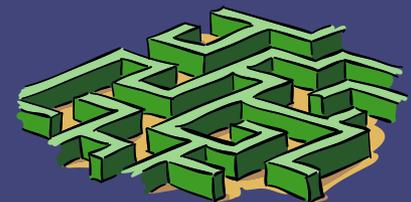


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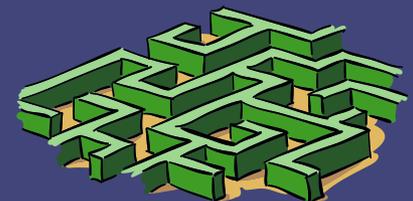


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- Everyone Else Does
- It's Natural
- It's Simple and Easy
- It's Without Problems

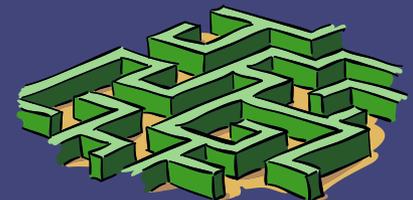


We Believe The Bible Because...

... It Says We Should

So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

(2 Peter 1:19-21)



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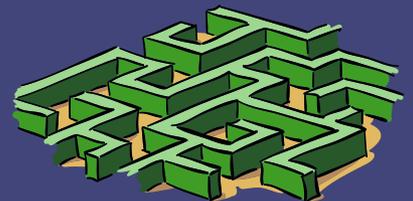
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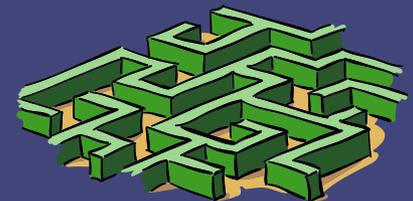
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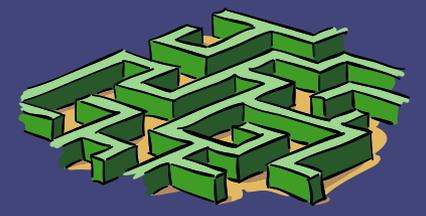


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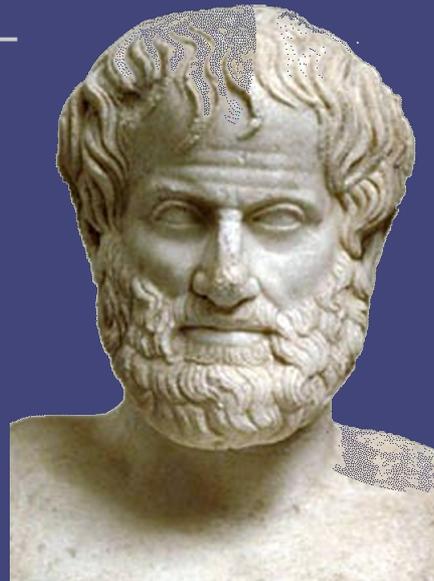


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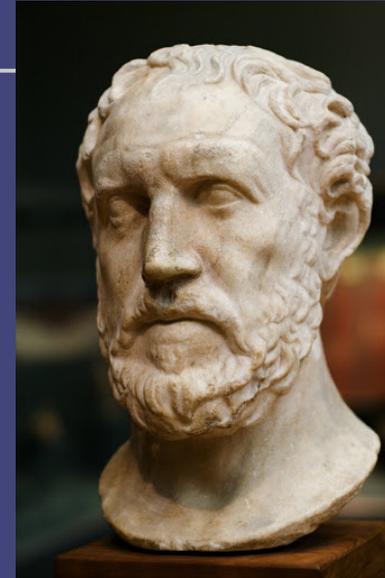
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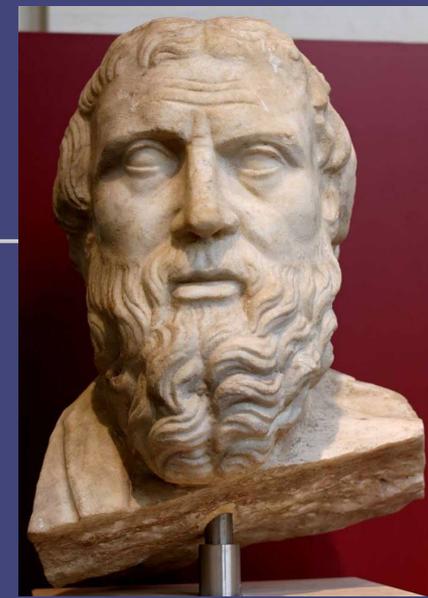
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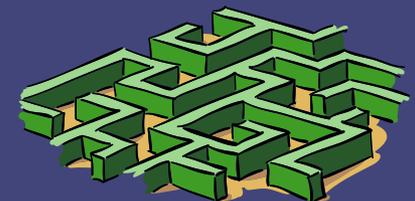


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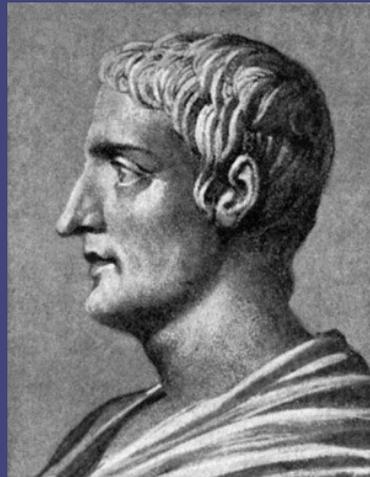


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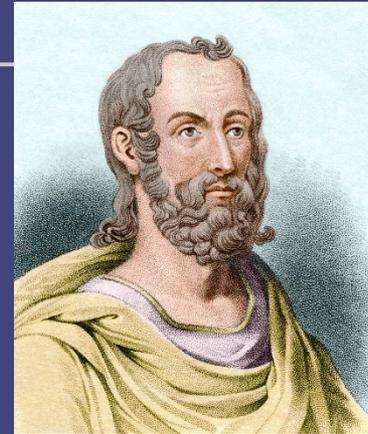
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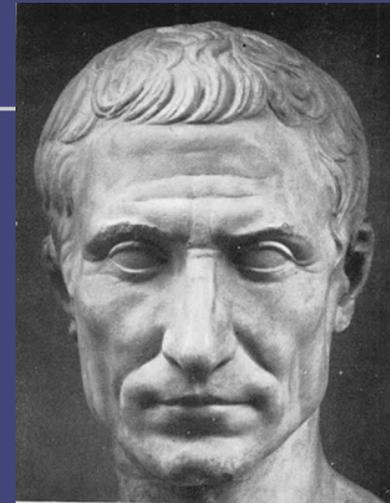
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Senator, Historian

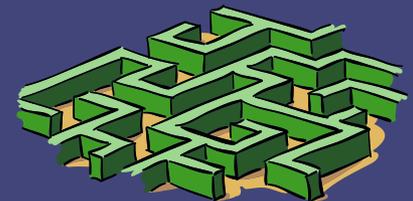


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Leader, Historian

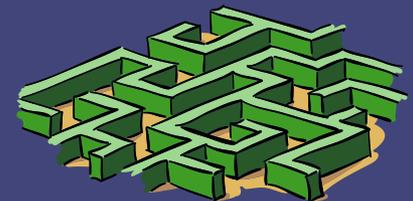
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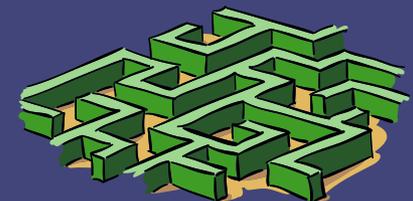
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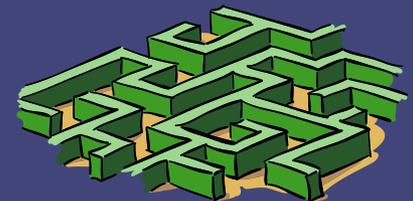
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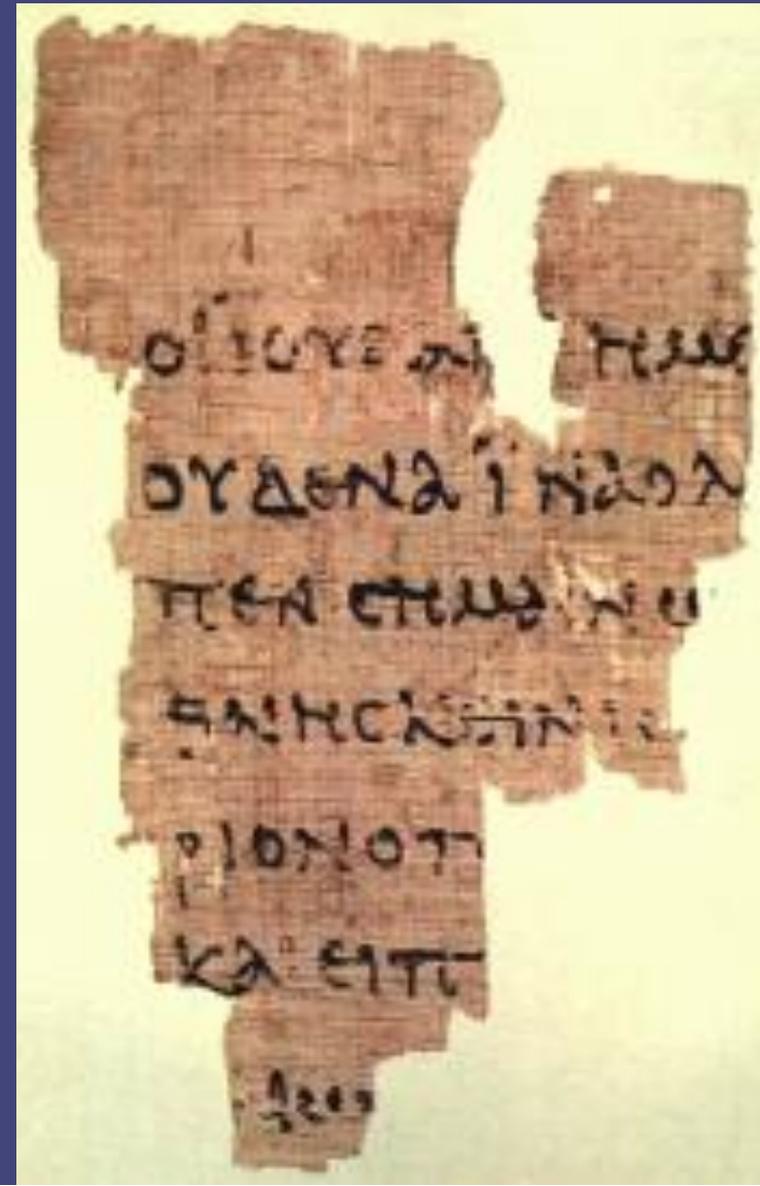


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Therefore Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Judeans said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." This was to fulfill the word which Jesus had spoken to show by what death he would die. Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the king of the Judeans?"

