

Kingdoms

These are the major kingdoms in the Bible's big picture. Learning these can help you understand and tell the story of the Bible. We encourage you to memorize them.

- **Canaan** becomes **Israel**, which will eventually divide into... the northern kingdom of **Israel** and the southern kingdom of **Judah**
- **Egypt**: the Israelites are enslaved there for 400+ years
- **Assyria**: the northern kingdom of Israel falls to Assyria in 722 BC
- **Babylon**: Assyria falls to Babylon; the southern kingdom of Judah falls to Babylon in 586 BC; Babylon destroys the temple
- **Persia**: Babylon falls to Persia; the Persian king allows Jewish exiles to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple
- **Greece**: Persia falls to Greece during the intertestamental period
- **Rome**: Greece falls to Rome during the intertestamental period; Rome is in power when Jesus is born