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LESSON ONE

Chapters Twenty-five and Twenty-six

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
 Observation Worksheets of Jeremiah 1, 25–26
 “The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah’s Time”
 “Jeremiah at a Glance”
 “Map of Israel”
 “Map of Nations Surrounding Israel”
 “Jeremiah, a Man Appointed by God”
 Word studies
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“I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth....

‘A clamor has come to the end of the earth, because the LORD has a controversy with the nations.’ ”

—Jeremiah 25:29b, 31

These are sobering words, aren’t they? Chilling. To whom were they spoken? Has it happened or is it yet future? Will it affect me and my loved ones? What are we to do?

Study, Beloved. Study His Word well. Give it the respect and time due it, because it is the God of heaven who speaks. Know Him intimately. Remember these are His precepts for life, and through His precepts you get understanding and consequently hate every false way.

DAY ONE

As you begin your study, it’s good to talk to the Author about His Book and what He wants you to know and live by. Prayer is always the way to begin Bible study.

1. As we begin our study, we need to do a quick review. We want to make sure that those of you who are joining us at this point in Jeremiah have an understanding of the setting of this book. We’ve divided our study of

2. Compare Jeremiah 1:1-3 with the timeline chart in the Appendix entitled “The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah’s Time.” Familiarize yourself with this timeline as you’ll use it throughout this course.
3. Jeremiah chapters 1–23 describe the coming judgment of God—judgment from the north. The main focus is on Judah, rather than on the nations, although we know from Jeremiah 1 that Jeremiah was appointed by God as a prophet to the nations. In the Appendix, you’ll find a “Jeremiah at a Glance” chart. We’ve filled in the first twenty-four chapters for those of you who did not study Jeremiah Part 1. An At a Glance chart is a great way to summarize what you learn as you study a book of the Bible.

Look at the themes for Jeremiah 1–24, which give you a snapshot of the chapters. Think about what you learn from these concerning

- a. Judah’s condition
 - b. What God says about them
 - c. What will happen to them
 - d. Jeremiah, God’s prophet
4. Now one more assignment today to further put us in context. Let’s look at two baskets of figs! Jeremiah 24 is just ten short verses. Read them and list what you learn about

GOOD FIGS

BAD FIGS

GOOD FIGS (con't)

BAD FIGS (con't)

5. What is the timing of Jeremiah 24? Look at verse 1 and compare the details with 2 Kings 24:8-17. Then check “The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah’s Time” to see the other names of the king of Judah. Mark the timing for Jeremiah 24:1 on this timeline.
 - a. When did Jeremiah 24 happen?
 - b. In round figures, how many went to Babylon?
 - c. Were these good figs or bad figs?
 - d. Where are some of the bad figs going (Jeremiah 24:8)?

We’re off to a great start! God has so much to teach us for our lives from Jeremiah. Romans 15:4 says, “For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

DAY
TWO

Jeremiah 25 is a sobering chapter—you know this from the two verses we quoted at the beginning of this lesson—yet it also has an important and encouraging word for Judah that you won’t want to miss. This chapter has some sobering truths that reach as far as...you’ll discover how far for yourself!

1. Observe Jeremiah 25.
 - a. As you observe the text, mark the following key words on your Observation Worksheets in a distinctive way or color. You will want to make a Key Word Bookmark for this part of Jeremiah or use the one you made for Jeremiah Part 1.

A **Key Word Bookmark** is a card to list key words on and color-code them the way you want to mark them. You can use the back cover of your Precept book. Marking suggestions for some frequently used words in the Bible are on the front of the card.

In the following list, words with marking suggestions on the front of the bookmark are indicated by an asterisk [*].

- 1) *Jeremiah*. Color every reference in a distinct color.
- 2) *Jehoiakim*. As you continue through the course, you’ll mark the other kings of Judah also. This will help you put the chapters into their historical contexts. You might put a blue box around each one, then give each a distinct color inside the box. (If you studied Jeremiah Part 1, you already have markings for these kings.)
- 3) *the word* (*My words, the word of the Lord, this book, thus says the Lord*). Some of us have chosen to mark references to God speaking as it helps us follow what is being said.
- 4) *listened*, * *hear*. Put a slash through it for *not listen*.
- 5) *you have not obeyed*. You could mark it with an **O** and put a slash through it.
- 6) *anger* or *wrath**
- 7) *nations* or *kingdoms*, when refers to any nations besides Israel
- 8) *iniquity** (*sin, evil, wicked*)
- 9) *desolation* (*destruction*)
- 10) *Babylon*. It’s good to mark it in a distinctive way to use throughout your Bible.
- 11) all geographical references*
- 12) references to the land God gave Israel*
- 13) references to time* Give careful attention to these, because this will keep you in historical context.
- 14) *calamity, disaster*

