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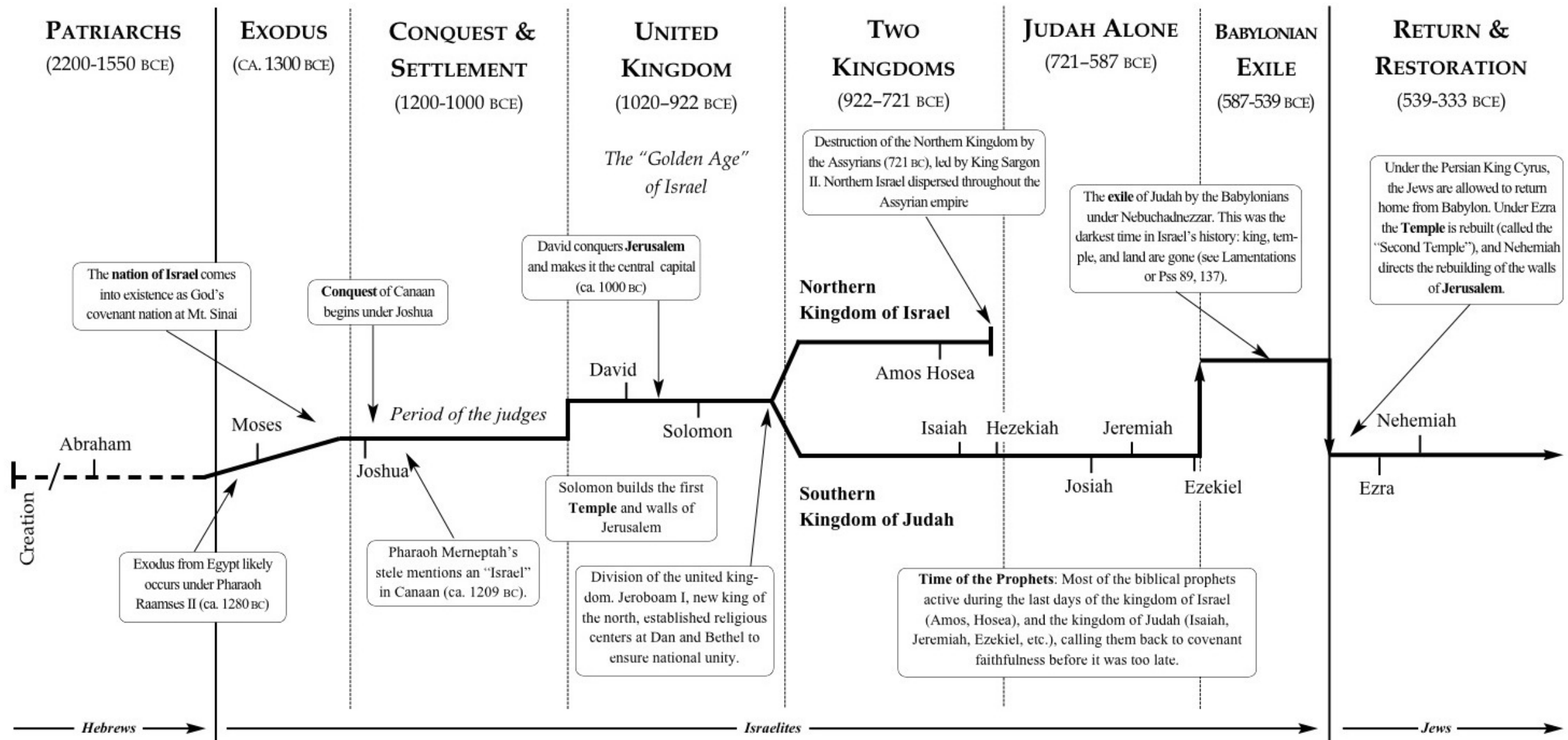


