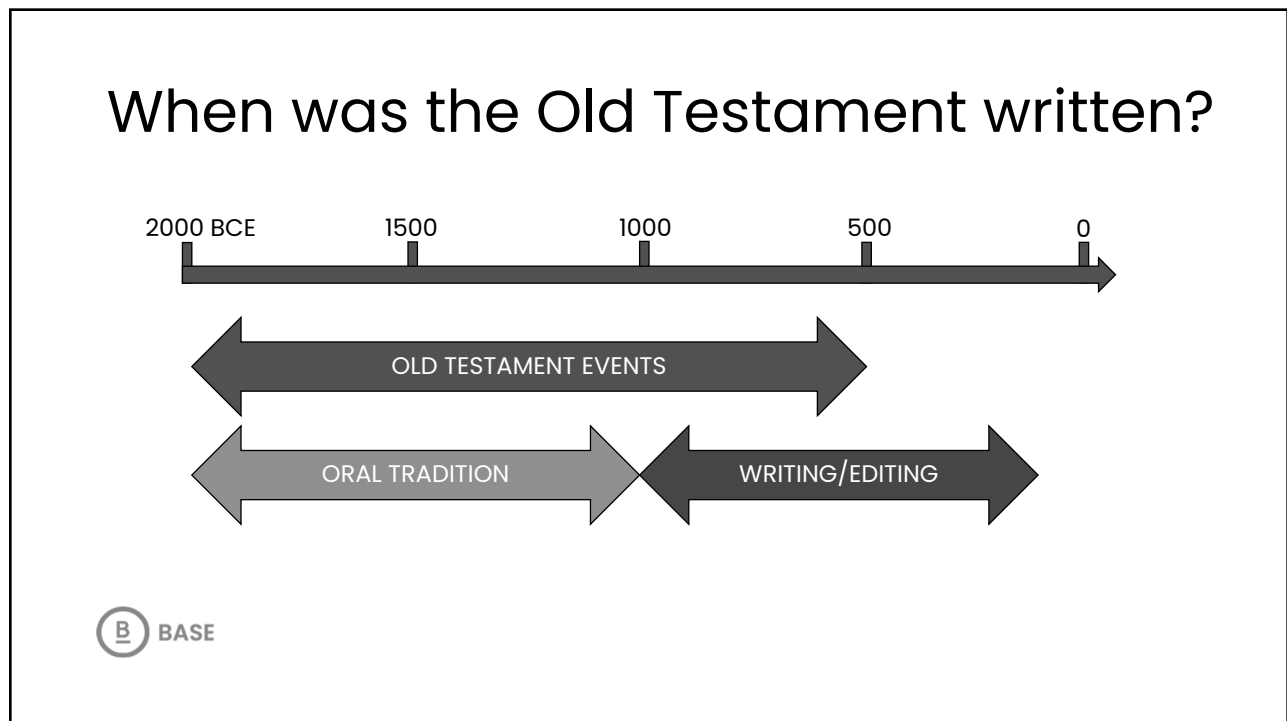




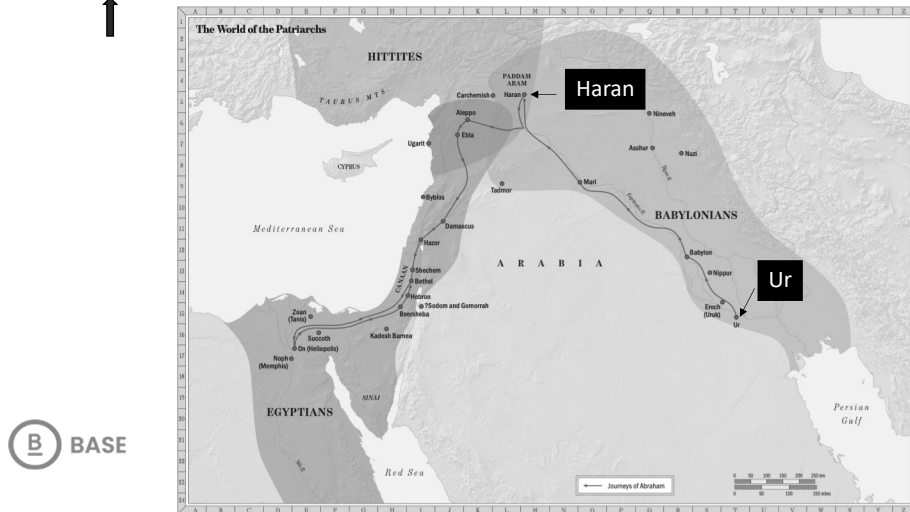
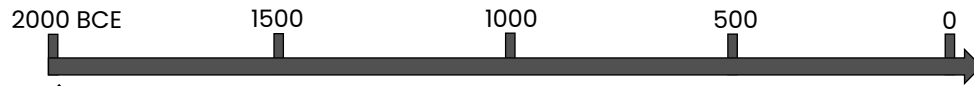
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Genesis 12-16

