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Recap

- Hosea is the first of the 'Twelve' [i.e. minor] prophets in the Hebrew Bible which were considered one book.
- Hosea lived in, and ministered to, the northern Kingdom of Israel 200 years after the split from Judah.
- The LORD orders Hosea to marry an immoral woman to give the prophet a lived experience similar to God's relationship with Israel.
- Hosea has three children and all are named after forms of judgement from the LORD.

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10 “Yet the time will come when Israel’s people will be like the sands of the seashore—too many to count! Then, at the place where they were told, ‘You are not my people,’ it will be said, ‘You are children of the living God.’

11 Then the people of Judah and Israel will unite together. They will choose one leader for themselves, and they will return from exile together. What a day that will be—the day of Jezreel —when God will again plant his people in his land.

2:1 “In that day you will call your brothers Ammi— ‘My people.’ And you will call your sisters Ruhamah — ‘The ones I love.’

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Bible Overview

AGE OF THE PATRIARCHS | From Eden to Egypt — God calls a family

Creation & the First Generations | Noah & the Flood | The Patriarchs



EVENTS

◆ Creation of the World 4,000 BC

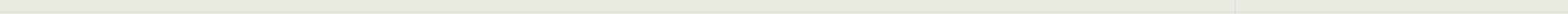
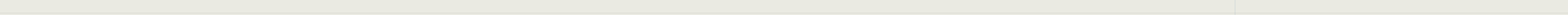
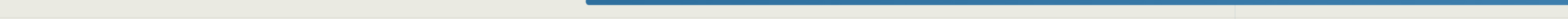
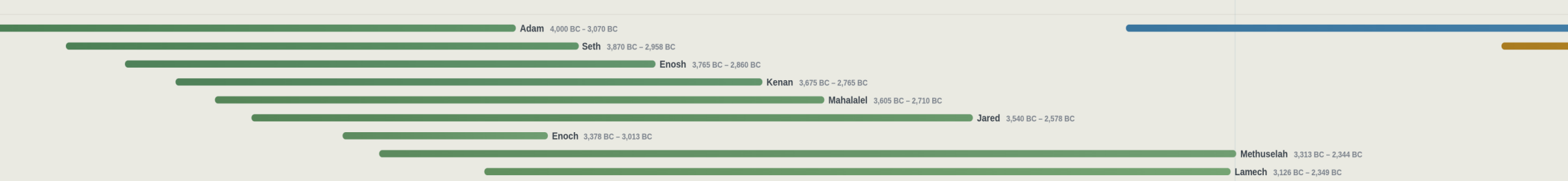
● The Fall of Man ~3,990 BC