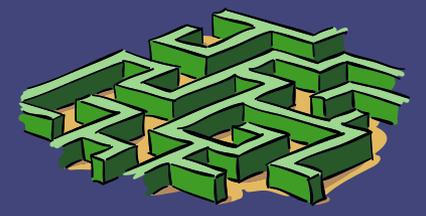
(John 18:31-33)





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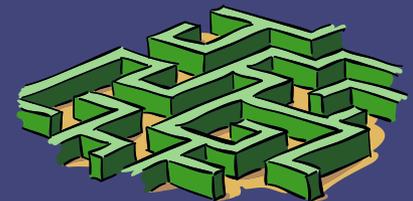


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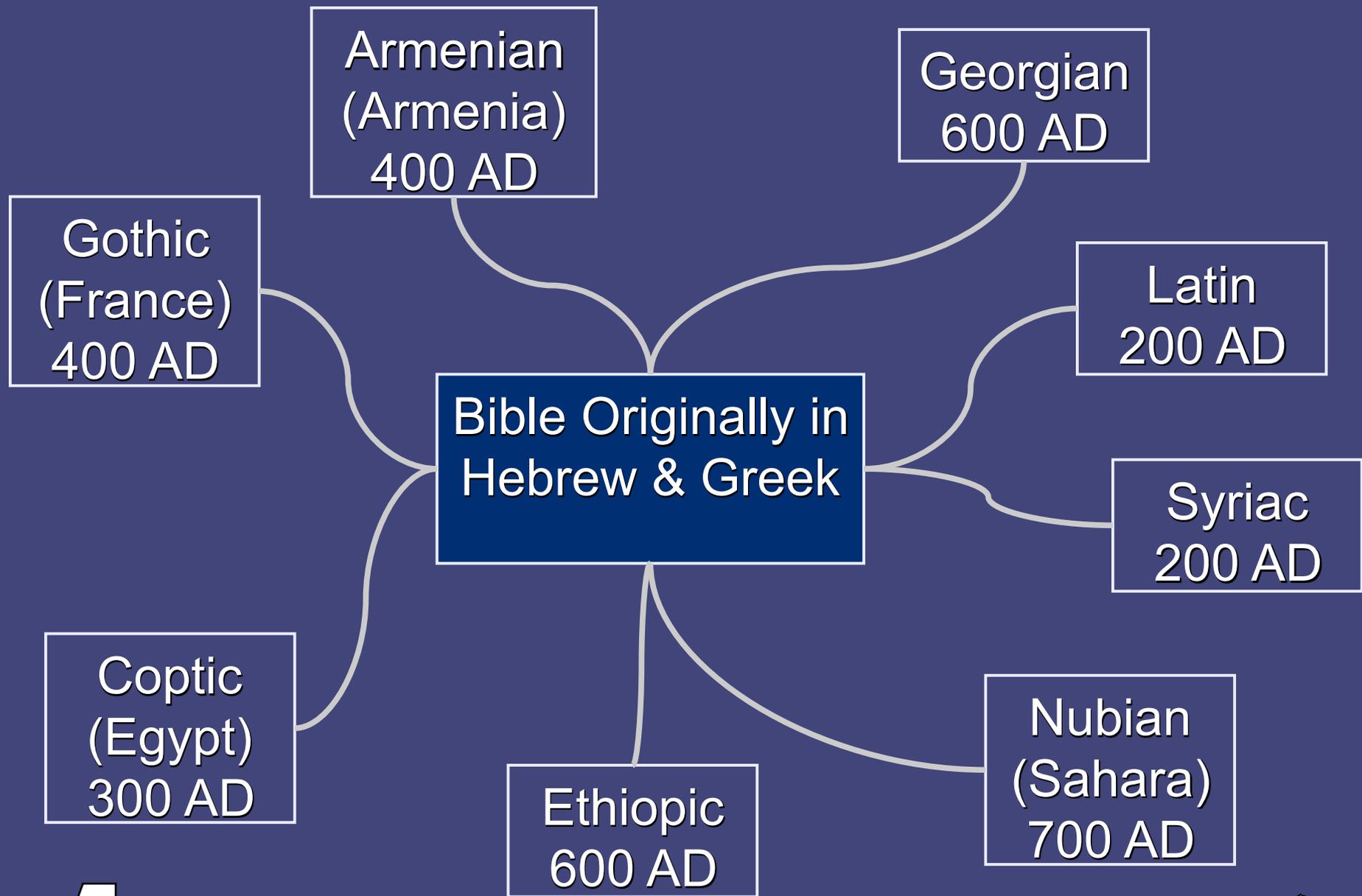
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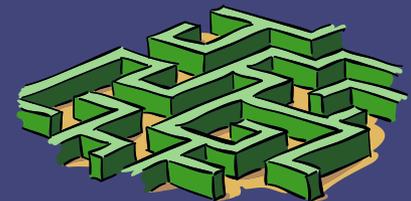
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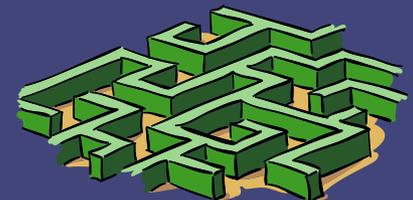


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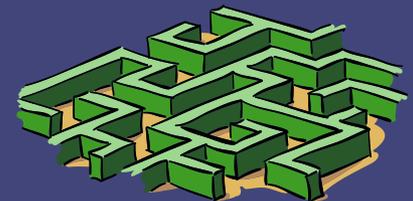
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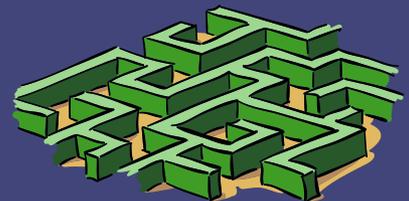
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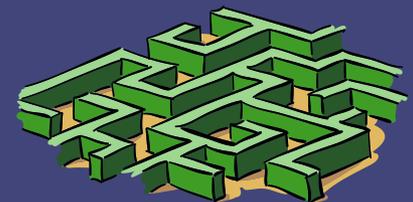
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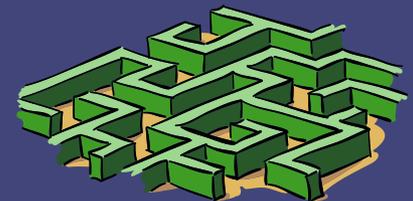
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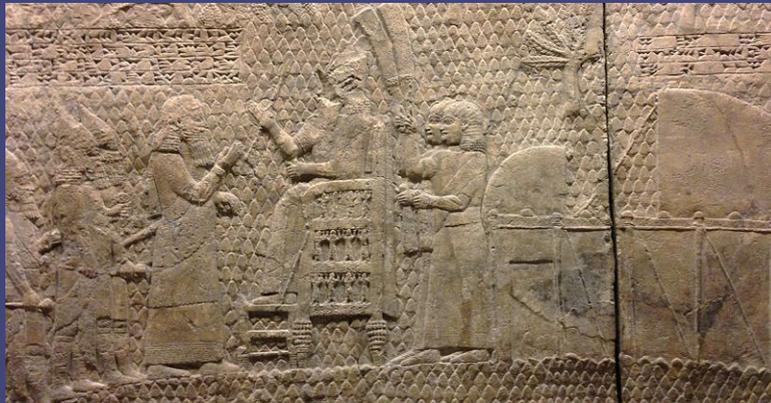
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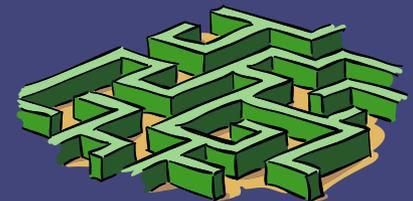
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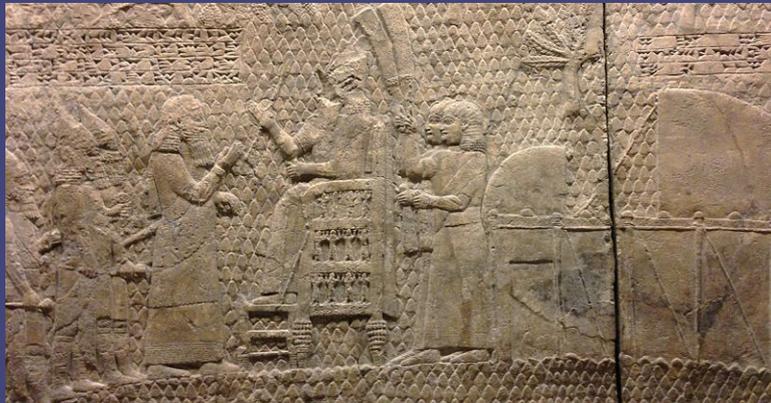
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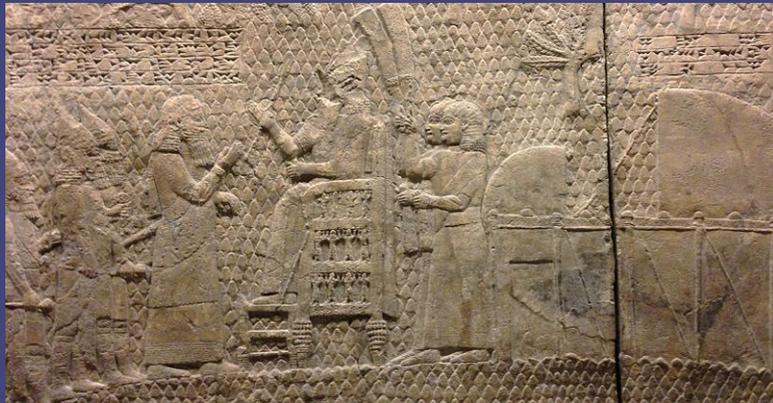
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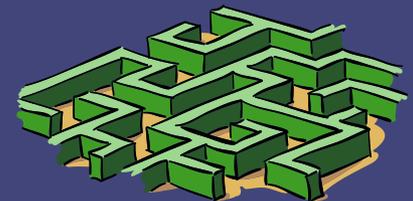


