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CHRIST THE CENTER

Lesson 1 Chapters 1 & 2

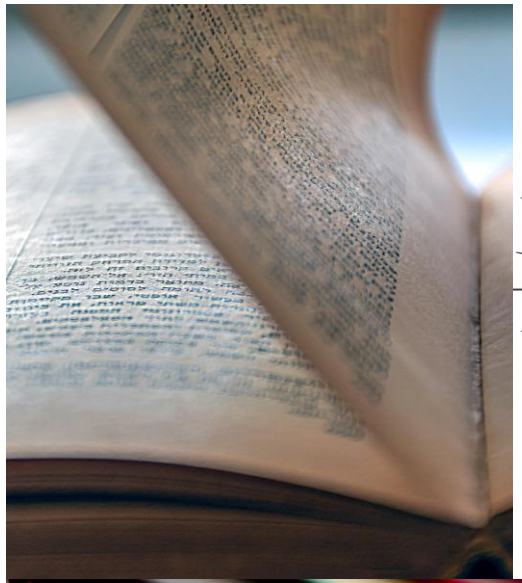
The Book of Isaiah

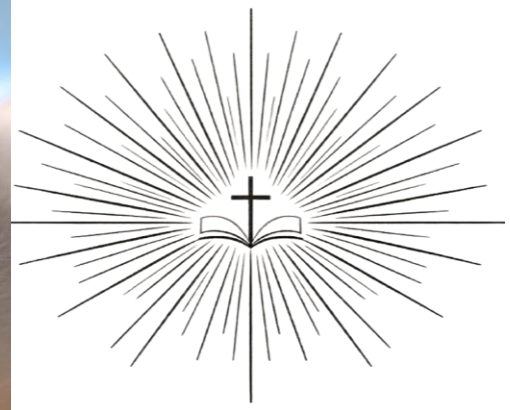
A Warning Label for the Heart

“Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.”