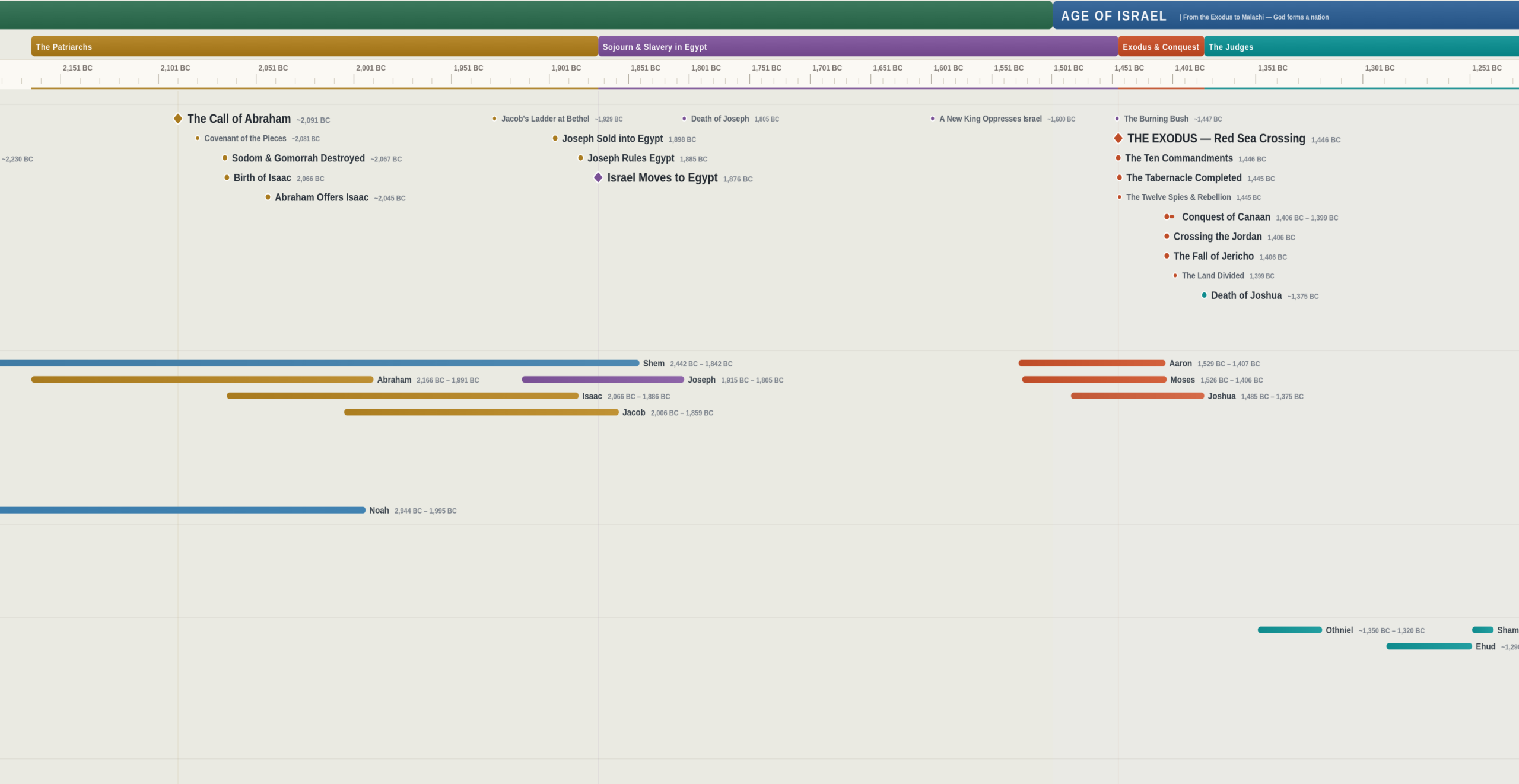
- Cain Kills Abel ~3,850 BC

● Enoch Taken by God ~3,013 BC

