

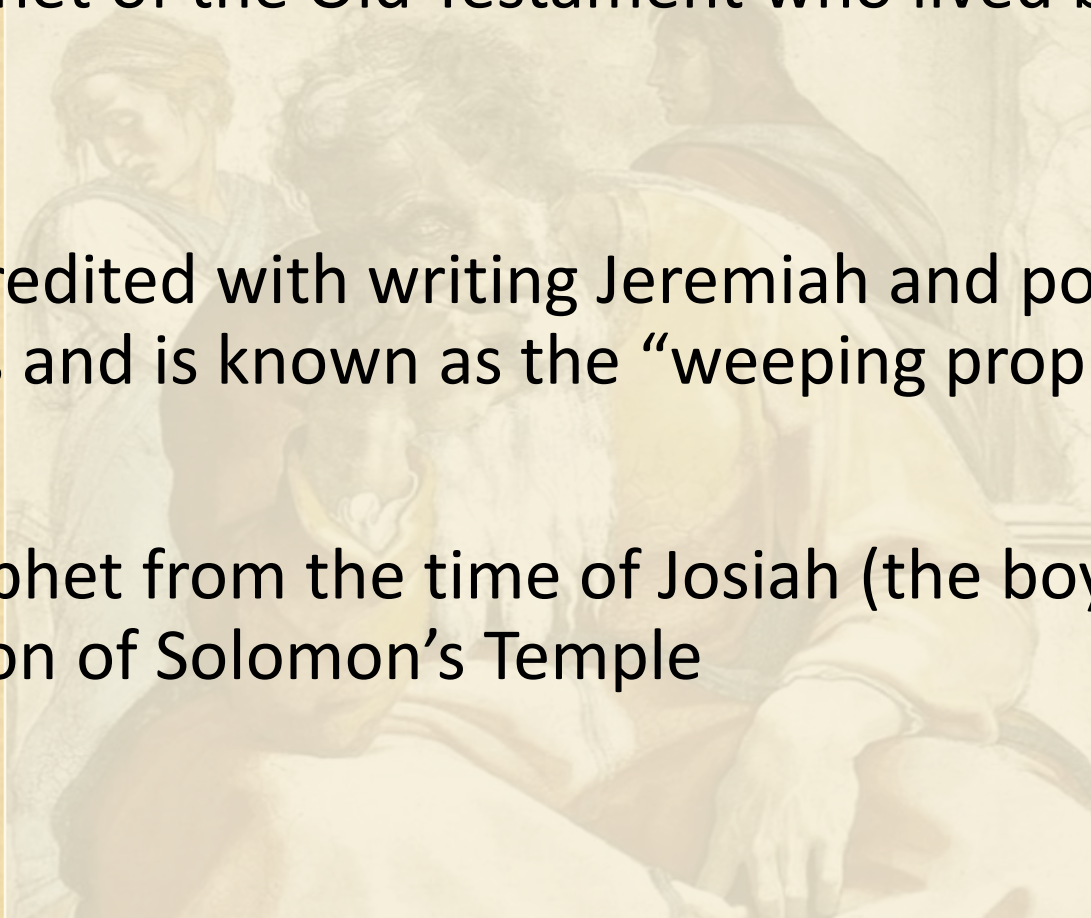
THE WEEPING PROPHET



JEREMIAH
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Who was Jeremiah?

- A major prophet of the Old Testament who lived between 650 BC and 570 BC.
- Jeremiah is credited with writing Jeremiah and possibly 1/2Kings, and Lamentations and is known as the “weeping prophet”.
- He was a prophet from the time of Josiah (the boy King) until after the destruction of Solomon’s Temple