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Mesha Stele
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Obelisk of Shalmaneser III

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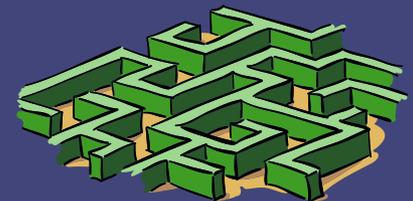
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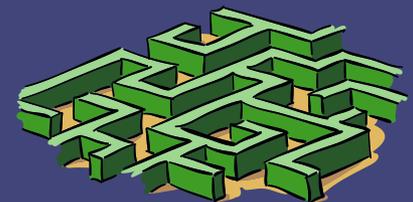
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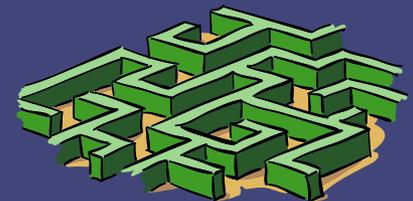
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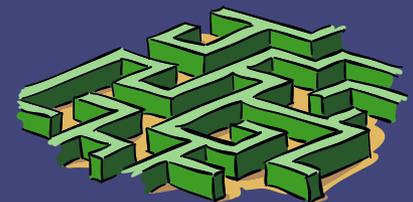


Ruins of Babylon, Viewed from
Summer Palace of Saddam Hussein

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Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up.'"
(2 Chronicles 36:22-23 ESV)

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Waterway into Jerusalem (Hezekiah's Waterway)

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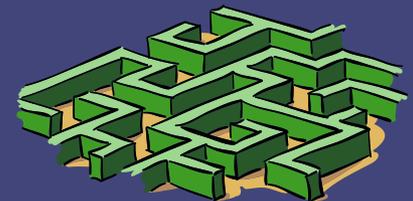
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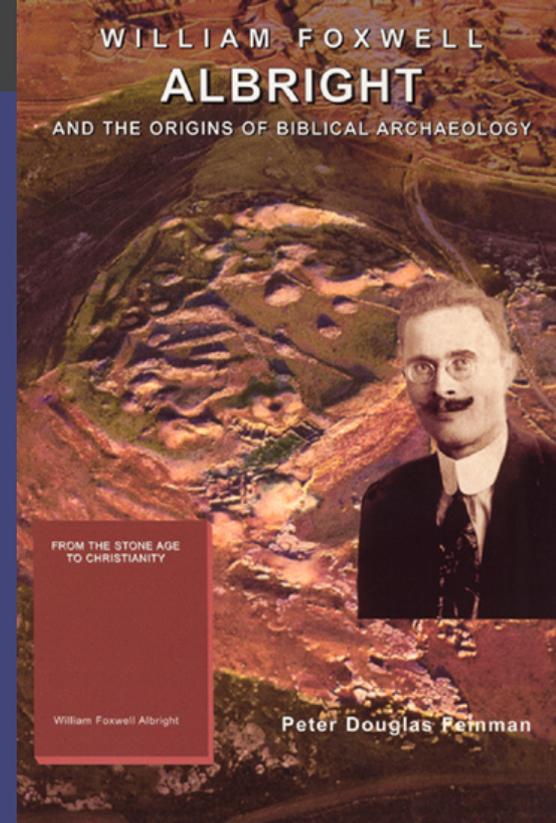
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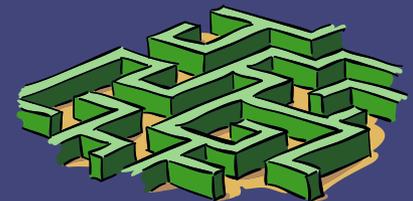
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There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of the Old Testament tradition..

-William F Albright

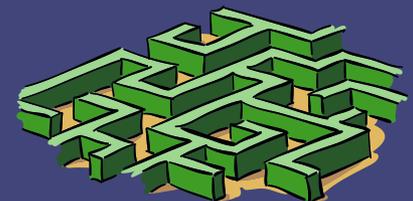
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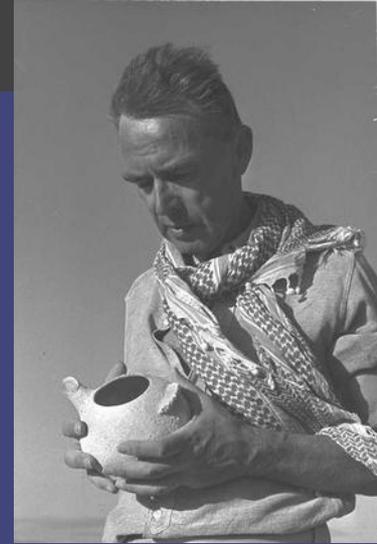


In Acts, Luke mentions thirty-two countries, fifty four cities, and nine Mediterranean islands. He also mentions ninety-five persons, sixty-two of which are not named elsewhere in the New Testament. And his reference, where checkable, are always correct. This is truly remarkable in view of the fact that the political/territorial situation of his day was in a state of almost constant change.

- Wayne Jackson

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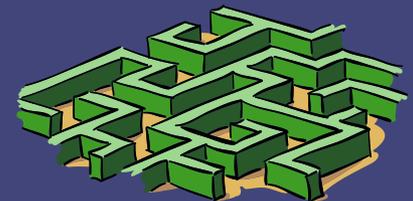


It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible.

-Nelson Glueck

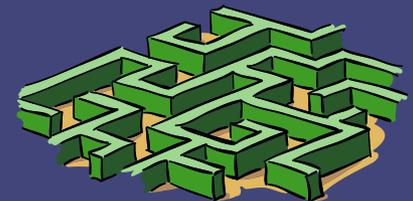
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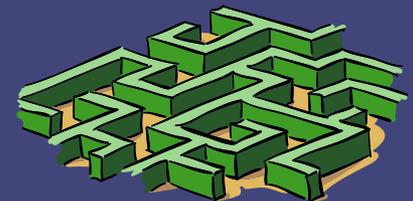
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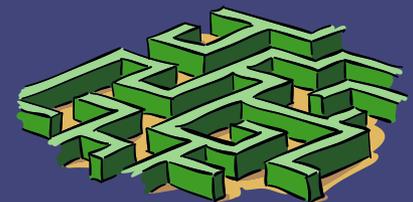
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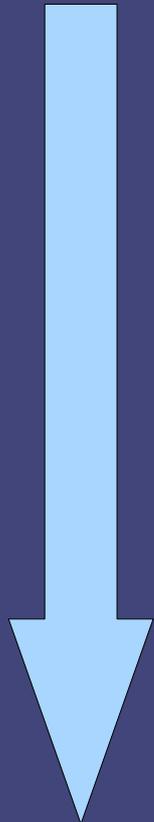
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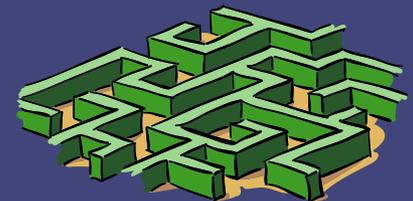
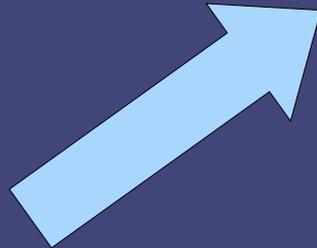
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A prophet is one who speaks for another.



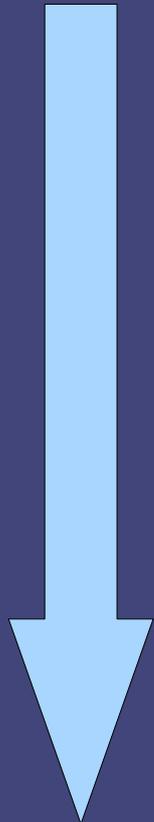
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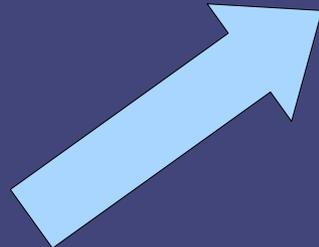


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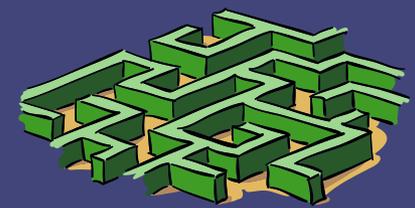
Aaron was Moses' Prophet.



Aaron

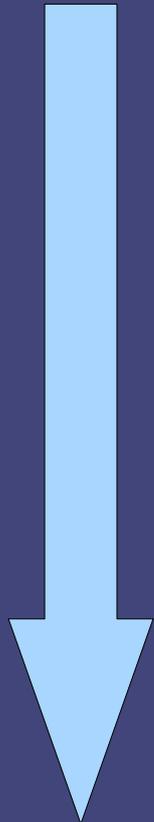


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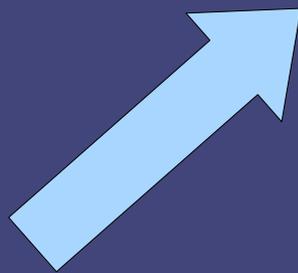
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Generally God spoke through chosen Men and Women.



