

# ISAIAH

"A Light in the Darkness"



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A person is walking away from the camera on a paved path that curves to the right. The scene is at night, and the air is thick with fog or mist. Several streetlights are visible, casting a warm, yellowish glow. The lights are positioned at regular intervals along the right side of the path. The person is a small silhouette in the distance, centered on the path. The overall atmosphere is quiet and contemplative.

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Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah 2.5

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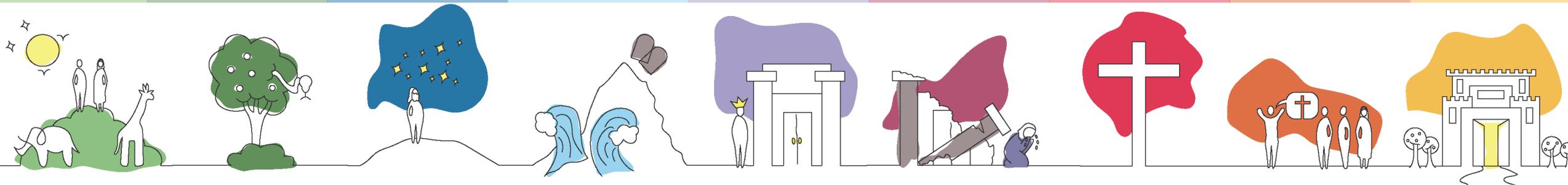
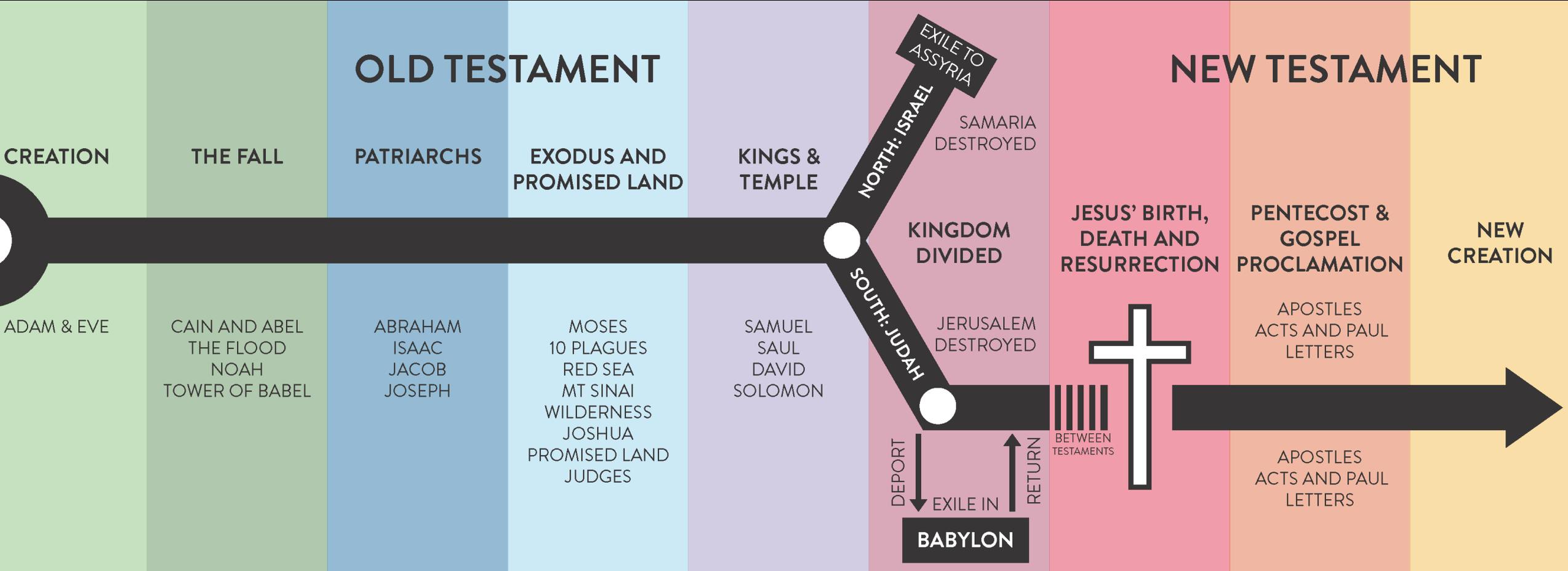
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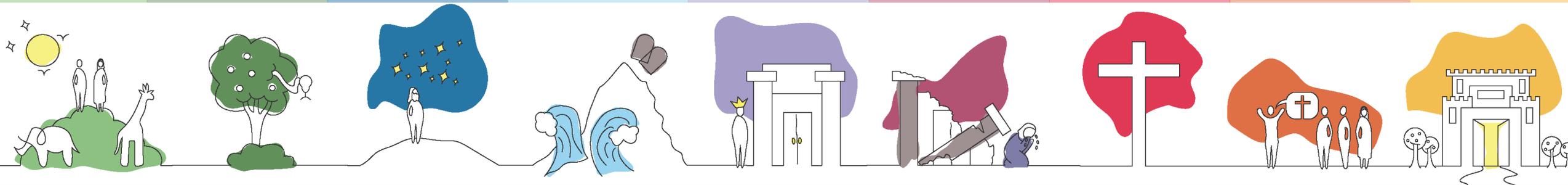
