

Nehemiah The Cupbearer of the King

Nehemiah 1 : 1-4, 11b



Sermon
Series

Nehemiah 1 (NKJV)

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

It came to pass in the month of Chislev, *in* the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel,

2 that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 1 (NKJV)

³ And they said to me, “The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province *are* there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem *is* also broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.”

Nehemiah 1 (NKJV)

⁴ So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *for many* days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven...

^{11b} ...For I was the king's cupbearer.

Nehemiah
41 Mach-nād'-ē-bāi,
42 Šā'ā-ā-reel, and Šeh
43 Šāl'-lūm, Ām-ā-rī'-āh,
44 Šā'āh, Zā'-bād, Nē'-bō'
45 Of the sons of them taken
46 Šā'āh, Bē-nāi'-āh.
47 All these had wives
48 and Jō'-ēl, Zē-bī'-
49 and some of them had
50 they had children.

The Book of
Nehemiah

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TWO QUESTIONS

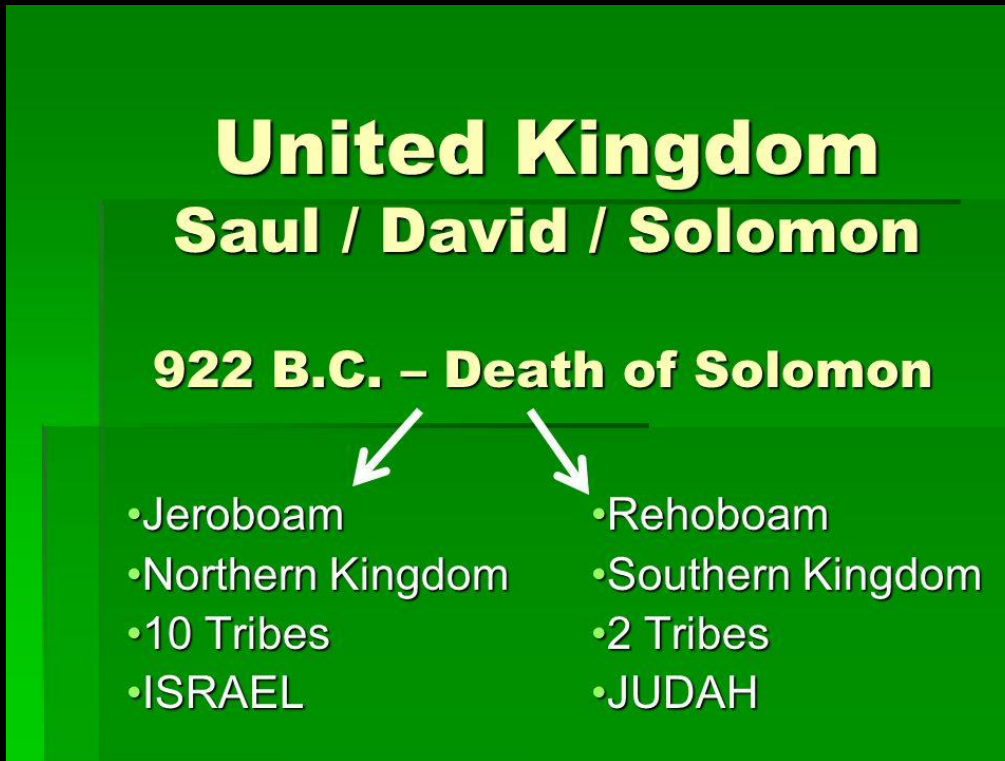
1. Why were the Persians so sympathetic to the cause of the Jews?

2. How could a Jew like Nehemiah who was a captive from the enemies become such a trusted person in the Persian King's Court?

Moses & Joshua



- After the death of Solomon the Kingdom split into 2.