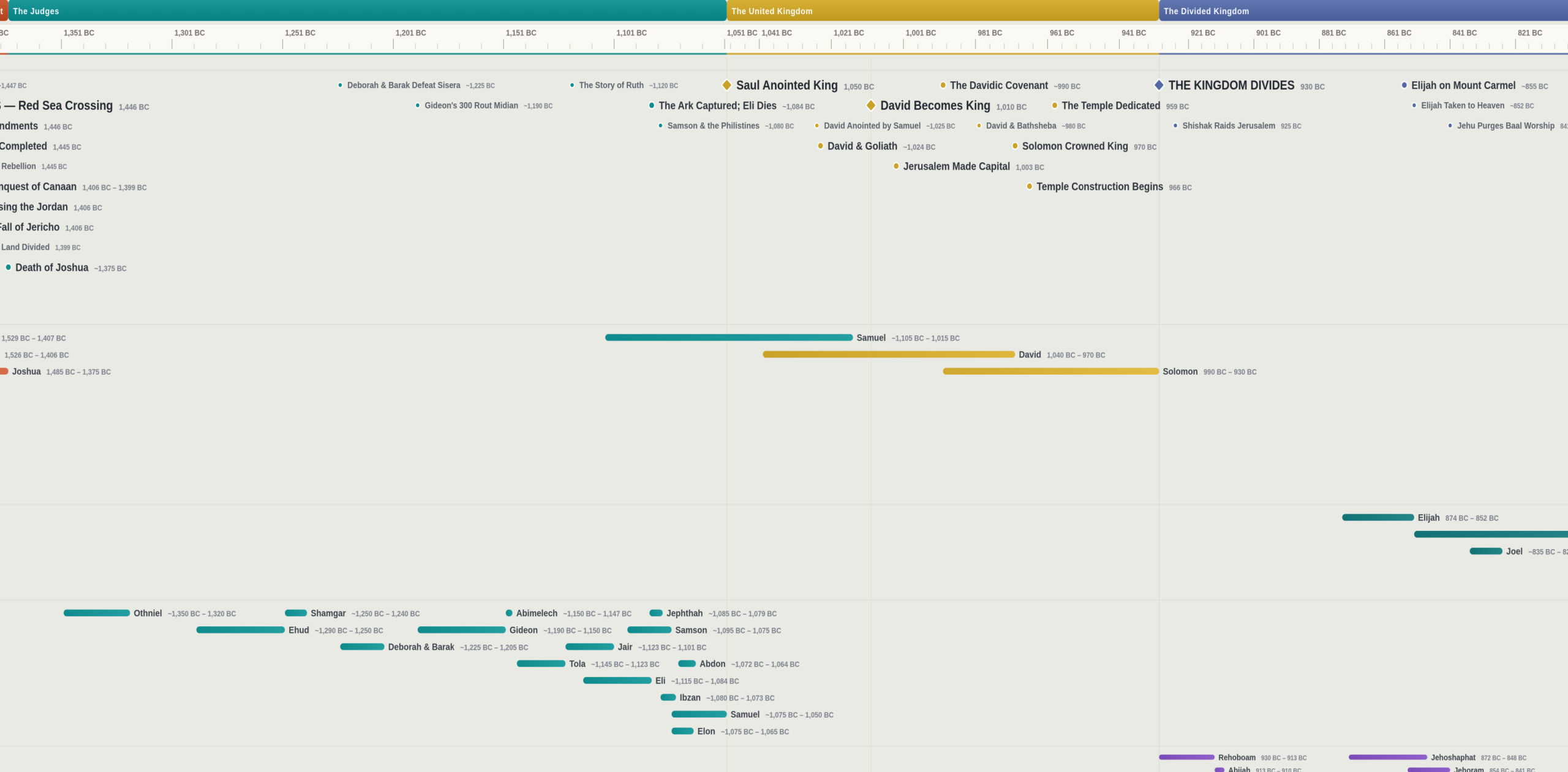
◆ THE GLOBAL FLOOD 2,345 BC