Abram – The Story Begins



Abraham



Isaac



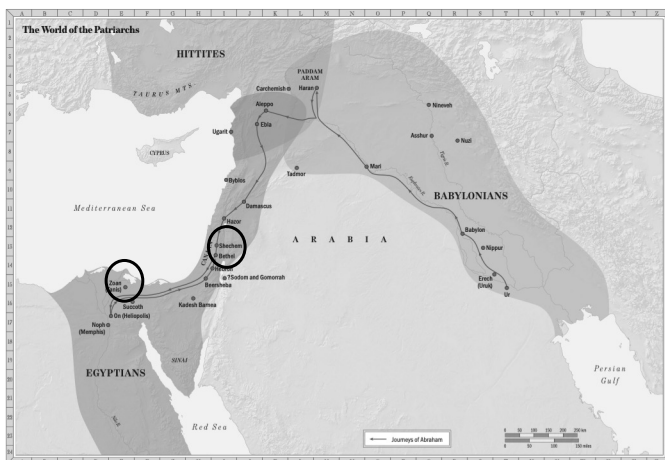
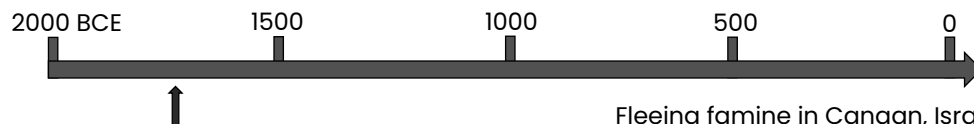
Jacob (Israel)

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Exodus 1-2

Slavery in Egypt



Fleeing famine in Canaan, Israel moves his family to Egypt, where his son Joseph became a high official.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

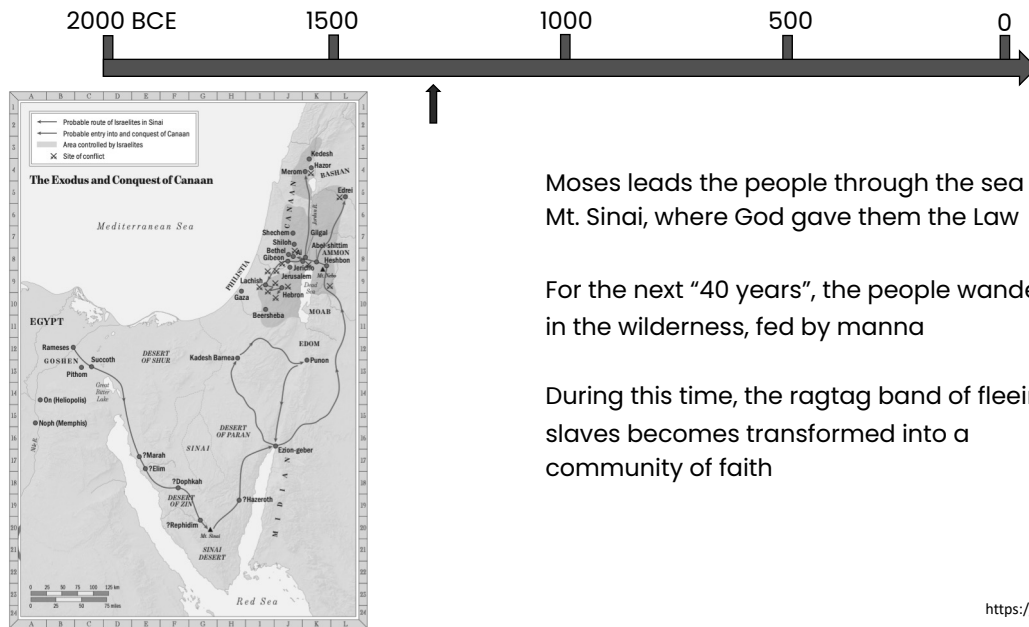
— Exodus 1:8

The Hebrews were enslaved in Egypt for 400 years.