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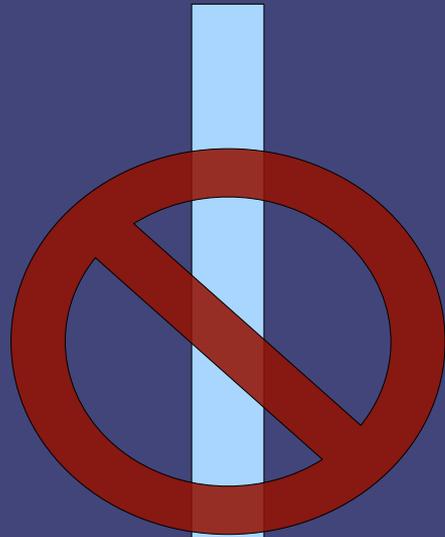
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False Prophets

*Then the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy from their own inspiration, 'Listen to the word of the LORD!' Thus says the Lord GOD, "Woe to the foolish prophets who are following their own spirit and have seen nothing."
(Ezekiel 13:1-3)*

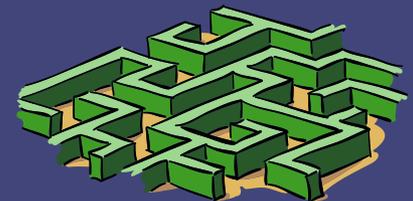
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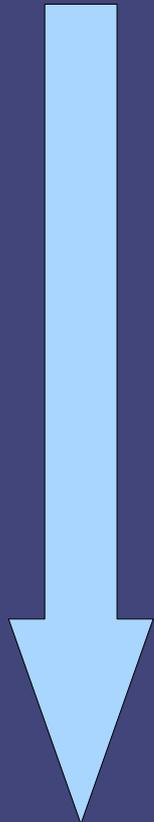
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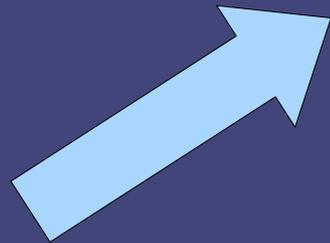
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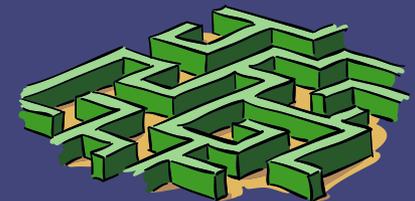
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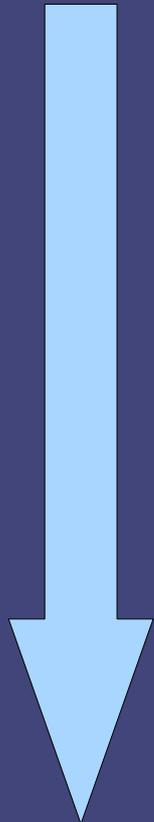
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If a trumpet is blown in a city will not the people tremble? If a calamity occurs in a city has not the LORD done it? Surely the Lord GOD does nothing Unless He reveals His secret counsel To His servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

(Amos 3:6-8)



God

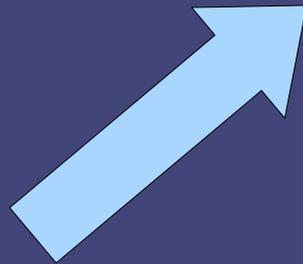


God's practice of foretelling His deeds is strong proof of His divine knowledge and power.

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Prophets Do **Both**

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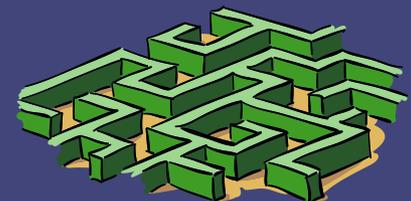


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(2 Peter 1:19-21)



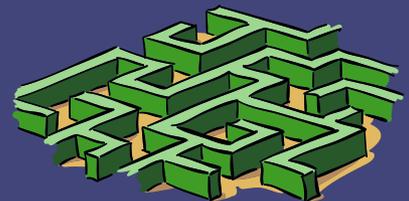
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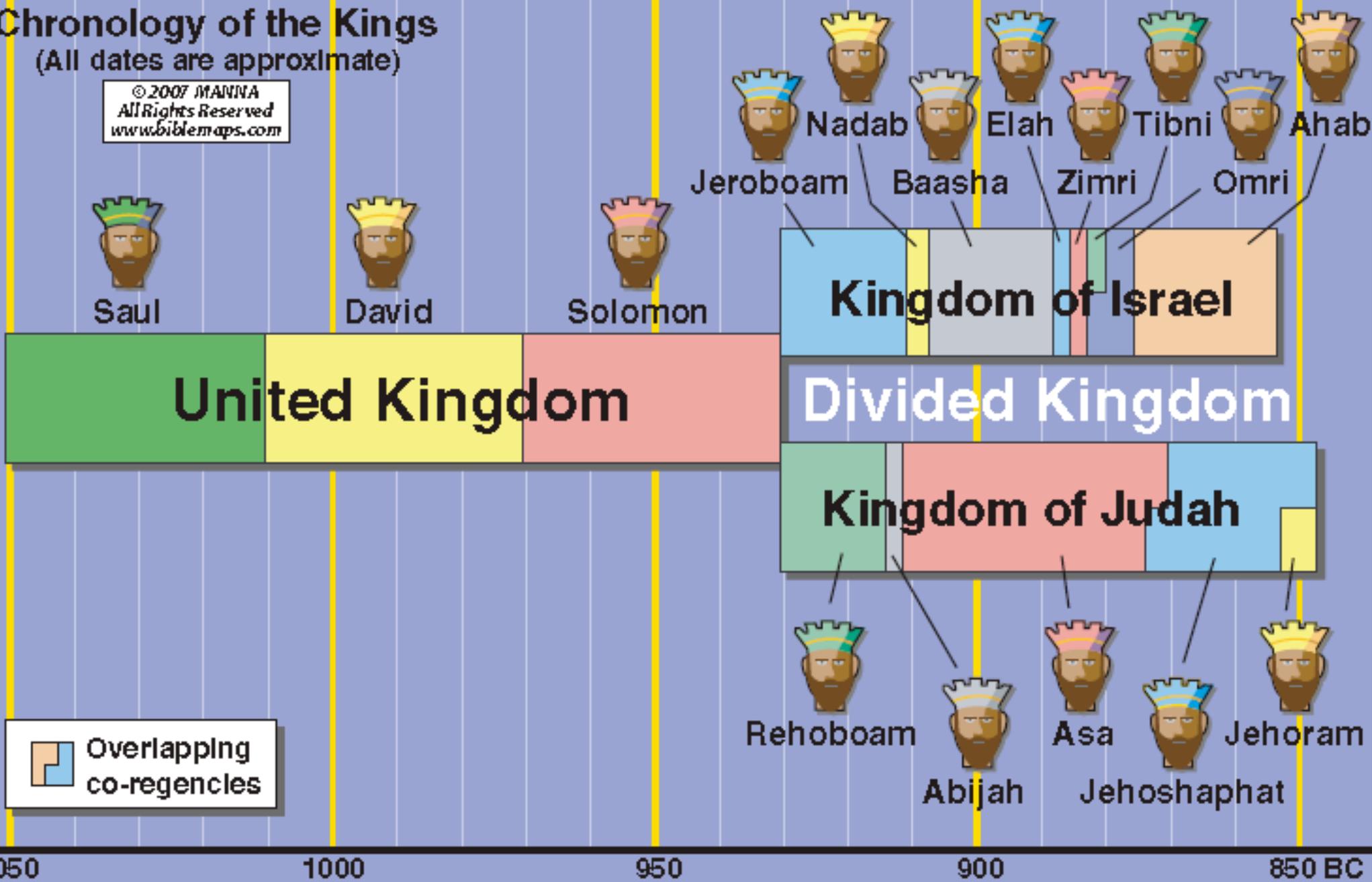
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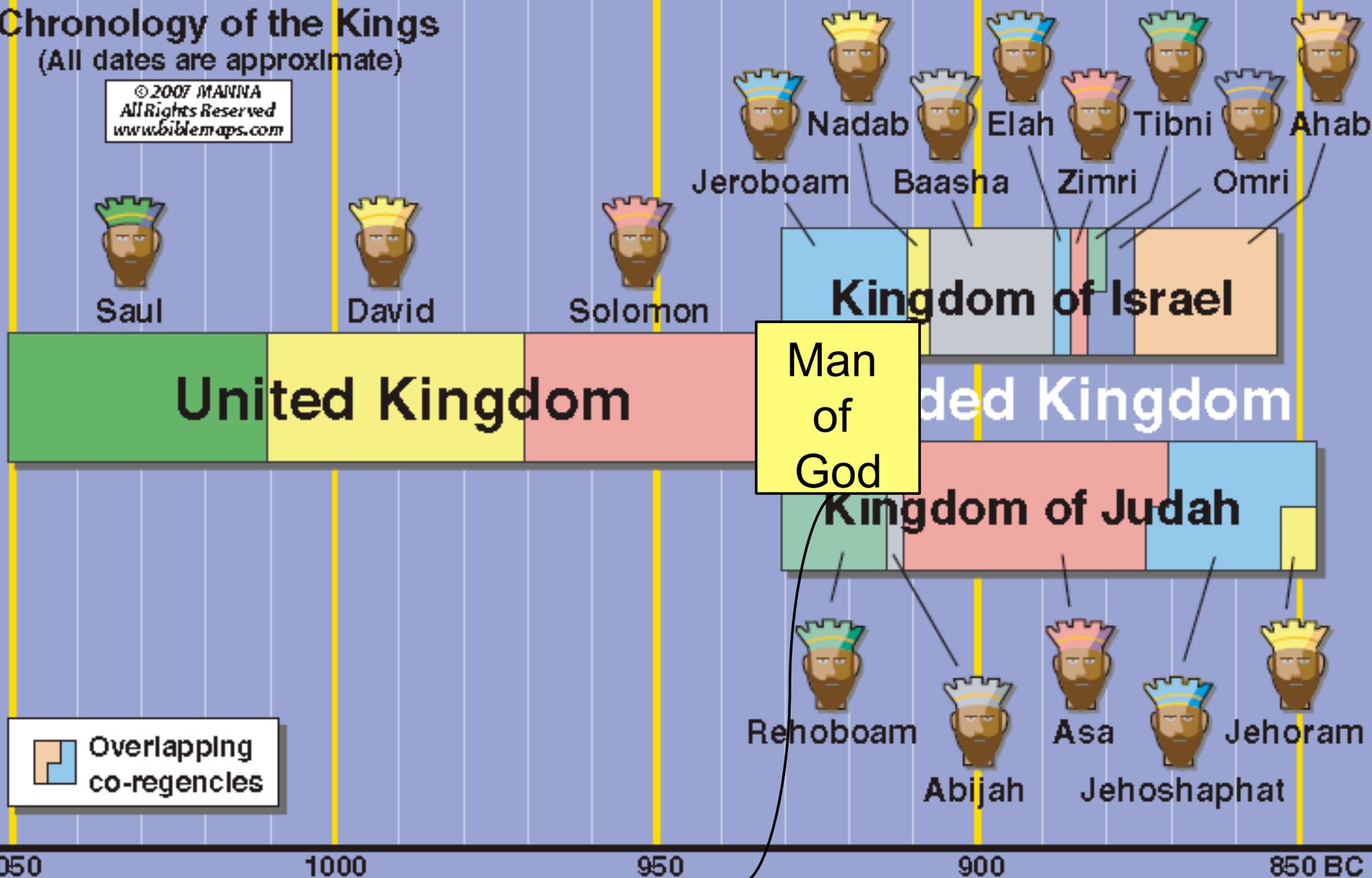
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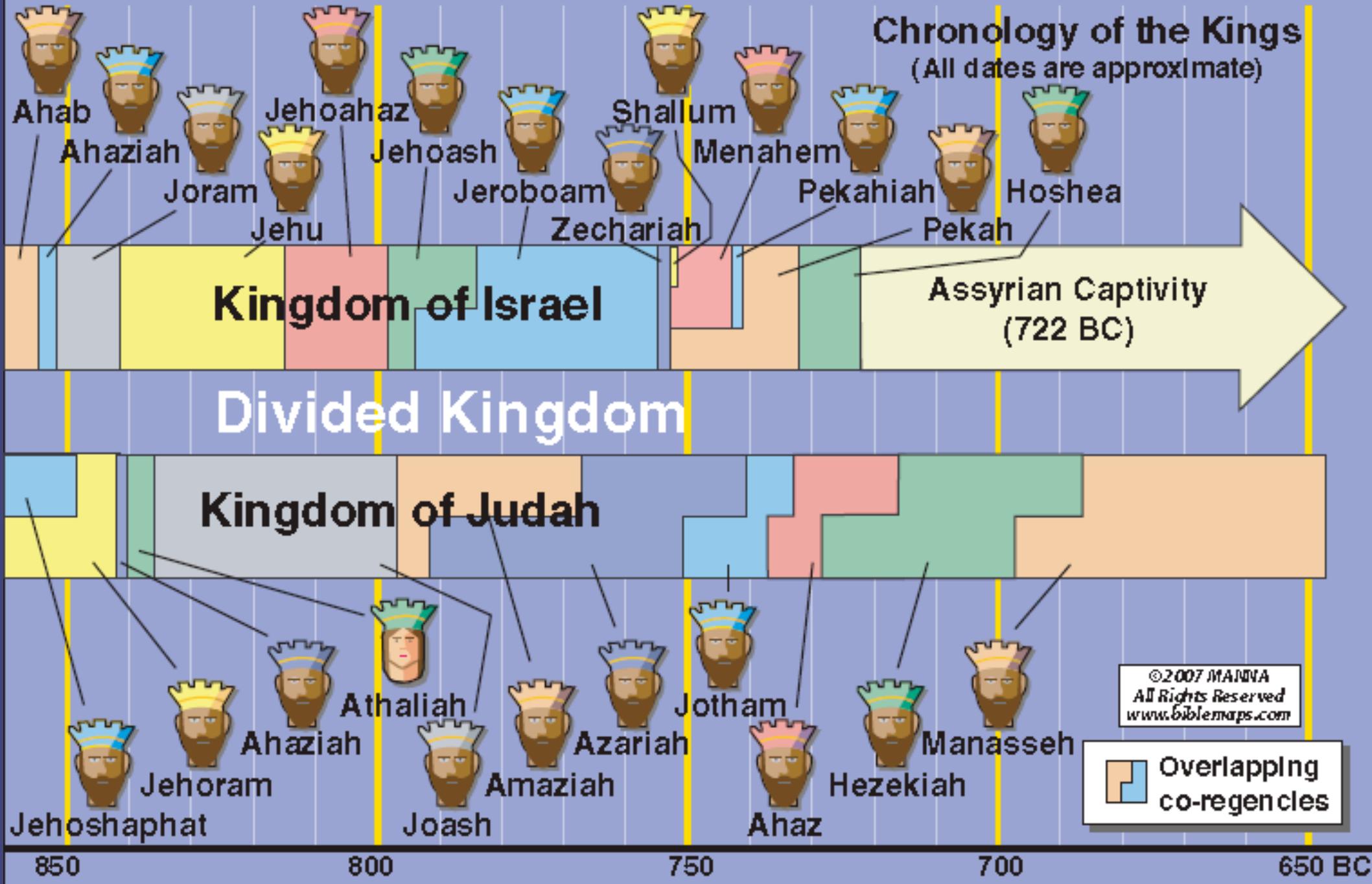
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He cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar, thus says the LORD, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.'" (1 Kings 13:2)

