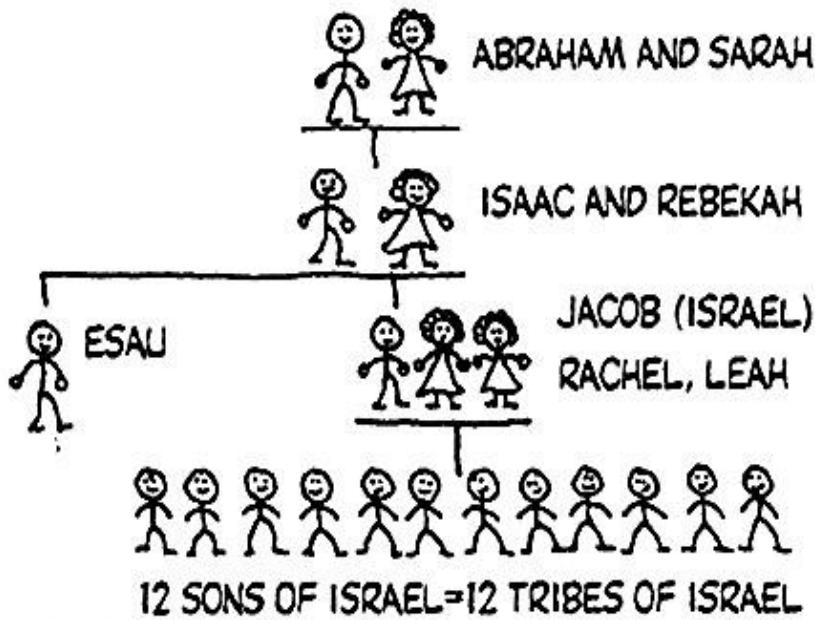


# OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

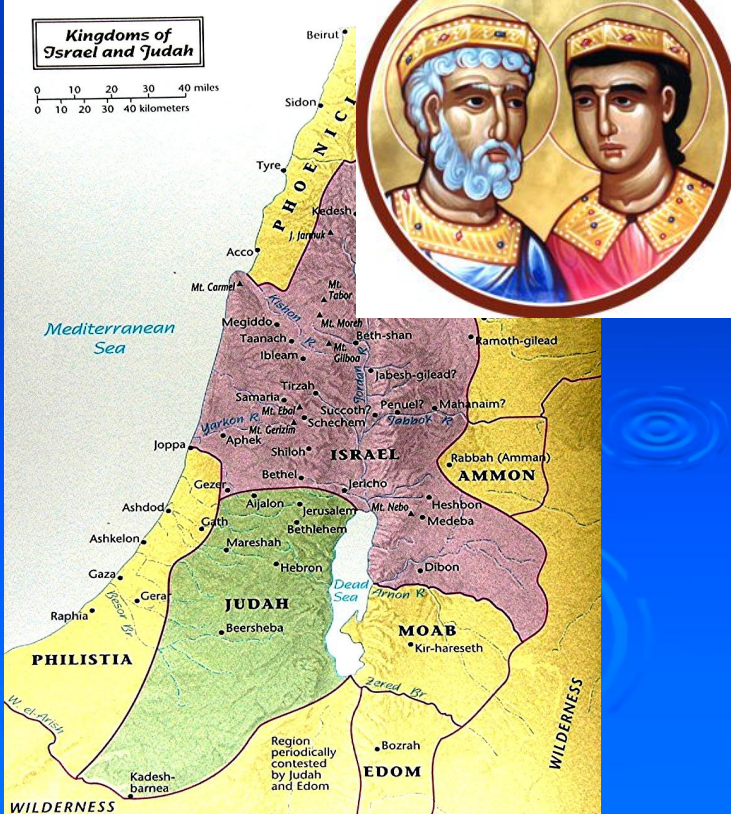
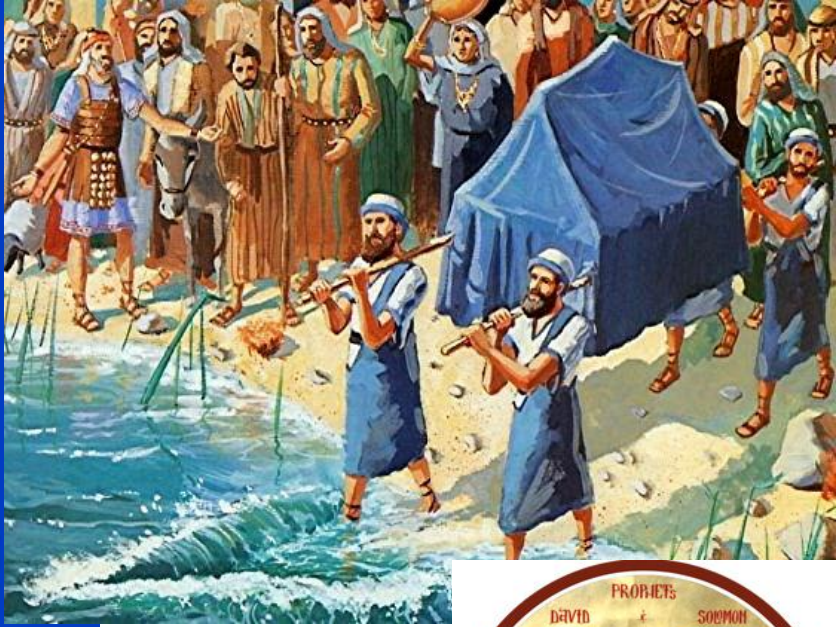