- 15) *sword*. You might use a red slash.
- 16) *shepherds, masters*—their rulers. Don't miss the pronouns.
- b. In this chapter only, mark references to *all the inhabitants of the earth*, including anything that pertains to all the nations, all flesh, all the earth, as well as pronouns that refer to them.
- c. You may find it helpful to read the chapter several times, marking a few words each time.
2. Read your Observation Worksheet again. As you do, write in the margin the main point of each section or record it below:
- a. 25:1-7
- b. 25:8-11
- c. 25:12-14 (Watch the pronouns in these verses so you know who God is talking about.)
- d. 25:15-26
- e. 25:27-29
- f. 25:30-31

g. 25:32-33

h. 25:34-38

3. Now, how would you summarize the content of Jeremiah 25 into a theme? Record that on your “Jeremiah at a Glance” chart in the Appendix.
4. In the Appendix, you’ll find a page to record a “bio” on “Jeremiah, a Man Appointed by God.” List your insights on Jeremiah from chapter 25. You’ll add to it as we progress through the book.
5. Also, note the timing for this chapter on “The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah’s Time.” You can use an arrow. Be sure to label it “Jeremiah 25.” Throughout the course, you’ll continue to use this timeline to mark when each message is spoken.

You are off to quite a start, aren’t you? Think about these things and tomorrow we’ll explore them more thoroughly.

DAY
THREE

1. If you are not familiar with Jehoiakim, let’s put him into the historical context of the last kings of Judah. Read 2 Kings 23:31–24:7. List below the main facts about this man. As you read, you may find it helpful to continue to refer to the “The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah’s Time.”

2. Now what is significant about the first fourteen verses of Jeremiah 25? What is the big news? Revelation?
 - a. What is God going to do to the people of Judah—to the land?
 - b. For how long? (God hasn't told them this before!)
 - c. When is He telling them how long they will be in captivity? And who will take them into captivity?
 - d. How long has Jeremiah been God's prophet to Judah? What has he done during that time?
 - e. According to Jeremiah 24, who goes into captivity—good figs or bad figs?
 - f. Did God want them to go into captivity? What did He offer them?
 - g. Why did they go?

DAY
FOUR

1. Do your observations of Jeremiah 26. Watch for the “when” of this chapter; remember Jeremiah is not chronological in its layout. Mark the key words on your bookmark and add the following:
 - a. references to the *Lord’s house* (Solomon’s grand and glorious *temple**)
 - b. *turn from* (*repent**) or any similar word or phrase that indicates repentance. This is key in Jeremiah—it’s God’s heart!
 - c. *die, death**
 - d. *prophets, prophesy*. Since a prophet is supposed to be a messenger from God, some mark it with a megaphone.
2. Record the theme of Jeremiah 26 on the “Jeremiah at a Glance” chart. Then note the timing of the chapter on “The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah’s Time” chart.
3. Read Jeremiah 26 again. This time record in the margin the main theme (subject, topic) covered in the following sections:
 - a. 26:1-6
 - b. 26:7-9
 - c. 26:10-15
 - d. 26:16-19
 - e. 26:20-24
4. On your “Jeremiah, a Man Appointed by God” page, add insights from chapter 26.

DAY
FIVE

1. Once before Jeremiah likened the house of the Lord to Shiloh. Shiloh was where the tabernacle was pitched after the children of Israel crossed the Jordan and occupied the land. First Samuel opens in Shiloh, where, because of Israel’s sin, the glory of the Lord departs: “Ichabod,” according to 1 Samuel 4:12-22.
 - a. Read Jeremiah 7. Do you see any similarity between Jeremiah 7 and Jeremiah 26? If so, what?

b. What is the focus, emphasis in Jeremiah 7?

c. What is focus, emphasis in Jeremiah 26?

d. Could this possibly be the same incident but recorded again? Why?

2. Read Jeremiah 26:3.

a. Do word studies on “turn” and “repent.”

b. Considering what you observed in your word studies, what do you learn about the Lord and the people from verse 3?

