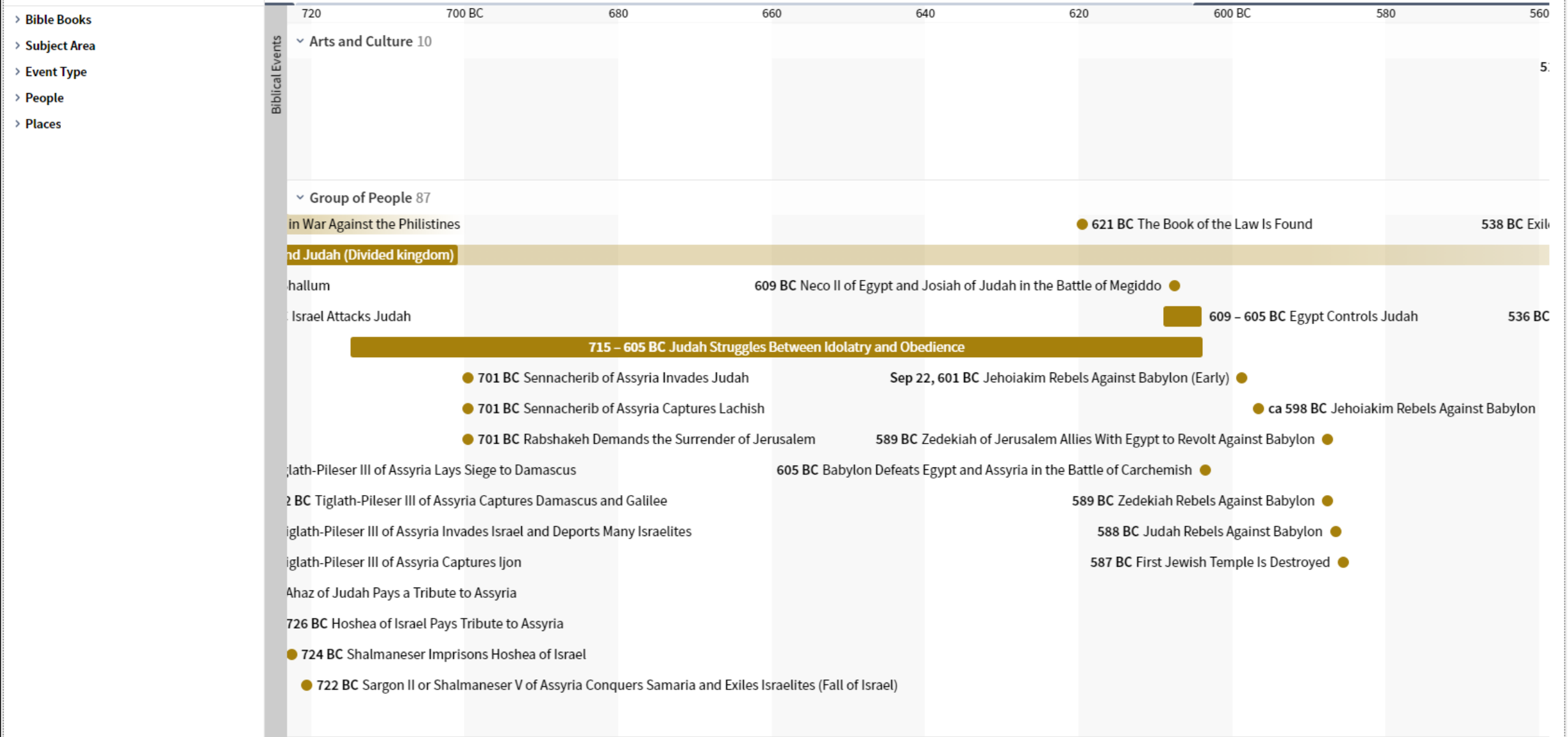


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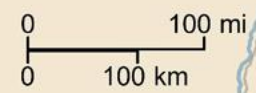
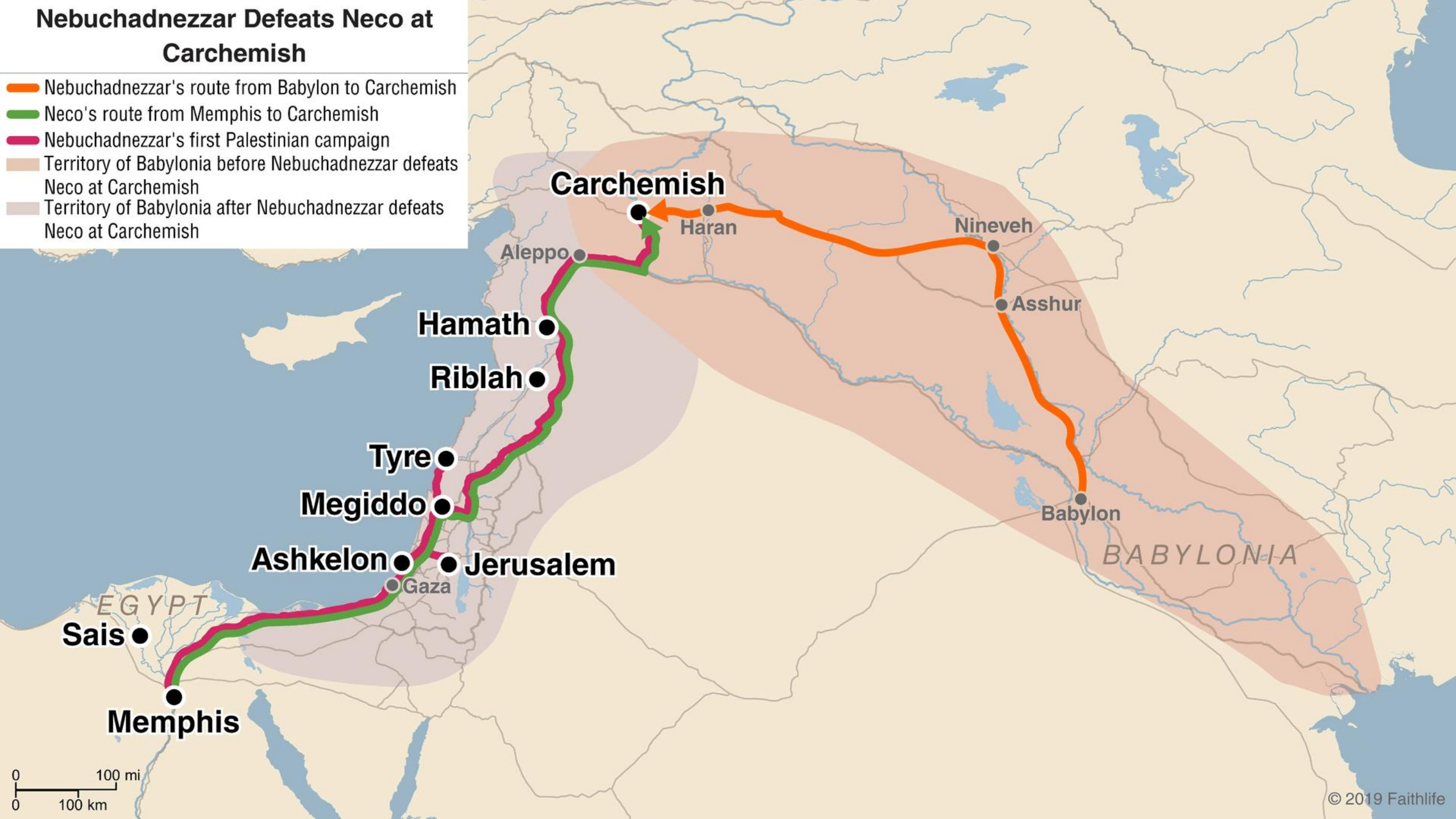
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Assyrian Exile (Judah Continues) (722 - 605 BC) Babylonian Captivity (605 - 539 BC)



