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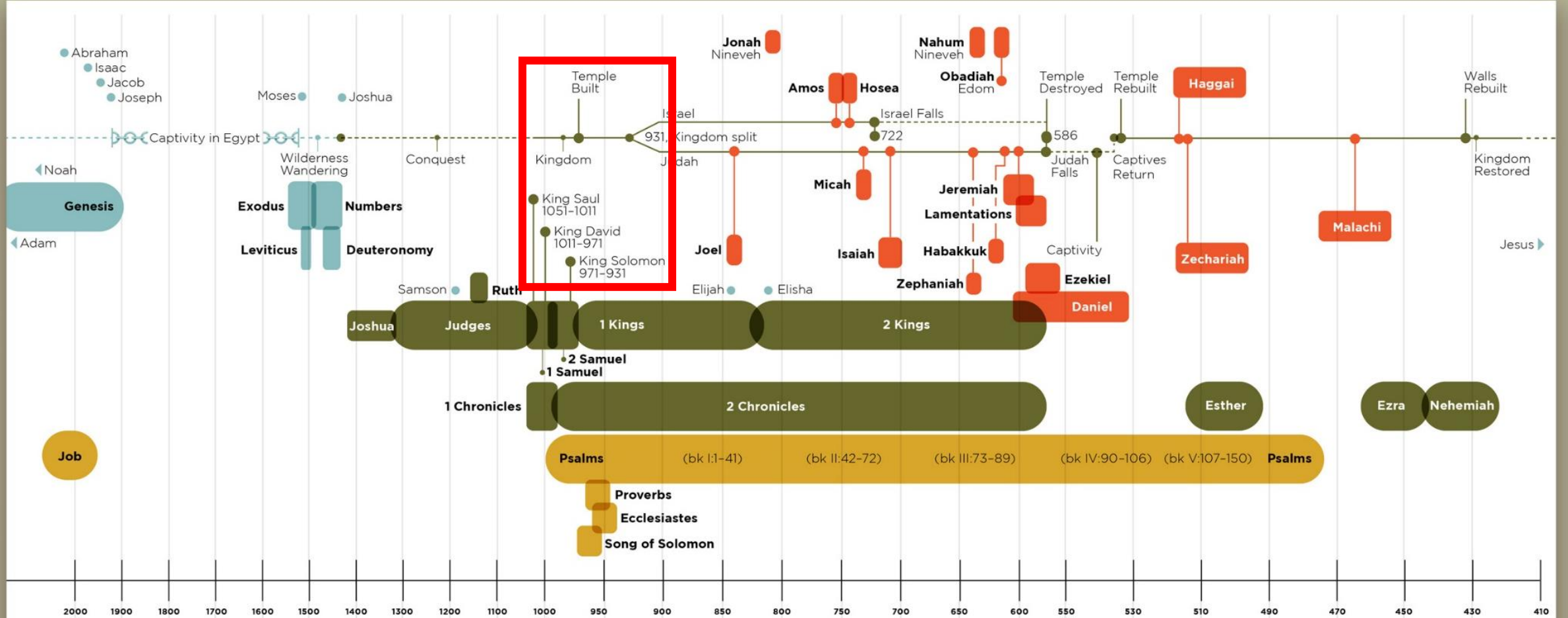
5 I will break its military power in the Jezreel Valley.”

6 Soon Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. And the LORD said to Hosea, “Name your daughter Lo-ruhamah—‘Not loved’—for I will no longer show love to the people of Israel or forgive them.

7 But I will show love to the people of Judah. I will free them from their enemies—not with weapons and armies or horses and charioteers, but by my power as the LORD their God.”