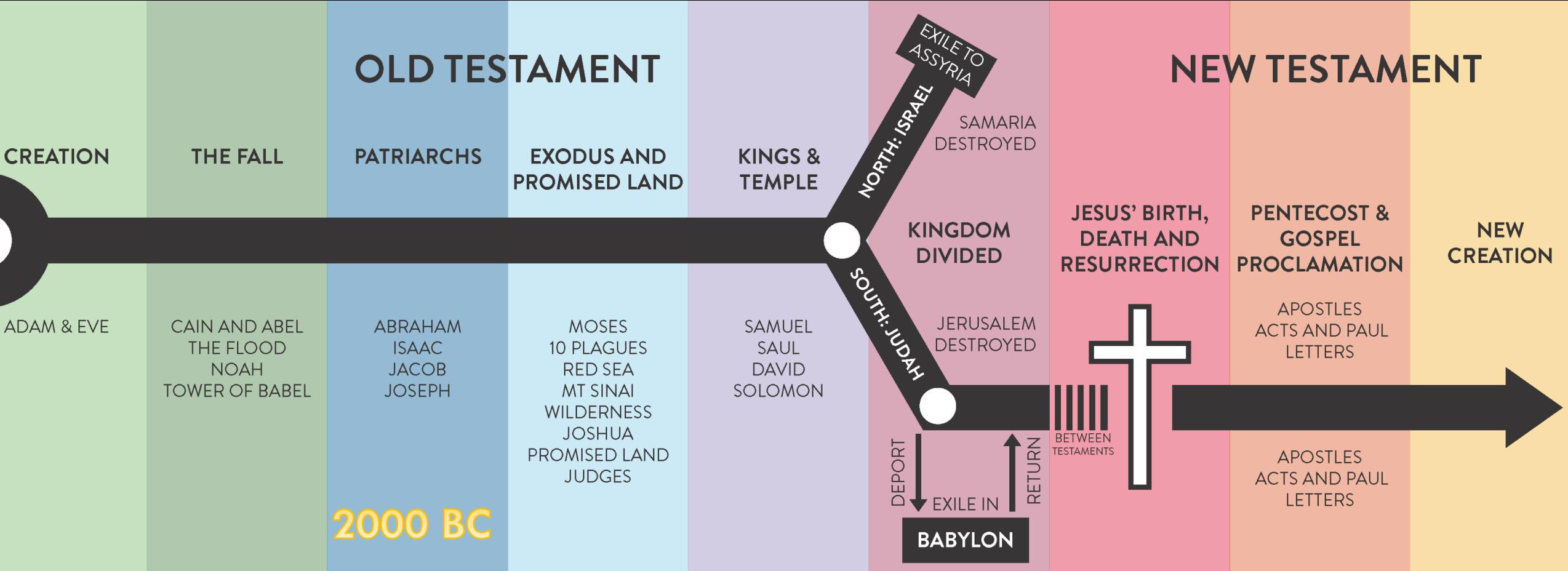
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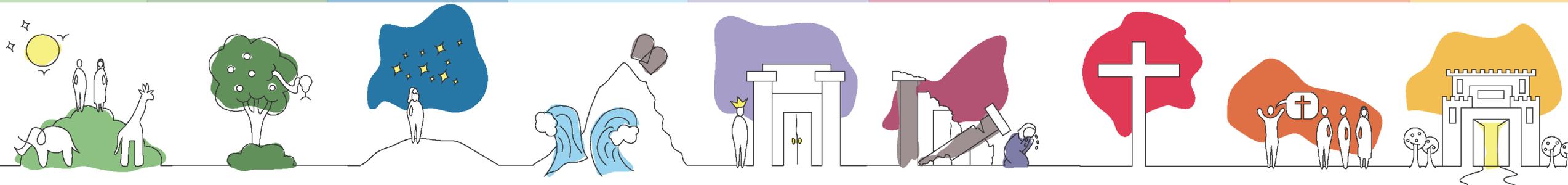
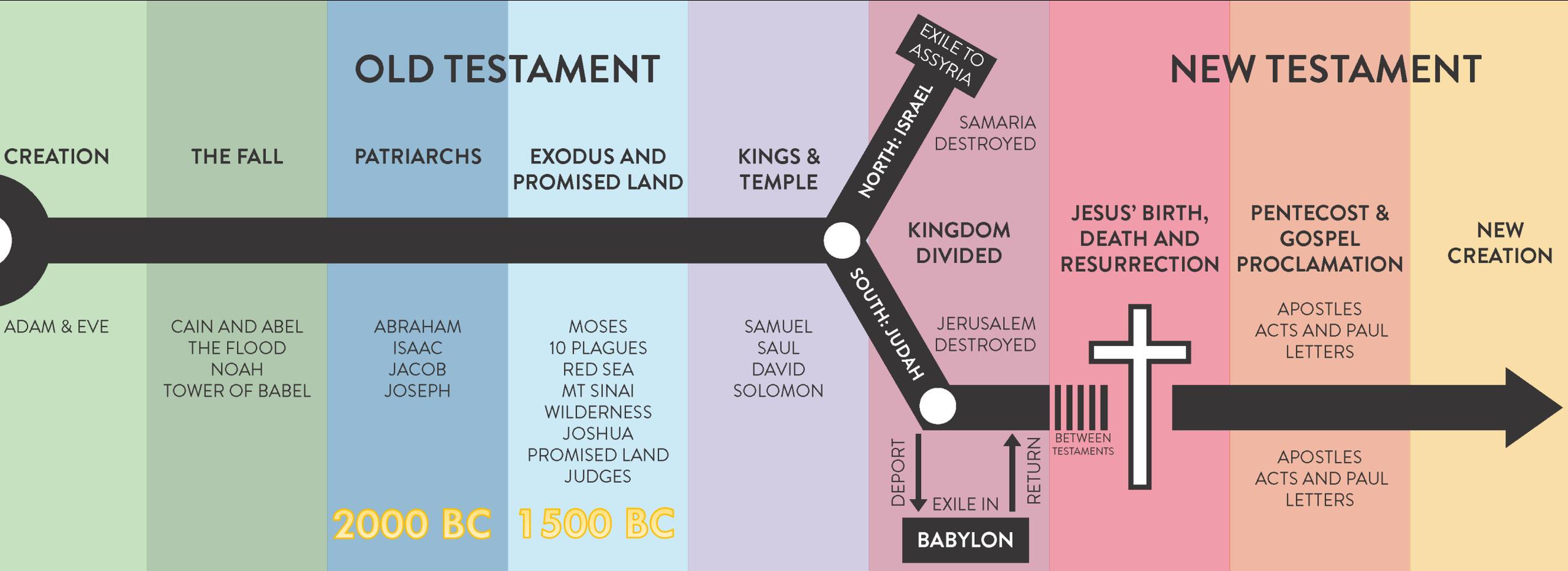
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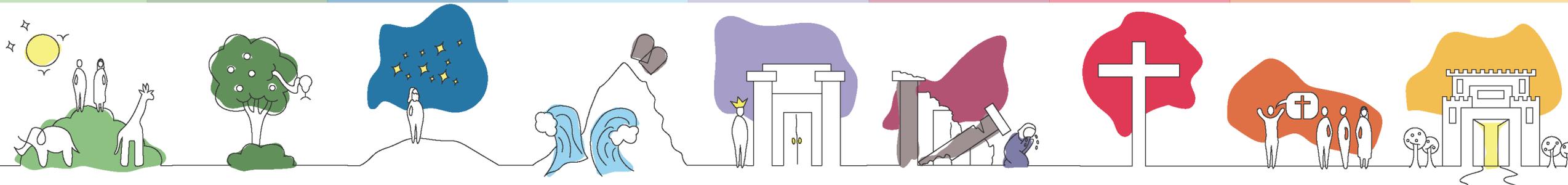