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Exodus and the Law



Moses leads the people through the sea to Mt. Sinai, where God gave them the Law

For the next "40 years", the people wander in the wilderness, fed by manna

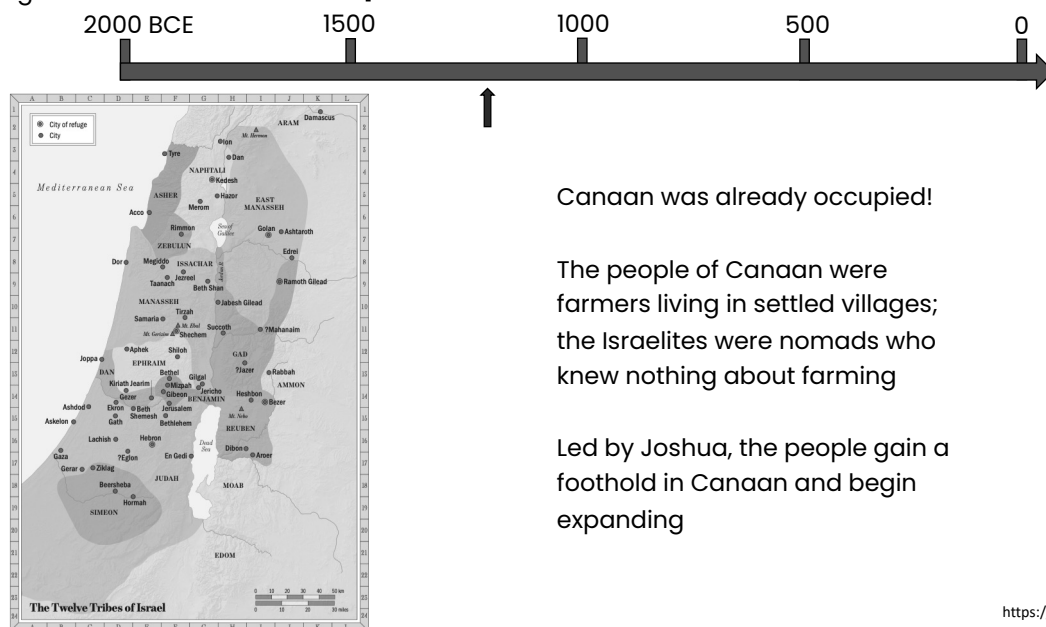
During this time, the ragtag band of fleeing slaves becomes transformed into a community of faith

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Joshua
Judges

"Conquest" of Canaan



Canaan was already occupied!

The people of Canaan were farmers living in settled villages; the Israelites were nomads who knew nothing about farming

Led by Joshua, the people gain a foothold in Canaan and begin expanding

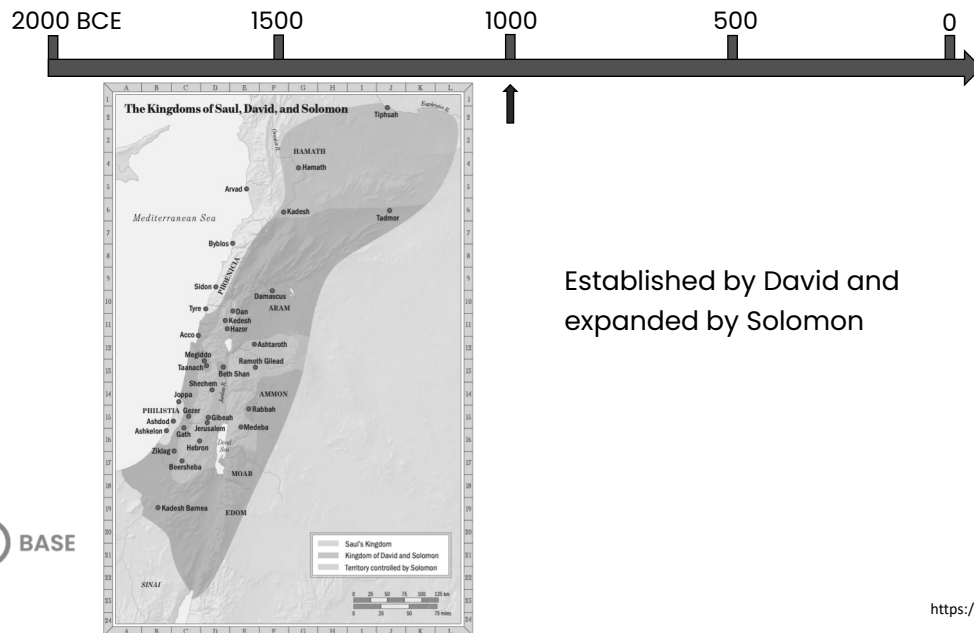
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I-II Samuel