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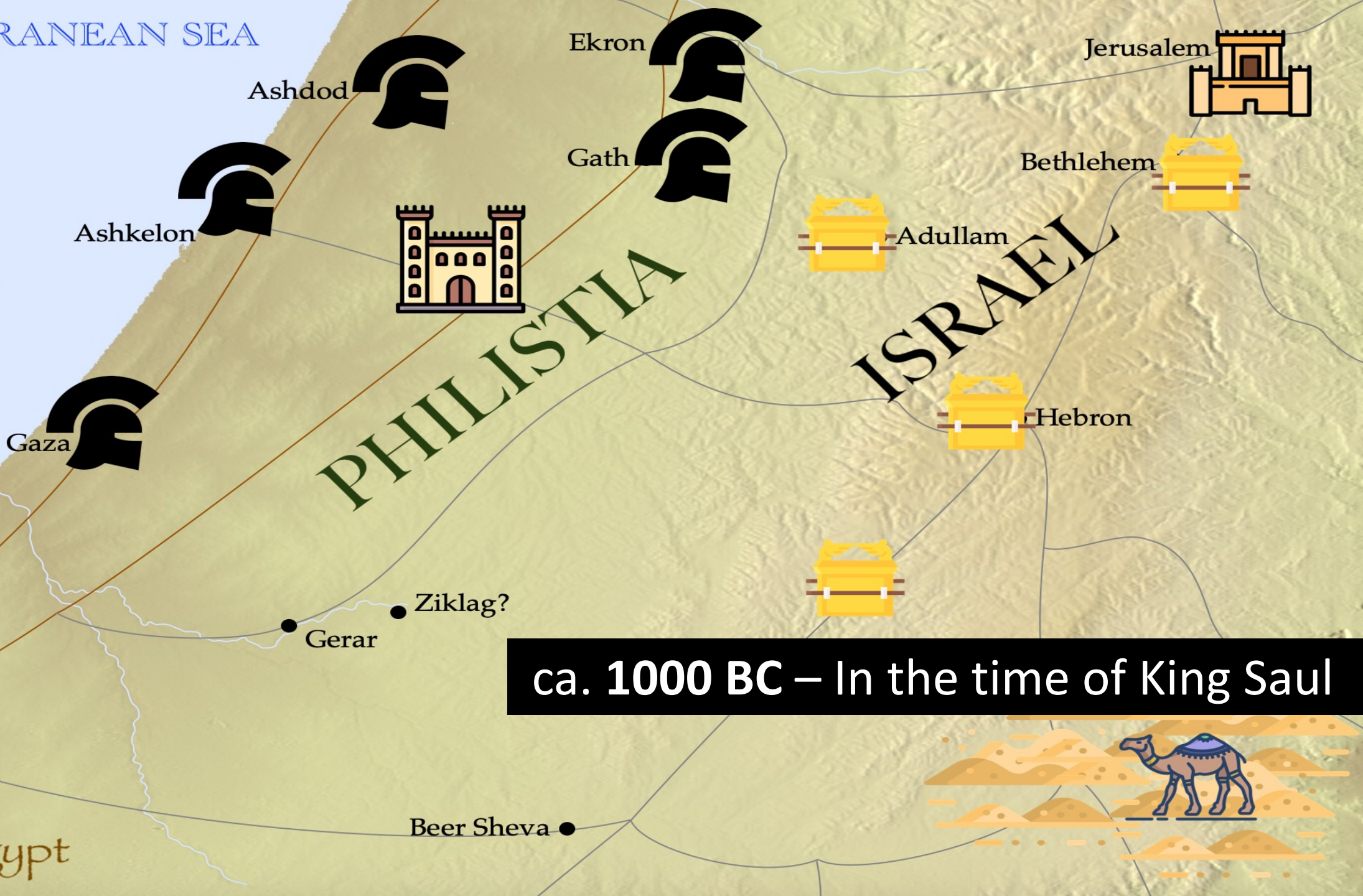
David: Seeking the Heart of God

Part 7 of 12

The Old Testament Story†



MEDITERRANEAN SEA



ca. 1000 BC – In the time of King Saul

1 Samuel 13:14 NIV – Samuel’s Word to King Saul

“But now your kingdom must end, for the Lord has sought out **a man after his own heart**. The Lord has already appointed him to be the leader of his people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.”