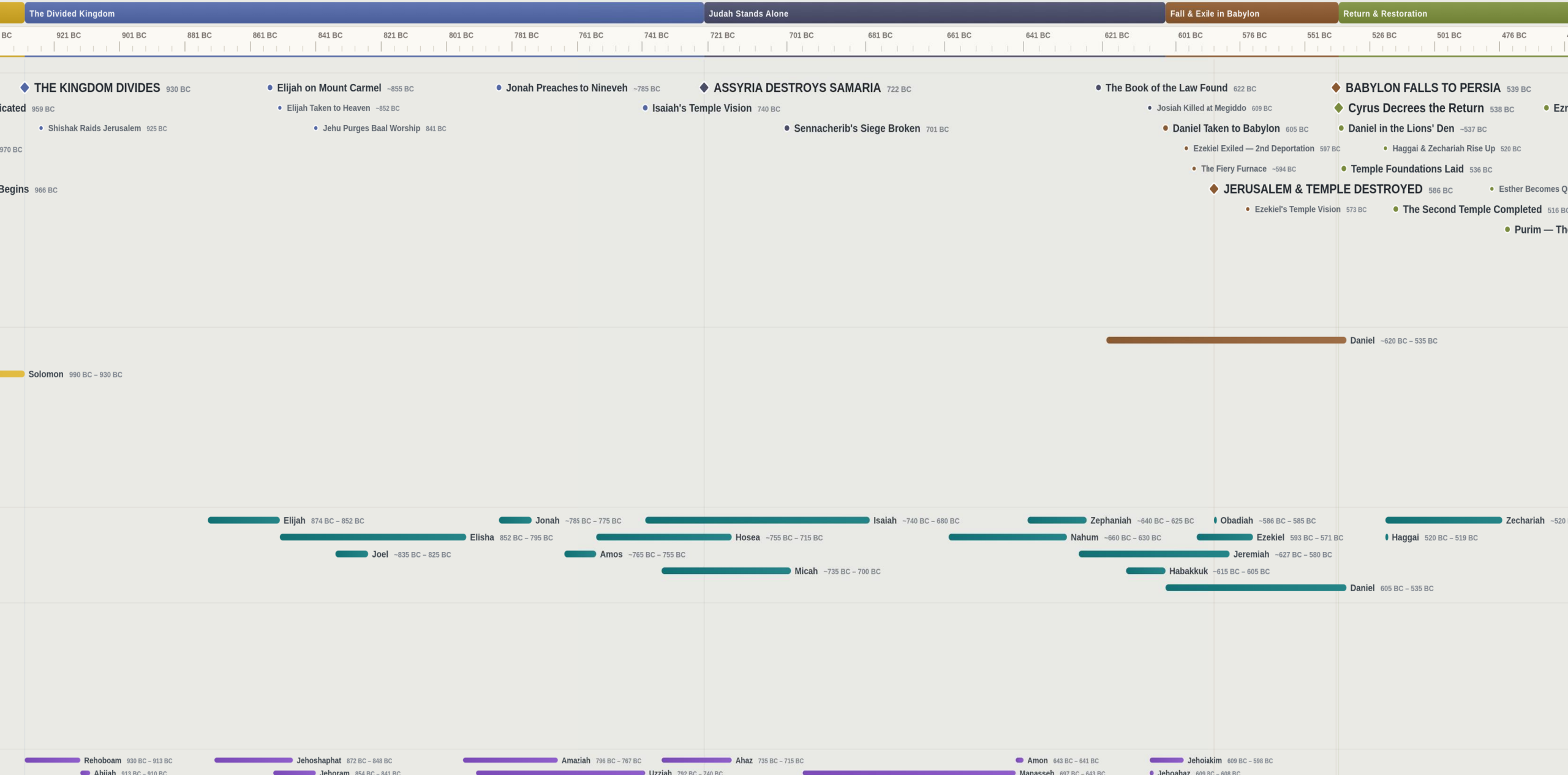
- The Rainbow Covenant 2,344 BC
 - The Tower of Babel ~2,230 BC

