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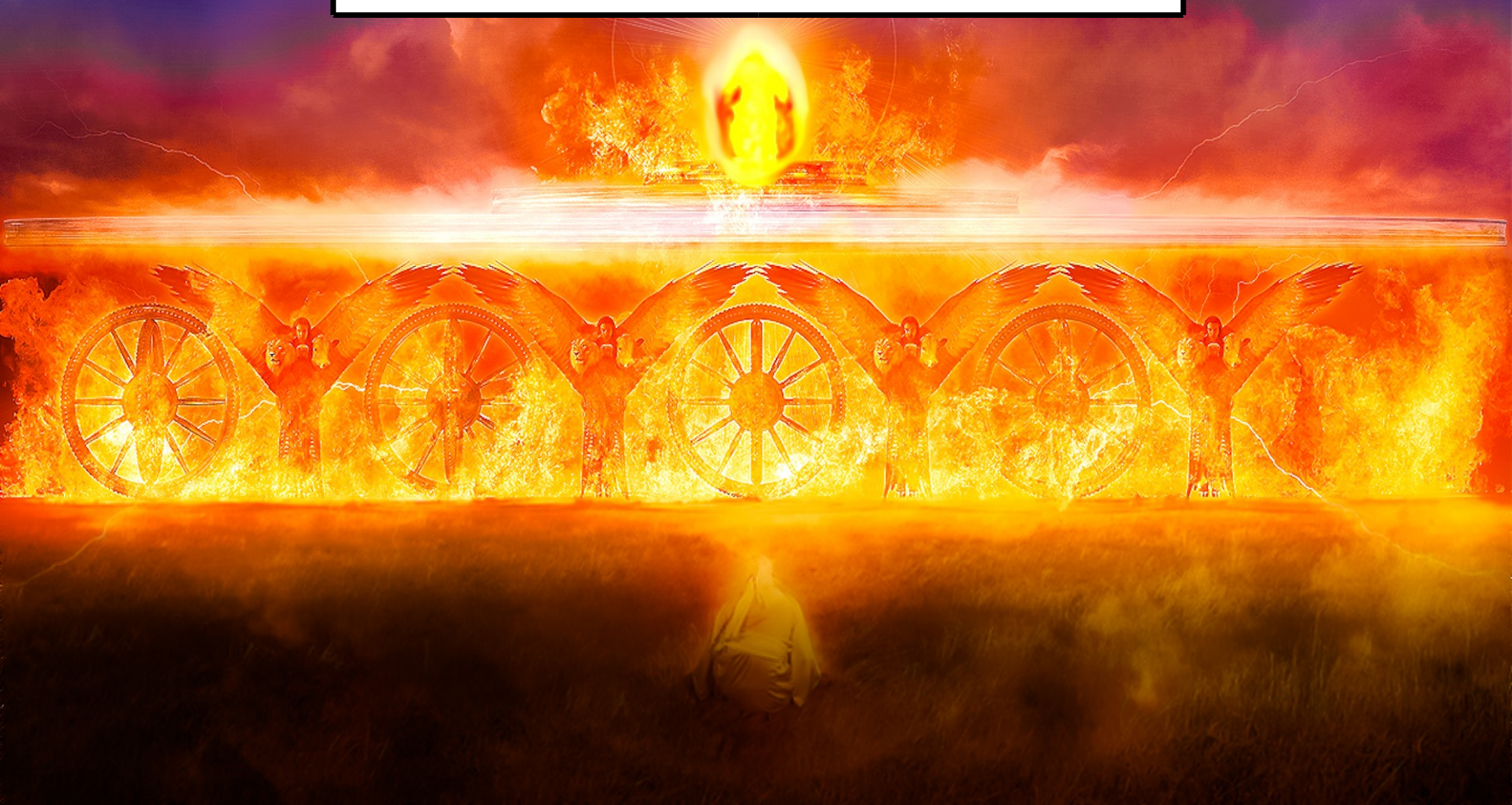
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Overwhelmed and compelled by the LORD

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Eze 8:1 In the sixth year, in the sixth month on the fifth day, while I was sitting in my house and the elders of Judah were sitting before me, the hand of the Sovereign LORD came upon me there.

