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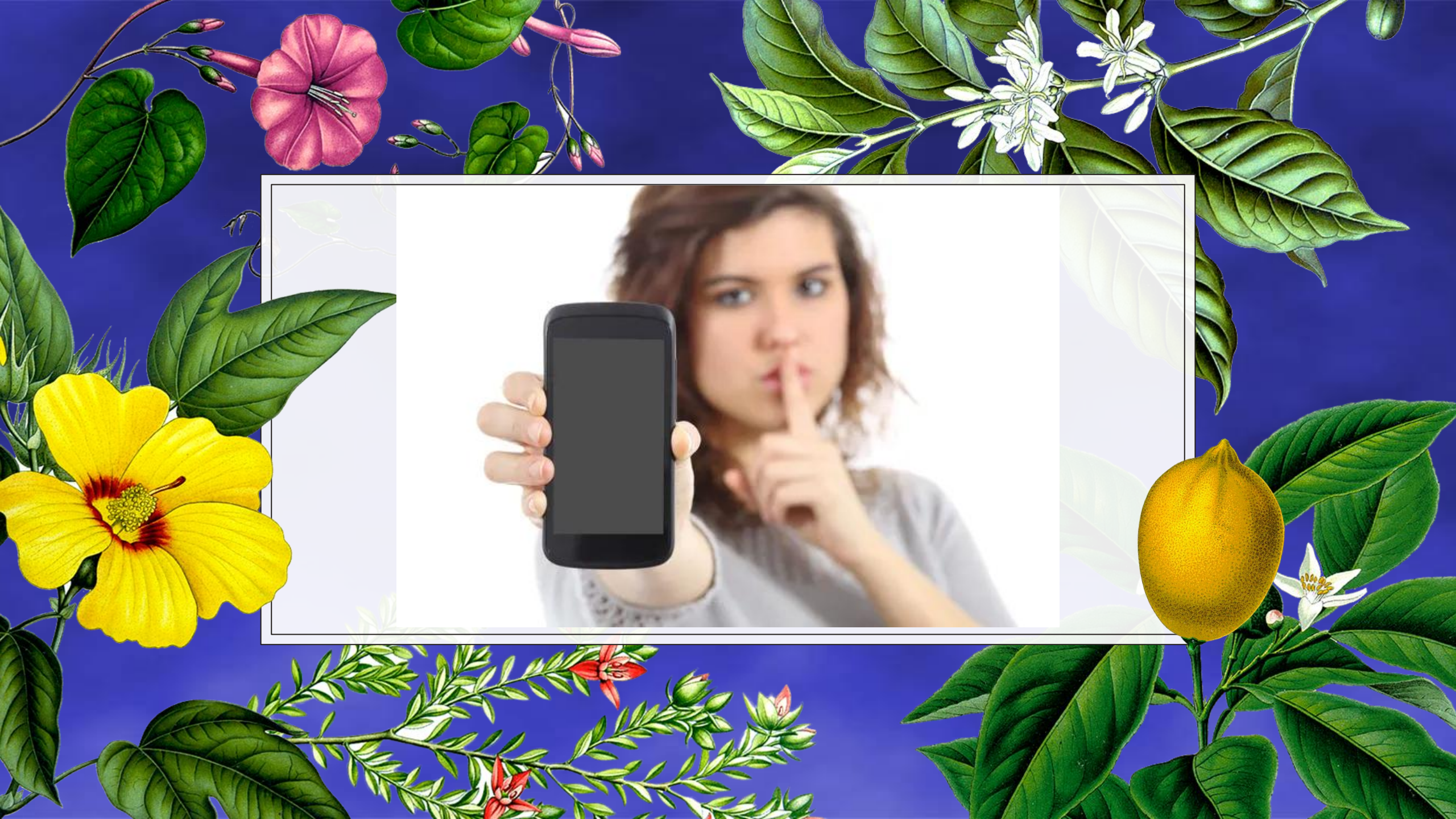
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Zechariah