1 Samuel 16:7 NIV – Samuel at Jesse's House

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him [eldest son of Jesse]. **The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**”











Psalms of David

David was a poet, songwriter, and musician. He expressed his thoughts, feelings, and heart for God in the Book of Psalms. It is noted in the Bible that David wrote 73 of 150 psalms.



2 SAMUEL 11-12



PSALM 51





2 Samuel 7:8-16

vs. 13-14

"... and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son."

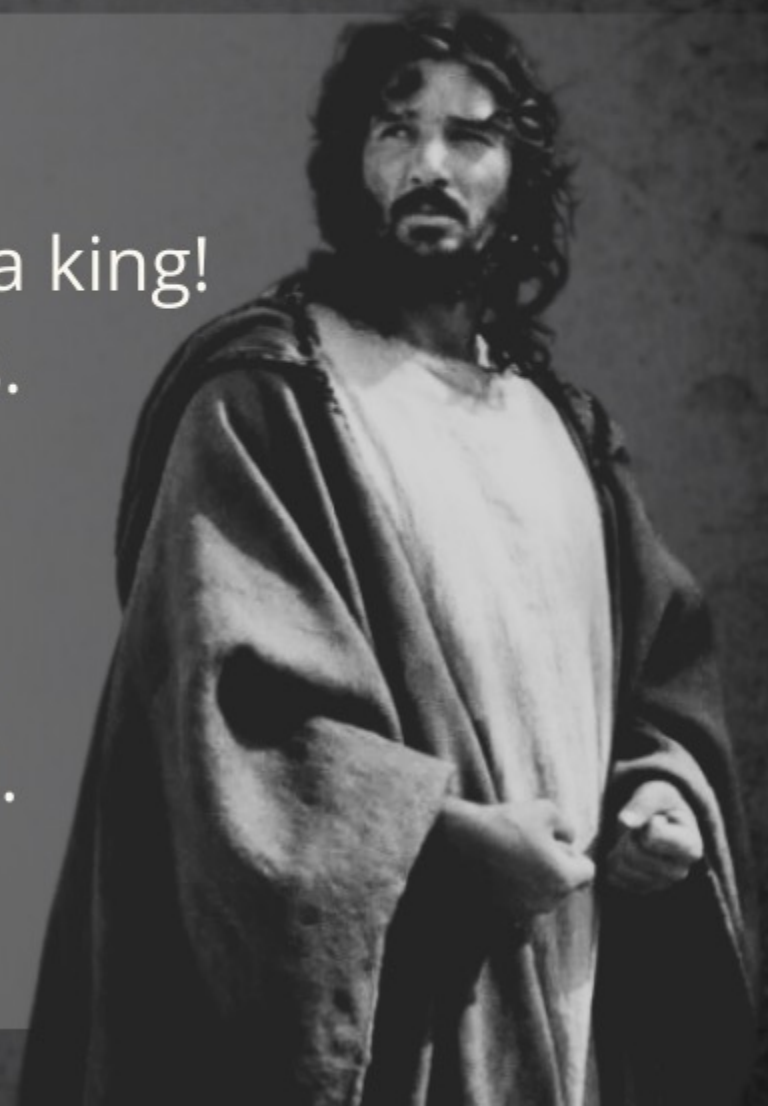
Jeremiah 29:11-14 NIV – Hope for God's Exiled People

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you [Israel/Church],” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ **You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.** ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

LESSONS FROM DAVID

What can we learn from David's story?

- When others see a shepherd boy, God sees a king!
- We can trust God to fight for us and bless us.
- David was "a man after God's own heart" because he passionately pursued God.
- Our sins can have disastrous consequences; we must stay alert and on guard against evil.
- David was both a saint *and* a sinner.



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4. How is God inviting you to stay humble, teachable, and vigilant in your faith as you get older?

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