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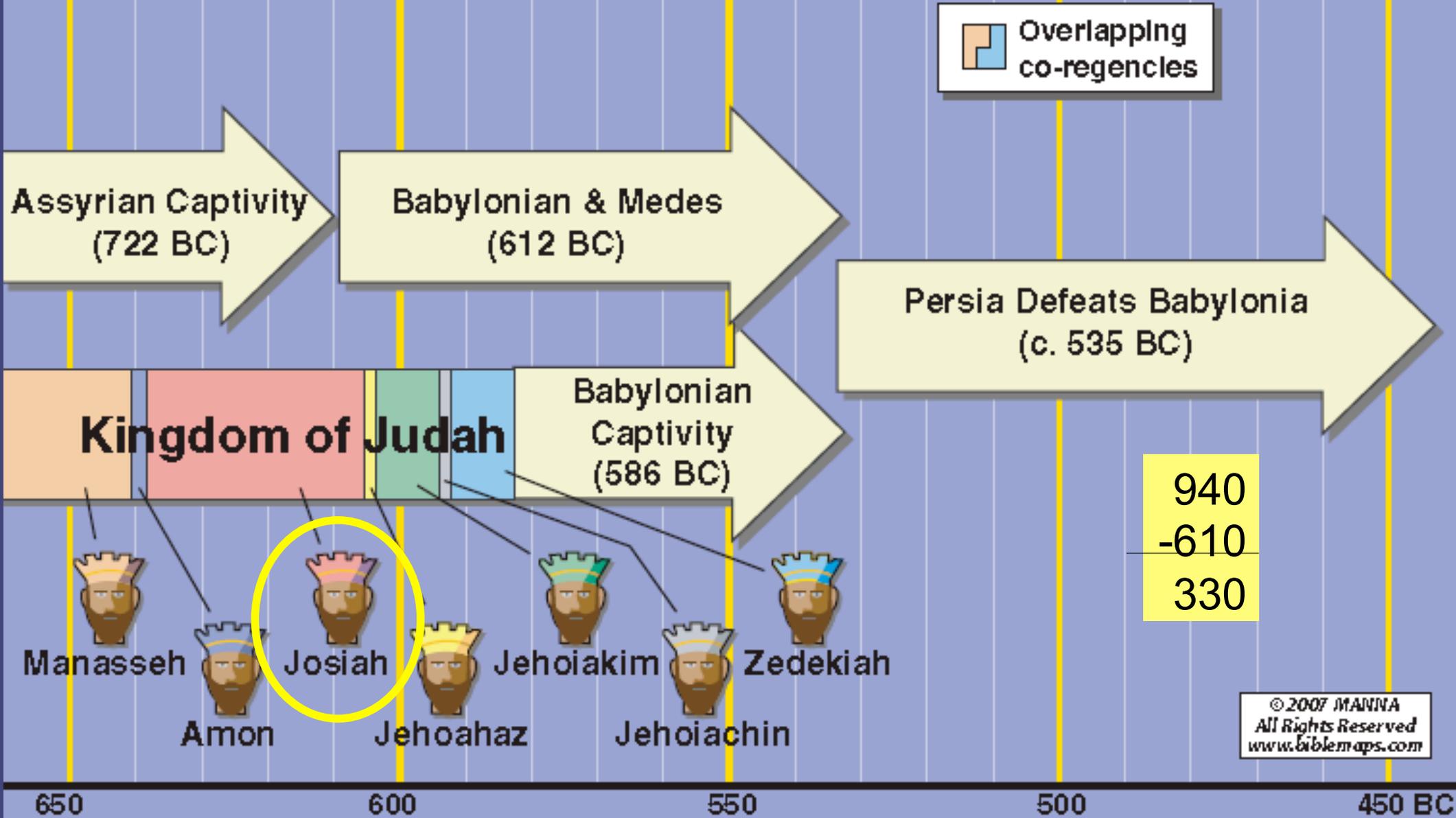
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Overlapping co-regencies