An Introduction

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Jeremiah

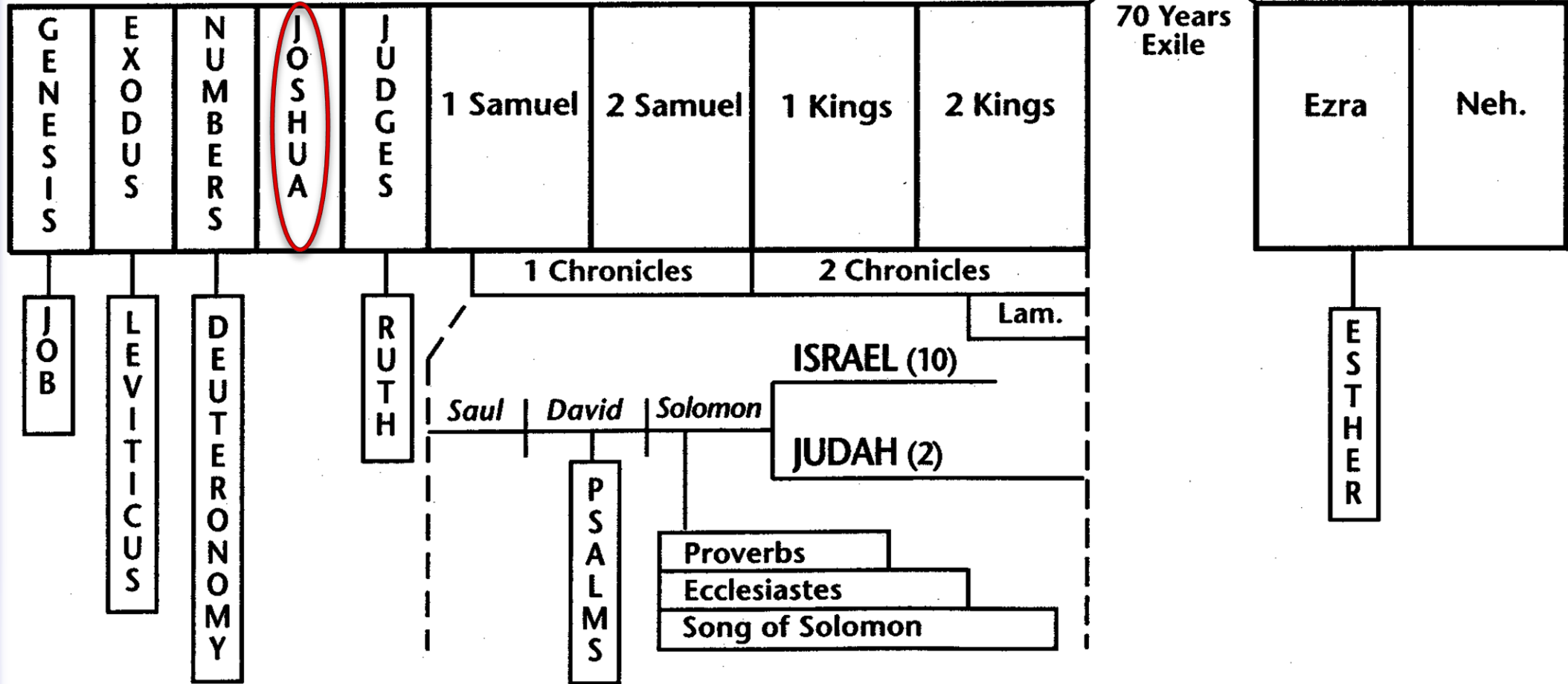
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