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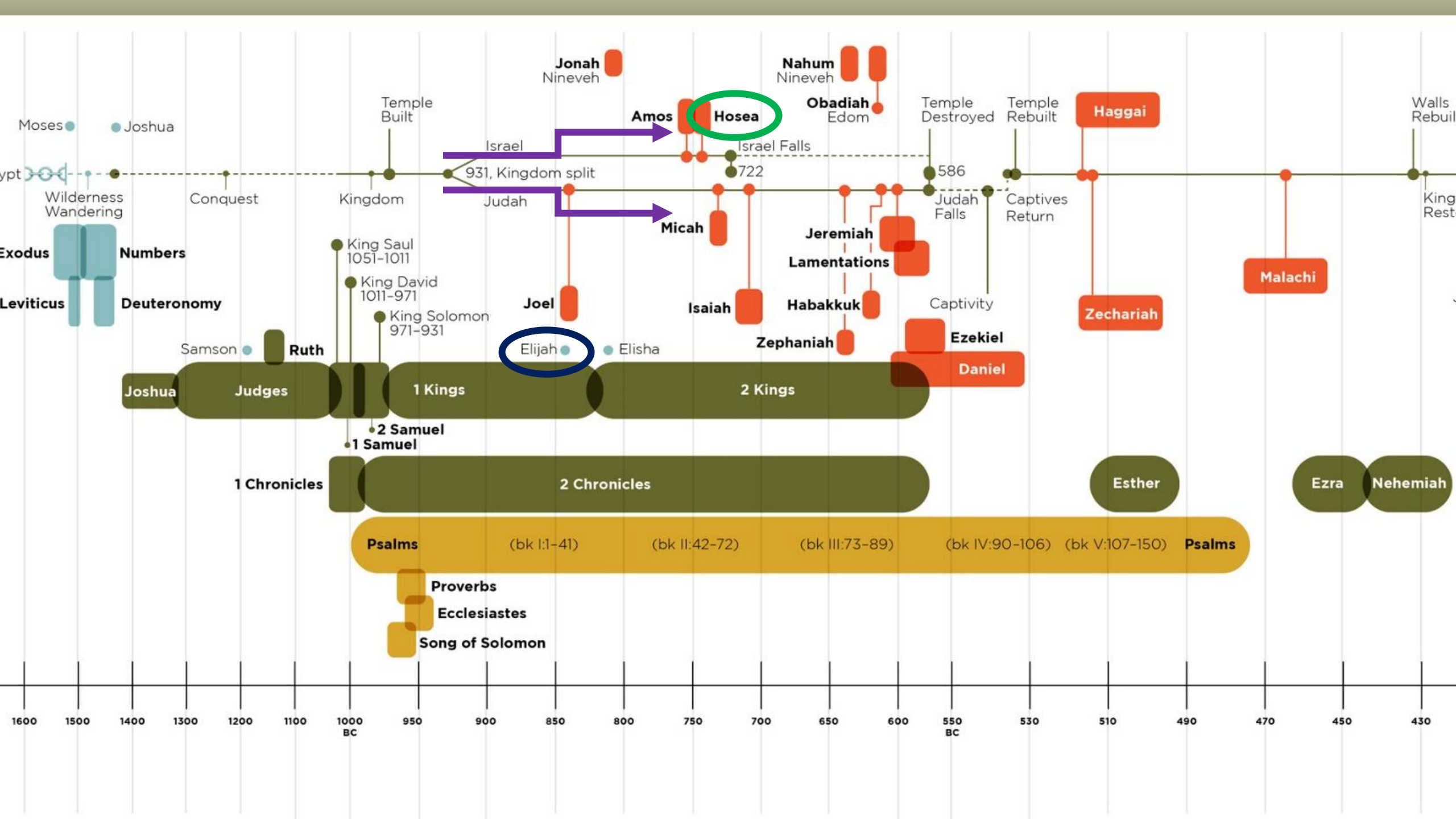
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And (Jesus) beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:27

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel. Ezra 7:10



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The Divided Kingdom

Israel & Judah

1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 17 · c. 930–722 BC

After Solomon the land split. Strong colour marks the two kingdoms.

ISRAEL

Northern kingdom

First king	Jeroboam I
Capital	Samaria
Earlier	Shechem, Tirzah
People	Northern tribes
Shrines	Dan and Bethel
Fell	Assyria, 722 BC

2 Kings 17

JUDAH

Southern kingdom

First king	Rehoboam
Capital	Jerusalem
Dynasty	House of David
People	Judah, Benjamin
Worship	The temple
Fell	Babylon, 586 BC