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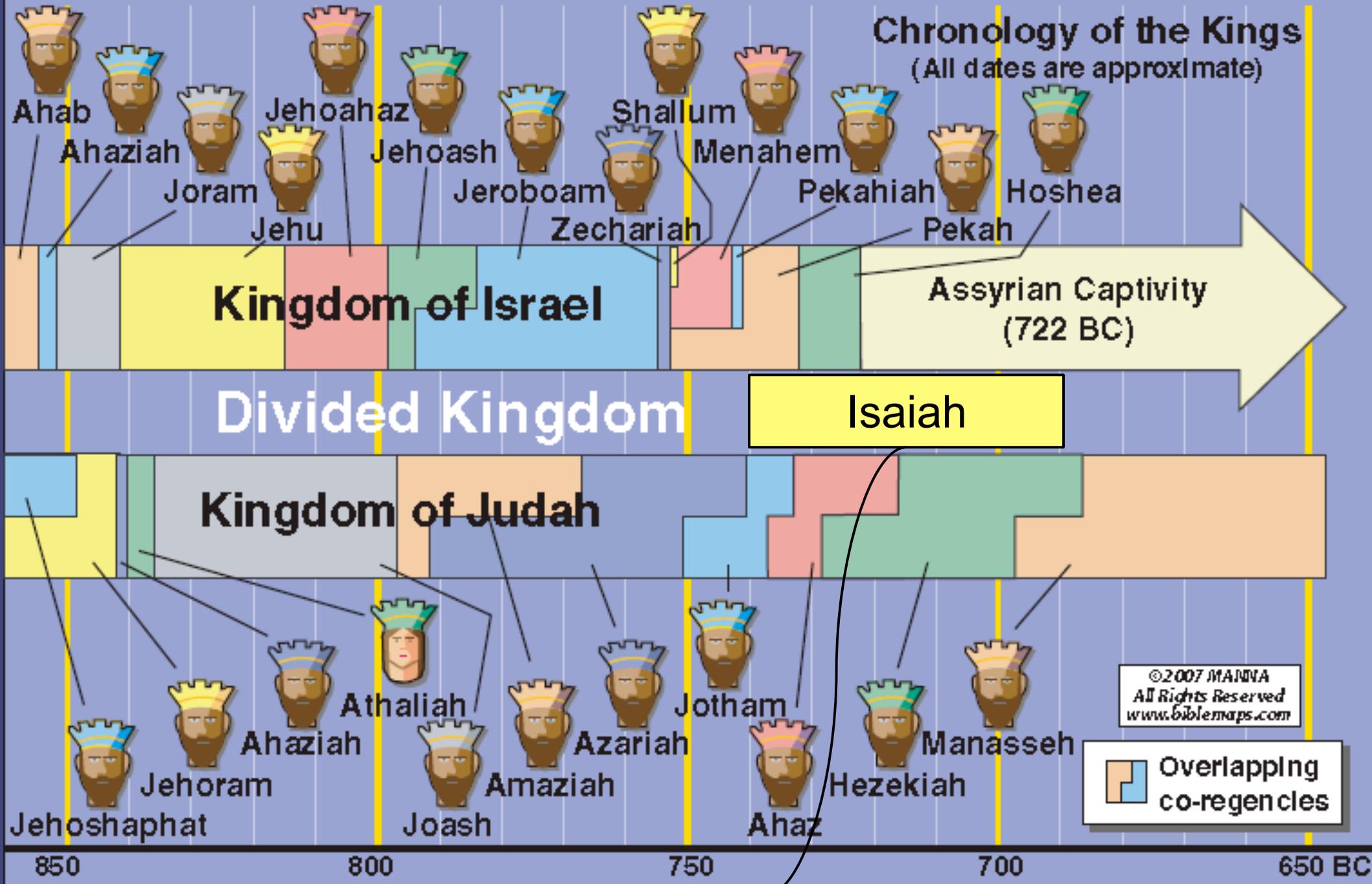
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Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. (2 Kings 22:1 ESV)

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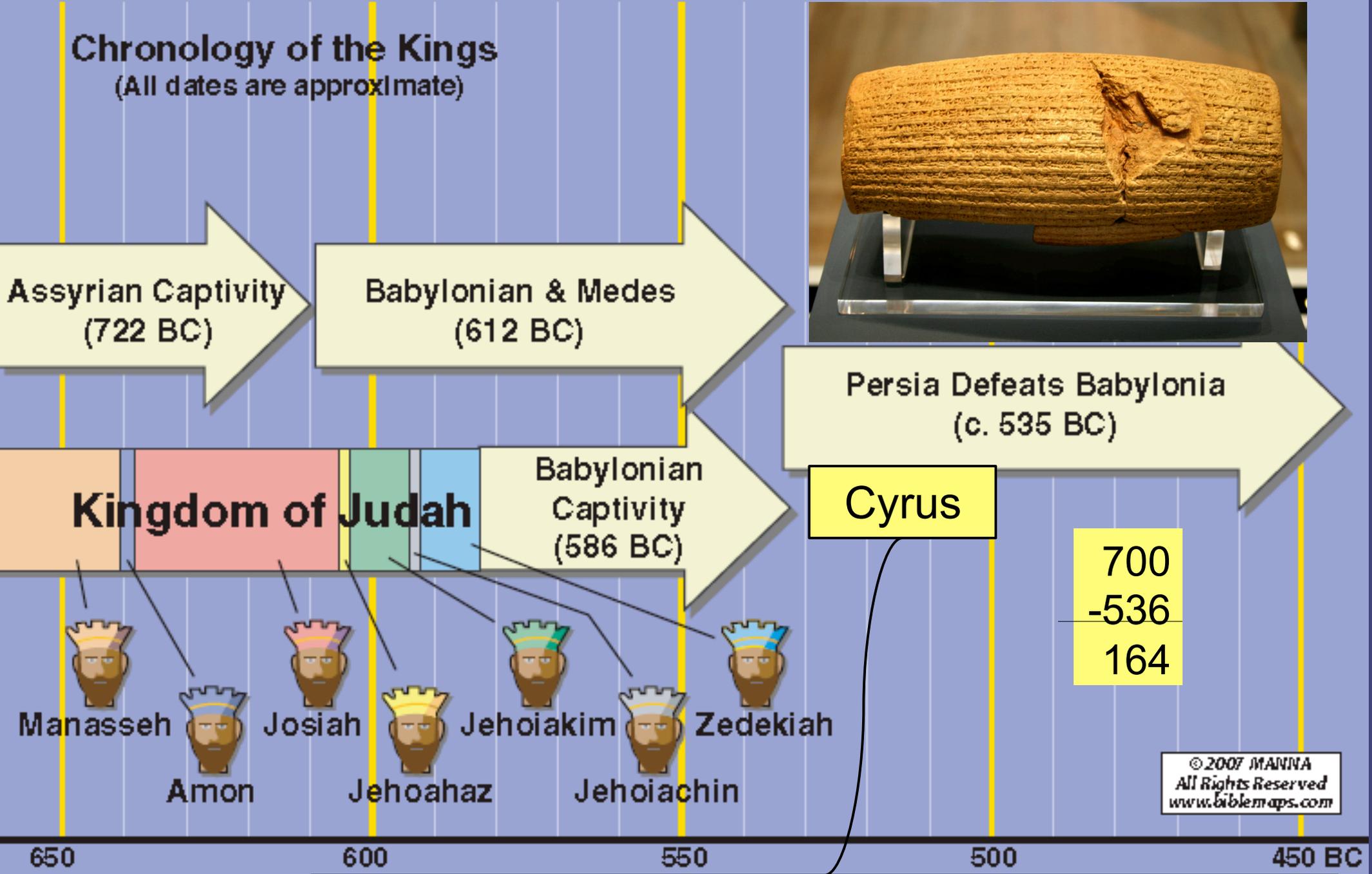
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Overlapping co-regencies

"It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'" (Isaiah 44:28)

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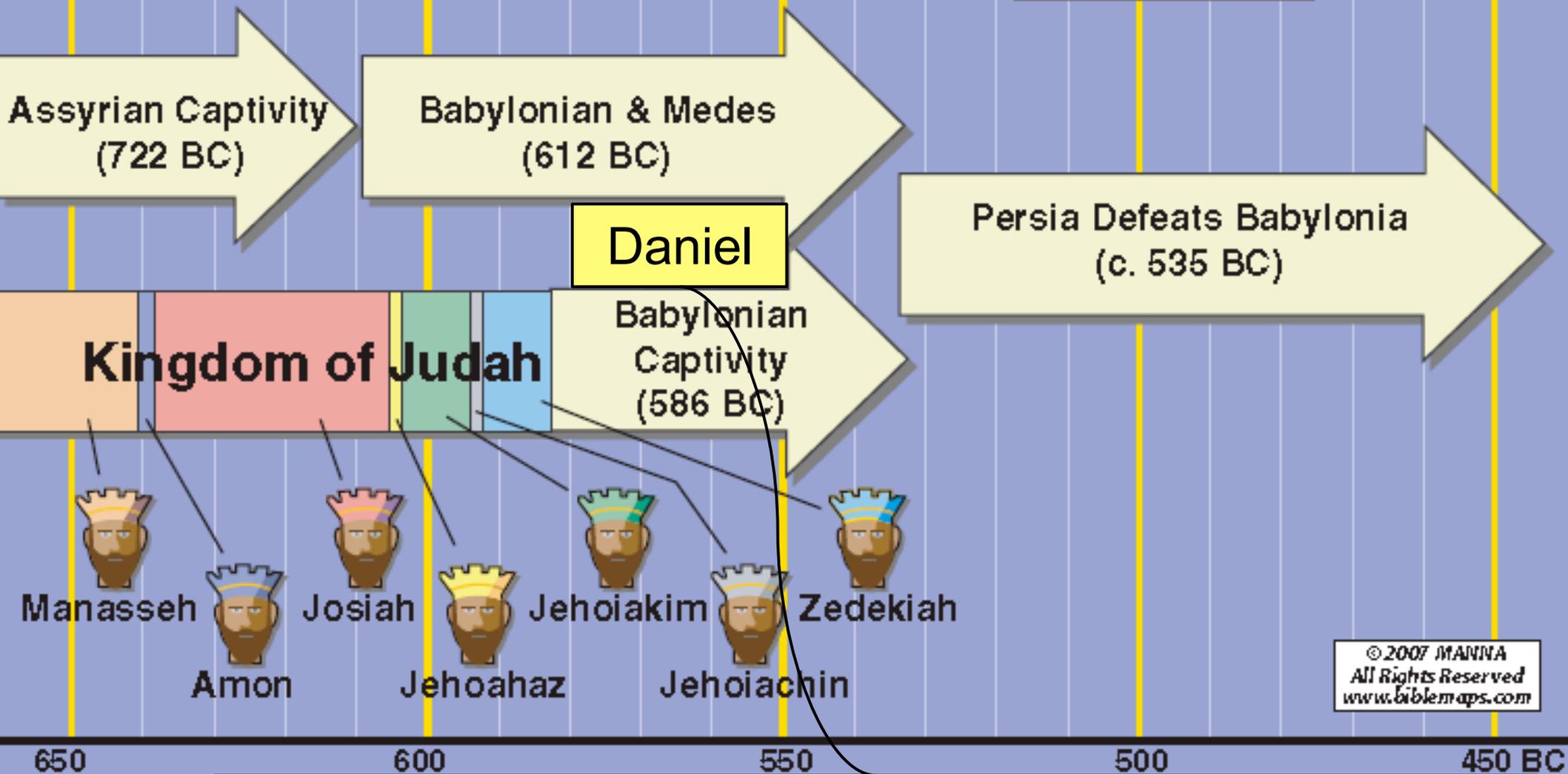


Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying: (Ezra 1:1)

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 Overlapping co-regencies



- Manasseh
- Amon
- Josiah
- Jehoahaz
- Jehoiakim
- Jehoiachin
- Zedekiah

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"Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy." (Daniel 2:45)

Considered 4 Out of 1,700 Prophecies

1,700 Prophecies. 1,700 Events. No Failures.