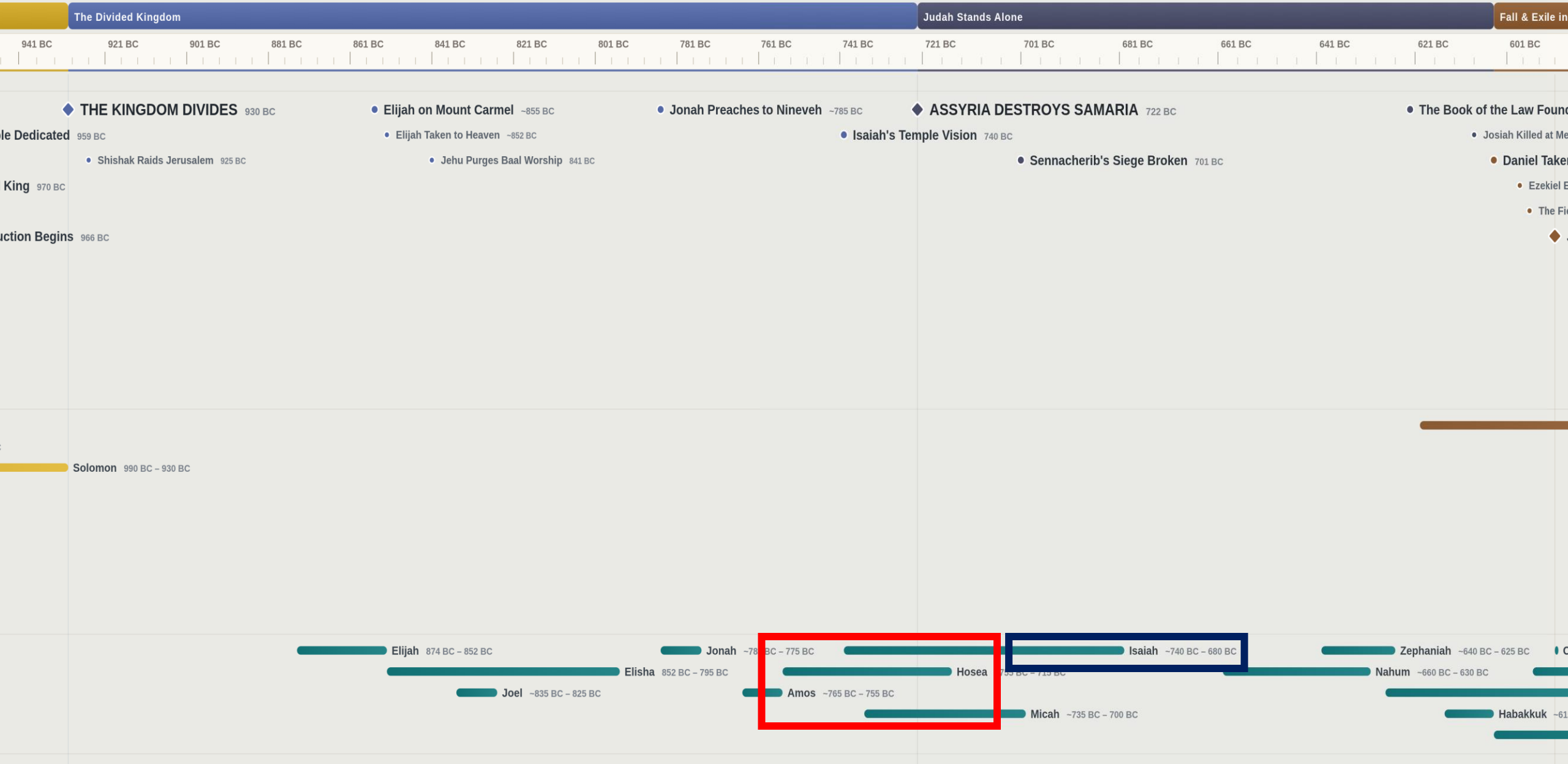




From the Exodus to Malachi — God forms a nation







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3 Otherwise, I will strip her as naked as she was on the day she was born. I will leave her to die of thirst, as in a dry and barren wilderness.

4 And I will not love her children, for they were conceived in prostitution.

5 Their mother is a shameless prostitute and became pregnant in a shameful way. She said, ‘I’ll run after other lovers and sell myself to them for food and water, for clothing of wool and linen, and for olive oil and drinks.’

6 “For this reason I will fence her in with thornbushes. I will block her path with a wall to make her lose her way.

Who is Hosea speaking to?

His wife and three children represent Israel — in different ways.



Hosea

God's prophet

His wife

Represents Israel
(sometimes the land)

Jezreel

Israel as a whole
(with a particular
reference to Jehu's
dynasty in 1:4)

Lo-Ruhama

The northern kingdom
of Israel

Lo-Ammi

The southern kingdom
of Judah

The message

- The wife represents Israel in general (sometimes compared with the land).
- The three children together (2:6) represent Israel as a whole.
- When the children are distinguished, they represent Israel under three aspects.

The three children

Together (2:6) they represent Israel, but each highlights a different part of the nation.