# Nebuchadnezzar Defeats Neco at Carchemish

-  Nebuchadnezzar's route from Babylon to Carchemish
-  Neco's route from Memphis to Carchemish
-  Nebuchadnezzar's first Palestinian campaign
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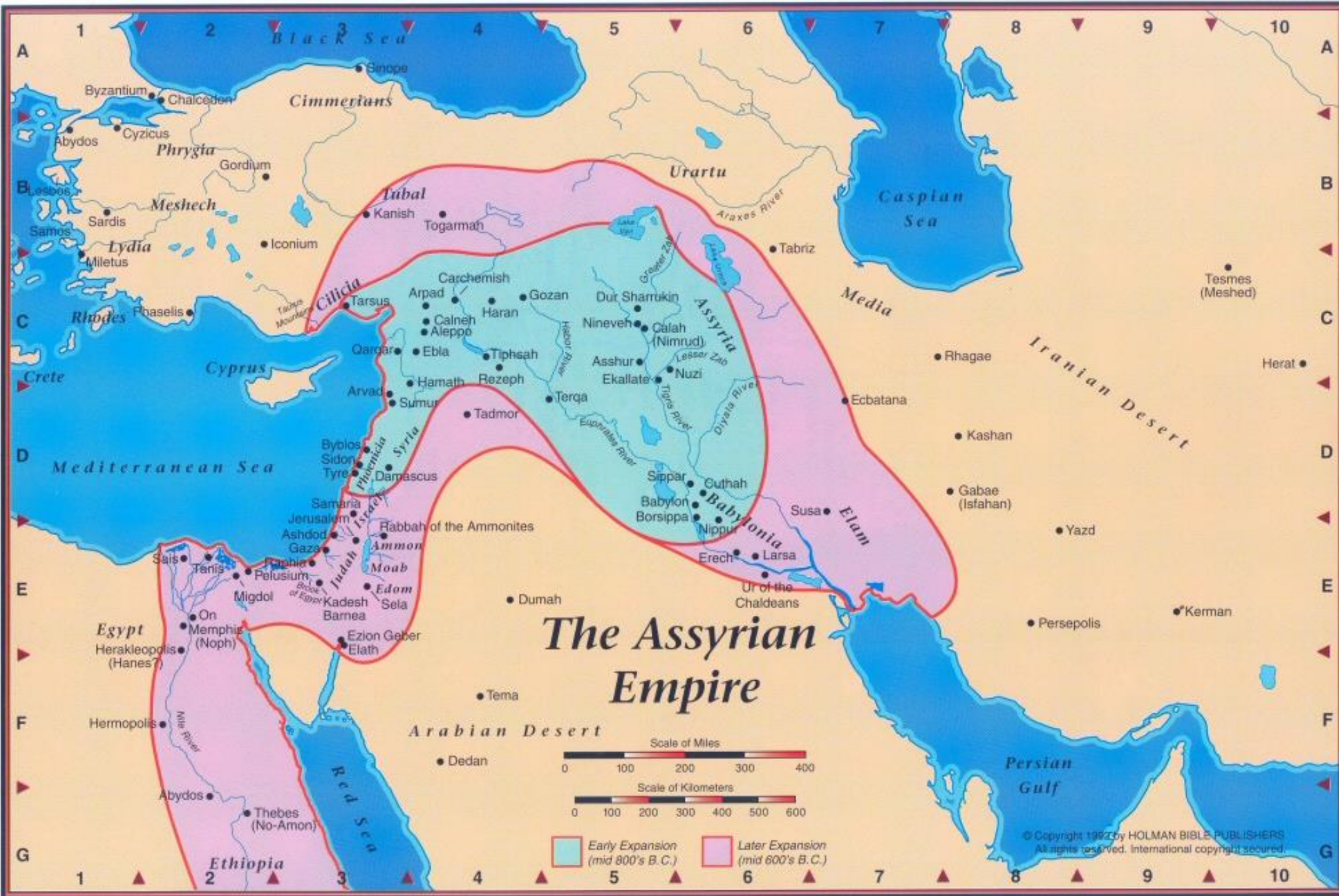
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**How is being known only by our God-given identity and His mission for us different than how we view ourselves and others both inside and outside the church?** (What else do we desire/need?)



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Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do what was right in the sight of the LORD his God, as his father David had done. 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and even made his son pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had driven out from before the sons of Israel. 4 He sacrificed and burned incense on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree. 5 Then Rezin king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up to Jerusalem to wage war; and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. 6 At that time Rezin king of Aram recovered Elath for Aram, and cleared the Judeans out of Elath entirely; and the Arameans came to Elath and have lived there to this day.

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7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son; come up and deliver me from the hand of the king of Aram and from the hand of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me." 8 Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house, and sent a present to the king of Assyria. 9 So the king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and captured it, and carried the people of it away into exile to Kir, and put Rezin to death.

2 Kings 16:2–9



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It was Hezekiah who stopped the upper outlet of the waters of Gihon and directed them to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all that he did. 31 Even in the matter of the envoys of the rulers of Babylon, who sent to him to inquire of the wonder that had happened in the land, God left him alone only to test him, that He might know all that was in his heart.

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‘Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing will be left,’ says the LORD. 7 ‘And some of your sons who will issue from you, whom you will beget, will be taken away, and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.’ ” 8 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good.” For he thought, “For there will be peace and truth in my days.” Isaiah 39:6–8

New American Standard Bible : 1995 update. 1995. LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.

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Are you better than No-amon, Which was situated by the waters of the Nile,  
With water surrounding her, Whose rampart was the sea, Whose wall consisted  
of the sea? 9 Ethiopia was her might, And Egypt too, without limits. Put and  
Lubim were among her helpers. 10 Yet she became an exile, She went into  
captivity; Also her small children were dashed to pieces At the head of every  
street; They cast lots for her honorable men, And all her great men were  
bound with fetters.

Nahum 3:8–10

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“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. 11 “In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

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In his days Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt went up to the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates. And King Josiah went to meet him, and when Pharaoh Neco saw him he killed him at Megiddo. 30 His servants drove his body in a chariot from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father. 2 Kings 23:29–30

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Therefore thus says the LORD in regard to Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, “They will not lament for him: ‘Alas, my brother!’ or, ‘Alas, sister!’ They will not lament for him: ‘Alas for the master!’ or, ‘Alas for his splendor!’ 19 “He will be buried with a donkey’s burial, Dragged off and thrown out beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 22:18–19

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**What are your thoughts about nations, God's people, and righteousness and judgment from an eternal perspective? What do you learn about God and His ways?**

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“It was an agitated time, characterized by rapid political change, international turmoil, bloody military encounters, and a growing rebellion against the demands of the covenant by the great majority in Judah. Prophetic activity was feverish, not only with the ministries of people like Jeremiah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Huldah, and Ezekiel, but also with false prophets in abundance.”

Kenneth Barker



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**What do you think should be the posture we take before God in the face of injustice, doubts, fears, and lack of hope? What fights against this posture?**