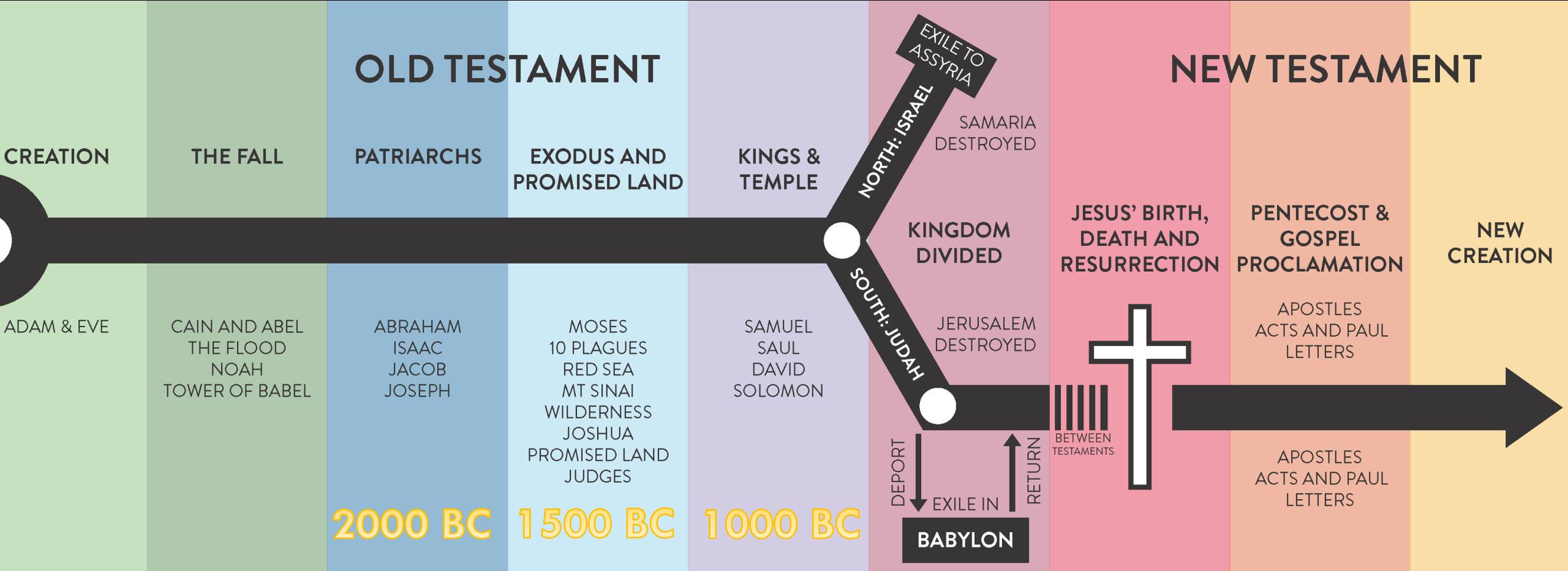
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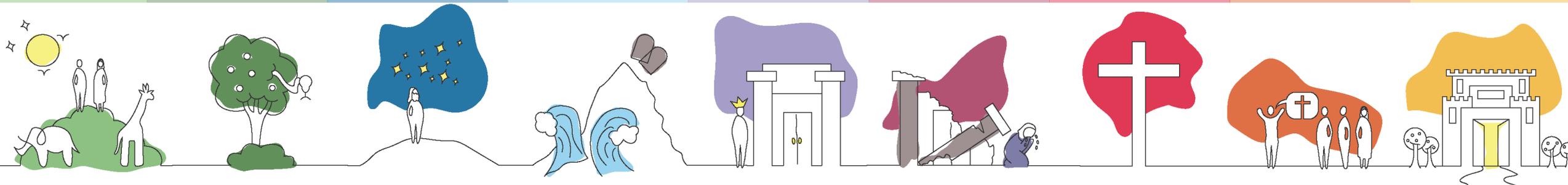
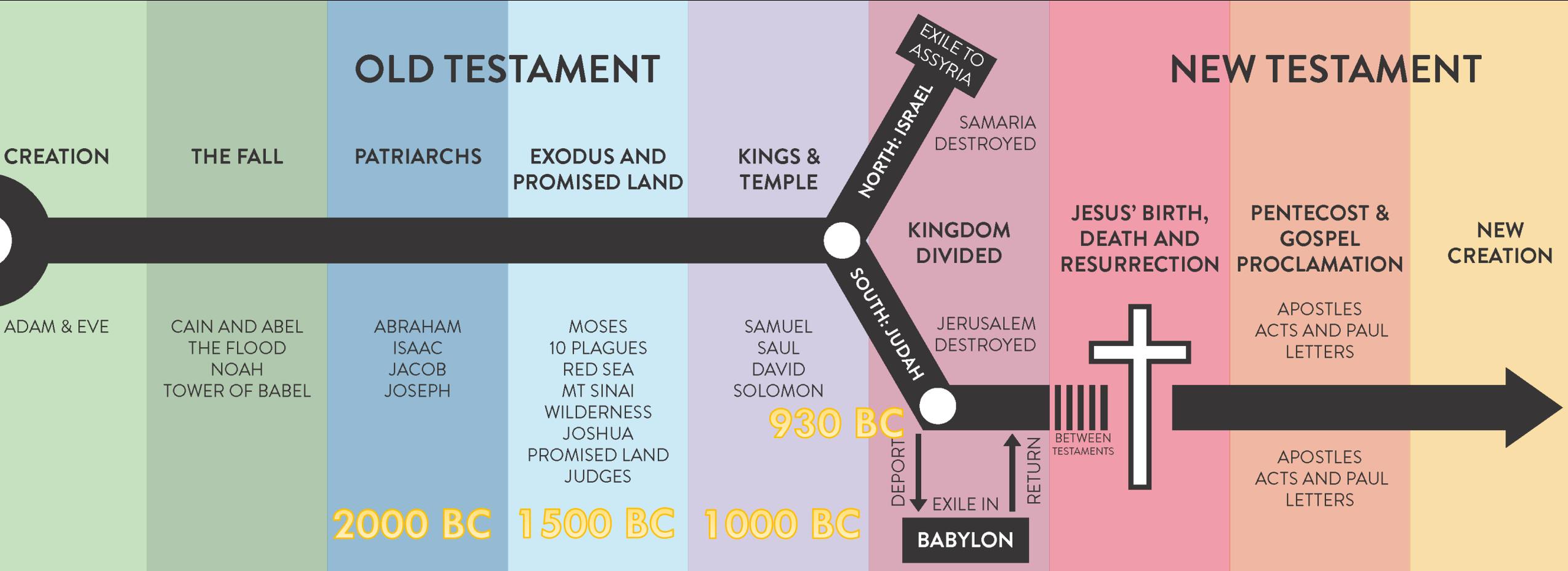
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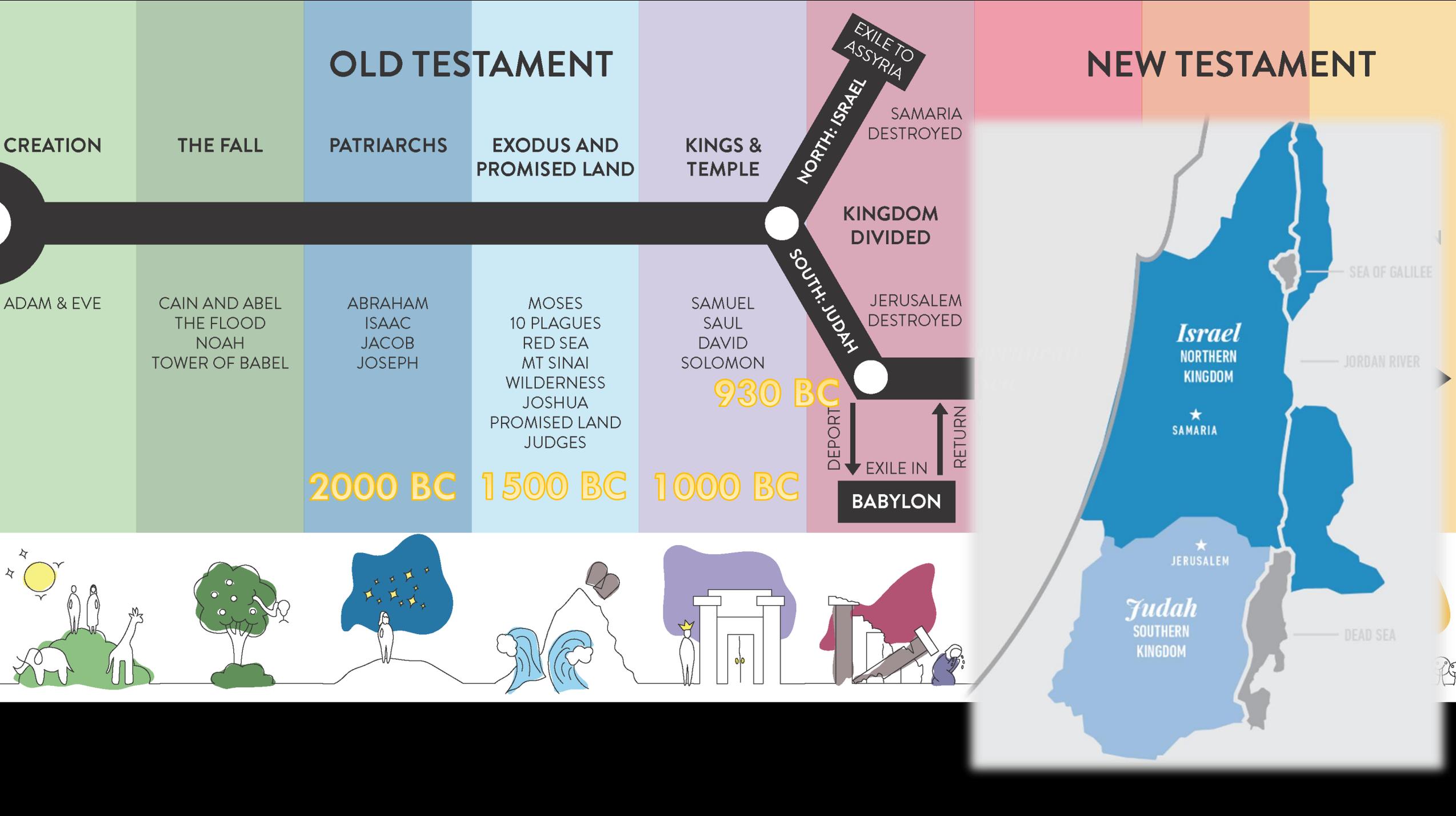