4. Two prophets are cited in Jeremiah 26:17-24. List what you learn about each below:

MICAH	URIAH

5. Are there any insights to be gained from these two men that you can apply to your own life or share with others?

Micah's ministry and message are recorded in the book of Micah, which some of you have studied. Doesn't it thrill you to see how God weaves truth together? How He networks lives? And never has a prophet stood completely alone. Remember when God told Elijah there were 7,000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal?

As Old Testament prophets did not stand alone, neither do believers today. So as you step out to speak for Him, know there are other faithful men and women who are willing to do the same. And this is why it is critical that we pray for brothers and sisters around the world serving on the front lines where their very lives are in great danger.

JEREMIAH 1

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiyah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,
- 2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
- 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.
- 4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,
- 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
And before you were born I consecrated you;
I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
- 6 Then I said, “Alas, Lord GOD!
Behold, I do not know how to speak,
Because I am a youth.”
- 7 But the LORD said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’
Because everywhere I send you, you shall go,
And all that I command you, you shall speak.
- 8 “Do not be afraid of them,
For I am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD.
- 9 Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me,
“Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.
- 10 “See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms,
To pluck up and to break down,
To destroy and to overthrow,
To build and to plant.”

- 11 The word of the LORD came to me saying, “What do you see, Jeremiah?” And I said, “I see a rod of an almond tree.”
- 12 Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it.”
- 13 The word of the LORD came to me a second time saying, “What do you see?” And I said, “I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north.”
- 14 Then the LORD said to me, “Out of the north the evil will break forth on all the inhabitants of the land.
- 15 “For, behold, I am calling all the families of the kingdoms of the north,” declares the LORD; “and they will come and they will set each one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls round about and against all the cities of Judah.
- 16 “I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshiped the works of their own hands.
- 17 “Now, gird up your loins and arise, and speak to them all which I command you. Do not be dismayed before them, or I will dismay you before them.
- 18 “Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land.
- 19 “They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD.

JEREMIAH 25

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah (that was the first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),
- 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying,
 - 3 “From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this day, these twenty-three years the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you again and again, but you have not listened.
 - 4 “And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets again and again, but you have not listened nor inclined your ear to hear,
 - 5 saying, ‘Turn now everyone from his evil way and from the evil of your deeds, and dwell on the land which the LORD has given to you and your forefathers forever and ever;
 - 6 and do not go after other gods to serve them and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands, and I will do you no harm.’
 - 7 “Yet you have not listened to Me,” declares the LORD, “in order that you might provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.
 - 8 “Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Because you have not obeyed My words,
 - 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,’ declares the LORD, ‘and *I will send* to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land and against its inhabitants and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy

them and make them a horror and a hissing, and an everlasting desolation.

10 ‘Moreover, I will take from them the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the lamp.

11 ‘This whole land will be a desolation and a horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 ‘Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,’ declares the LORD, ‘for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.

13 ‘I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations.

14 ‘(For many nations and great kings will make slaves of them, even them; and I will recompense them according to their deeds and according to the work of their hands.)’ ”

15 For thus the LORD, the God of Israel, says to me, “Take this cup of the wine of wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I send you to drink it.

16 “They will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them.”

17 Then I took the cup from the LORD’S hand and made all the nations to whom the LORD sent me drink it:

18 Jerusalem and the cities of Judah and its kings *and* its princes, to make them a ruin, a horror, a hissing and a curse, as it is this day;

19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes and all his people;

20 and all the foreign people, all the kings of the land of Uz, all the kings of the land of the Philistines (even Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron and the remnant of Ashdod);

21 Edom, Moab and the sons of Ammon;

- 22 and all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon and the kings of the coastlands which are beyond the sea;
- 23 and Dedan, Tema, Buz and all who cut the corners *of their hair*;
- 24 and all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the foreign people who dwell in the desert;
- 25 and all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam and all the kings of Media;
- 26 and all the kings of the north, near and far, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the earth which are upon the face of the ground, and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.
- 27 “You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, “Drink, be drunk, vomit, fall and rise no more because of the sword which I will send among you.” ’
- 28 “And it will be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you will say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts: “You shall surely drink!
- 29 “For behold, I am beginning to work calamity in *this* city which is called by My name, and shall you be completely free from punishment? You will not be free from punishment; for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth,” declares the LORD of hosts.’
- 30 “Therefore you shall prophesy against them all these words, and you shall say to them,
 ‘The LORD will roar from on high
 And utter His voice from His holy habitation;
 He will roar mightily against His fold.
 He will shout like those who tread *the grapes*,
 Against all the inhabitants of the earth.
- 31 ‘A clamor has come to the end of the earth,
 Because the LORD has a controversy with the nations.
 He is entering into judgment with all flesh;
 As for the wicked, He has given them to the sword,’ declares the
 LORD.”

