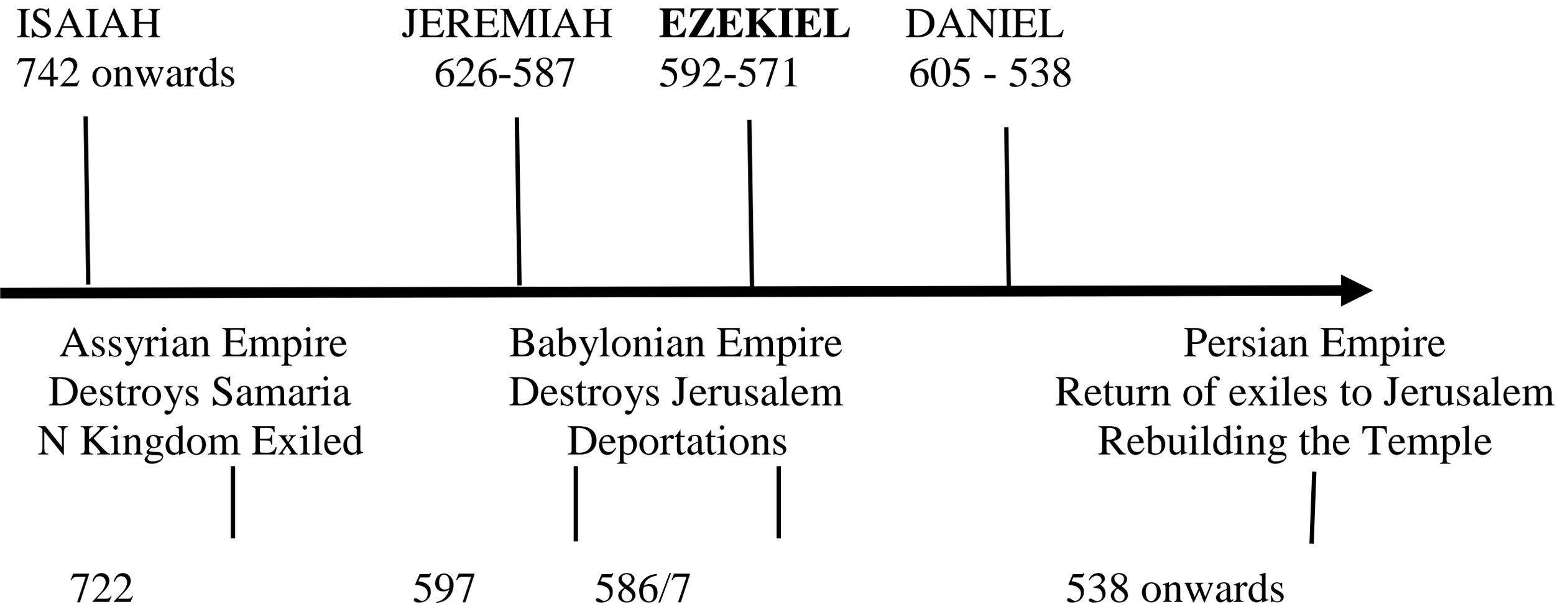


1. THE SHAPE OF OUR 4 WEEK STUDY

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1. THE HISTORICAL SETTING & KEY DATES





**JEWISH EXILES
IN BABYLONIA**

2 KGS. 24:10-16; 25:8-12
 JER. 52:28-34
 EZEK. 3:15
 EZRA 2:59; 8:17







Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.

There on the poplars we hung our harps,
for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors
demanded songs of joy; they said,
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'

How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.

May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not
remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.

- Why has this disaster happened to us?
- Where is God in the middle of all this?
- What about the promises of the earlier prophets?
- How could God permit such a thing? Is he not in control?
- Had Yahweh been defeated by the Babylonian gods?

Human	Chief of God's creation	(intelligence)
Lion	King of the wild animals	(courage/ferocity)
Ox	Most powerful of the domestic animals	(strength)
Eagle	Most majestic of the birds	(Freedom)



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LIVING AS GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

**I will dwell among you and be your God, and you shall
be my people**

(Ex 29:45-46; Ez 37:27)

**I will make my dwelling among you...And I will walk
among you**

(Lev 26:11-12)

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace -
No work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place**

Col 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.