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Like in chapter 8

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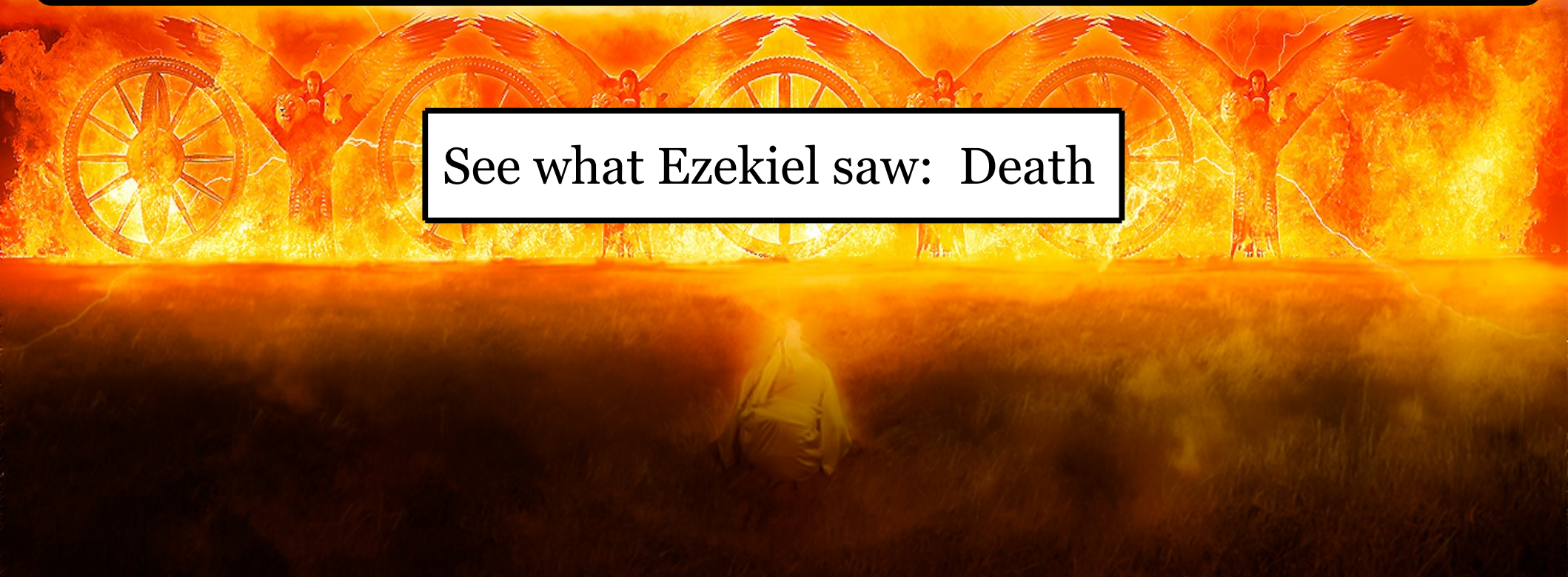
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See what Ezekiel saw: Death





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Very dry bones

- Very dead!
- Had been dead for a long time!
- Feel the hopelessness!



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A useless task?

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Eze 37:5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

Eze 37:6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. **Then you will know that I am the LORD.**"

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Joh 11:43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "**Lazarus, come out!**"

Joh 11:44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "**Take off the grave clothes and let him go.**"

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Joh 5:29 and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

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The LORD creates life from dust

Gen 2:7 the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.



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Eze 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

Eze 37:8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

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Eze 37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

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“Our hope is gone”

But there was hope!

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Back from their spiritual graves

Eze 36:24 "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land.

Eze 36:25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

Eze 36:26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Eze 36:27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Eze 36:28 You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

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Hope for the Hopeless

Dry bones represent Israel in exile

- They were spiritually dead.
- They had given up hope.
- God would restore them to spiritual life!
 - Purified
 - New heart
 - New Spirit
 - Moved by God's Spirit to follow his decrees
- They would return to the Promised Land!

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Hope for the Hopeless

Isa 1:18 "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Isa 1:19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land;

Isa 1:20 but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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Spiritually dead

Eph 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
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How dead were you?

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The LORD raises the spiritually dead

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved--

Eph 2:6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

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1Ti 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners —of whom I am the worst.

1Ti 1:16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

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1Co 15:55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"



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Eze 37:13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

Eze 37:14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. **Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it,** declares the LORD."

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Two Sticks

Eze 37:15 The word of the LORD came to me:

Eze 37:16 "Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, 'Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.' Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, 'Ephraim's stick, belonging to Joseph and all the house of Israel associated with him.'

Eze 37:17 Join them together into one stick so that they will become one in your hand.

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Eze 37:18 "When your countrymen ask you, 'Won't you tell us what you mean by this?'

Eze 37:19 say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim's hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah's stick, making them a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand.'

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Eze 37:20 Hold before their eyes the sticks you have written on

Eze 37:21 and say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.

Eze 37:22 I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms.



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The Divided Kingdom

1Ki 11:31 Then he said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces for yourself, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'See, I am going to tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand and give you ten tribes.

1Ki 11:32 But for the sake of my servant David and the city of Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, he will have one tribe.

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1Ki 11:33 I will do this because they have forsaken me and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Molech the god of the Ammonites, and have not walked in my ways, nor done what is right in my eyes, nor kept my statutes and laws as David, Solomon's father, did.