- 32 Thus says the LORD of hosts,
 “Behold, evil is going forth
 From nation to nation,
 And a great storm is being stirred up
 From the remotest parts of the earth.
- 33 “Those slain by the LORD on that day will be from one end of the earth
 to the other. They will not be lamented, gathered or buried; they will be
 like dung on the face of the ground.
- 34 “Wail, you shepherds, and cry;
 And wallow *in ashes*, you masters of the flock;
 For the days of your slaughter and your dispersions have come,
 And you will fall like a choice vessel.
- 35 “Flight will perish from the shepherds,
 And escape from the masters of the flock.
- 36 “*Hear* the sound of the cry of the shepherds,
 And the wailing of the masters of the flock!
 For the LORD is destroying their pasture,
- 37 “And the peaceful folds are made silent
 Because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
- 38 “He has left His hiding place like the lion;
 For their land has become a horror
 Because of the fierceness of the oppressing *sword*
 And because of His fierce anger.”

JEREMIAH 26
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- I**N the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying,
- 2 “Thus says the LORD, ‘Stand in the court of the LORD’S house, and speak to all the cities of Judah who have come to worship *in* the LORD’S house all the words that I have commanded you to speak to them. Do not omit a word!
- 3 ‘Perhaps they will listen and everyone will turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the calamity which I am planning to do to them because of the evil of their deeds.’
- 4 “And you will say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD, “If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you,
- 5 to listen to the words of My servants the prophets, whom I have been sending to you again and again, but you have not listened;
- 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh, and this city I will make a curse to all the nations of the earth.” ’ ”
- 7 The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.
- 8 When Jeremiah finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You must die!
- 9 “Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD saying, ‘This house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered about Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.
- 10 When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and sat in the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’S *house*.

- 11 Then the priests and the prophets spoke to the officials and to all the people, saying, “A death sentence for this man! For he has prophesied against this city as you have heard in your hearing.”
- 12 Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and to all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard.
- 13 “Now therefore amend your ways and your deeds and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will change His mind about the misfortune which He has pronounced against you.
- 14 “But as for me, behold, I am in your hands; do with me as is good and right in your sight.
- 15 “Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city and on its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”
- 16 Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets, “No death sentence for this man! For he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.”
- 17 Then some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,
- 18 “Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, ‘Thus the LORD of hosts has said,
 “Zion will be plowed *as* a field,
 And Jerusalem will become ruins,
 And the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.’”
- 19 “Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and the LORD changed His mind about the misfortune which He had pronounced against them? But we are committing a great evil against ourselves.”

- 20** Indeed, there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Uriah the son of Shemaiah from Kiriath-jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land words similar to all those of Jeremiah.
- 21** When King Jehoiakim and all his mighty men and all the officials heard his words, then the king sought to put him to death; but Uriah heard *it*, and he was afraid and fled and went to Egypt.
- 22** Then King Jehoiakim sent men to Egypt: Elnathan the son of Achbor and *certain* men with him *went* into Egypt.
- 23** And they brought Uriah from Egypt and led him to King Jehoiakim, who slew him with a sword and cast his dead body into the burial place of the common people.
- 24** But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so that he was not given into the hands of the people to put him to death.

JEREMIAH AT A GLANCE

Book Theme:

