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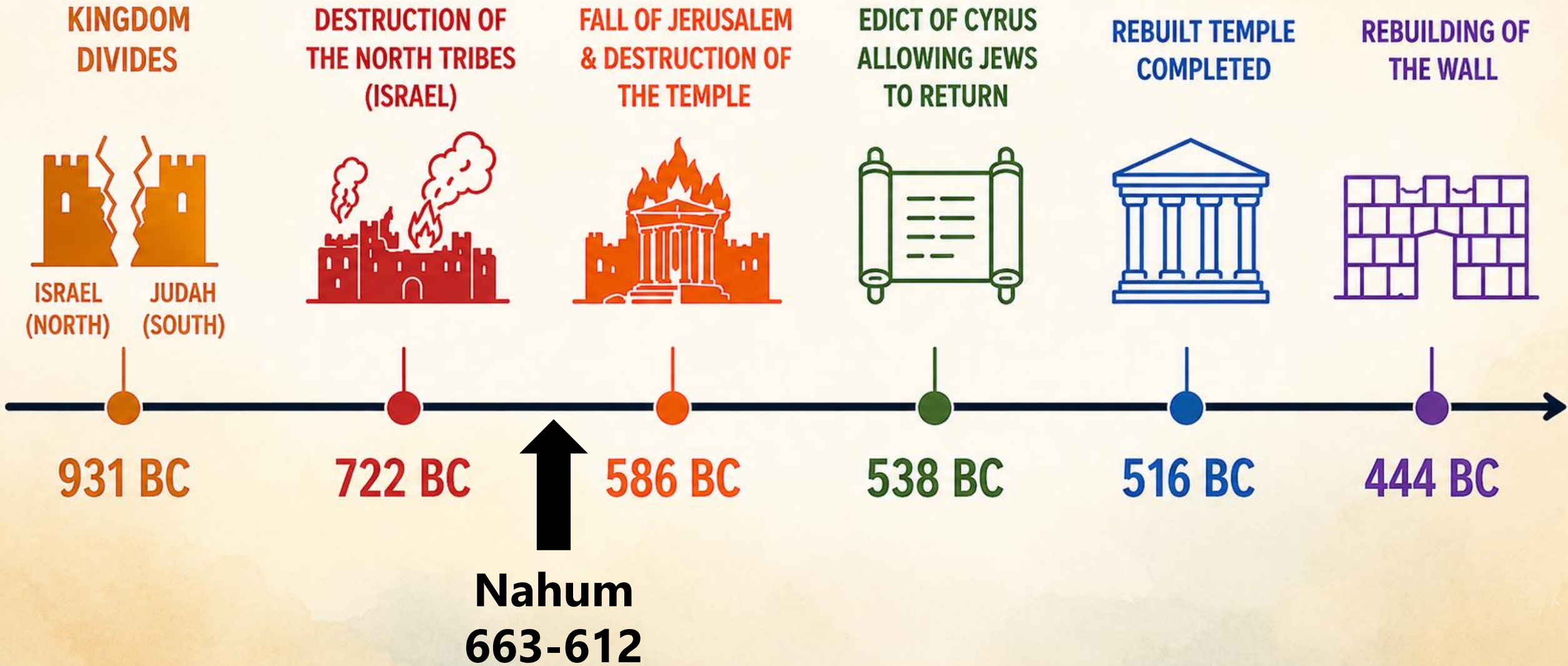
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# KEY EVENTS IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY



A white, two-story house with a dark roof is built on stilts on a rocky beach. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden glow on the horizon and the sky transitioning from dark blue to orange. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the wet sand of the beach reflects the light. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**Who is the LORD?**  
*Just & Powerful*

**“The LORD is a jealous God, filled with vengeance and rage. He takes revenge on all who oppose Him and continues to rage against His enemies! The LORD is slow to get angry, but His power is great, and He never lets the guilty go unpunished.”**

**“He displays His power in the whirlwind and the storm. The billowing clouds are the dust beneath His feet. At His command the oceans dry up, and the rivers disappear. The lush pastures of Bashan and Carmel fade, and the green forests of Lebanon wither. In His presence the mountains quake, and the hills melt away; the earth trembles, and its people are destroyed.”**

**“Who can stand before His fierce anger? Who can survive His burning fury? His rage blazes forth like fire, and the mountains crumble to dust in His presence.”**

**Nahum 1:2-6**

A white house on stilts sits on a rocky beach at sunset. The sky is dark with a golden glow on the horizon. The text "Who is the LORD?" and "Mercy" is overlaid in white.

**Who is the LORD?**  
*Mercy*

**“The LORD is good,  
a stronghold in the day of  
trouble; and He knows those  
who trust in Him.”**

**Nahum 1:7**

A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on a rocky outcrop. The house has several windows and a chimney. The foreground is a sandy beach with some water reflecting the sunset. The sky is dark with some clouds, and the ocean is visible in the distance. The overall mood is serene and somewhat somber due to the low light.

# Jonah and Nahum

**“So he (Jonah) prayed to the LORD,  
and said, ‘Ah, LORD, was not this what  
I said when I was still in my country?  
Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish;  
for I know that You are a gracious and  
merciful God, slow to anger and  
abundant in lovingkindness, One who  
relents from doing harm.’”**

**Jonah 4:2**

**“Your shepherds are asleep, O Assyrian king; your princes lie dead in the dust. Your people are scattered across the mountains with no one to gather them together. There is no healing for your wound; your injury is fatal. All who hear of your destruction will clap their hands for joy.**

**Where can anyone be found who has not suffered from your continual cruelty?”**

**Nahum 3:18-19**



# Where Justice and Mercy Meet

**He (Jesus) went on a little farther and bowed with His face to the ground, praying, 'My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.'"**

**Matthew 26:39**

**“Then Jesus left them (disciples) a second time and prayed, ‘My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.’”**

**Matthew 26:42**

**“There is therefore now no  
condemnation to those who are in  
Christ Jesus, who do not walk  
according to the flesh, but  
according to the Spirit.”**

**Romans 8:1**

**“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’”**

**Romans 8:15**

A white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on wooden stilts. It sits on a rocky, elevated shoreline. The foreground is a sandy beach with shallow water reflecting the sunset. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun on the horizon. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

# God's Comfort

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a stronghold in the day of  
trouble; and He knows those  
who trust in Him.”**

**Nahum 1:7**

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