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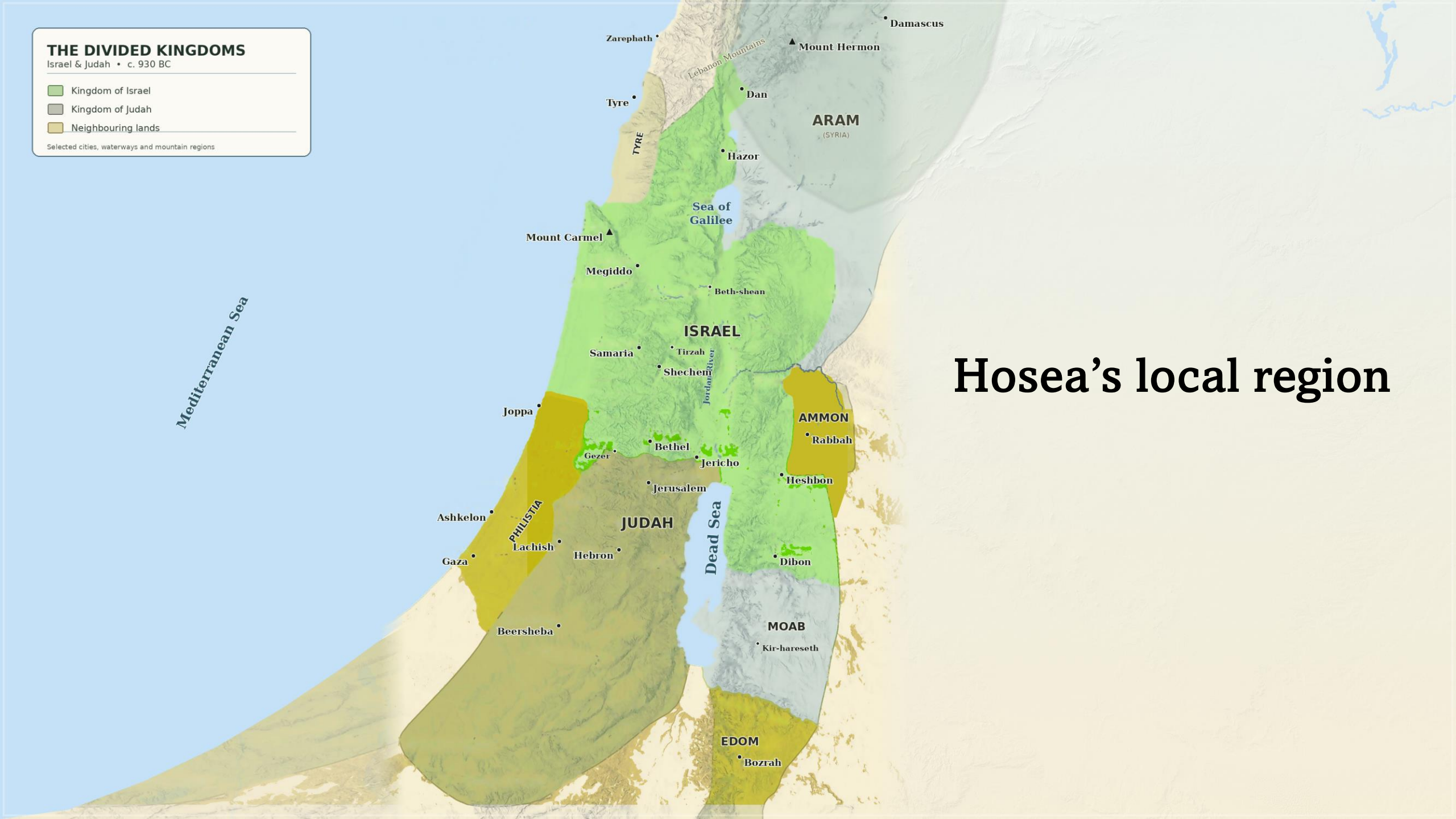
*The story is prophecy, not allegory.
The love is like, but not a direct equation.*