ISAIAH 25:1





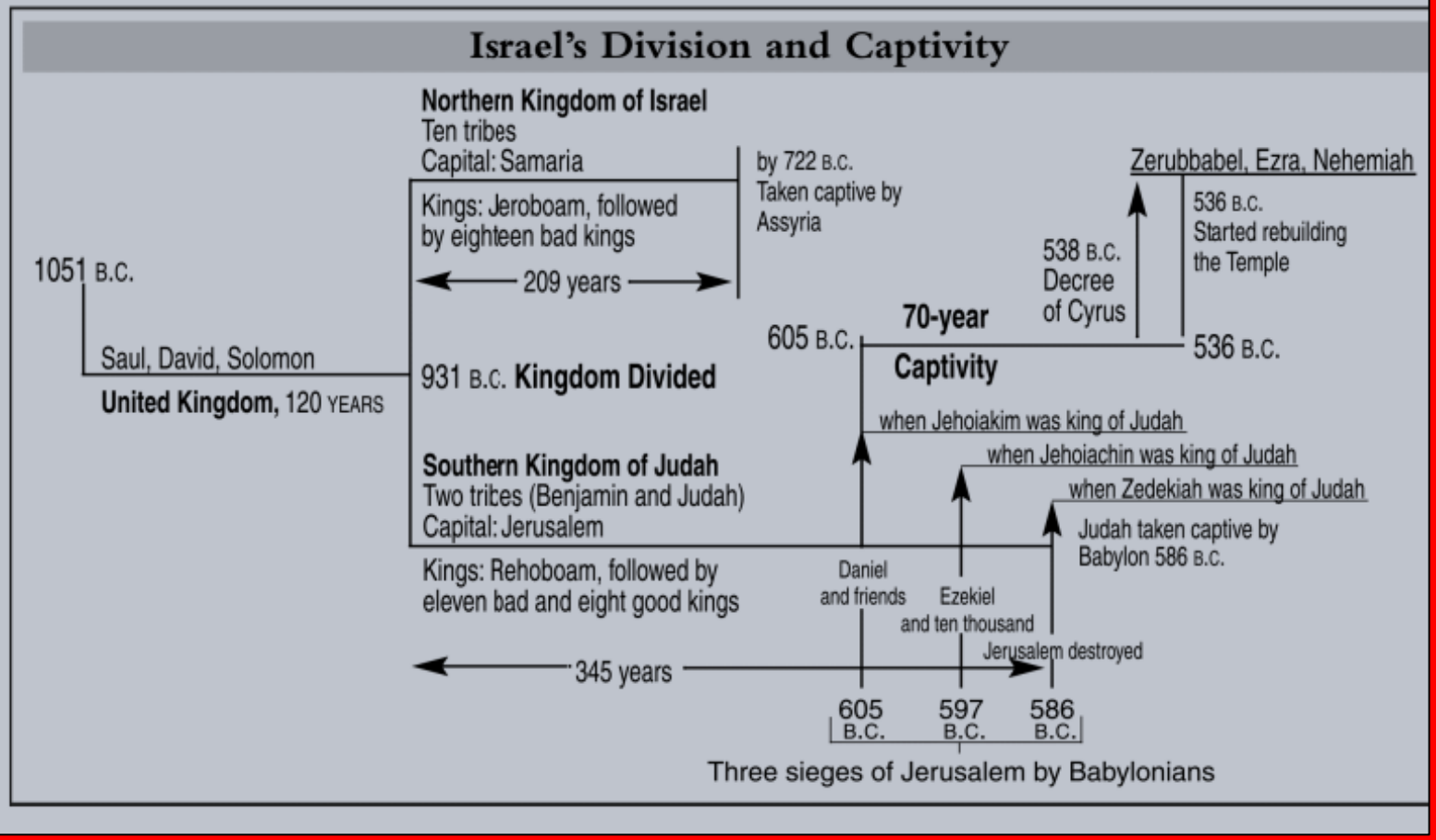




The Prophetic Blueprint

- **66 Chapters** = **66 Books** of the Bible
- **Chapters 1-39**: Human shortfalls, sin, and judgment
- **Chapters 40-66**: Grace, comfort, and the Messiah
- Isaiah means: **“The Lord Saved”**
- Historical Setting: 2 Kings 15-20 & 2 Chronicles 26-32

Israel's Divided Kingdom



Israel Promised Obedience—
but the Covenant Had Consequences

01 PROMISE
EXODUS 24:3

“All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do!”

One voice. A clear commitment.

02 BLESSING
DEUTERONOMY 28:1–14

“The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself…”

Obedience would shape a set-apart people.

03 WARNING
DEUTERONOMY 28:15–20, 45

“If you do not obey the Lord…”

The covenant also carried consequences.