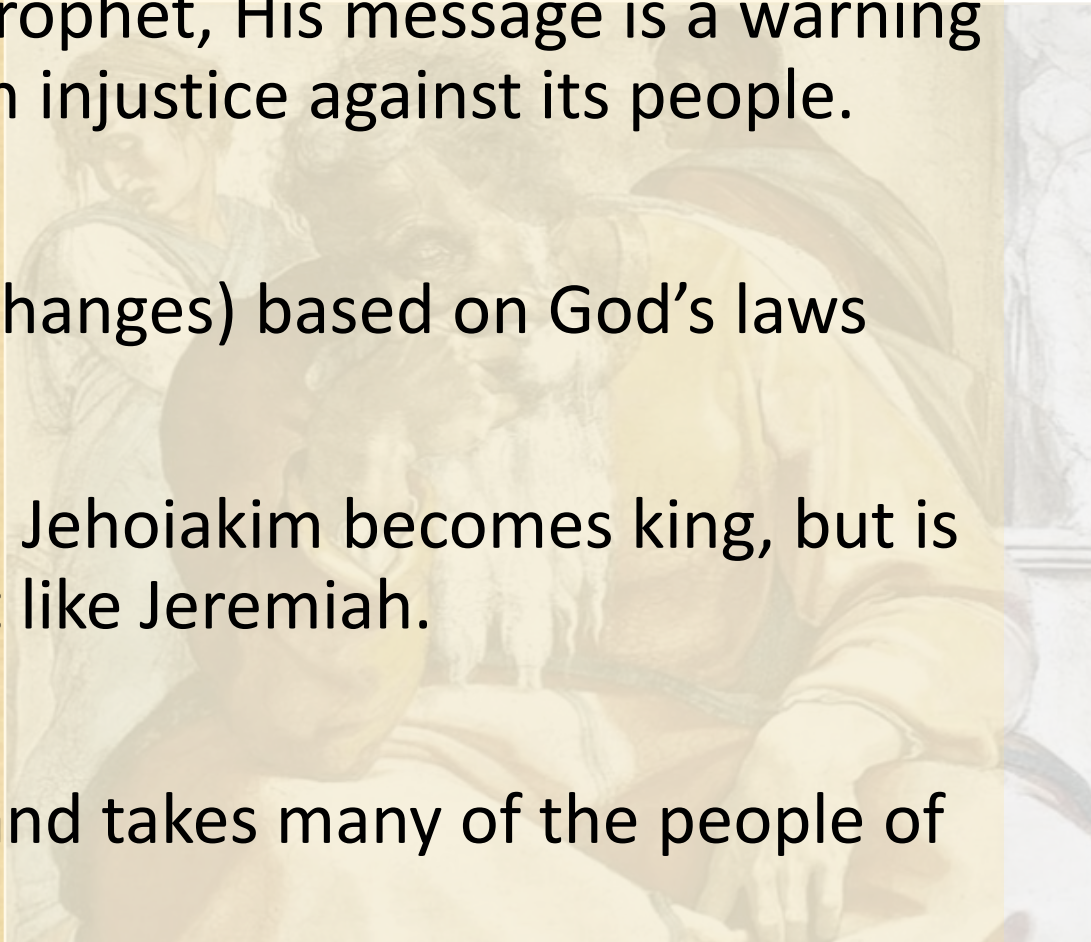
What is happening in Israel?

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet, His message is a warning against worshiping idols and open injustice against its people.