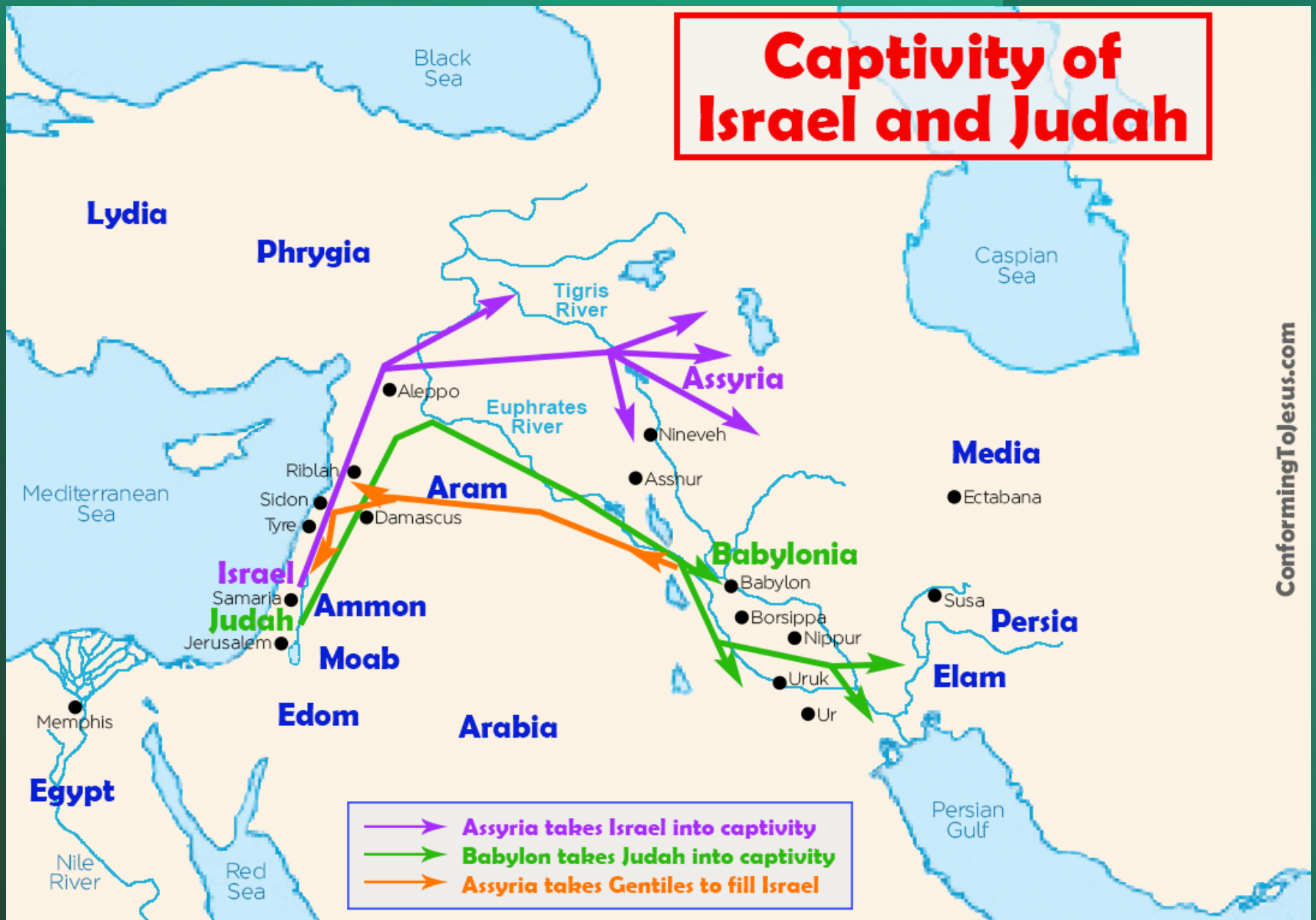
The Two Kingdoms

Kingdom of Israel

Kingdom of Judah



Captivity of Israel and Judah



Cyrus the Great



Isaiah 45

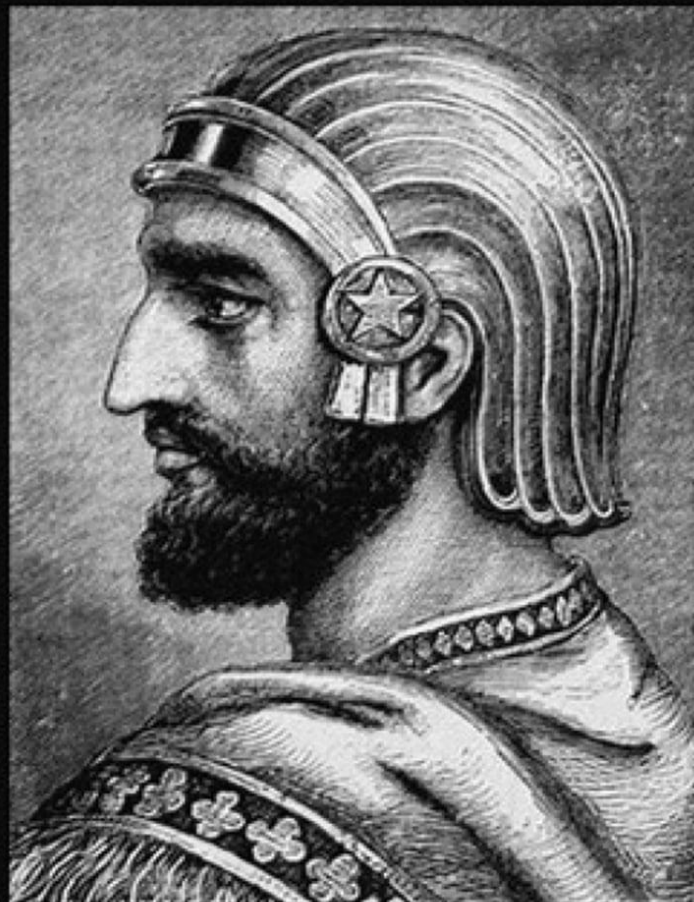
45 “Thus says the Lord to
His anointed,
To Cyrus, whose right hand I
have held—
To subdue nations before
him
And loose the armour of
kings,
To open before him the
double doors,
So that the gates will not be
shut:

Isaiah 45

² 'I will go before you
And make the crooked places
straight;
I will break in pieces the gates
of bronze
And cut the bars of iron.

³ I will give you the treasures
of darkness
And hidden riches of secret
places,
That you may know that I,
the Lord,
Who call *you* by your name,
Am the God of Israel...

CYRUS THE GREAT



Ezra 1 : 2-4 (NKJV)

² Thus says Cyrus king of Persia

All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which *is* in Judah. ³ Who *is* among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel (He *is* God), which *is* in Jerusalem.

Ezra 1 : 2-4 (NKJV)

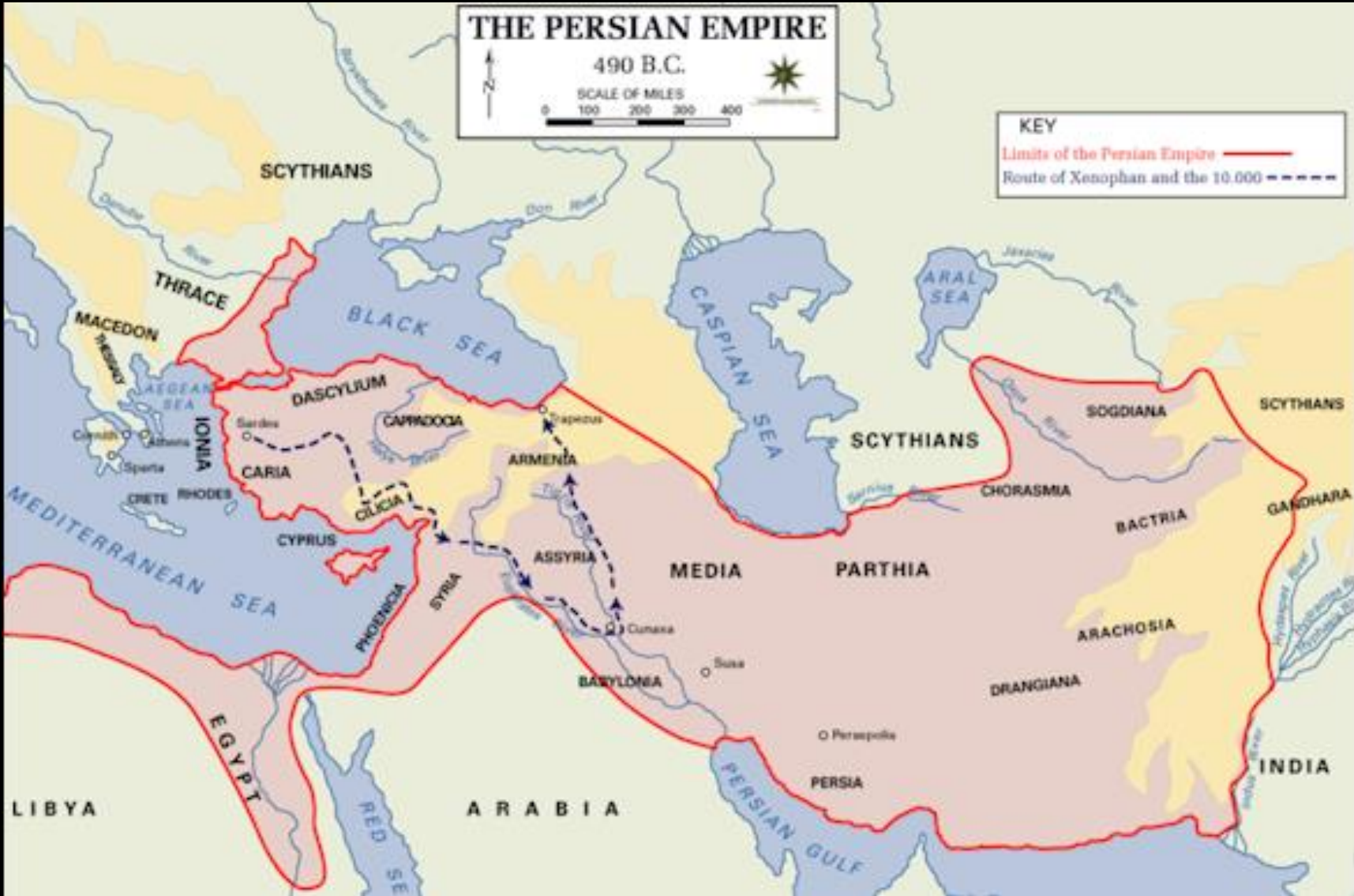
⁴ And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem...


THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

490 B.C.

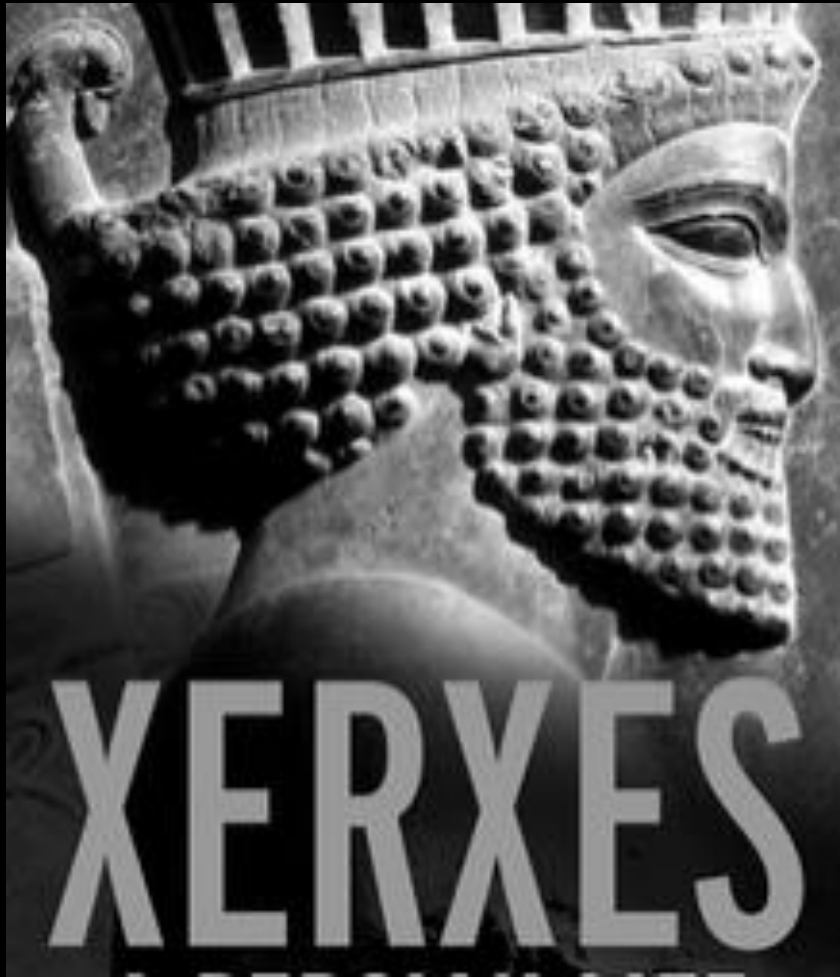
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Route of Xenophon and the 10,000 - - - - -



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EZRA
NEHEMIAH
— AND —
ESTHER



THE BOOK OF
ESTHER



Artaxerxes I of Persia



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Nehemiah – the King's Cupbearer

BUT JESUS LOOKED AT
THEM AND SAID TO THEM,
"WITH MEN THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD

*ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE."*

MATTHEW 19:26




REINHARD BONNKE

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LEGACY OF HARVEST





A photograph of a person standing on a snowy mountain peak at sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and long shadows. The mountains are covered in snow, and the sky is a mix of orange and blue. The text "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE." is overlaid in large white letters.

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ARE POSSIBLE.

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