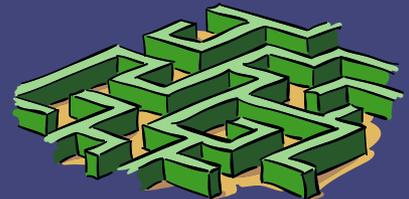
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Jesus Fulfilled Prophecies

Luke 4:16-21

Prophecies



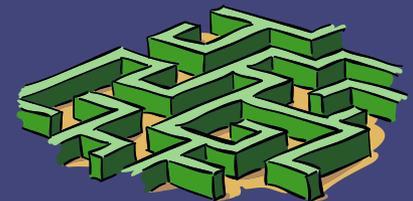
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Jesus Prophesied of Himself

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die.

(John 12:32-33)

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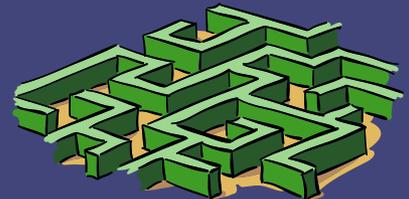


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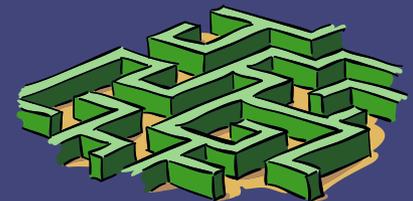
For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. (Matthew 12:40-41)

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Isaiah 53

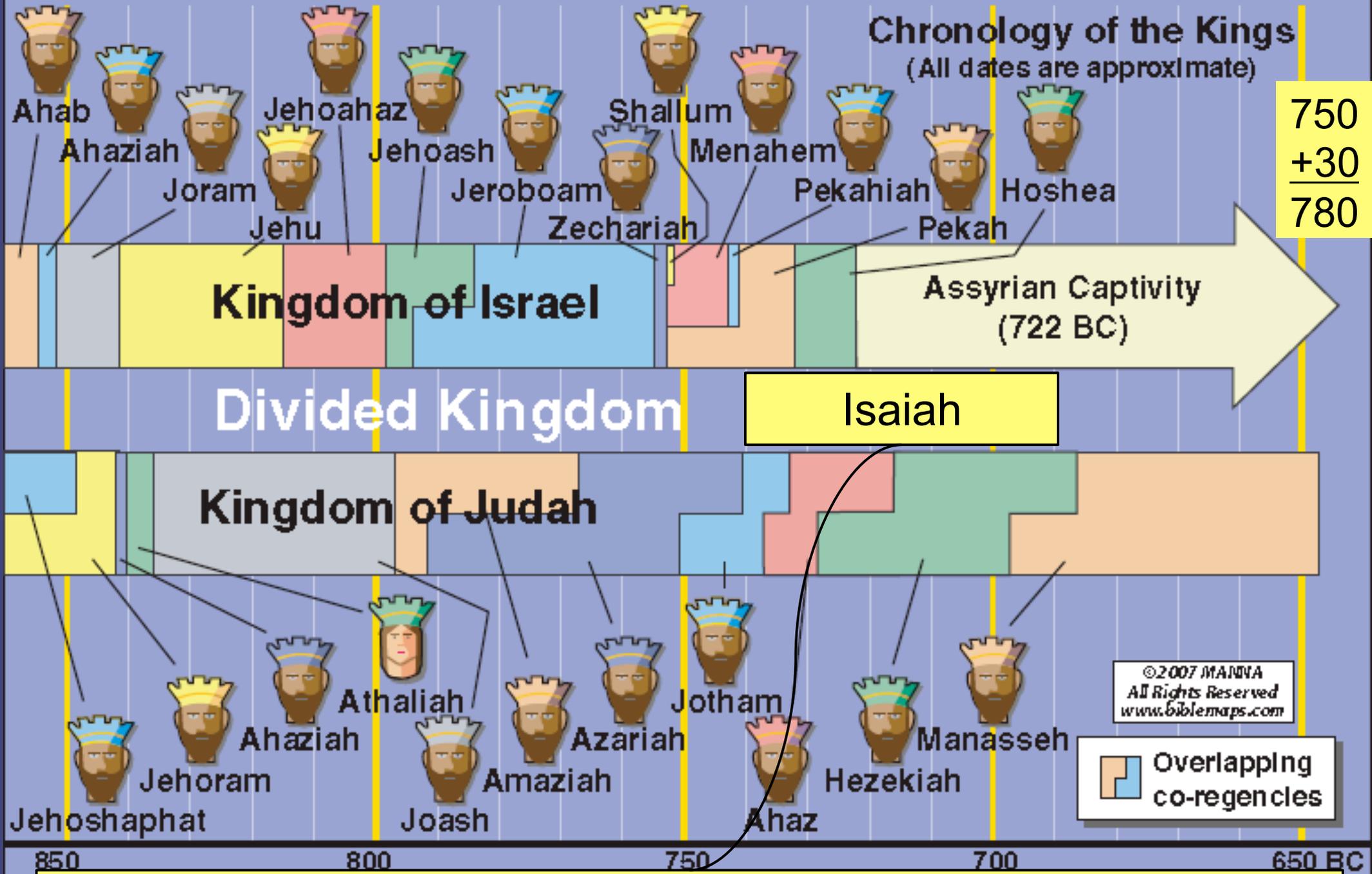
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He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. (Isaiah 53:3-4)

Messianic

Jesus Fulfilled 300 Prophecies

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2,000 Prophecies Made. 2000 Fulfilled. No Failures.

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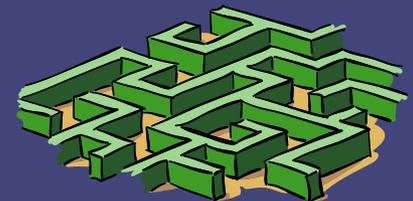
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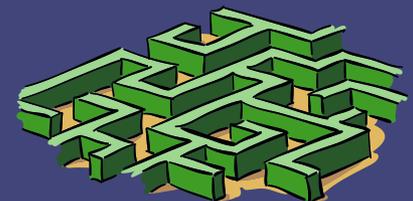
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"Present your case," the LORD says. "Bring forward your strong arguments," The King of Jacob says. Let them bring forth and declare to us what is going to take place; As for the former events, declare what they were, That we may consider them and know their outcome. Or announce to us what is coming; Declare the things that are going to come afterward, That we may know that you are gods; Indeed, do good or evil, that we may anxiously look about us and fear together. Behold, you are of no account, And your work amounts to nothing; He who chooses you is an abomination. (Isaiah 41:21-24)

Prophetic Challenge



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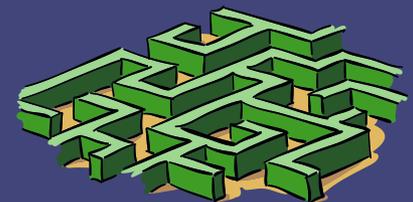
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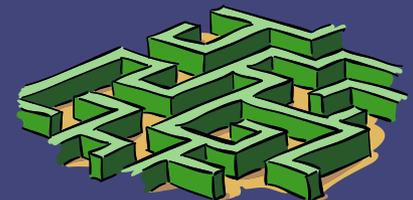
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Arguments for scientific evidence for scripture generally go like this:

*It is he who sits above **the circle of the earth**, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; (Isaiah 40:22)*

Isaiah referred to the earth as a circle when the world was thought to be flat. This shows God knew the earth was a circle long before the world knew it by science. Science now knows the earth is a circle, so the Bible was right all along.

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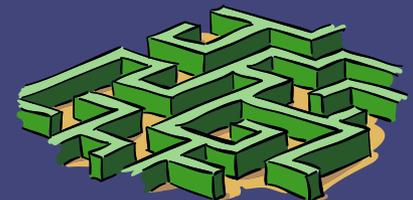
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If we use arguments like that then we have to explain:

The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. (Ecclesiastes 1:5)

This verse says the sun rises, sets, and rises. Actually, science has shown that the sun sits in the center of the solar system. It only seems to move because the earth rotates.

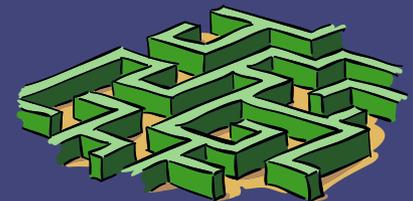
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Science comes from the Latin **scientia** which means knowledge.

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Usually people use the term **Science** to describe **knowledge** gained through...

... **observation** and **experimentation**.



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That kind of **Science** excludes recorded history.

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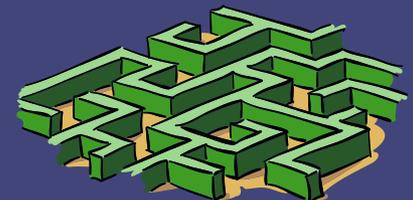
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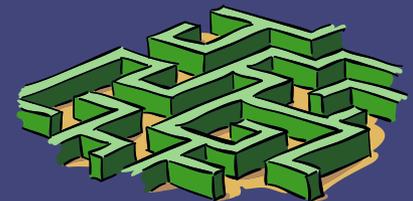
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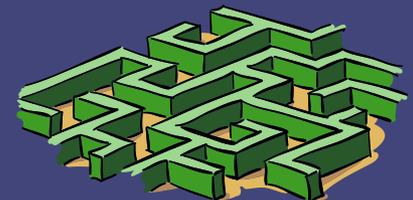
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The Bible teaches that God is supernatural.

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Nature is all that exists.
Implicitly there is nothing above nature.
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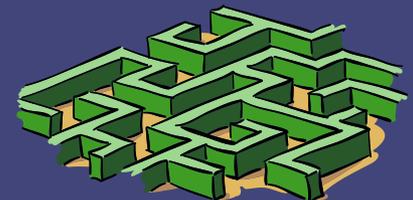
The Bible teaches that God can control rates in nature.

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Rates in nature are constant.