Jeremiah issues reforms (changes) based on God's laws

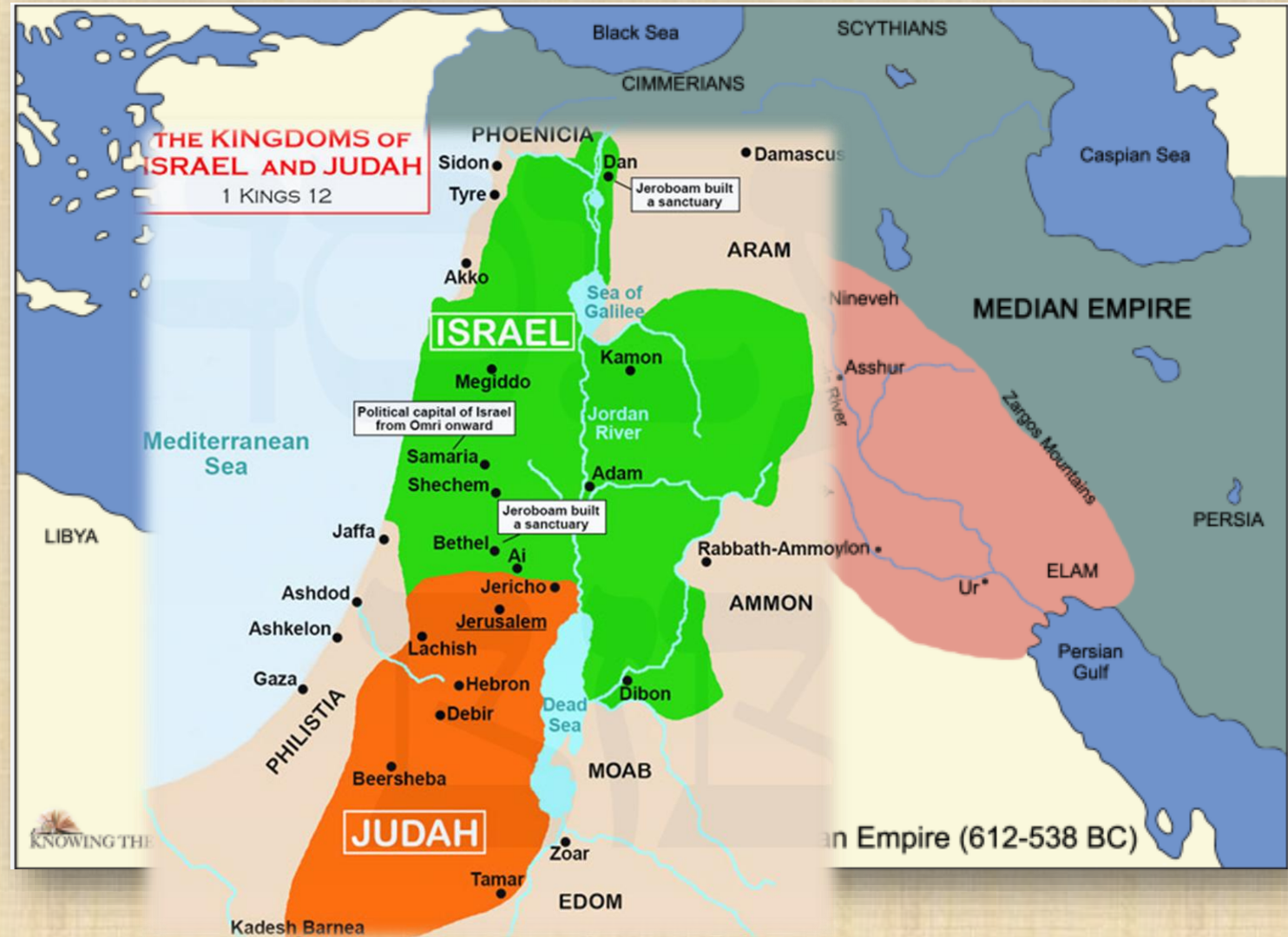
Jeremiah is killed in battle. Jehoiakim becomes king, but is a wicked king who does not like Jeremiah.

Babylon defeats Egypt and takes many of the people of Judah and Daniel into captivity.



The Babylonian Empire

- Israel was divided into 2 Kingdoms – Israel in the north and Judah in the south.
- Babylon eventually took over both kingdoms, but Judah fell first.
- Jeremiah was from the tribe of Benjamin located in Judah near Jerusalem.



The Lord's calling

- **The Call of Jeremiah**

CH1: 4 The word of the LORD came to me, saying,⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb I knew^[a] you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”⁶ “Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

⁷ But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.



Have you ever been nervous or scared to do something that was being asked of you?

God can help us when we are scared or nervous.