I Kings 1-11

The United Kingdom

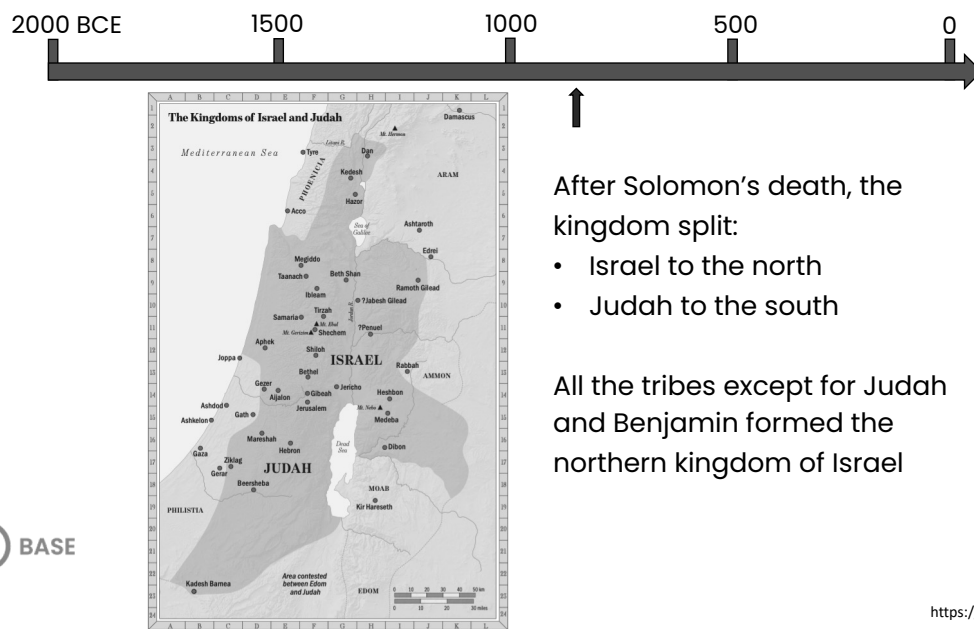


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I Kings 12-22

II Kings 1-16

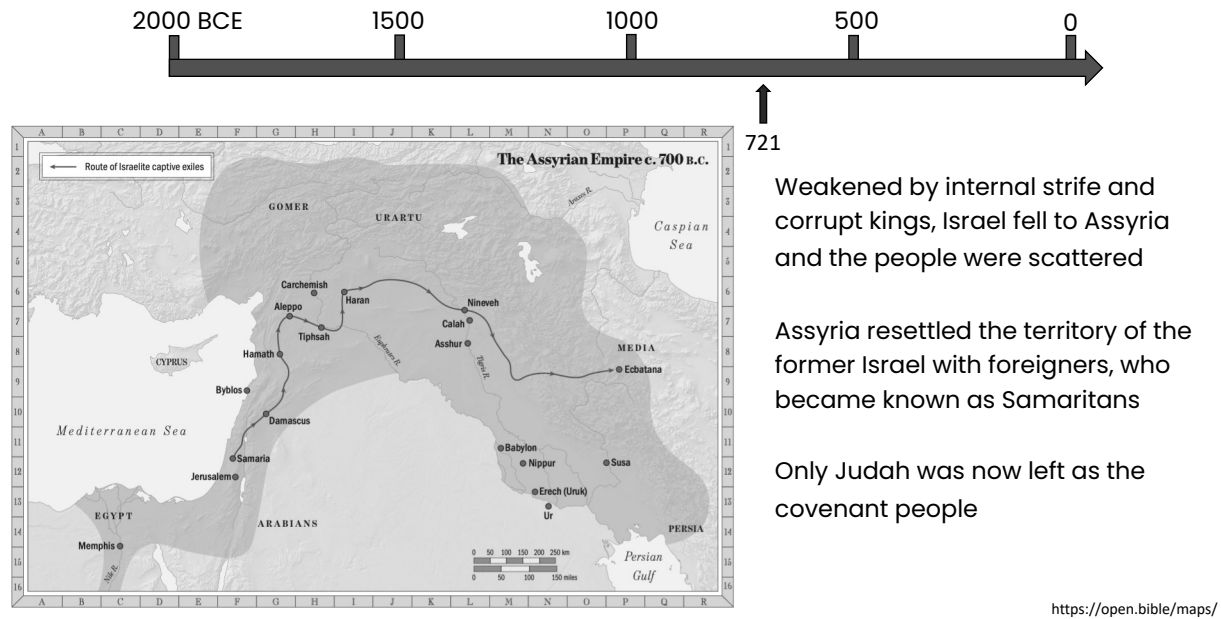
The Divided Kingdom