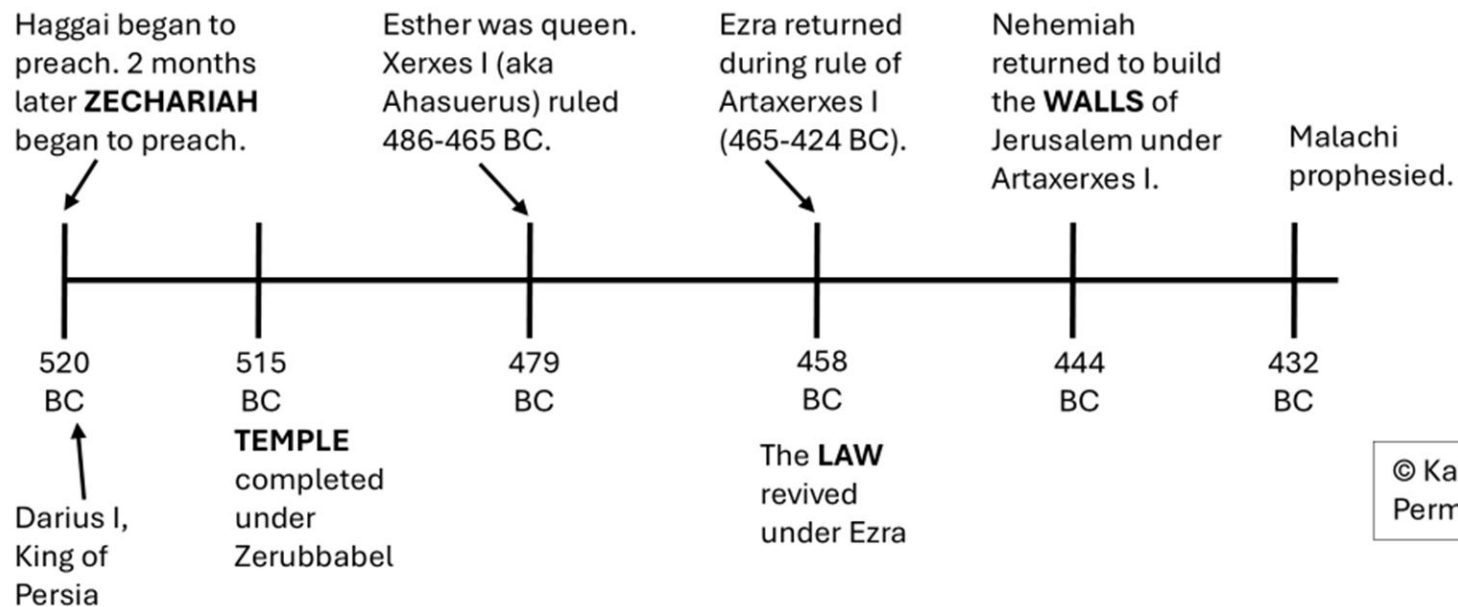
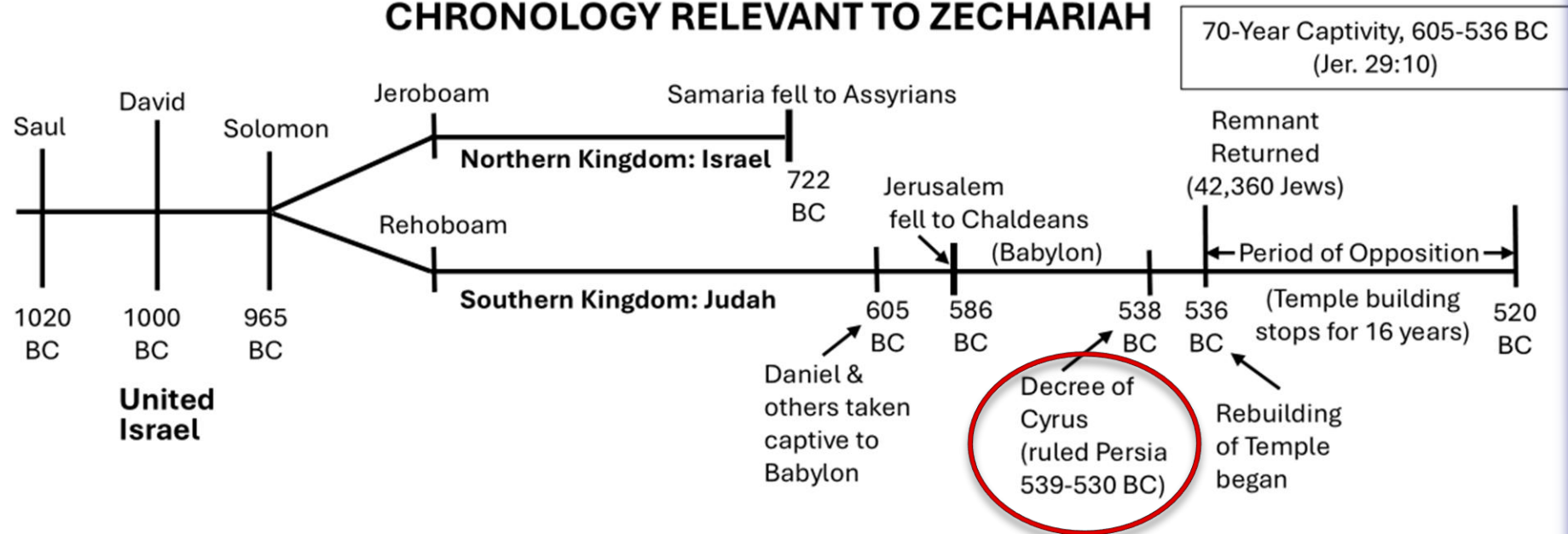
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