	Segment Divisions	Chapter Themes	
Author:		1 Jeremiah appointed a prophet to the nations and Judah	
		2 Judah forsook the Lord	
	Date:		3 Return faithless Israel and treacherous Judah
			4 Circumcise your heart or destruction
			5 Refuse to repent—Shall I not avenge Myself?
	Purpose:		6 Judah didn't listen, rejected God's laws/ He rejected them
			7 Don't trust in the temple, deceptive words / Valley of Slaughter
	Key Words:		8 Evil remnant will choose death
			9 Weeping—God will punish their deceit
			10 Idols are deceitful, will perish/ Lord is the true, living God
			11 Broken covenant, therefore disaster/ Plot against Jeremiah
			12 Jeremiah wants justice/ God abandoned His inheritance, but will have compassion
			13 Worthless waistband
			14 Drought, sword, famine, pestilence
			15 Four kinds of doom/ God tired of relenting
			16 God will doubly repay—hurl from land
			17 Trust in Lord/ Keep Sabbath
		18 Potter's house/ Plans against Jeremiah	
		19 God will break Jerusalem like potter's vessel	
		20 Jeremiah beaten & put in stocks	
		21 Zedekiah and Jerusalem given to Nebuchadnezzar	
		22 Lord's word to Shallum, Jehoiakim, Coniah	
		23 Woe to the shepherds	
		24 Good and bad figs	

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Jeremiah at a Glance

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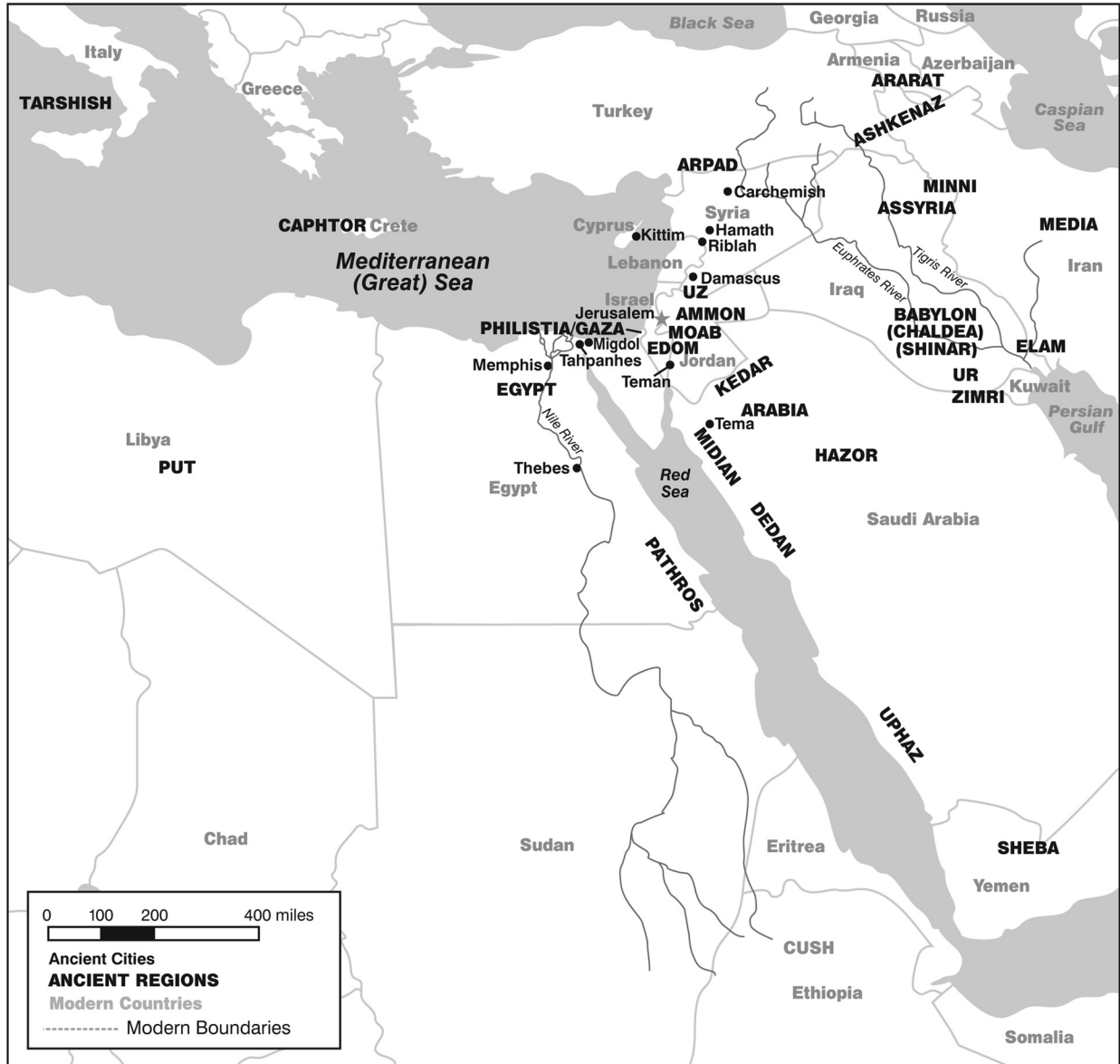
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Map of Israel