God warns Israel

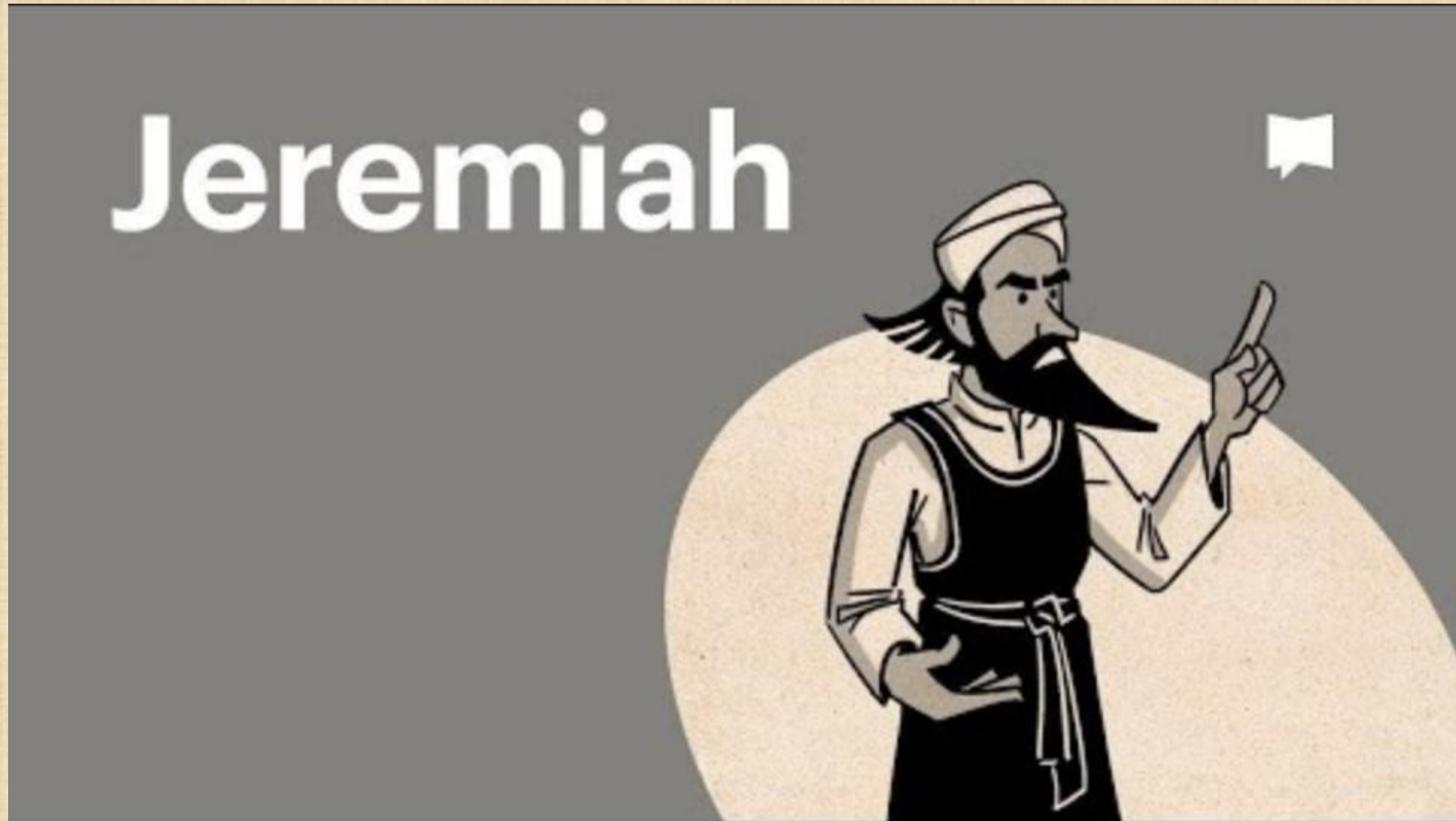
- **Not One Is Upright**
- **CH5: 1** “Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem, look around and consider, search through her squares. If you can find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth, I will forgive this city. ² Although they say, ‘As surely as the LORD lives,’ still they are swearing falsely.” Hear this, you foolish and senseless people, who have eyes but do not see, who have ears but do not hear: ²² Should you not fear me?” declares the LORD.
“Should you not tremble in my presence?”
- **CH1: 14** The LORD said to me, “From the north disaster will be poured out on all who live in the land. ¹⁵ I am about to summon all the peoples of the northern kingdoms,” declares the LORD. “Their kings will come and set up their thrones in the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem; they will come against all her surrounding walls and against all the towns of Judah.