2 Kings 25 · after Israel had fallen

SURROUNDING NATIONS Named, not highlighted

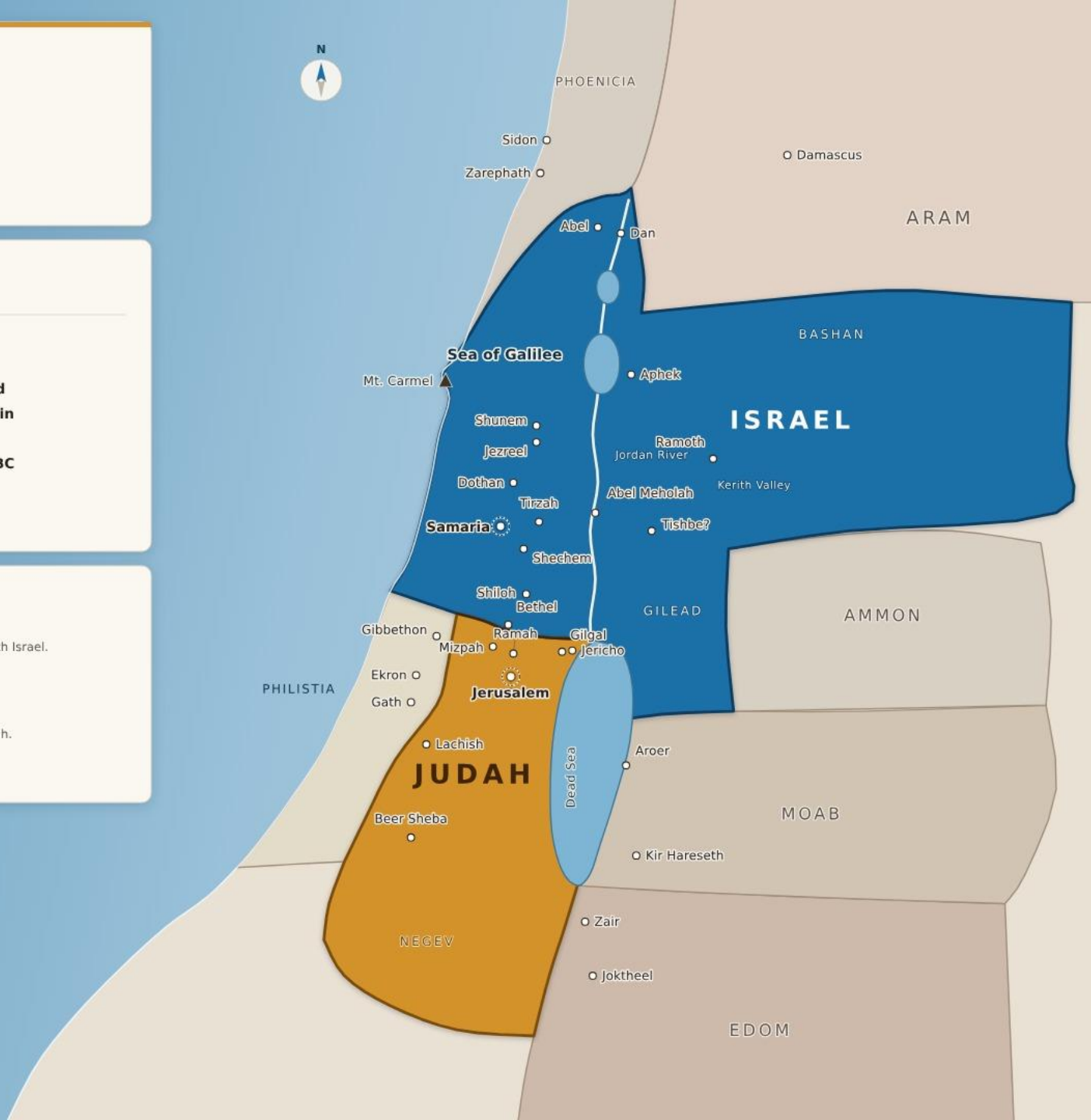
 Phoenicia Coastal ports. Sidon, Zarephath.	 Aram Kingdom of Damascus. Often at war with Israel.
 Philistia Coastal cities on Judah's western side.	 Ammon Tableland east of the Jordan.
 Moab Plateau east of the Dead Sea.	 Edom South of the Dead Sea, along the Arabah.

Double ring capital · dot city · Borders are simplified; the frontier near Bethel shifted more than once.

Mediterranean Sea

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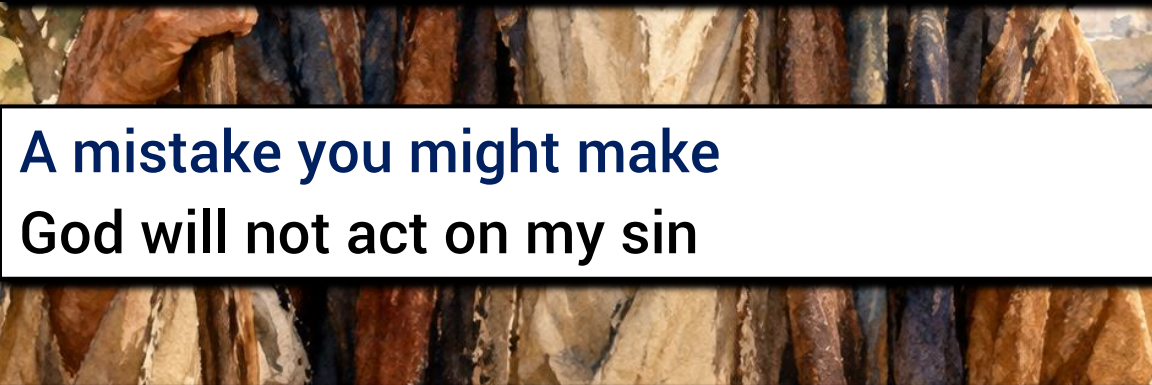
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Former American Idol singer Caleb Flynn sentenced to life in prison for wife's murder

Law, Crime and Justice

Posted Tue at 5:35pm



Caleb Flynn read a statement of apology to his family just before being sentenced. (AP: Pool)

In short:

Former Ohio music pastor and American Idol contestant Caleb Flynn has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for murdering his wife.

Prosecutors said Flynn staged a home invasion while his wife was asleep and claimed a burglar shot her.

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