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Prophetic Ministry: 800 – 430 B.C.

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Post-exilic Prophets

Historical Background

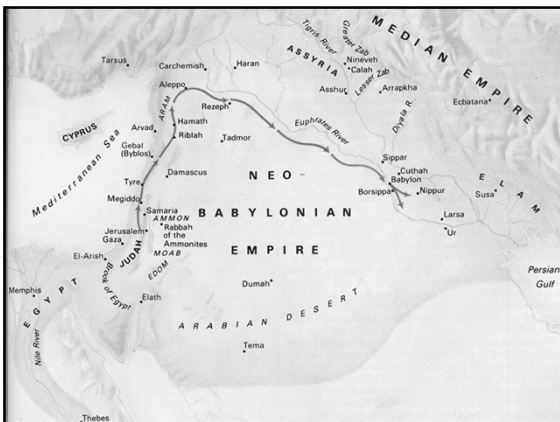
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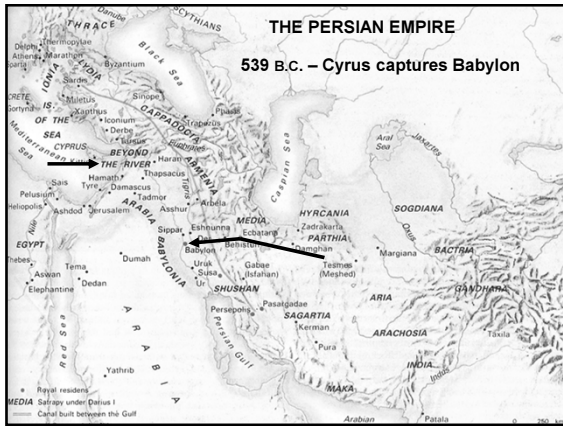
- 722 B.C.
 - Samaria and the northern kingdom of Israel is destroyed and taken into exile by Assyria
- Judah alone (southern kingdom)
 - God sends the prophets Micah, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah to confront Judah’s sin
 - Announce that God will judge Judah by removing them from the land

Historical Background

Judah’s Captivity

- 605 B.C. – First deportation; talented upper-class Hebrews (e.g. Daniel & friends)
- 597 B.C. – Second deportation; over 10,000 deported from Jerusalem
- 586 B.C. – Nebuchadnezzar destroys the temple and Jerusalem; hundreds of thousands taken into captivity





Historical Background

Return from Exile

- 538 B.C. – Cyrus issues a decree allowing Hebrews to return home and build the temple
- 536 B.C. – work on the temple begins; the foundation is laid
 - *work ceases due to fear and discouragement
- 520 B.C. – Work resumes on the temple under the encouragement of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah

Haggai

“Consider Your Ways!”

Setting: 520 B.C.

- work on the temple has been neglected for 16 years; people are preoccupied with other things

Message: “Consider your ways”

- examine your priorities and the outcome of your pursuits; put the Lord and His work first