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II Kings 17

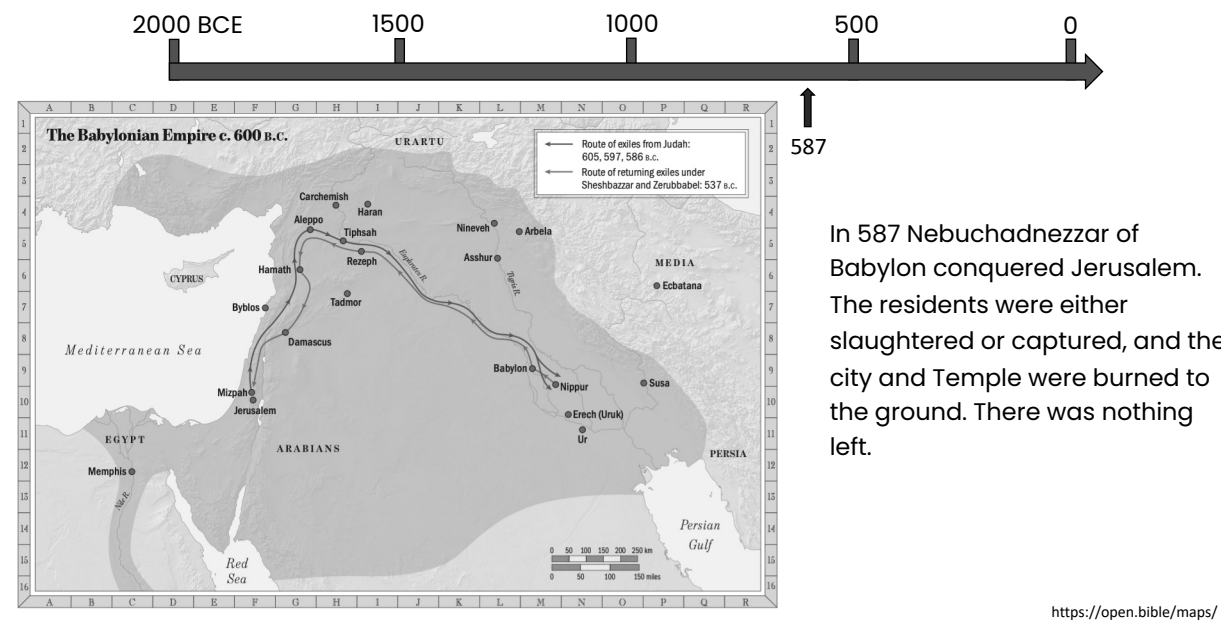
Assyria and the Fall of Israel



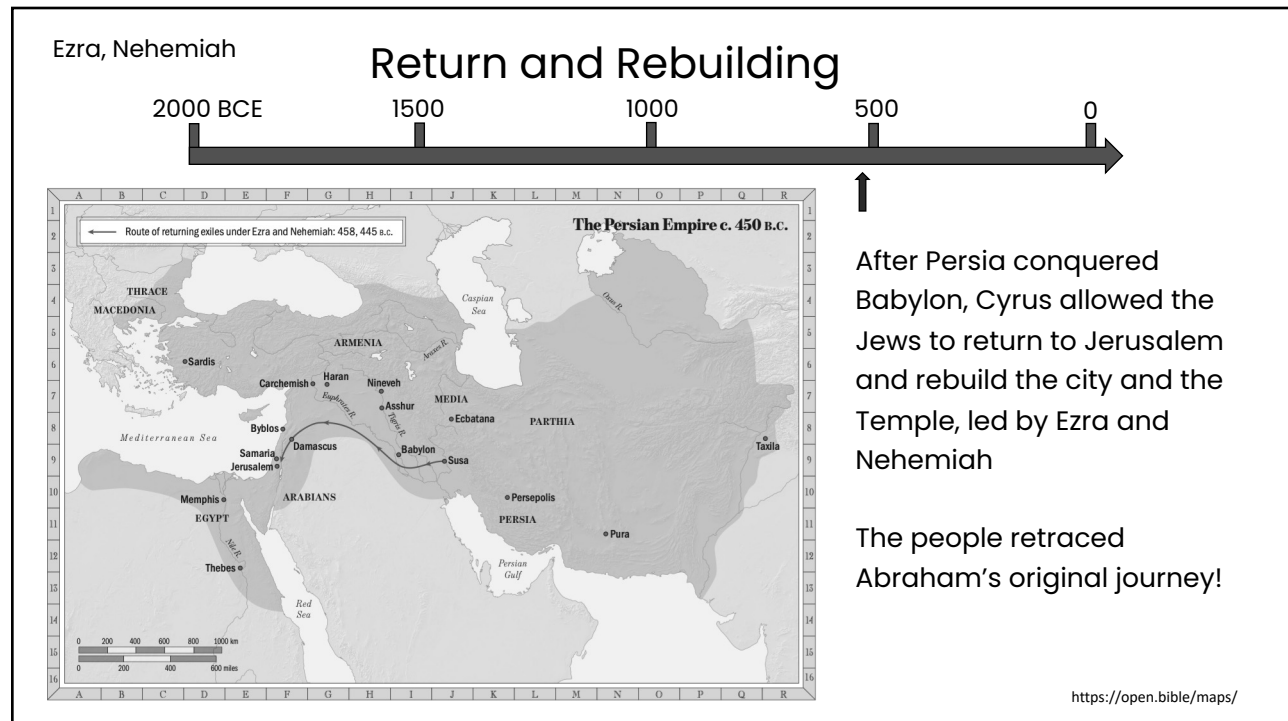
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II Kings 18-25