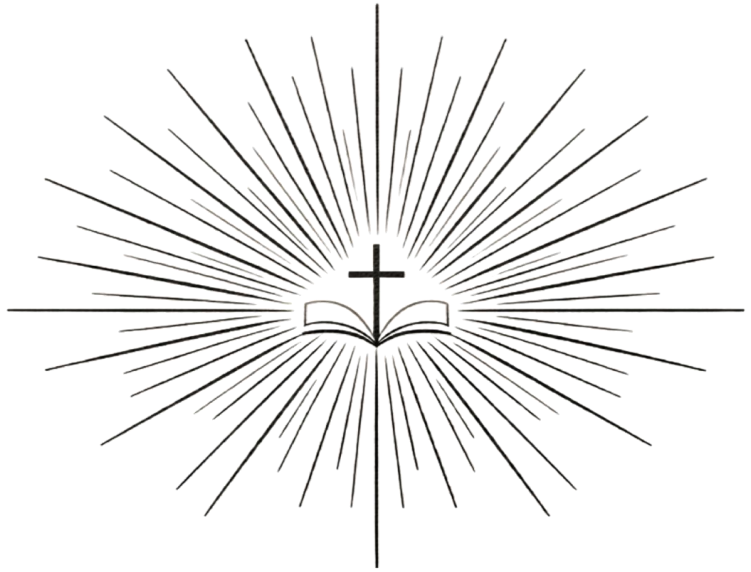
A Culture of Apathy



Judah was experiencing **massive material prosperity**

Spiritual Reality: Material comfort easily breeds **spiritual apathy**





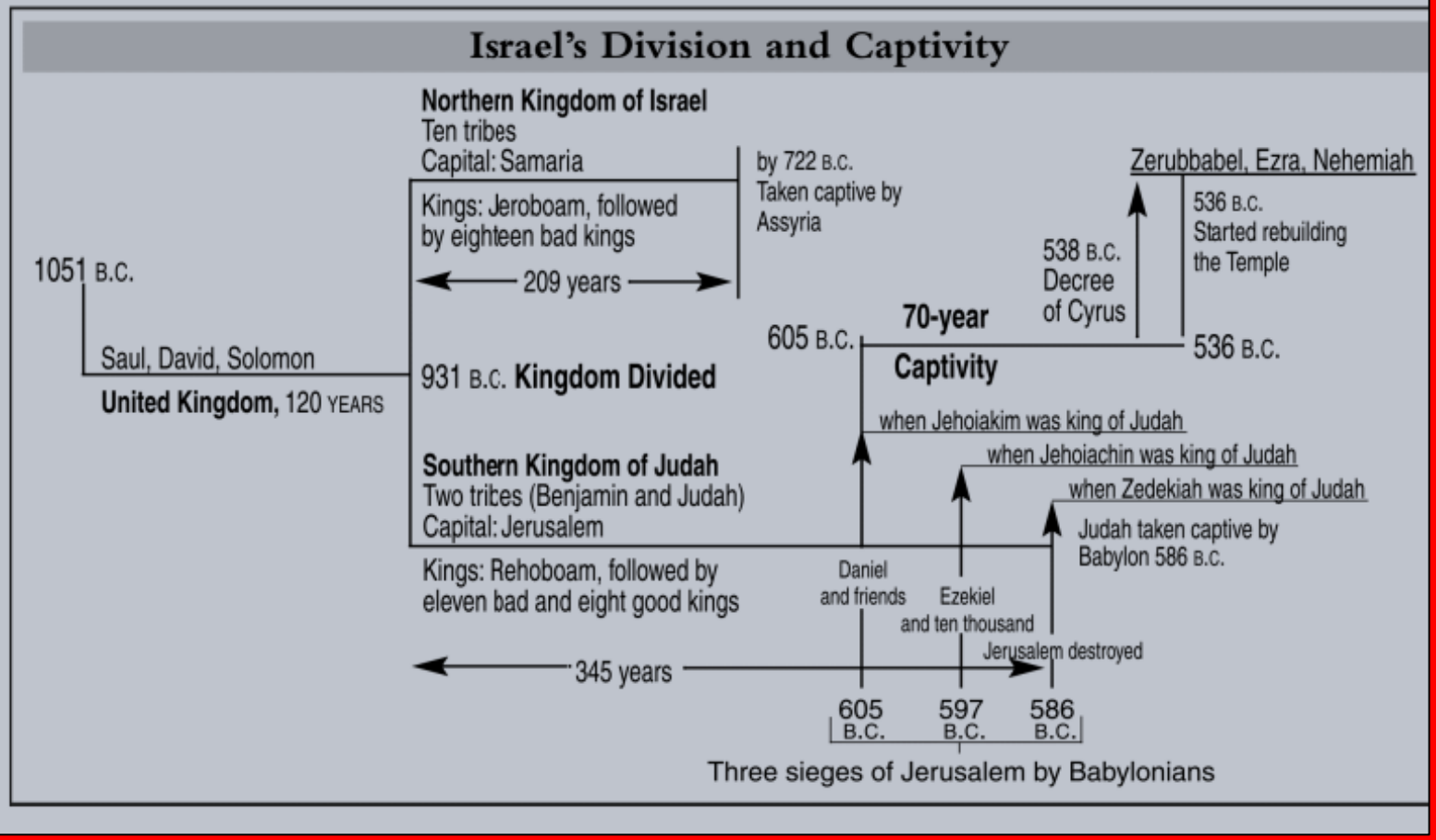
The Northern Threat

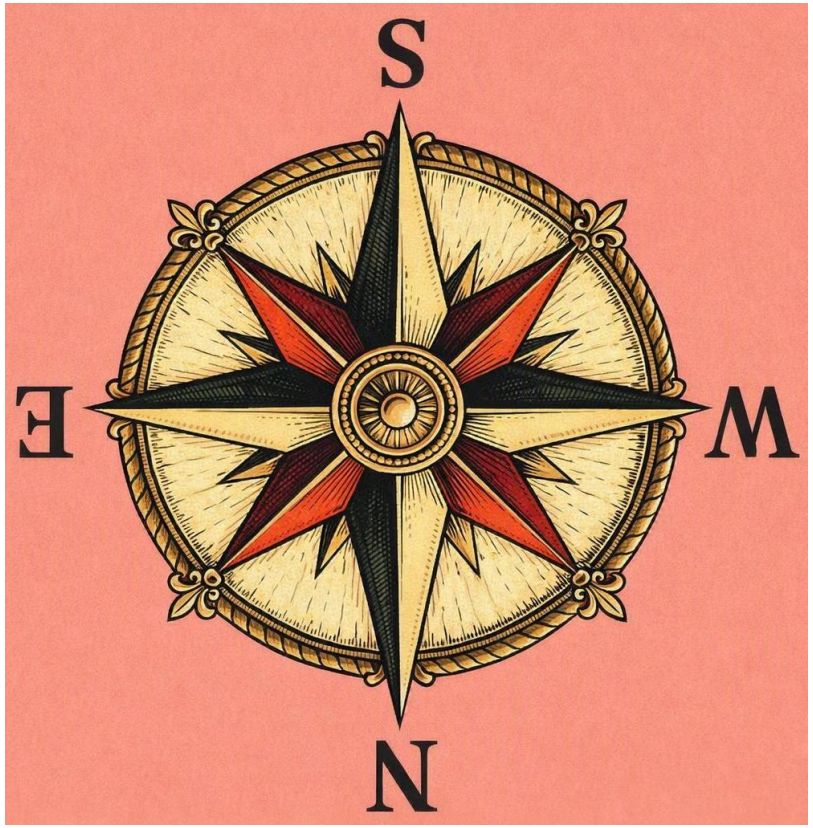


- The North was being brutally crushed by the **Assyrian Army**

- Isaiah's Message: "Look at your brothers. Repent or this happens to you!" ~Isaiah 1:5-7

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Losing the Reference Point