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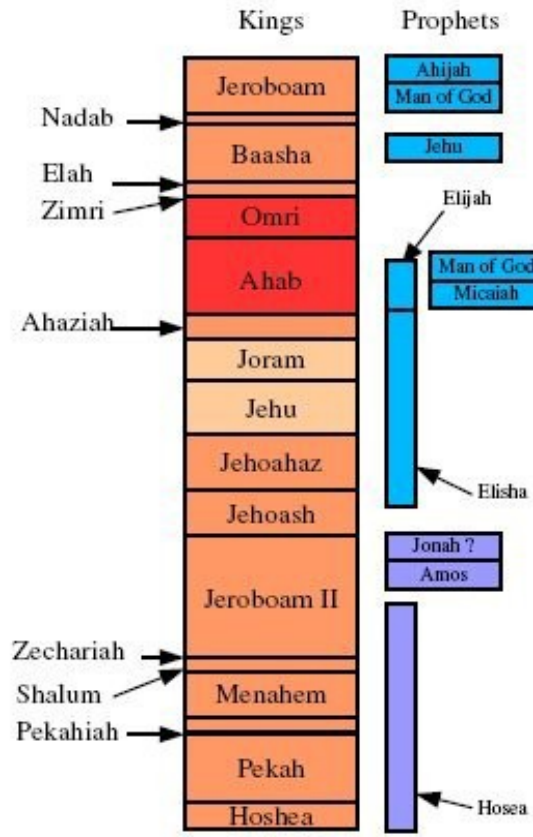
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1Ki 11:36 I will give one tribe to his son so that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I chose to put my Name.

Israel

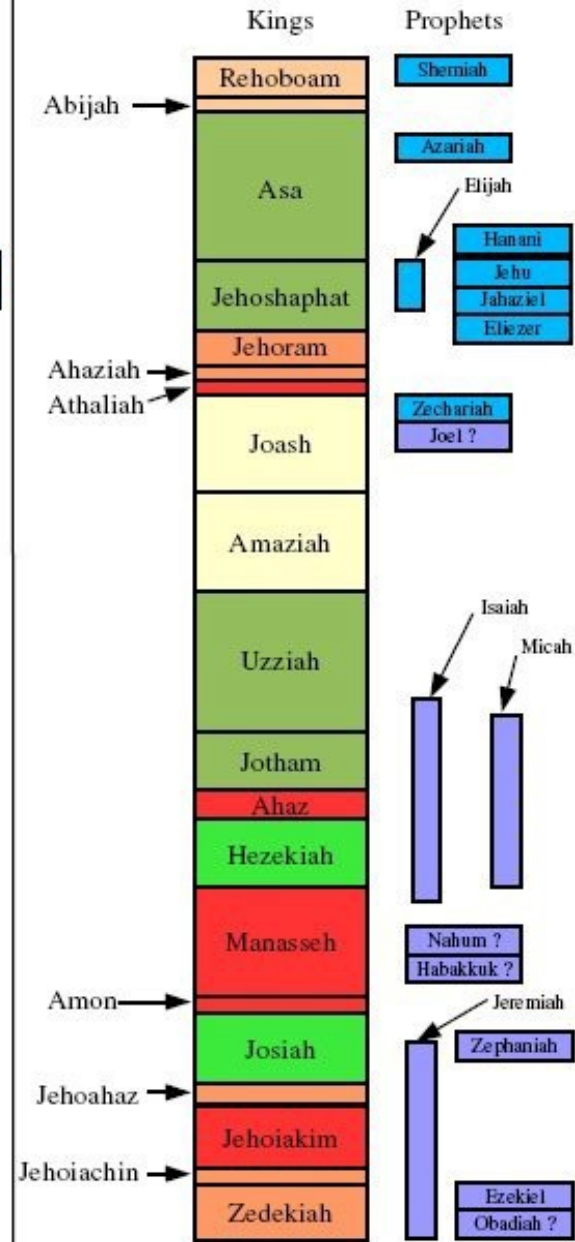


Assyrian Captivity

Prophet who did not write book
 Prophet who wrote book of Bible

Kings
 Good Evil

Judah



Babylonian Captivity

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Kingdom divided after Solomon

- Israel – about 210 years after Solomon
 - Assyrian captivity
- Judah – about 345 years after Solomon
 - Babylonian captivity
- 70 years in Babylon
- Returned together after about 415 years

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Reunification

Jer 3:18 In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers for a heritage.

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Eze 37:26 I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever.

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A New Covenant

Jer 32:40 I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and **I will inspire them to fear me**, so that they will never turn away from me.

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Eze 37:27 My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Eze 37:28 Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever."



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