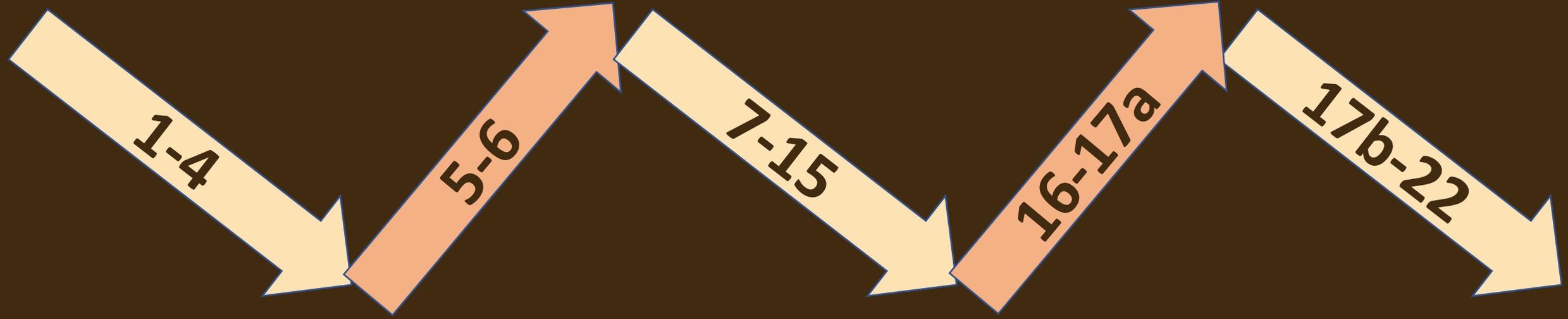


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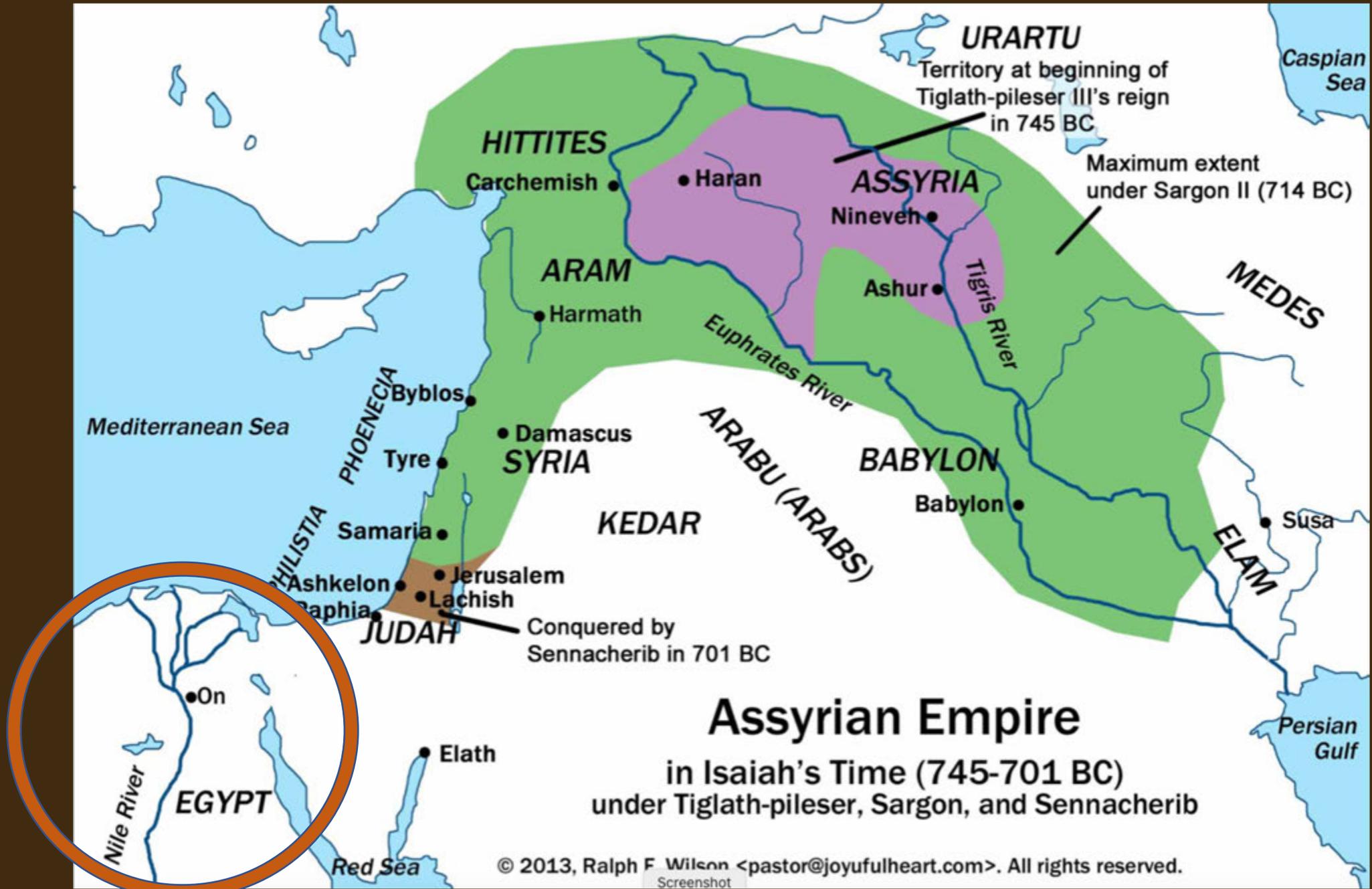
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NORTHERN KINGDOM  
ISRAEL  
EPHRAIM  
SAMARIA  
722 BC





