## Historical setting

- Book 1: Assyrian invasion; Jerusalem spared
- Book 2: Babylonian captivity; Cyrus decrees the return

## Lesson from history

- Book 1: The LORD will rescue Jerusalem at the end of the age
- Book 2: The LORD will restore Israel in their land in that day

## Isaiah's message:

- Behold your God – Know God, His person, work and ways
- The just shall live by faith – Trust God

# Outline of Book 2 (Isaiah 40-66)

- ▶ Comfort in the Sovereign God (40-48)
- ▶ Comfort in God the Deliverer (49-59)
- ▶ Comfort in the Kingdom of God (60-66)
- ▶ “Truly, You are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior” (Isaiah 45:15)

# Comfort in the Sovereign God (40-48)

- ▶ 40 – The incomparable God is coming with wrath and blessing
- ▶ 41 – The conqueror and the failed servant
- ▶ 42 – *My Servant with My Spirit* and my blind servant
- ▶ Jeremiah's commentary in 30:12-16; 50:17-20; 51:5
- ▶ 43 – The LORD'S love for Israel, His blind servant
- ▶ 44 – The plan to bless contrasted with the futility of idolatry
- ▶ 45 – Cyrus to deliver Israel and God's plan to deliver the nations

# Israel, Honored and Loved by God (43)

- ▶ The Israel of God (Galatians 6:16)
- ▶ The love of God for Israel (43:1-7)
- ▶ Israel is *My* witness (43:8-13)
- ▶ The LORD'S plan to deliver from Babylon (43:14-21)
- ▶ The LORD'S plan to deliver Israel (43:22-28)

# The Ways of God (44)

- ▶ God's blessing for My servant Israel (44:1-8)
- ▶ The folly of idolatry (44:9-20)
- ▶ God's call to Israel (44:21-23)
- ▶ God's plan to use Cyrus (44:24-28)



# Cyrus, the Anointed of God (45)

- ▶ The LORD presents Cyrus, His anointed (45:1-8)
- ▶ The LORD responds to questions about his ways (45:9-17)
- ▶ The LORD looks beyond the deliverance by Cyrus (45:18-25)



# Lesson 11: The Lord Names Cyrus

- ▶ The God who hides Himself is the God who reveals Himself in the Word
- ▶ Behold your God!
- ▶ His ways are beyond our imagination so search the Scripture
- ▶ He loves His people and will be faithful and righteous with them
- ▶ The just shall live by faith – trust in Him for salvation and for daily living