# OLD TESTAMENT

# NEW TESTAMENT

CREATION

THE FALL

PATRIARCHS

EXODUS AND PROMISED LAND

KINGS & TEMPLE

EXILE TO ASSYRIA

SAMARIA DESTROYED

KINGDOM DIVIDED

JERUSALEM DESTROYED

ADAM & EVE

CAIN AND ABEL  
THE FLOOD  
NOAH  
TOWER OF BABEL

ABRAHAM  
ISAAC  
JACOB  
JOSEPH

MOSES  
10 PLAGUES  
RED SEA  
MT SINAI  
WILDERNESS  
JOSHUA  
PROMISED LAND  
JUDGES

SAMUEL  
SAUL  
DAVID  
SOLOMON

930 BC

DEPORT  
EXILE IN  
RETURN  
BABYLON

2000 BC

1500 BC

1000 BC

SEA OF GALILEE

JORDAN RIVER

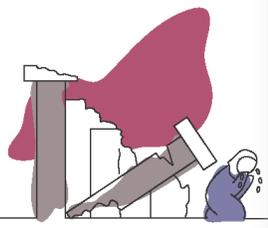
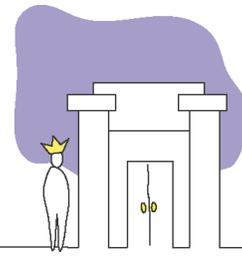
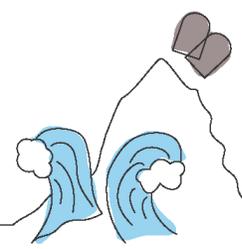
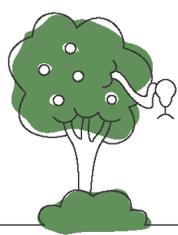
Israel  
NORTHERN KINGDOM

SAMARIA

JERUSALEM

Judah  
SOUTHERN KINGDOM

DEAD SEA



# Tiglath-Pileser III

# ASSYRIA

SYRIA

ISRAEL

JUDAH

DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20

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APPOINT THE KING GOD CHOOSES

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# Deuteronomy 18: Listen to God's prophets