NORTH

Amos
Hosea



CHRONOLOGY RELEVANT TO ZECHARIAH



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The Cyrus Cylinder



Ezra 1:1–2

1. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia—in order to complete the word of Yahweh from the mouth of Jeremiah—Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he had a proclamation pass throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying:
2. “Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, ‘Yahweh, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.’”

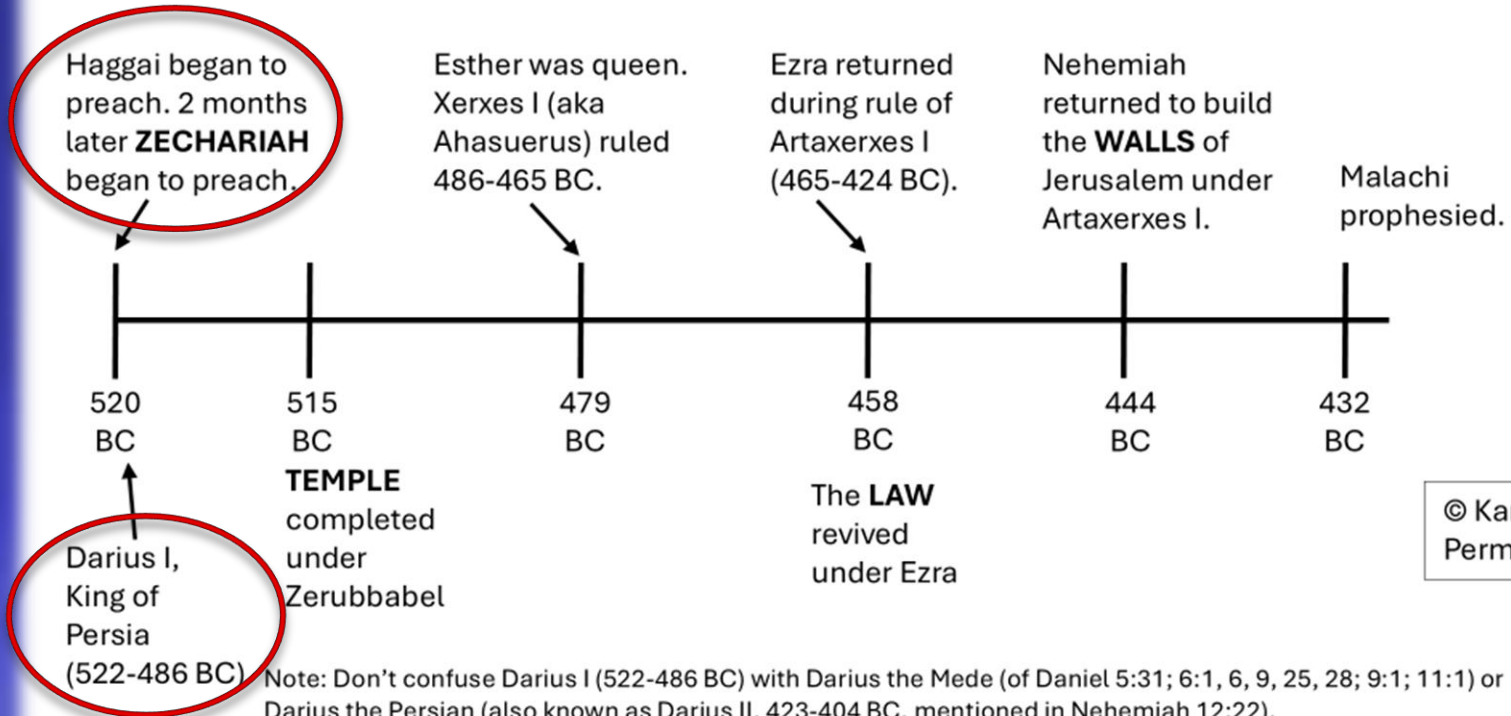
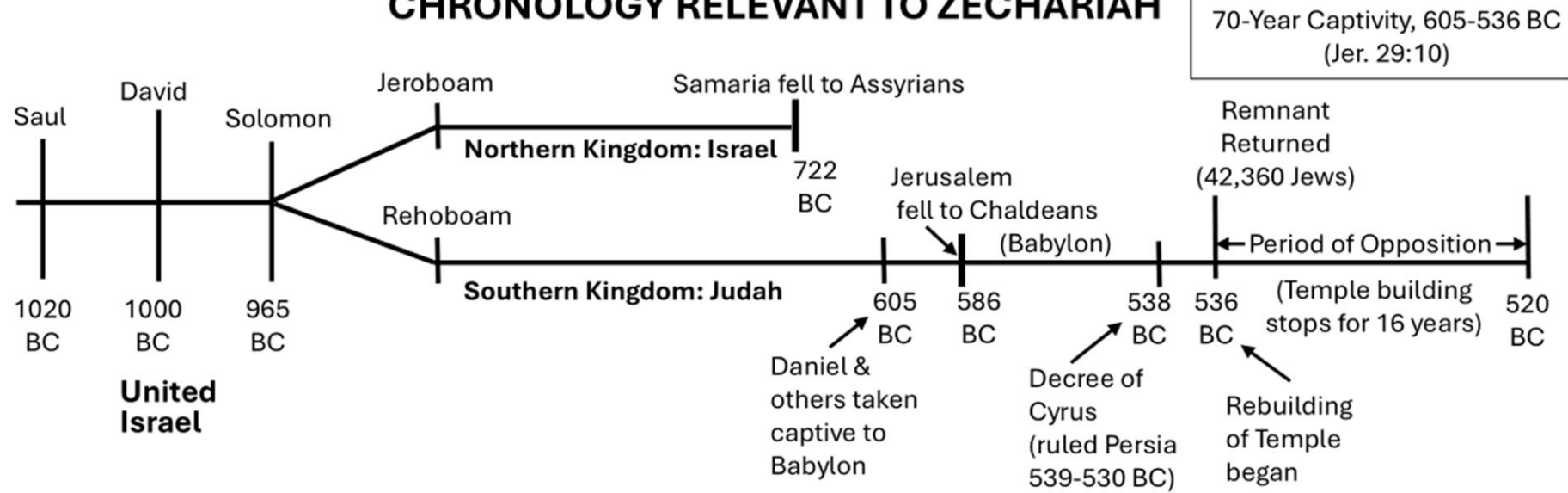
Ezra 1:3; 6:5

3. 'Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah and rebuild the house of Yahweh, the God of Israel; He is the God who is in Jerusalem.
...
5. 'And also let the gold and silver articles of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be returned and brought to their places in the temple in Jerusalem; and you shall deposit them in the house of God.'