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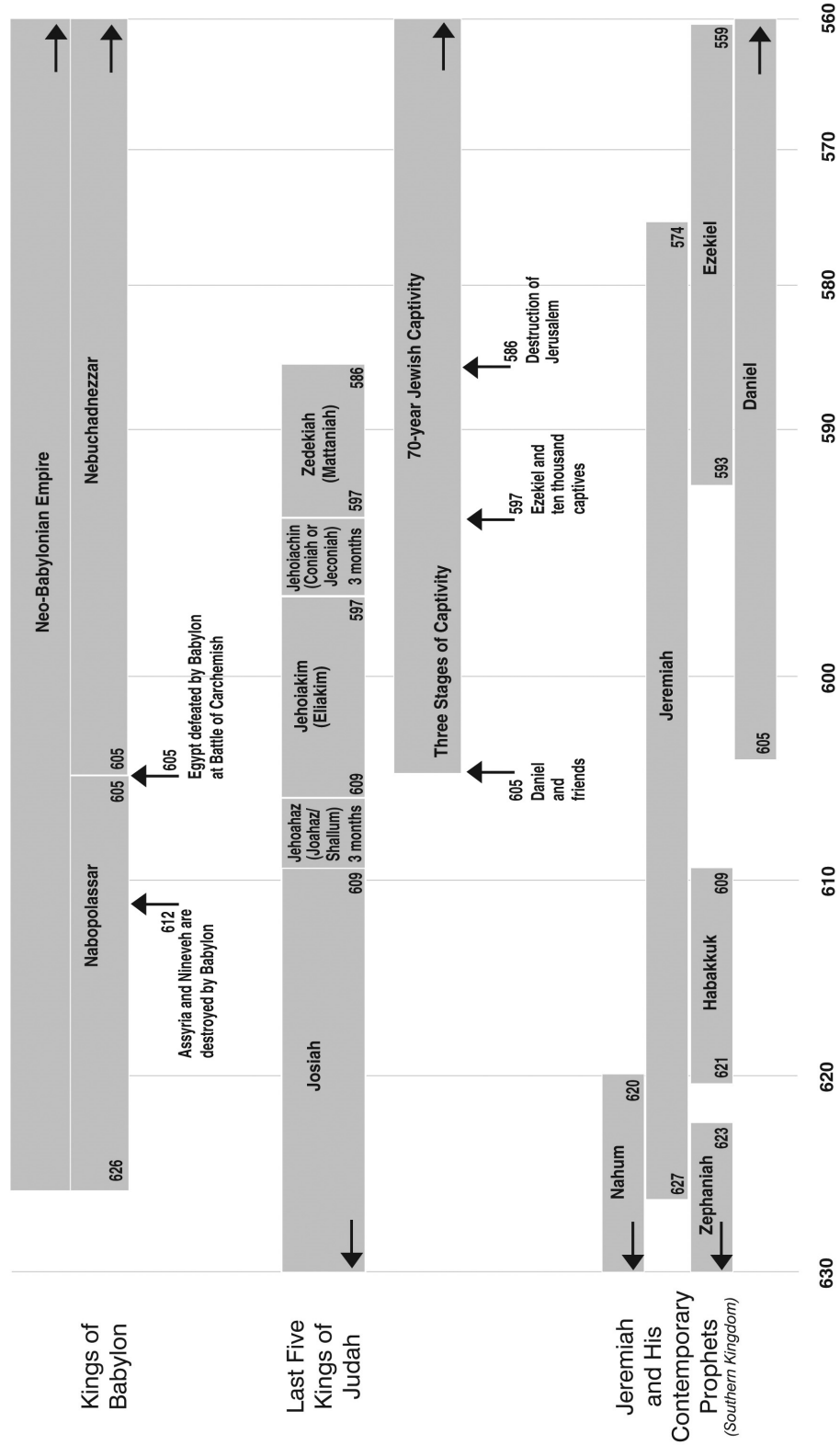
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Jeremiah Part 2

The Rulers and Prophets of Jeremiah's Time

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JEREMIAH, A MAN APPOINTED BY GOD

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