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JEREMIAH

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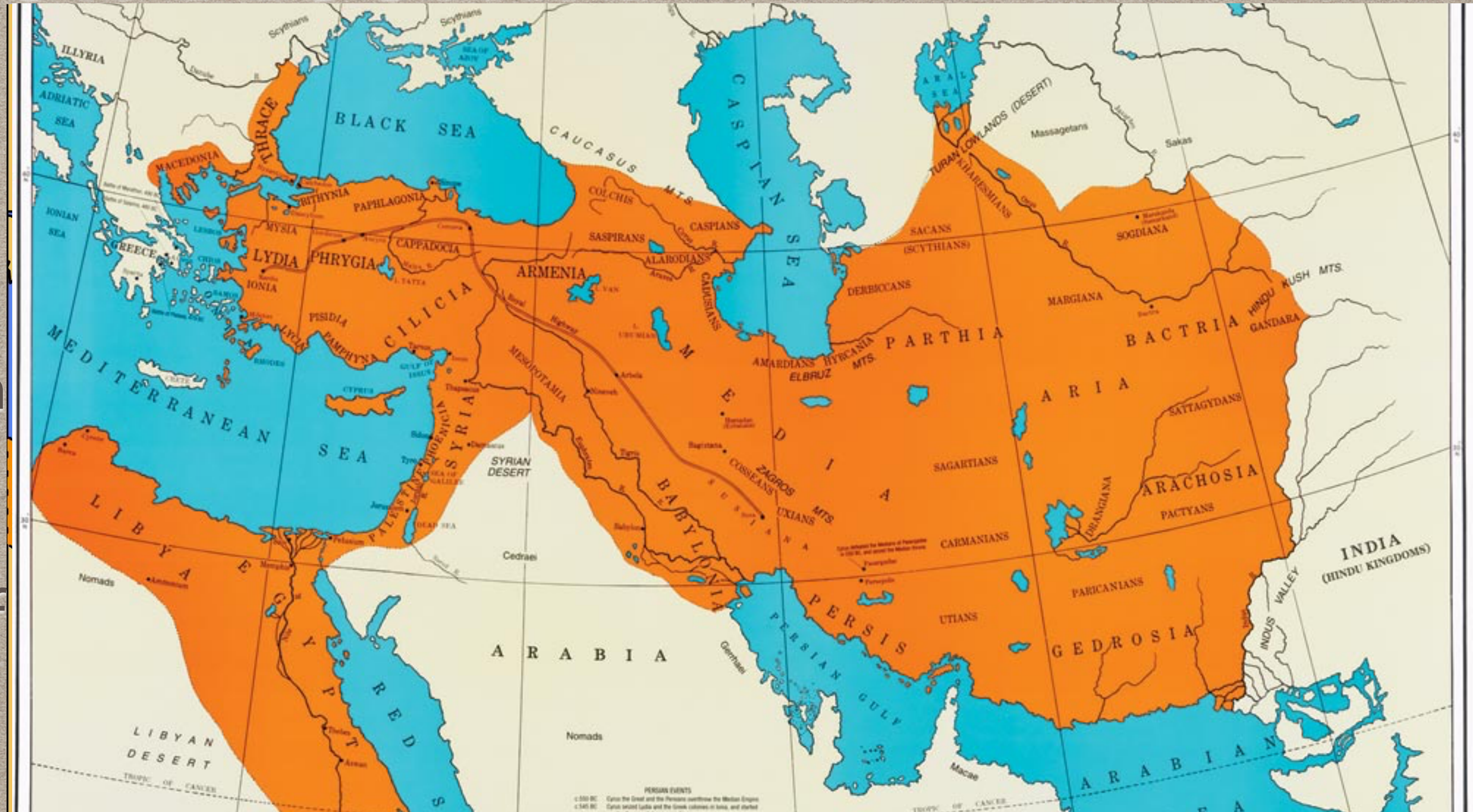
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A NATION FROM THE NORTH WILL MAKE BABYLON DESOLATE

- From where Babylon
- Out of



IN THOSE DAYS, ISRAEL & JUDAH TOGETHER, WILL ASK THE WAY TO ZION

- What did the Lord say would happen, “in those days and in that time”?
- They will come to join themselves to YHWH in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten

NATIONS CALLED UPON TO GO AGAINST BABYLON

- How was vengeance to be taken against Babylon
 - Walls torn down, battle brought against her, and as she has done to others, so it will be done to her

BABYLON HAS BEEN FOUND AND CAUGHT BY THE LORD

- Why had Babylon been found and caught?
 - She engaged in conflict with YHWH
 - A snare was set for Babylon
 - YHWH has opened His armory and brought forth weapons of His indignation
 - YHWH works Himself against the land of the Chaldeans

YHWH WILL PLEAD HIS CASE FOR ISRAEL AND AGAINST HER CAPTORS

- What two things would be accomplished when YHWH pleads His case against the oppressors of Israel & Judah?
 - He will bring rest to the earth
 - He will bring turmoil to the inhabitants of Babylon

BABYLON WILL BE DESOLATE BECAUSE OF THE ARMY FROM THE NORTH

- What will happen at the noise of the taking of Babylon?
 - The earth will shake
 - A cry will be heard among the nations

BABYLON WAS THE LORD'S CUP, BUT NOW SHE HAS FALLEN

- To where did the judgement of Babylon reach?
 - Up to heaven
 - It towers up to the very skies

THE SPIRIT OF THE MEDES HAS BEEN RAISED UP AGAINST BABYLON

- Whom had the Lord raised up for His plan against Babylon?
 - The king of the Medes
 - Daniel 5:24-31



YHWH IS THE MAKER OF ALL THINGS

- By what has the Lord made the earth and established the world?
 - Power and Wisdom and Understanding

BABYLON WILL PAY FOR THEIR WAYS

- Why was the Lord against Babylon?
 - Because of the evil they had done in Zion, they would be desolate forever

THE BLOOD OF ZION IS ON THE HEAD OF BABYLON

- What would the Lord punish in Babylon?
 - The god of Babylon - Bel or Marduk
 - The nations would no longer stream to him - he would be forgotten.

THE RULERS OF BABYLON WILL SLEEP A PERPETUAL SLEEP

- Even if Babylon were to do what, yet plunderers would come to her?
- Even if Babylon were to ascend to the heavens and fortify her lofty stronghold, The Lord will send destroyers to her.

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JEREMIAH INSTRUCTS SERAIAH TO READ A PROPHECY IN BABYLON

- After Seraiah had read the prophecy against Babylon, what was he to do with it?
- Tie the scroll to a stone, and throw it in the ,middle of the Euphrates
- Say "Just so shall Babylon sink down and not rise again because of the calamity that I am going to bring upon her; and they will become exhausted."

LESSONS AND APPLICATIONS

- In the defeat of Babylon, let us never forget that no matter how powerful a nation may become, its fate still lies in God's providence.
- Throughout this prophecy against Babylon, there are references to the restoration of Israel (cf. 50:4,5, 33,34, 51:45-46, etc.). God always knows those who belong to Him. While it seems hopeless in this world among God's enemies, He knows all that is going on. He will redeem.