- **Parading Sin:** Openly celebrating the choices that cause brokenness (Is. 3:9)
- **Inverted Morality:** Calling evil good, and good evil (Is. 5:20)
- When God is rejected as the **unchanging standard,** Man becomes his shifting standard

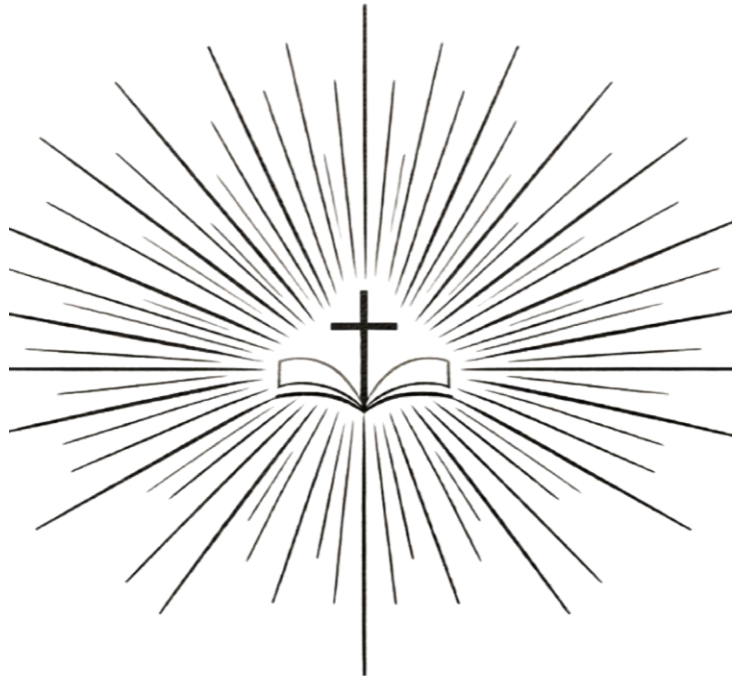
Motions Without Devotion

- The people never stopped attending religious gatherings.
- God's Response: *"Bring me no more meaningless offerings!"*

  (Isaiah 1:13)
- The Diagnosis: **Drawing near with lips while hearts are miles away.**

