

## Who saw into Heaven?

Jacob (his dream)

Moses—Exodus 24

Isaiah—Isaiah 6

Ezekiel and Daniel

John--Revelation

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Ez. 8/43	X	X					
Daniel 7	X				X		
Rev. 1		X					
Rev. 4	X		X	X		X	
Rev. 8/11		X	X	X			
Rev. 15		X	X	X	X	X	
Rev. 19	X	X	X	X			
Rev. 20-21	X		X			X	

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## What was God's Plan in the OT?

The people of God living under the rule of God in the place given by God.

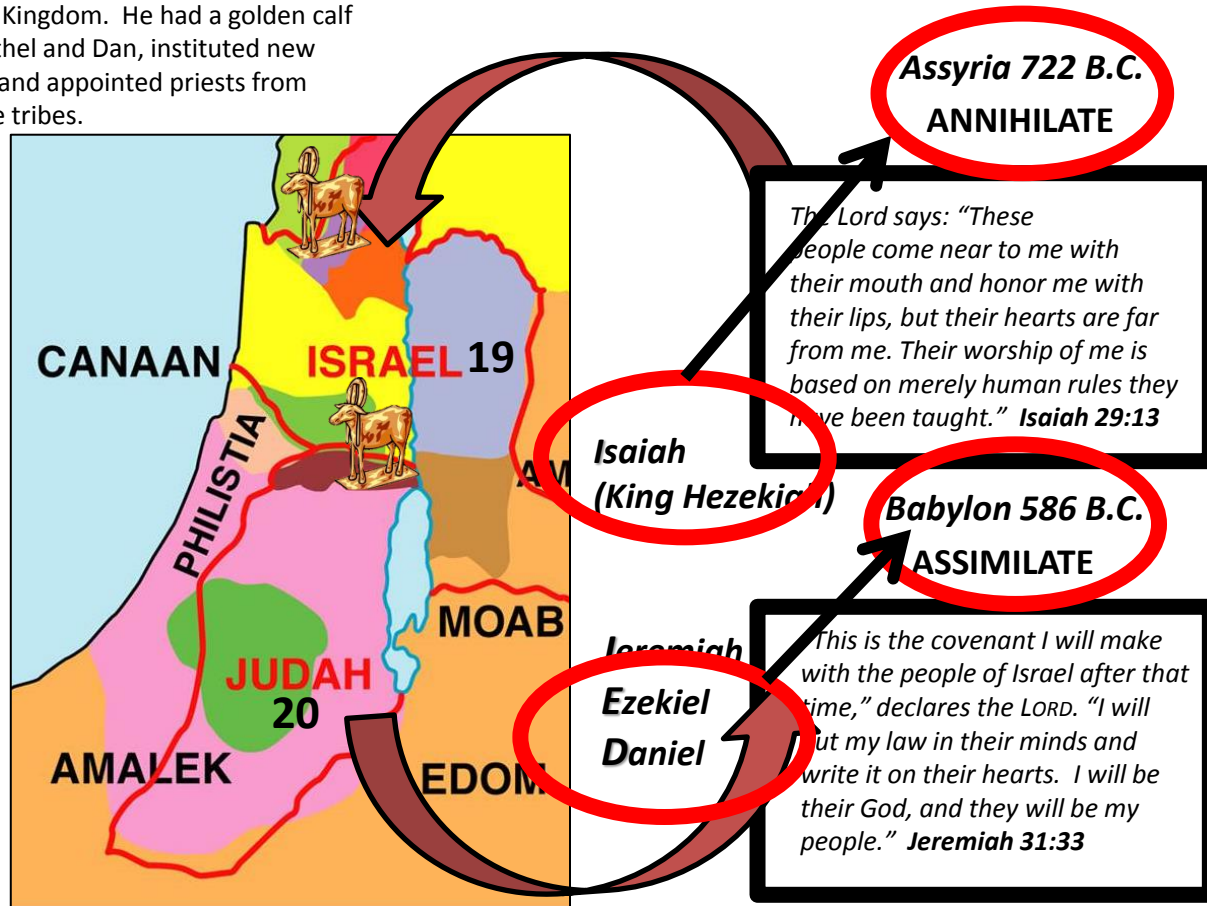
What were the promises made to Abraham?

“I will...”

1. Great nation.
2. Blessing to all the nations. (Messiah, salvation)
3. Land

# God's Channel to Bring the Savior Kings and Prophets

**Jeroboam:** the first king of the Northern Kingdom. He had a golden calf put in Bethel and Dan, instituted new holidays, and appointed priests from any of the tribes.



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Is invaded by Israel-Aram  
Sought help from Assyria  
Assyria invades Israel

**Uzziah—52 years**

Economic wealth  
Prosperity  
Strong military  
Extended borders  
Followed the Lord

What has happened to the nation of Israel?  
They are PERMANENTLY REMOVED from the land.  
They are SCATTERED, TORTURED, and DESTROYED.  
What was God doing to stop it?

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Brought a revival in Judah  
Reinstituted Passover  
Invited refugees from Israel

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What has happened to the nation of Judah politically?  
Who was living during all of this?

**Manasseh—55 years**

Most wicked king of Judah.  
Killed the prophets.  
Instituted witchcraft.  
Turned to violence.  
Corruption.  
Immorality.  
Baal worship.

## Isaiah 6:9-10

What was the spiritual condition of those claiming to be God's people, including the spiritual leaders?

