

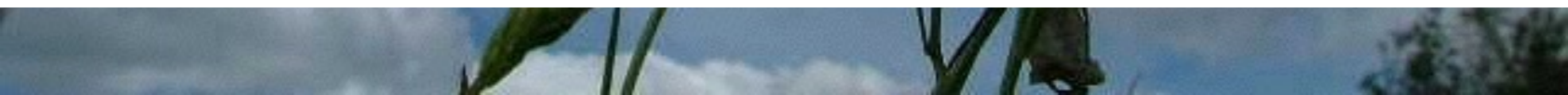
*This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*





FAITHFUL WHEN GOD DISAPPOINTS

Daniel 1



TWO JEWISH KINGDOMS



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Northern Kingdom of Israel

10 Tribes

Southern Kingdom of Judah

2 Tribes (Simeon got absorbed into Judah)

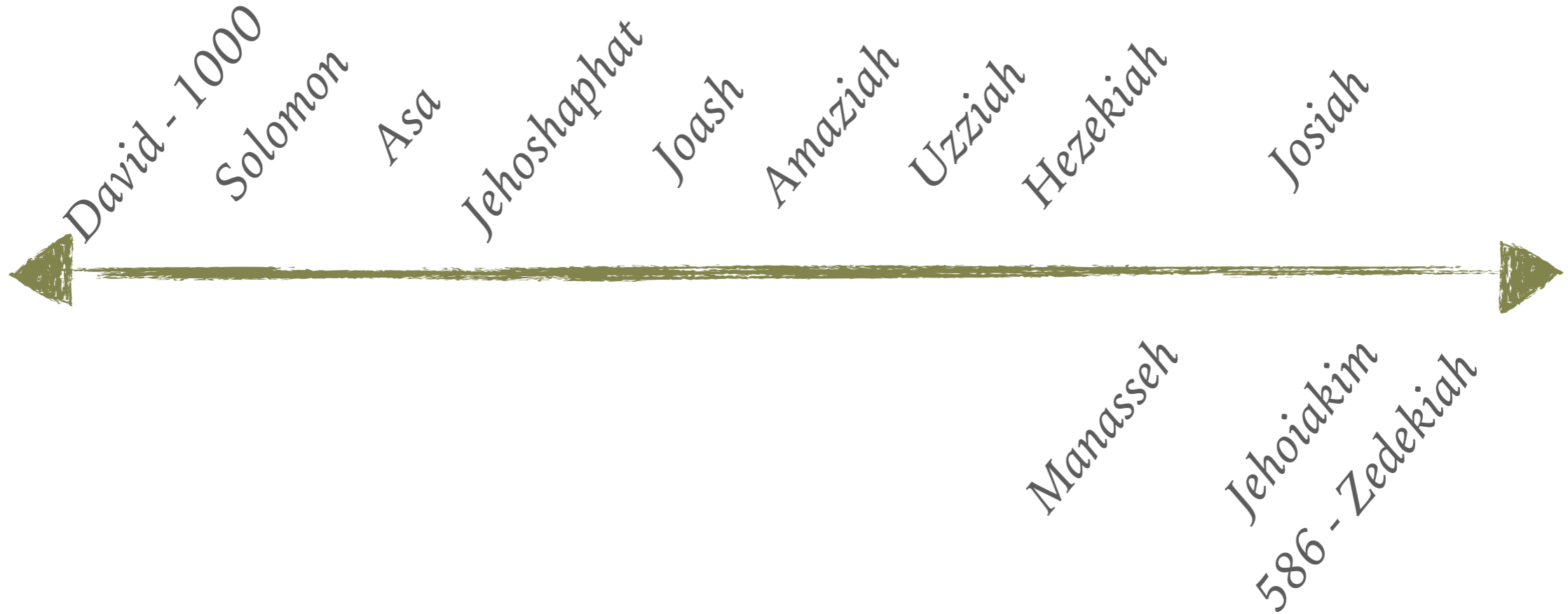


THE MIDDLE EAST



KINGS OF JUDAH

Daniel



2 Samuel

1 Kings

2 Kings

1 Chronicles

2 Chronicles

JUDAH UNDER FOREIGN CONTROL



615

Daniel

535



DANIEL

*From
Royalty
to
Captive*

THE CONTEXT

- In the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. The Lord let King Jehoiakim of Judah fall into his power, as well as some of the vessels of the house of God. These he brought to the land of Shinar, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his gods.

DANIEL'S QUALIFICATIONS

- Israelites of the royal family and of the nobility
- Young men without physical defect
- Handsome
- Versed in every branch of wisdom
- Endowed with knowledge and insight
- Competent to serve in the king's palace

NEW IDENTITIES

- Daniel was renamed Belteshazzar,
- Hananiah was renamed Shadrach,
- Mishael was renamed Meshach,
- Azariah was renamed Abednego.

Daniel Belteshazzar
From “God is my Judge”
To “Bel (Marduk - creator) protect him”

Azariah Abednego
From “The Lord helps”
To “Servant of Nego (Nabu - scribe god)”

**DANIEL'S
& FRIENDS'
DETERMINATION**

SO WHAT?

- When life doesn't go according to plan and God seems far away ...
 1. Remember that you are part of a bigger plan.
 2. Work for integrity and respect within whatever limitations you have.
 3. Adapt to your new situation as best you can, provided that adaptation doesn't conflict with God's word.
 4. Continue to pray to God for wisdom and guidance.
 5. Do your best in whatever new journey you find yourself on.

PART OF A BIGGER PLAN

*“My God, my God, why have
you forsaken me?”*