And now, a short video



[The Story of Prophet Jeremiah \(Judgement or Mercy\) - Bible Story - YouTube](#)

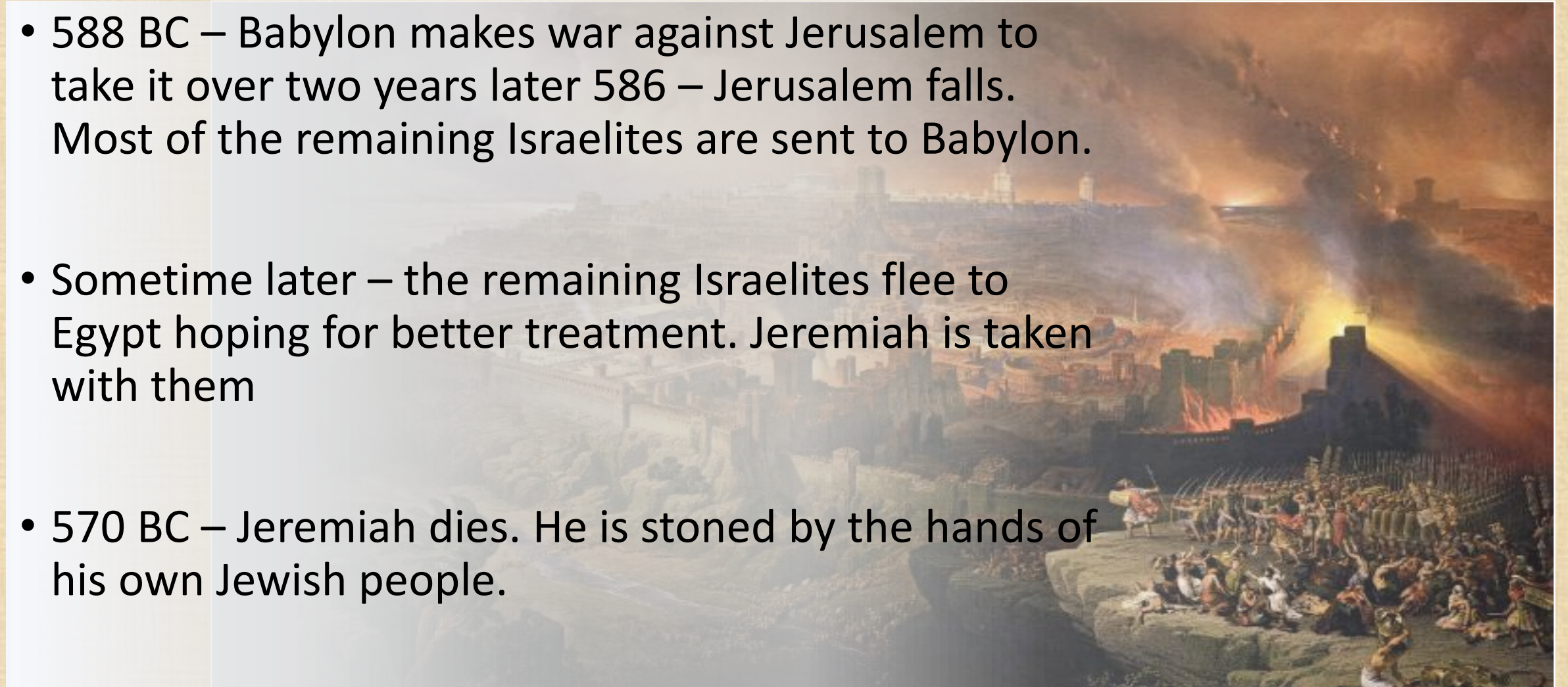
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[Book of Jeremiah Summary: A Complete Animated Overview](#)

The Fall of Jerusalem

- 588 BC – Babylon makes war against Jerusalem to take it over two years later 586 – Jerusalem falls. Most of the remaining Israelites are sent to Babylon.
- Sometime later – the remaining Israelites flee to Egypt hoping for better treatment. Jeremiah is taken with them
- 570 BC – Jeremiah dies. He is stoned by the hands of his own Jewish people.



Wrap Up!

- It can be hard to understand why God allows bad things to happen to people. How do we know God is a good and just God?

Jeremiah 17: 7 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

- God doesn't keep His instructions and his will for us secret. He tells us how we can prosper under him and He tells us very clearly what could happen when we choose not to follow Him.