Ezra 6:8

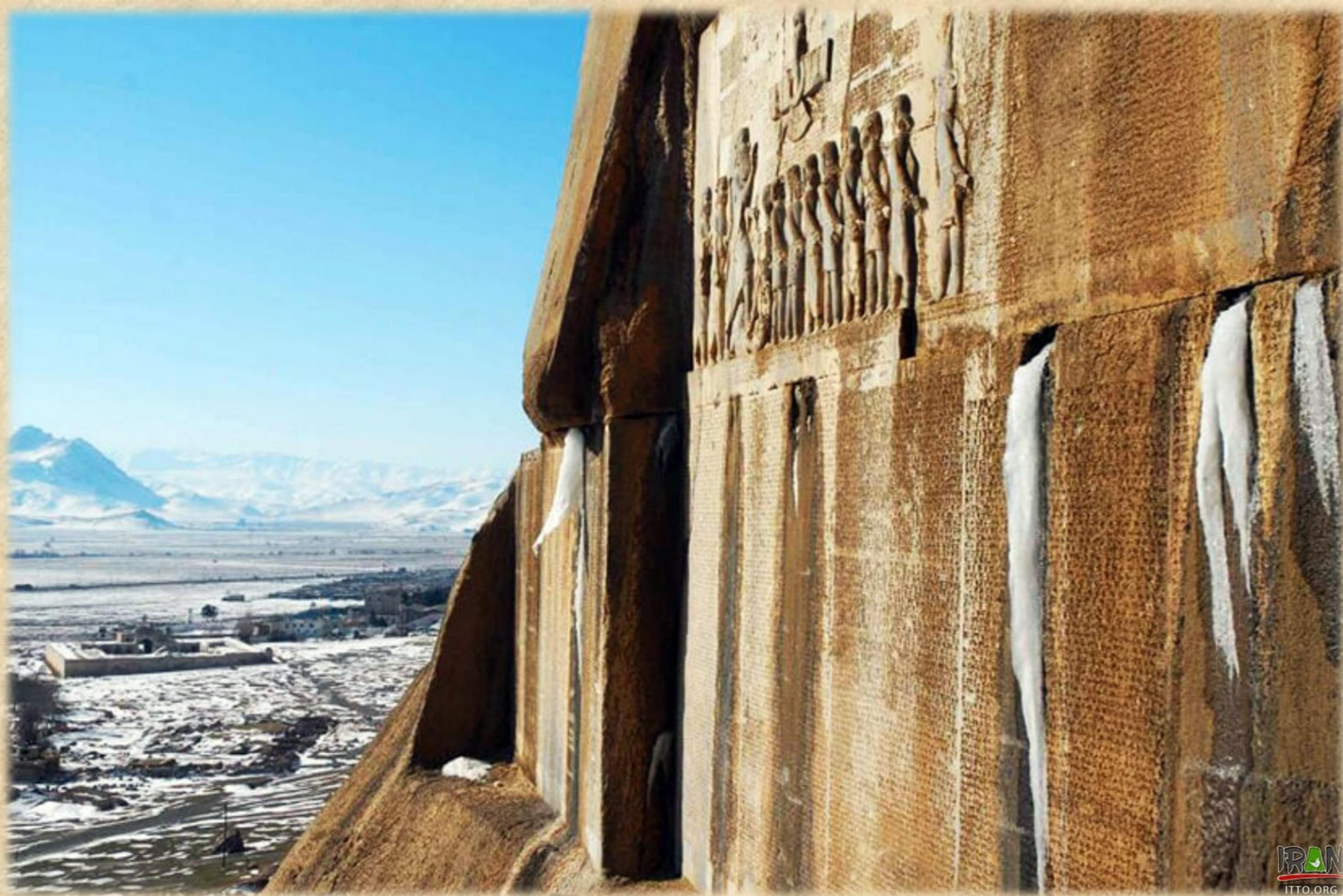
8. “Moreover, I issue a decree concerning what you shall do for those elders of Judah in the rebuilding of that house of God: the full cost is to be given to those people from the royal treasury out of the tribute of the provinces beyond the River, and that without negligence.