  (Isaiah 29:13)
- God wants a **relationship,** not a ritual





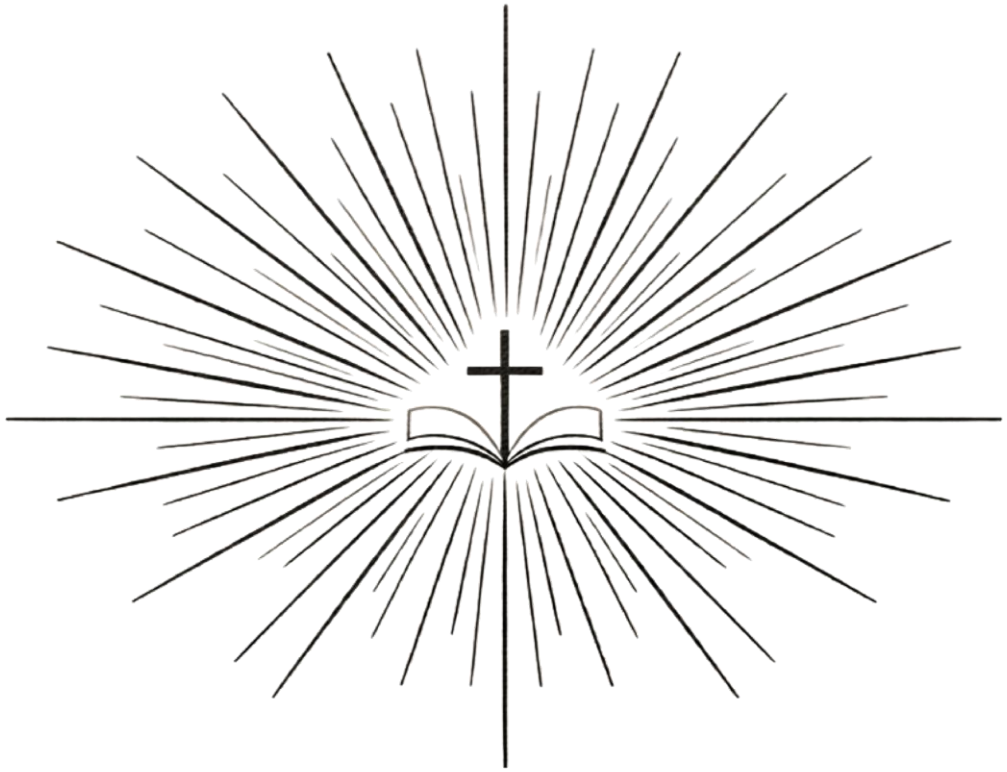


The Refiner's Fire

"*Your silver has become dross.*" (Is. 1:22)

Dross makes precious metal **brittle, dull, and weak**

God's Intention: He doesn't burn you to destroy you; He refines to **restore your original shine**

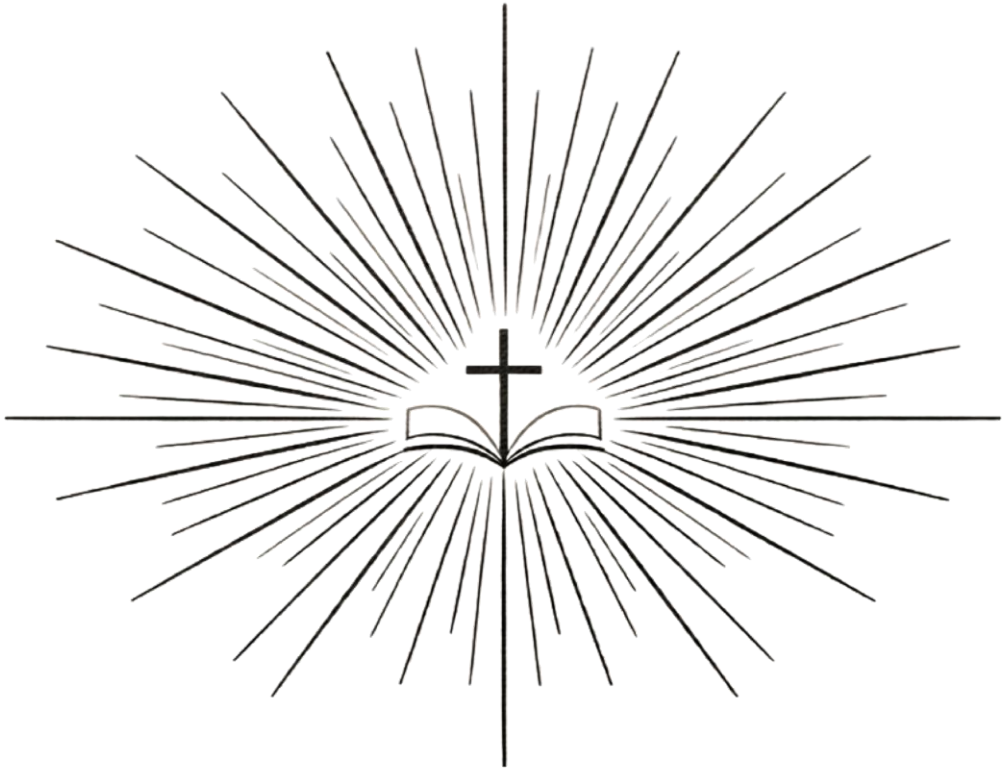


Clothed in White

- *“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”* ~ Isaiah 1:18

- **The Gospel Exchange:** Jesus took our permanent crimson stain on the cross so we could wear His white robe of righteousness.

When did the Last Days Begin?



Hebrews 1:2:

“In these last days He has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.”



Next Week: Lesson 2 Chapters 3 - 5