

The Movements of Israel and Judah

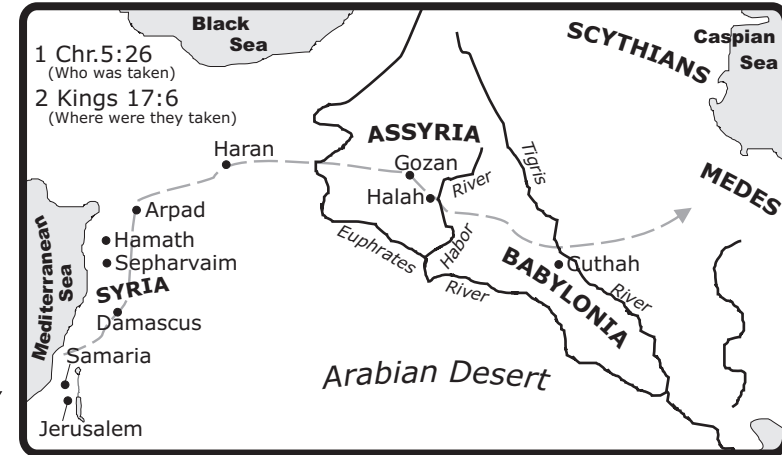
Israel taken captive by Assyria c. 733-715 BC

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- God stirred the Assyrian king Pul to take Israel captive and carry them to Assyria (**1Ch.5:26**).
- The Assyrian king Tiglath-pileser III captured the cities of Naphtali.
- The tribes deported to Assyria included Reuben, Gad, and half of Manasseh (from the east).

c. 722-715 BC

- Sargon II of Assyria captured the city of Samaria.
- He deported the people to Halah, on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and to the cities of the Medes (**2Ki.17:6; 18:9-11**). That is, to the towns of the Medes near the Euphrates river.
- Deporting an entire nation takes time (thus, **722-715 BC**).



1 Chr.5:26
(Who was taken)
2 Kings 17:6
(Where were they taken)

The Glorious Years Under David and Solomon

- David is anointed by all 12 tribes at Hebron (**2Sa.3-5**).
- David makes Jerusalem his new capital (**2Sa. 5:6-10**).
- Solomon took 7 years to build the Temple (**1Ki.5-8; 2Ch.2-7**).

The Nation of Israel Splits

- After the death of king Solomon, the 12 tribes broke up into 2 nations (namely, Israel and Judah).
- 10 tribes kept the name "Israel" and lived to the north.
- 2 tribes from Judah, Benjamin, and many Levites took the name "Judah."
- Many from Israel infiltrated into Judah (**2Ch. 11:13-17; 15:9; 34:6-9**) before the Assyrian captivity. Thus, it is very likely that there were members from all 12 tribes living in Judah.

Kingdom of Israel (10 Northern Tribes)

- Because Israel followed heathen deities, God promised judgment (**De.28:25, 32, 36, 41; 2Ki.17:7-23**).

Kingdom of Judah (2 Southern Tribes)

Assyria Invades Judah

- The Assyrians new king Sennacherib invaded Judah. (The Assyrians paused to defeat the Egyptian army).
- They resumed the siege on Jerusalem (**2Ki.18:13; Is.36:1**). The siege ended when the angel of the Lord killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night (**Is.37:36-37**). Then the Assyrian army fled to Nineveh.

Babylon Invades Judah

- Daniel & Ezekiel (prominent citizens) deported to Babylon

Babylon Destroys Jerusalem

- Jerusalem destroyed, and many more were deported to Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.

Unified Remnant (12 Tribes)

Return to Jerusalem Under Leadership of Zerubbabel

- God stirred the Persian king Cyrus to decree to allow captives to return to their homeland (**Ez.1:1**) in **538 BC**.
- The number that returned was 42,360 males; plus servants, maids, etc 7,337 totaling 49,697 (**Ez.2:64-65**).
- Foundation of Temple laid, but not completed until reign of the Persian king Darius in **515 BC**.
- The altar is rebuilt, and a sacrifice is offered for the 12 tribes (**Ez.6:17**).

Return Under the Leadership of Ezra

- Persian king Artaxerxes decree under the leadership of Ezra the Scribe/Priest (**Ez.7:1,8**).
- The number that returned was 150 males (**Ez.8:3**), and 220 Nethinim males (**Ez.8:20**).

Ez.1:3 edict to "all Israel"; Ez.2:2, 12 leaders and "all Israel" (2:70) dwelt in their cities.
12 he-goats offered as a sin-offering for "all Israel" (**Ez.6:17; 8:35**).
Ez.8:29 the "chief of the fathers of Israel" representing their tribe.

Return Under Nehemiah to Rebuild the Walls

- Nehemiah rebuilds the Walls (**Ne.3**) c. **443 BC**.
- This marks the beginning of Daniel's 70 weeks (**Da.9:25**).