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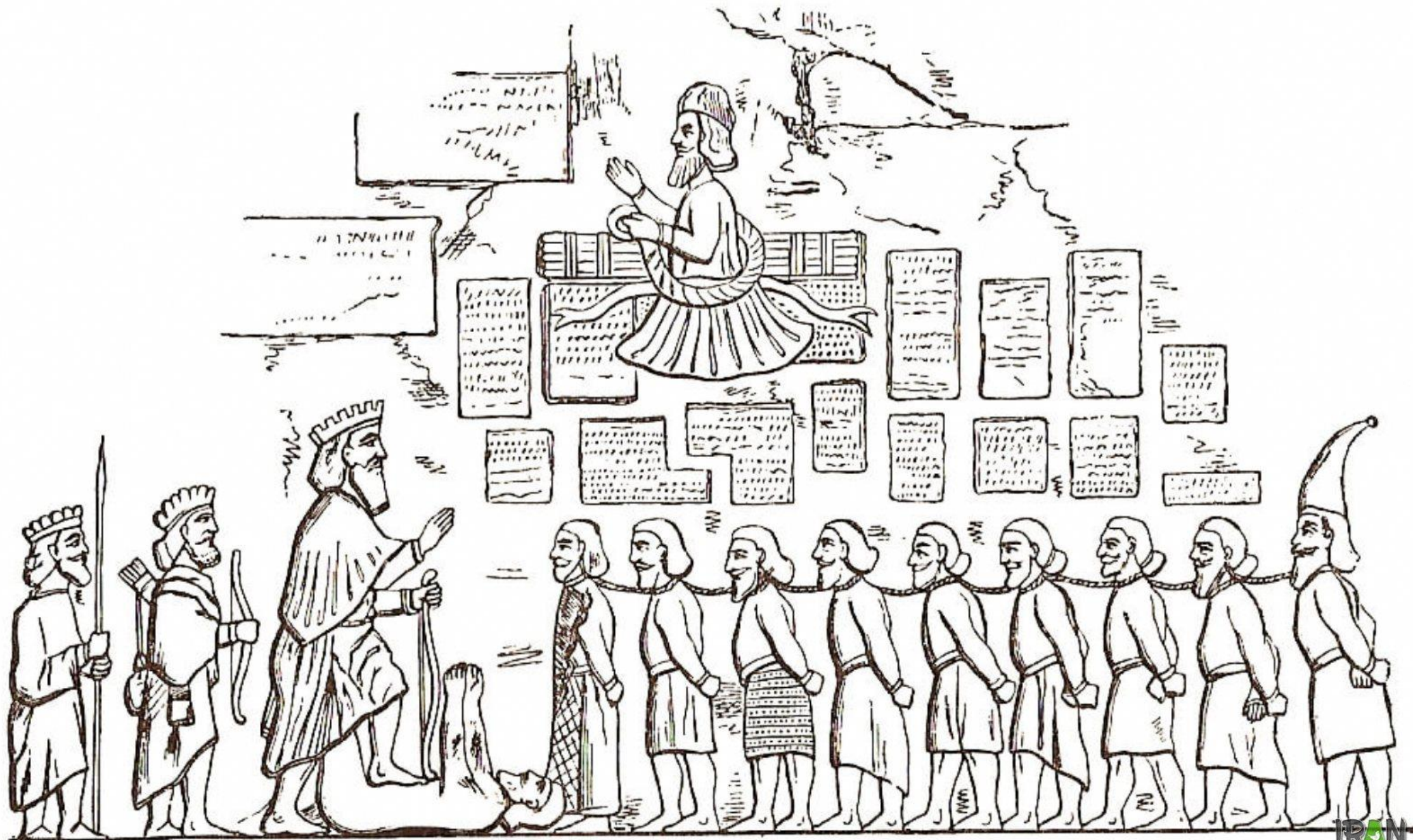


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Minor vs. Major Prophets

- The minor prophets from Hosea to Malachi are sometimes called “The Twelve.”
- The five books of the major prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel.
- The major prophets are longer & broader in scope.
- The minor prophets are shorter and sometimes narrower in focus.

Who was Zechariah?

- He was both a prophet and a priest (Zech. 1:1; Ezra 12:12, 16).
- He encouraged the people to resume building the temple (Ezra 5:1-2).
- He also encouraged the people to return to God (Zech. 1:3).
- His name means “Yahweh remembers.”
- He’s frequently quoted in the New Testament.

JEREMIAH:
 EXILE WILL LAST SEVENTY YEARS (ch. 30-33) (25:11, 29:10)
 VS.
 ZECHARIAH & HAGGAI
 SEVENTY YEARS, WHAT? (SEE EZRA 5:1-2)

ZECHARIAH

READING ZECHARIAH IS A WILD RIDE!