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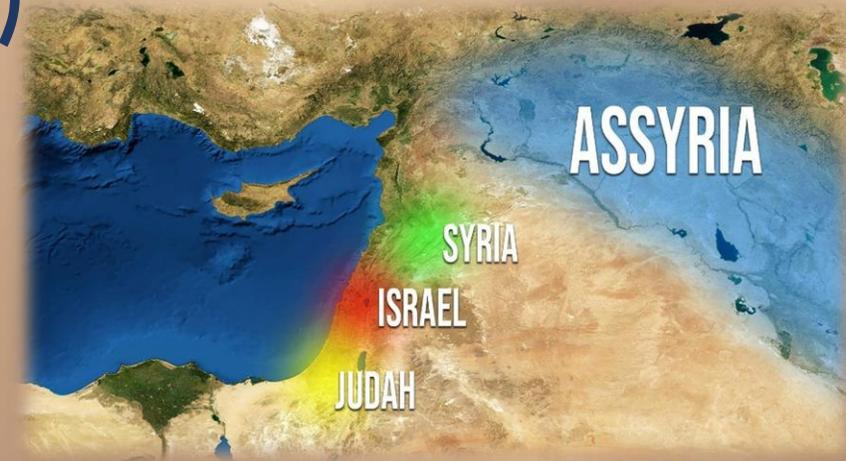
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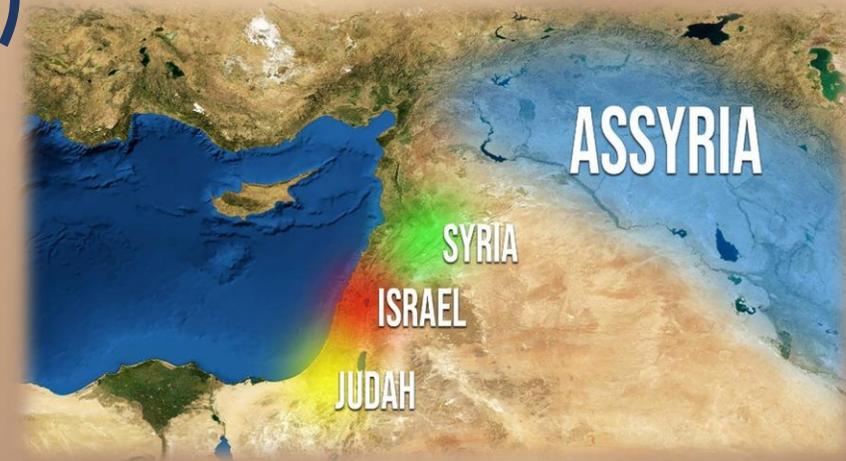
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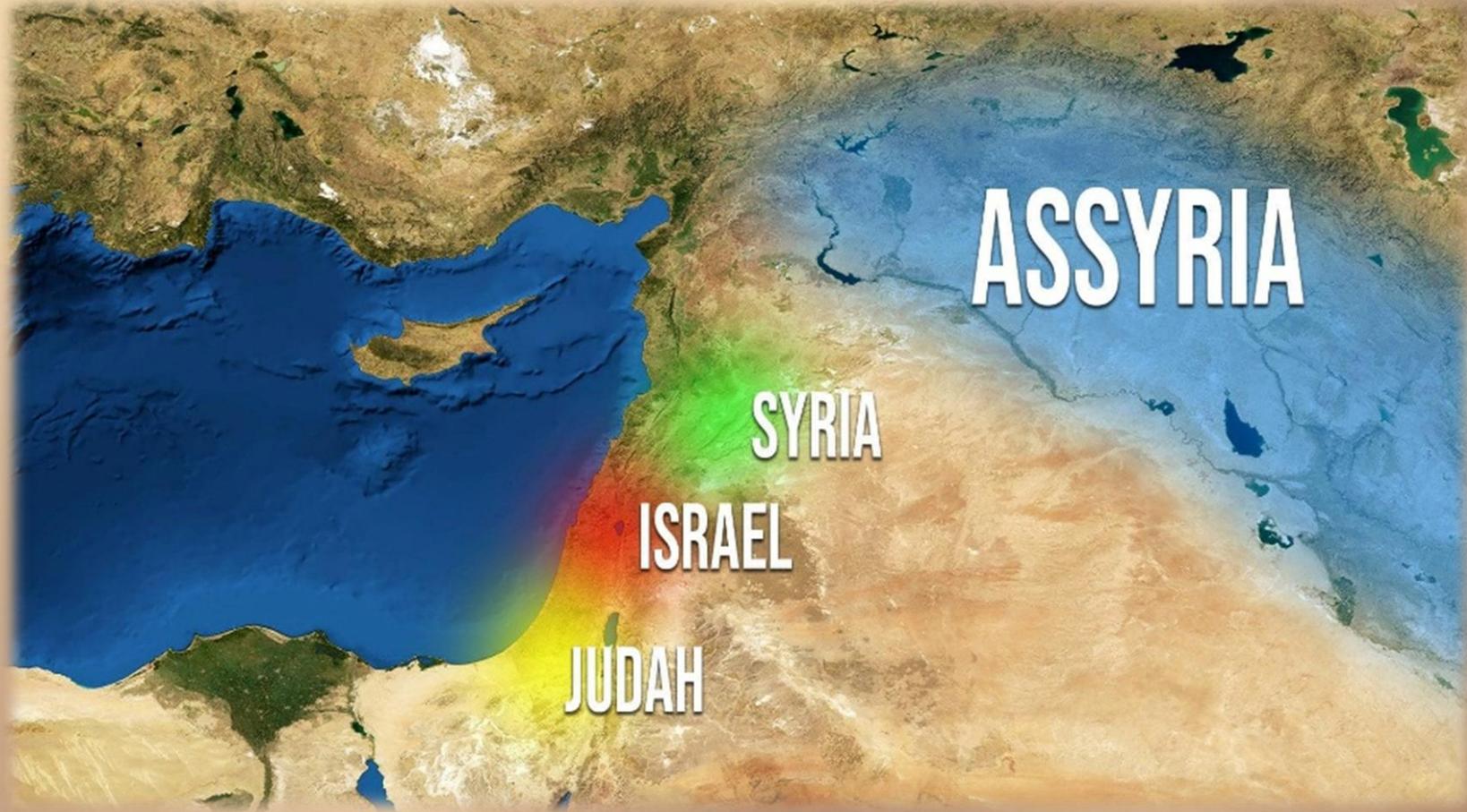
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    - Matthew 1.21
    - She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