THE DIVIDED KINGDOMS

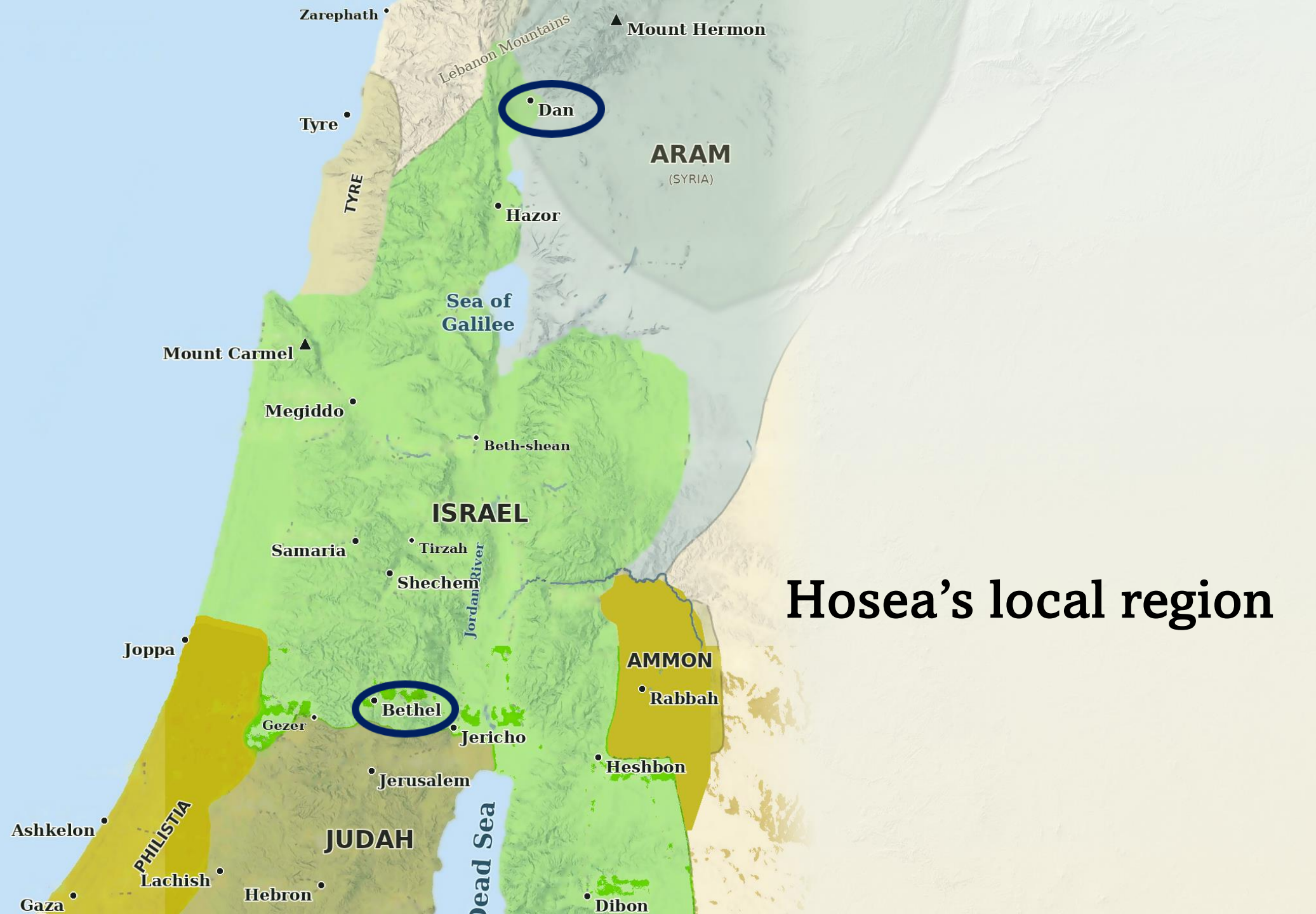
Israel & Judah • c. 930 BC

- Kingdom of Israel
- Kingdom of Judah
- Neighbouring lands

Selected cities, waterways and mountain regions



Hosea's local region



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Kings of Israel in Hosea's Ministry

Seven rulers in succession • dates follow a commonly used reconstruction

DIVIDED MONARCHY

c. 793-c. 722 BC

SUCCESSION • EARLIEST TO LATEST

KING	YEAR OF ACCESSION	LENGTH OF REIGN	FATE / SUCCESSION	BIBLICAL TEXT
1 Jeroboam II	c. 793 BC	41 years	Died and was succeeded by his son. Circumstances of death are unrecorded.	2 Kings 14:23, 29
2 Zechariah	c. 753 BC	6 months	Assassinated by Shallum at Ibleam.	2 Kings 15:8-10
3 Shallum	c. 752 BC	1 month	Killed by Menahem, who seized the throne.	2 Kings 15:13-14
4 Menahem	c. 752 BC	10 years	Died; circumstances unrecorded. Succeeded by his son, Pekahiah.	2 Kings 15:17, 22
5 Pekahiah	c. 742 BC	2 years	Assassinated by Pekah and his associates in the royal citadel.	2 Kings 15:23-25
6 Pekah	c. 752 BC	20 years traditional • to c. 732 BC	Assassinated by Hoshea, who succeeded him.	2 Kings 15:27, 30
7 Hoshea	c. 732 BC	about 9 years to c. 722 BC	Imprisoned by the Assyrian king after his rebellion. The Bible does not record his eventual death.	2 Kings 17:1-6

Dates follow a commonly used divided-monarchy reconstruction (Bible.org) • Biblical references are listed at right



In 1950, 80% of British men smoked. Doll began to examine the sharp rise in lung cancer across London's hospitals. His study of 40,000 British doctors confirmed the link beyond doubt. Smoking caused lung cancer, bladder cancer and cardiovascular disease

Dr Richard Doll
1912-2005

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9 "But now I will take back the ripened grain and new wine I generously provided each harvest season. I will take away the wool and linen clothing I gave her to cover her nakedness.

10 I will strip her naked in public, while all her lovers look on. No one will be able to rescue her from my hands.

11 I will put an end to her annual festivals, her new moon celebrations, and her Sabbath days— all her appointed festivals.

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Giving sin a glowing reference

Do not credit sin with your prosperity

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12 I will destroy her grapevines and fig trees, things she claims her lovers gave her. I will let them grow into tangled thickets, where only wild animals will eat the fruit.

13 I will punish her for all those times when she burned incense to her images of Baal, when she put on her earrings and jewels and went out to look for her lovers but forgot all about me,” says the LORD .

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