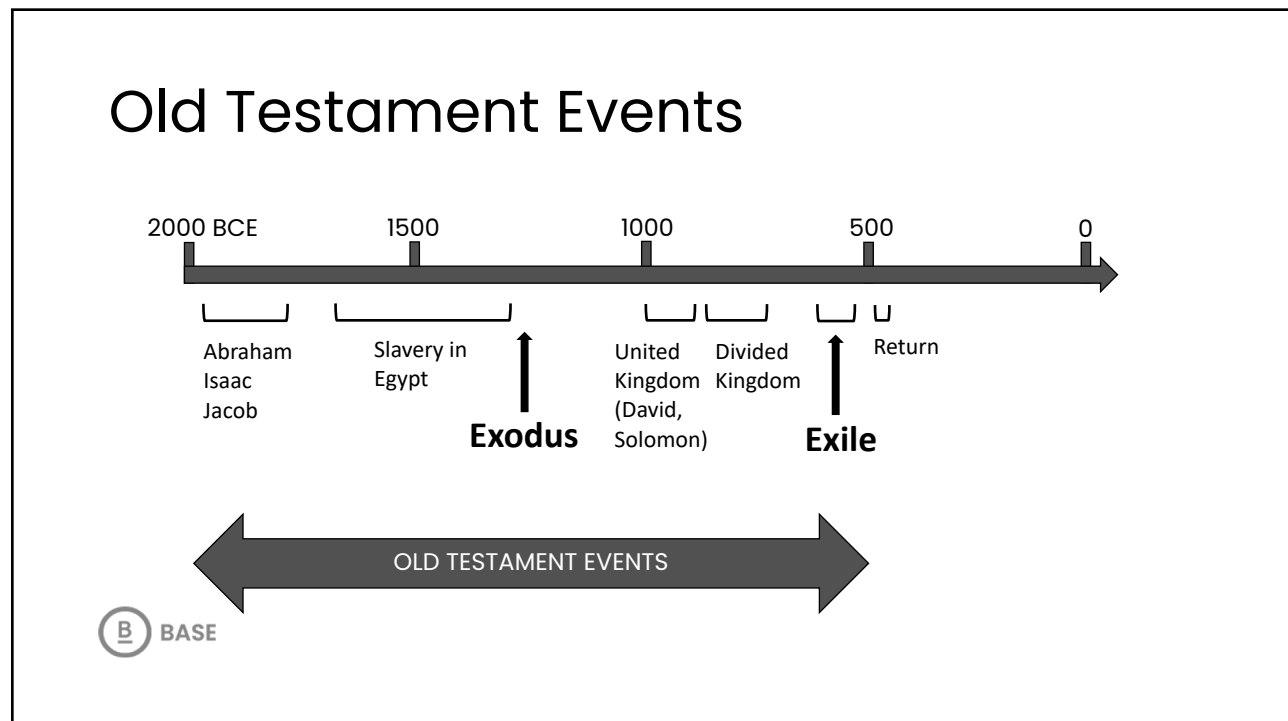
Babylon and the Exile



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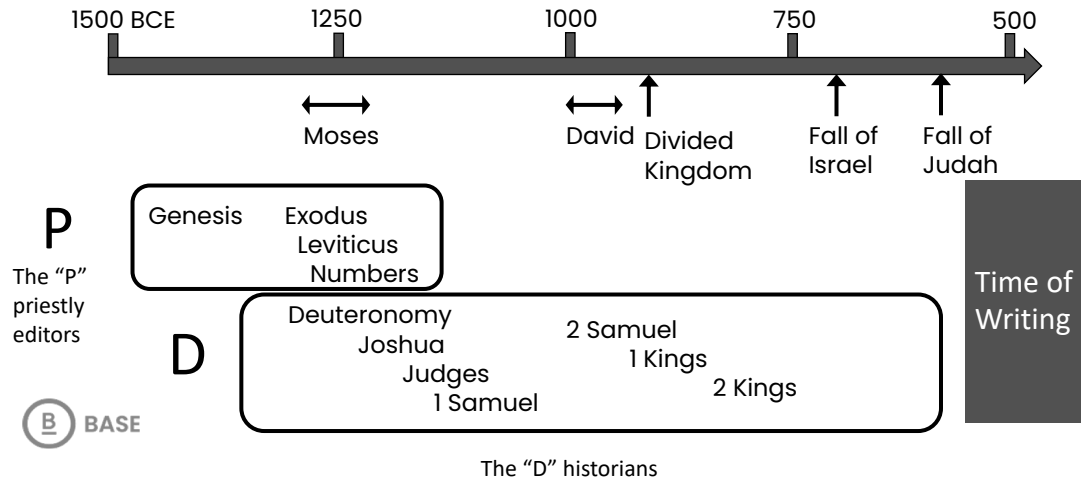