# Assyrian Empire

in Isaiah's Time (745-701 BC)  
under Tiglath-pileser, Sargon, and Sennacherib

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SOUTHERN KINGDOM  
JUDAH  
JERUSALEM  
587 BC





**Neo-Babylonian Empire**  
Nabopolassar, Nebuchadnezzar II,  
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**THE EGYPTIAN ALLIANCE**

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A SUMMONS TO APPEAR  
FOR THE CRIME OF PRIDE

# Isaiah 28

<sup>1</sup> **Woe** to the **majestic crown** of Ephraim's **drunkards**, and to the **fading flower** of its **beautiful splendor**, which is on the summit above the **rich valley**. **Woe** to those **overcome with wine**. <sup>2</sup> Look, the **Lord** has a strong and mighty **one** — like a devastating hail storm, like a storm with strong flooding water. He will bring it across the land with his hand. <sup>3</sup> The **majestic crown** of Ephraim's **drunkards** will be trampled underfoot. <sup>4</sup> The **fading flower** of his beautiful splendor, which is on the summit above the rich valley, **will be like a ripe fig before the summer harvest**. **Whoever sees it will swallow it while it is still in his hand.**

# HOPE FOR REVIVAL, LITTLE “R”

# Isaiah 28

<sup>5</sup> On that day the **Lord of Armies** will become a crown of beauty and a diadem of splendor to the remnant of his people, <sup>6</sup> a spirit of justice to the one who sits in judgment, and strength to those who repel attacks at the city gate.

# THE WORD REJECTED

# Isaiah 28

<sup>7</sup> Even these stagger because of wine and stumble under the influence of beer: Priest and prophet stagger because of beer. They are confused by wine. They stumble because of beer. They are muddled in their visions. They stumble in their judgments. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, all their tables are covered with vomit; there is no place without a stench.

# Isaiah 28

<sup>9</sup> Who is he trying to teach? Who is he trying to instruct? Infants just weaned from milk? Babies removed from the breast? <sup>10</sup> “Law after law, law after law, line after line, line after line, a little here, a little there.” <sup>11</sup> For he will speak to this people with stammering speech and in a foreign language.

# Isaiah 28

<sup>12</sup> He had said to them, “This is the place of rest; let the weary rest; this is the place of repose.” But they would not listen. <sup>13</sup> The word of the Lord will come to them: “Law after law, law after law, line after line, line after line, a little here, a little there,” so they go stumbling backward, to be broken, trapped, and captured. <sup>14</sup> Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers who rule this people in Jerusalem.

# Isaiah 28

<sup>15</sup> For you said, “We have made a covenant with Death, and we have an agreement with Sheol; when the overwhelming catastrophe passes through, it will not touch us, because we have made falsehood our refuge and have hidden behind treachery.”

# REAL REFUGE REVEALED

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# Isaiah 28

<sup>16</sup> Therefore the Lord God said: “Look, I have laid a **stone** in Zion, a tested **stone**, a **precious cornerstone**, a sure **foundation**; the **one who believes** will be **unshakable**. <sup>17</sup> And I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the mason’s level.”

WARNING THE LORD WILL RISE UP

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# Isaiah 28

...Hail will sweep away the false refuge, and water will flood your hiding place. <sup>18</sup> Your covenant with Death will be dissolved, and your agreement with Sheol will not last. When the overwhelming catastrophe passes through, you will be trampled. <sup>19</sup> Every time it passes through, it will carry you away; it will pass through every morning — every day and every night. **Only terror will cause you to understand the message.** <sup>20</sup> Indeed, the bed is too short to stretch out on, and its cover too small to wrap up in.

# Isaiah 28

21 For **the Lord will rise up** as he did at Mount Perazim. **He will rise** in wrath, as at the Valley of Gibeon, **to do his work, his unexpected work, and to perform his task, his unfamiliar task.** <sup>22</sup> **scoff, or your shackles will become stronger. Indeed, I have heard from the Lord God of Armies a decree of destruction for the whole land.**

# THE CLEAR CHOICE OF WISDOM

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# Isaiah 28

<sup>23</sup> Listen and hear my voice. Pay attention and hear what I say. <sup>24</sup> Does the plowman plow every day to plant see? Does he continuously break up and cultivate the soil? <sup>25</sup> When he has leveled its surface, does he not then scatter black cumin and sow cumin? He plants wheat in rows and barley in plots, with spelt as their border. <sup>26</sup> His God teaches him order; he instructs him.

# Isaiah 28

<sup>27</sup> Certainly black cumin is not threshed with a threshing board, and a cart wheel is not rolled over the cumin. But black cumin is beaten out with a stick, and cumin with a rod. <sup>28</sup> Bread grain is crushed, but is not threshed endlessly. Though the wheel of the farmer's cart rumbles, his horses do not crush it. <sup>29</sup> This also comes from the Lord of Armies. He gives wondrous advice; he gives great wisdom.

# John 3

<sup>16</sup> For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> Anyone who believes in him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God...

# John 3

<sup>36</sup> The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who rejects the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of God remains on him.

THE ONLY WAY TO FLEE FROM GOD  
IS TO FLEE TO GOD!

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