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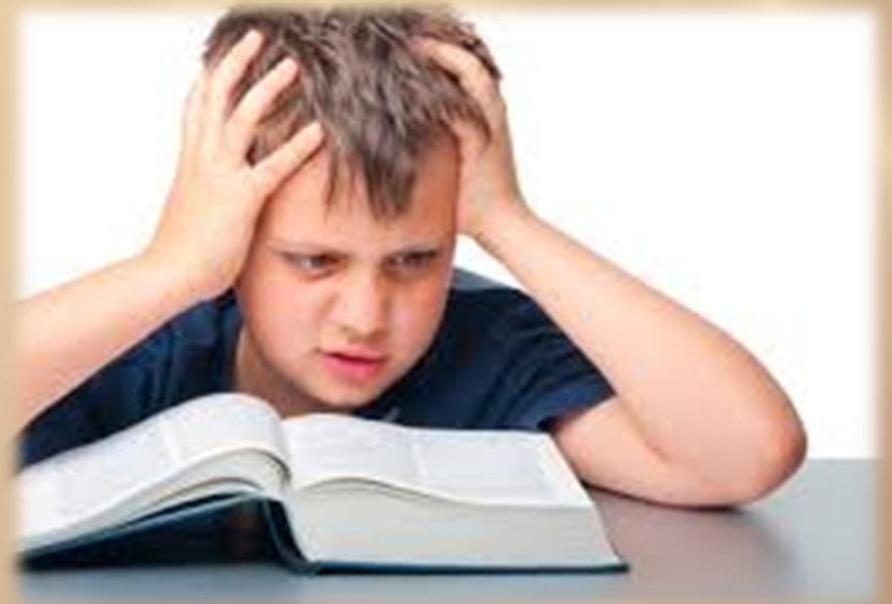
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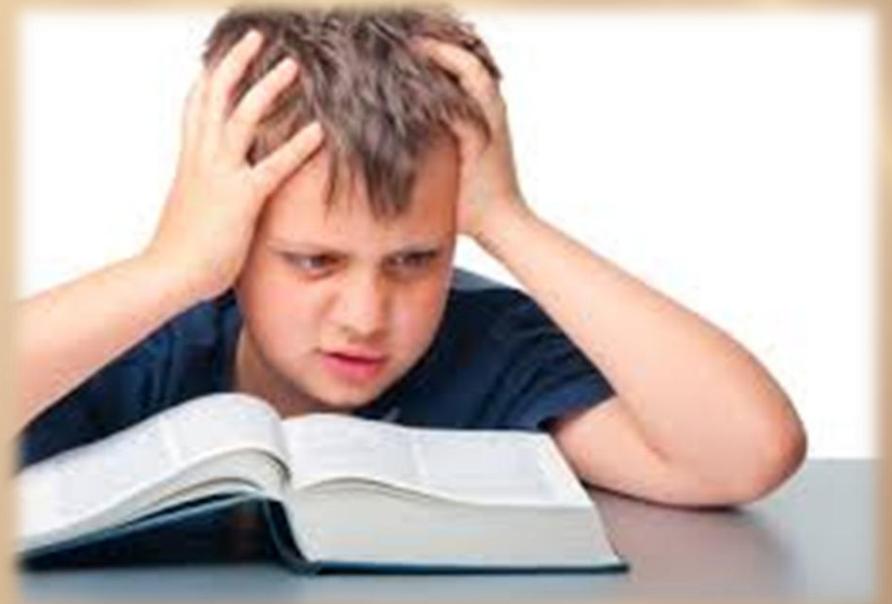
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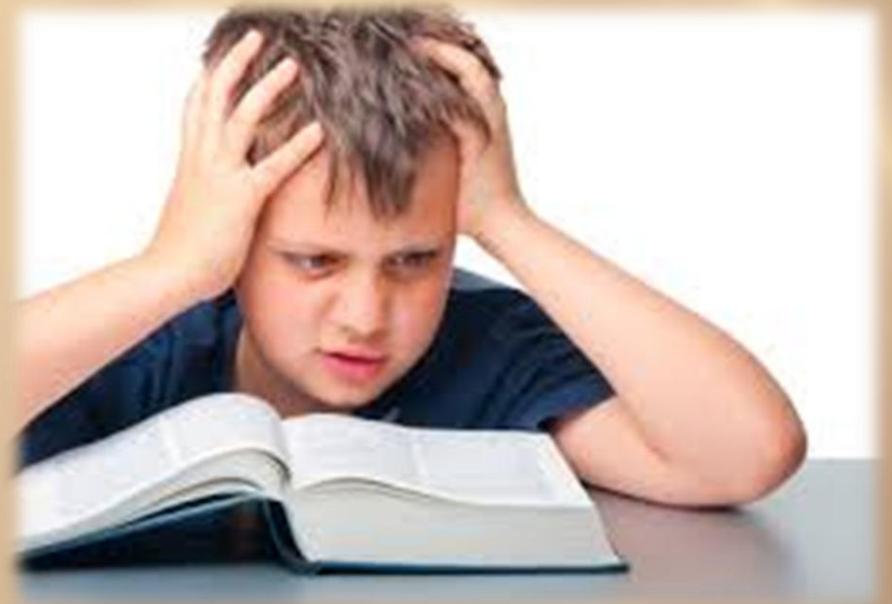
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