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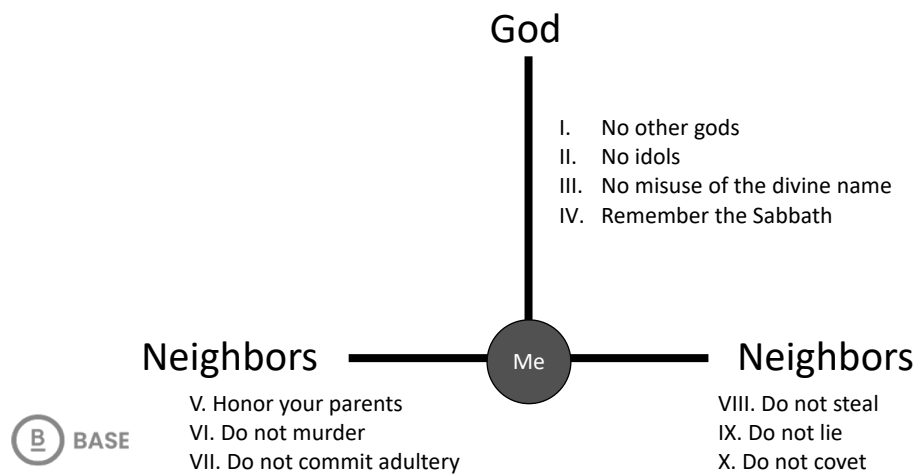
Genesis through Nehemiah were compiled *after* the Exile as a *response* to the Exile



