

# THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS



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BIBLE OVERVIEW



# Home and away...

The story of the **exile**

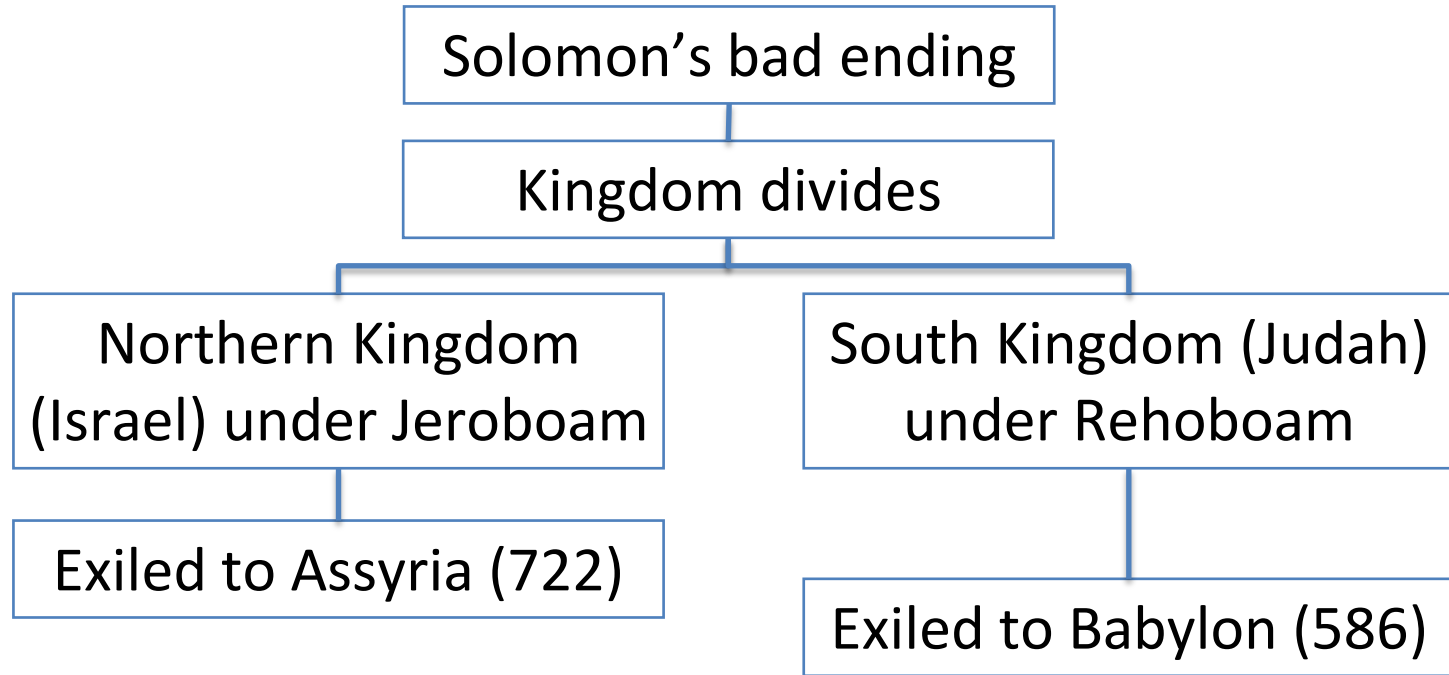


# The three strands of God's plan

1. A nation (God's *people*)
2. A relationship (God's *blessing* to share with the world)
3. A land (God's *place*)



# *From there to here...*



# Home and away – Jer 25:1-14

- Strong words (1-6)
  - “My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.” (Jas 1:19-20).





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- The unravelling of freedom (8-11)
  - God's **people** destroyed (9)
  - God's **blessing** removed (10, 8b)
  - God's **place** devastated (11)



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# Jer 29:10-14

This is what the LORD says: ‘When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfil my good promise to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.



# Jer 29:10-14

<sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,' declares the LORD, 'and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.'.



# Restored...

1. A nation (God's *people*)
2. A relationship (God's *blessing* to share with the world)
3. A land (God's *place*)

**Ezra and Nehemiah - the rebuilding of the land**





# Isaiah's bigger vision of home-coming

- God's **people**  
(Israel/Judah) →
- God's **place**  
(the land) →
- God's **blessing**  
(back to the law) →
- God's **people**  
(from all nations)
- God's **place**  
(creation renewed)
- God's **blessing**  
(in the Holy Spirit)



“For Christ suffered [died] once for sins;  
the righteous for the unrighteous to bring  
you to God” (1 Pet 3:18)