- LIFE DOESN'T FIT INTO NEAT, ORDERLY PATTERNS
- WE'RE INVITED TO LOOK ABOVE THE CHAOS & HOPE FOR THE COMING OF GOD'S KINGDOM

STARTLING IMAGERY

1:1-6 INTRODUCTION

↑ EARLIER PROPHETS

TURN BACK TO GOD! DON'T BE LIKE YOUR ANCESTORS!

WE REPENT! ...OR SO IT SEEMS

EXILE!

1:7-6 ZECHARIAH'S DREAM-VISIONS

WARNING: THESE ARE BIZARRE (LIKE YOUR DREAMS!)

THE IDEA OF GOD SPEAKING IN DREAMS IS ROOTED IN GENESIS (JACOB, ch20; JOSEPH, ch37; PHAROAH, ch1)

THEY EXPLAIN CURRENT EVENTS @B POINT TO THE FUTURE.

7-8 CONCLUSION

SHOULD WE STOP GRIEVING? IS GOD'S KINGDOM COMING SOON?

ONLY IF YOU ARE FAITHFUL TO THE COVENANT. (8:17)

QUESTION REVERSED: WILL YOU BECOME PEOPLE WHO ARE READY TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S KINGDOM?

EXILE!

9-11 IMAGES OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM, PT. 1

9-10 THE COMING KING...

REJOICE, JERUSALEM--YOUR KING COMES! HE'S RIGHTEOUS, HUMBLE, AND RIDES A DONKEY. (9:9)

NEW JERUSALEM

...BECOMES THE REJECTED SHEPHERD 11

LEADERS OF ISRAEL

PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

WILL THIS REJECTION LAST FOREVER...? **NO!**

1 FOUR HORSEMEN ON PATROL 1:8-17

THE WORLD IS AT PEACE! (1:11)

GOD RAISED UP PERSIA TO CONQUER BABYLON & BRING PEACE.

2 FOUR HORNS, FOUR BLACKSMITHS 1:18-21

SYMBOL OF ASSYRIA & BABYLON (ISRAEL)

SYMBOL OF PERSIA

3 JERUSALEM IS MEASURED 2:1-13

LET US HELP!

WELCOME!

4 JOSHUA, THE HIGH PRIEST 3:1-10

IF YOU ARE FAITHFUL TO GOD, YOU WILL LEAD HIS PEOPLE... AND BECOME A SYMBOL OF THE FUTURE MESSIANIC KING. (3:7-8)

ISRAEL'S SIN REMOVED

BONUS VISION! 6:9-15

SYMBOL OF FUTURE MESSIANIC PRIEST-KING, BUT ONLY IF THIS GENERATION OBEYS GOD.

8 FOUR HORSEMEN ON PATROL 6:1-8

UNANSWERED

THE NORTH LAND IS AT REST! (6:8)

7 WOMAN IN A BASKET 5:5-11

SHIMAR (BABYLON)

SYMBOL OF ISRAEL'S REBELLION EXILED TO BABYLON

6 THE FLYING SCROLL 5:1-4

DON'T STRAY!

DON'T LIE!

5 ZERUBABEL, KOTAL HEIR OF DAVID 4:1-14

JOSHUA

ZERUBABEL

SUCCESS WILL COME ONLY IF THEY DEPEND ON GOD'S SPIRIT.

12-14 IMAGES OF THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM, PT. 2

GOD'S JUSTICE CONFRONTS EVIL AMONG THE NATIONS (SEE JOHN 3 & EZEKIEL 38-39)

GOD POURS OUT A SPIRIT OF REPENTANCE ON HIS PEOPLE (12:10)

WE'RE SORRY WE REJECTED YOU!

NEW JERUSALEM

RIVER OF LIFE

ALL NATIONS

What if you need help understanding?

- James 1:5 says, “But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”
- Jesus promised, “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; . . . and He will disclose to you what is to come” (John 16:13).

Daniel 12:8–10

- As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, “My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?” Then he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the time of the end. “Many will be purged, purified, and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.”
- Sometimes God wants us to wait for understanding.

Something God doesn't want us to wait about:

- “Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies” (Zech. 1:3b, NLT).
- For God says, “At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you. Indeed, the ‘right time’ is now. Today is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2, NLT).
- “There is no other name under heaven [than Jesus] . . . by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12b, LSB).