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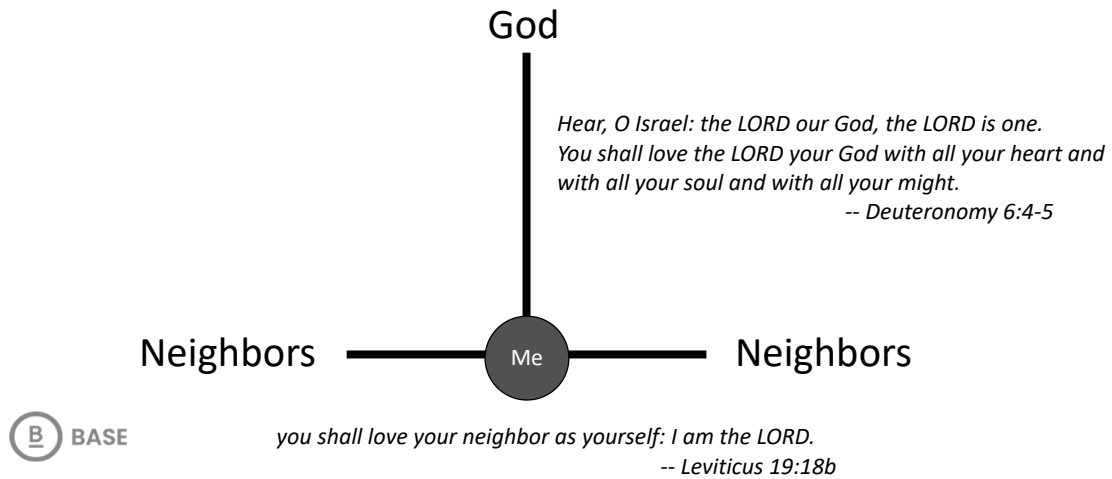
Exodus 20

The Heart of the Law: the Decalogue



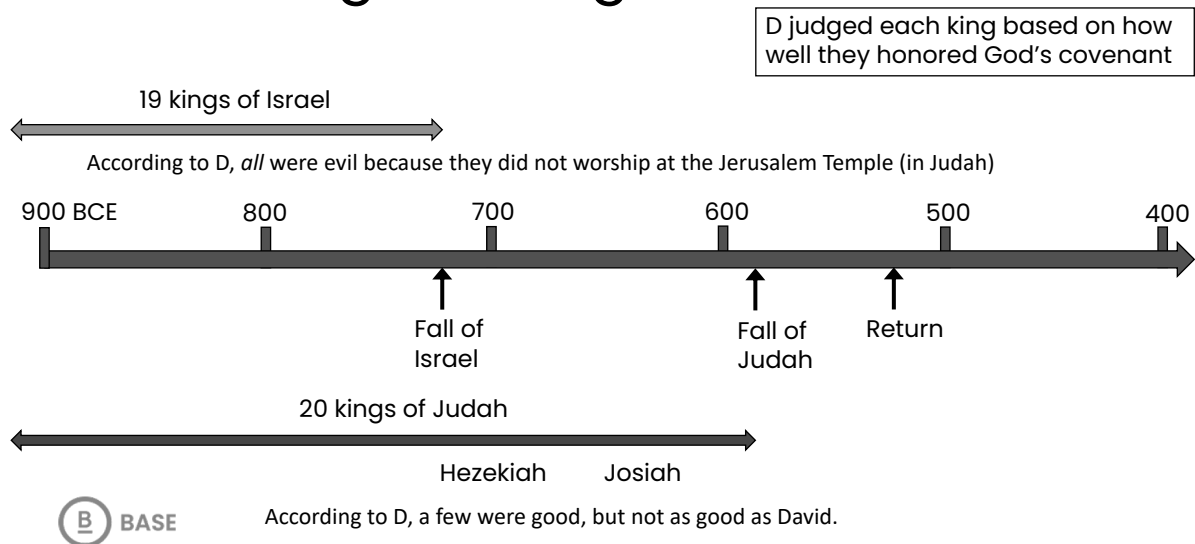
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The Heart of the Law: the Great Commandments



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Evaluating the Kings



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Asa (Judah) vs Ahab (Israel)

1 Kings 15:9-12

9 In the twentieth year of King Jeroboam of Israel, Asa began to reign over Judah; **10** he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah daughter of Abishalom. **11** Asa did what was right in the sight of the LORD, as his father David had done. **12** He put away the illicit priests out of the land and removed all the idols that his ancestors had made.

Ahab Reigns over Israel

29 In the thirty-eighth year of King Asa of Judah, Ahab son of Omri began to reign over Israel; Ahab son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. **30** Ahab son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him.

1 Kings 16:29-33

Ahab Marries Jezebel and Worships Baal

31 And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, he took as his wife Jezebel daughter of King Ethbaal of the Sidonians and went and served Baal and worshiped him. **32** He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal that he built in Samaria. **33** Ahab also made a sacred pole.^[a] Ahab did more to provoke the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than had all the kings of Israel who were before him.

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Looking Back From Exile

Why did God let this happen?	We were unfaithful.
Where has God gone?	Nowhere! God is still here. <i>We</i> left!
What did we do wrong?	We broke the Covenant.
What does God want from us?	To keep the Covenant.
Is there hope for the future?	Yes! God keeps God's promises.



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