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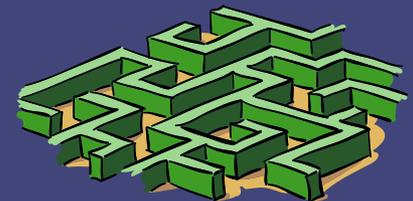
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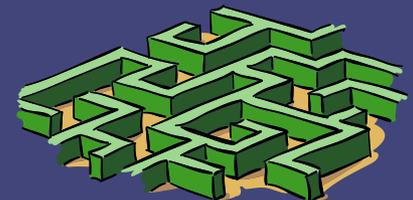
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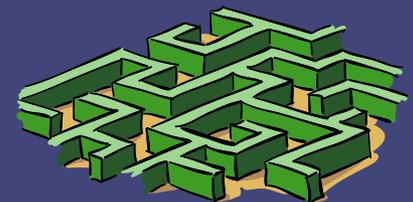
Scientist err in judgment when they disregard Biblical accounts of origins and try to investigate origins on their own.



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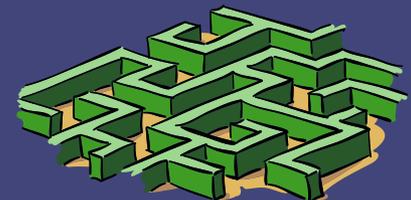
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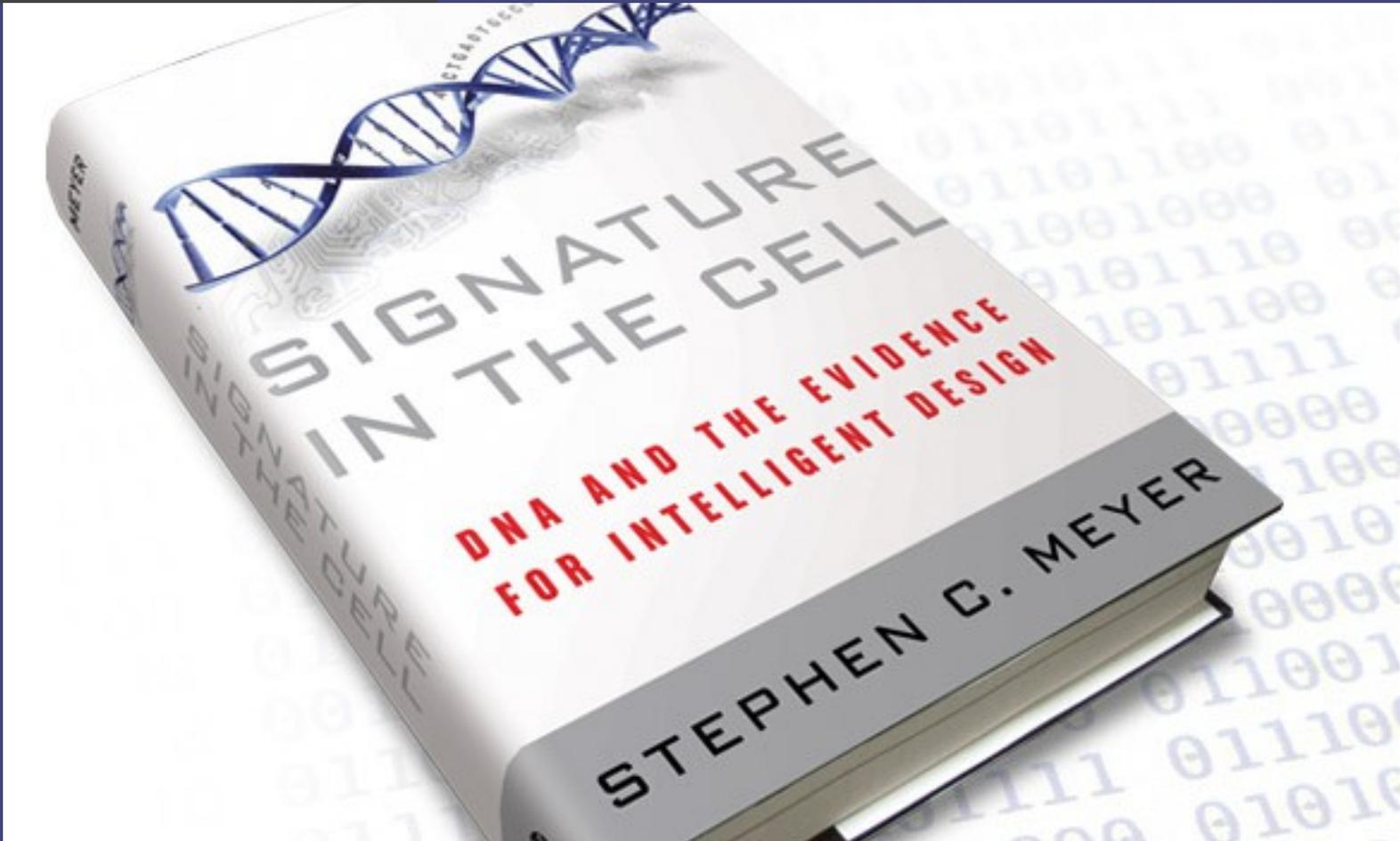
If one follows God's moral code he is spared many of the world's diseases and maladies.

*...saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put **none of the diseases** on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer." (Exodus 15:26)*

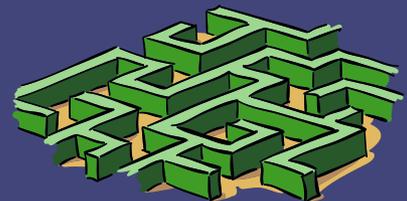
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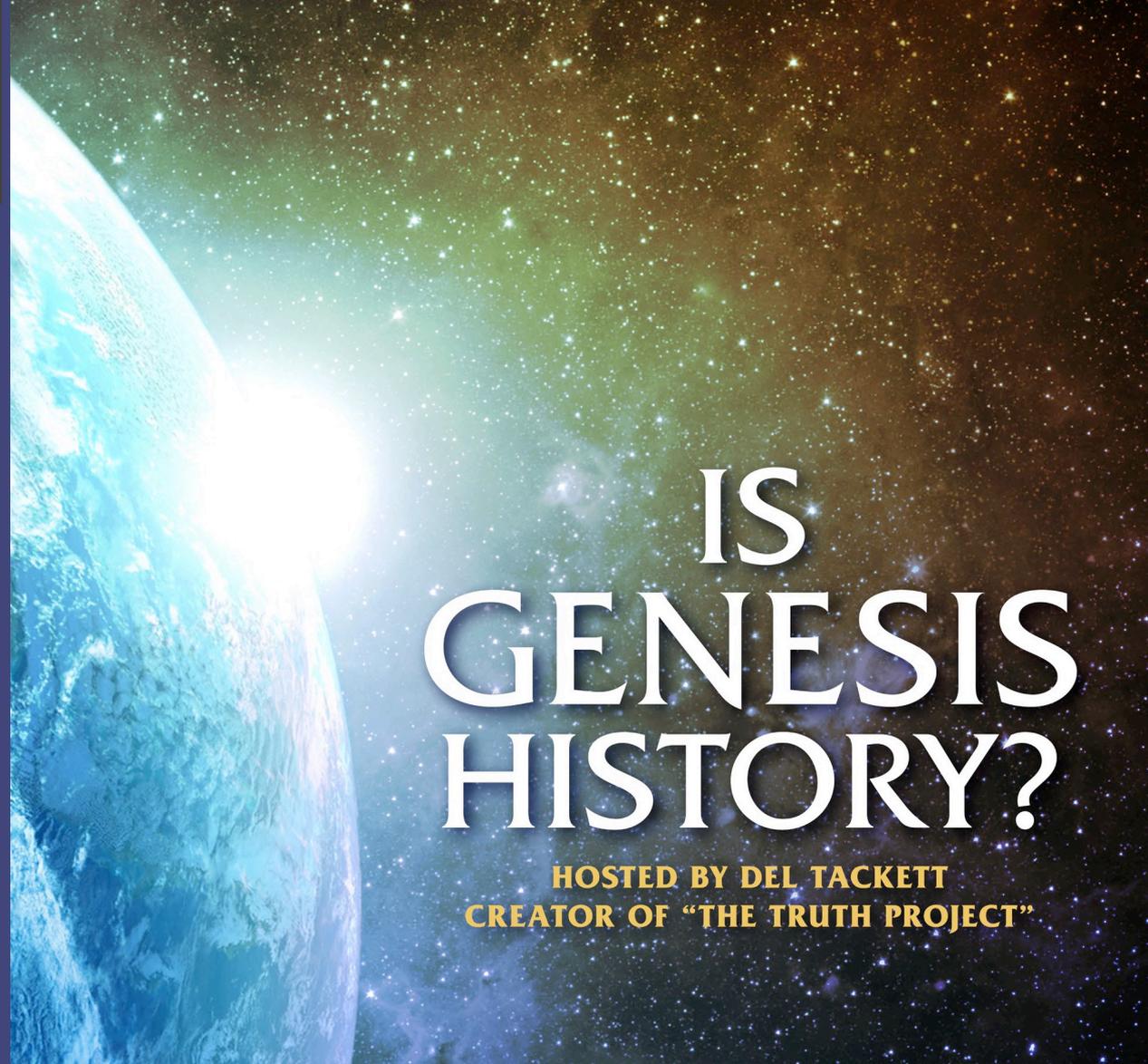
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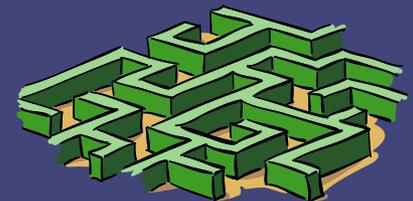
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Good science and good Bible study do not contradict.

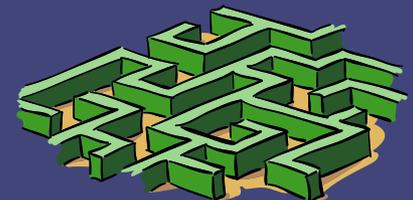
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Observational and experimental investigation have confirmed that the Bible, although not a science text, contains profitable and accurate information.

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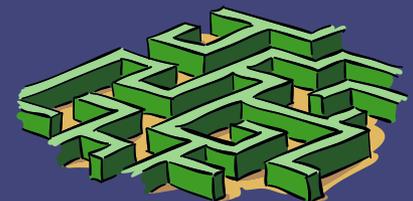
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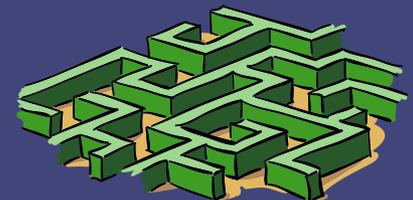


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