“Go, and tell this people:

‘Keep on listening, but do not perceive;

Keep on looking, but do not understand.’

Render the hearts of this people insensitive,

Their ears dull,

And their eyes dim,

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

Hear with their ears,

Understand with their hearts,

And return and be healed.”



Isaiah 6:11-13

How long did Isaiah's ministry last?

“Then I said, “Lord, how long?”

And He answered,

“Until cities are devastated and without inhabitant,

Houses are without people

And the land is utterly desolate,

The LORD has removed men far away,

And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

Yet there will be a tenth portion in it,

And it will again be subject to burning,

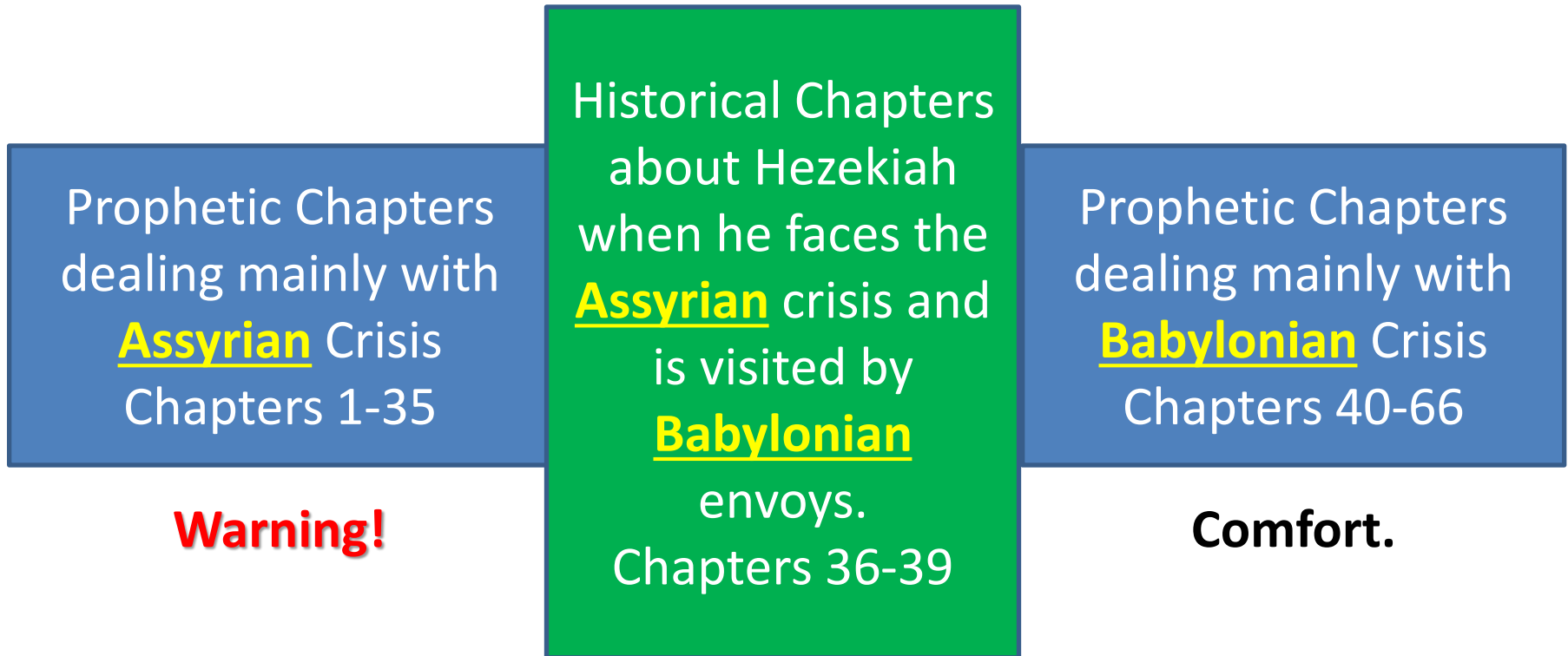
Like a terebinth or an oak

Whose stump remains when it is felled.

The holy seed is its stump.”

This didn't happen in Judah until 586B.C.—136 years later.

# Isaiah's Message spans BOTH the Assyrian and Babylonian Invasions



Isaiah is going to see the complete demolishing of the people of God, the destruction of God's Temple, and the removal of David's kingly line by wicked invading Gentile nations...and he is going to live through much of it. How is he going to make it through this time??

Isaiah 6 “In the year that King Uzziah died...

...I saw the LORD sitting on a throne.

Where is God in all of this?

He is still on the throne.

His servants are still going to go through this awful, even horrific, period of history. But what knowledge does He give them? “I AM STILL ON THE THRONE.”

*Visions of Heaven were not given to satisfy our curiosity about what the afterlife is like or what awaits us when we die.*

They were given to **God's servants** who lived through the worst periods of history when it looked like God's plan was being

- Torn down
- Demolished
- Crushed
- Eradicated

By the evil and wicked nations of the earth.

When those who claimed to be God's people were

- Disobedient
- Rebellious
- Stubborn
- Unresponsive

To God's holy commands and way.

When to be faithful to God and His truth resulted in

- Scorn
- Slander
- Shame
- Loss of property, money, and even one's life

Without any apparent intervention by God.

What knowledge do the servants of God need at such a time?

**"I AM GOD. I AM STILL ON THE THRONE."**