- Connecting the dots
- Abraham singled out to begin a separate people for God
- His grandson, Jacob, produced the 12 tribes of Israel
- Israel in Egypt to survive a famine, in time faced slavery, then rescued by God through Moses
- Upon their exodus from Egypt, they went to Mt. Sinai and received the Torah



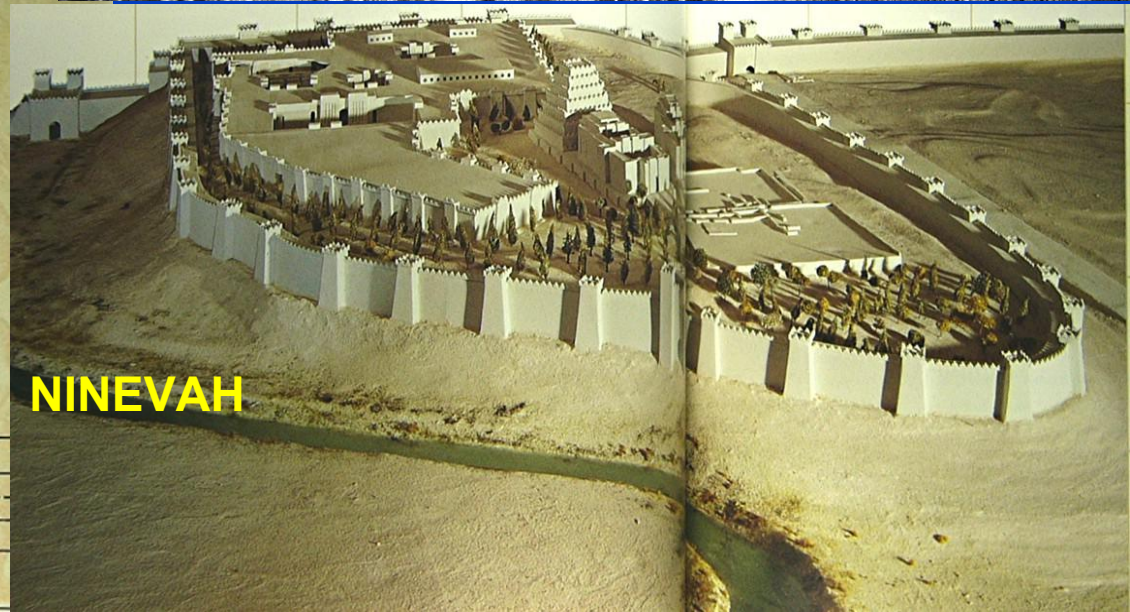
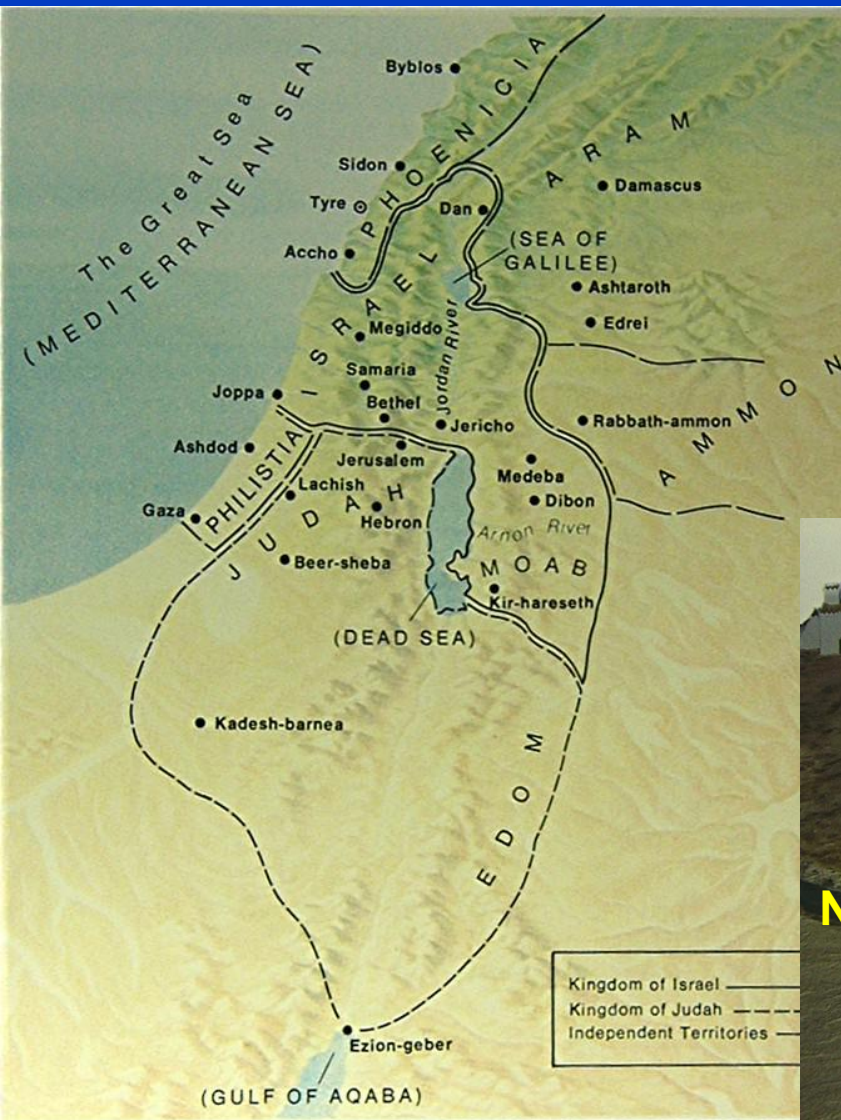
# ISRAEL UNITED, THEN DISSOLVED

- After 40 years of camping in the desert, Israel crossed the Jordan and began conquering Canaan
- Tribal *Shofetim* (Judges) ruled for 250-300 years
- King Saul the first national ruler (King) of Israel
- Not until David were all 12 tribes united as one nation
- After Solomon, the union dissolved into civil war





# JUDAH MAKES A TREATY WITH ASSYRIA





# JERUSALEM IS CAPTURED



- 598 B.C. Babylon invades Judah and captures Jerusalem
- Among the first to be sent to Babylon were *Yechezk'el* (Ezekiel) and *Dani'el*
- Daniel served in the royal court, Ezekiel in the countryside as a Prophet of God
- Jerusalem attacked again in 587 B.C. when it rebelled
- This time Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed



# DESPONDENT IN BABYLON

- Back in the birthplace of Abraham!
- Not treated poorly but they lived in an “unclean” place
- No way to atone for sins.....couldn't sacrifice EXCEPT at Temple...now in ruins
- However, they remained a community and were not scattered





# JEWES LIVED IN THE ORIGINAL TEL-AVIV

- They needed to establish homes and trades to survive
- They realized now that the Prophets had warned them, but they ignored the warnings





# EZEKIEL

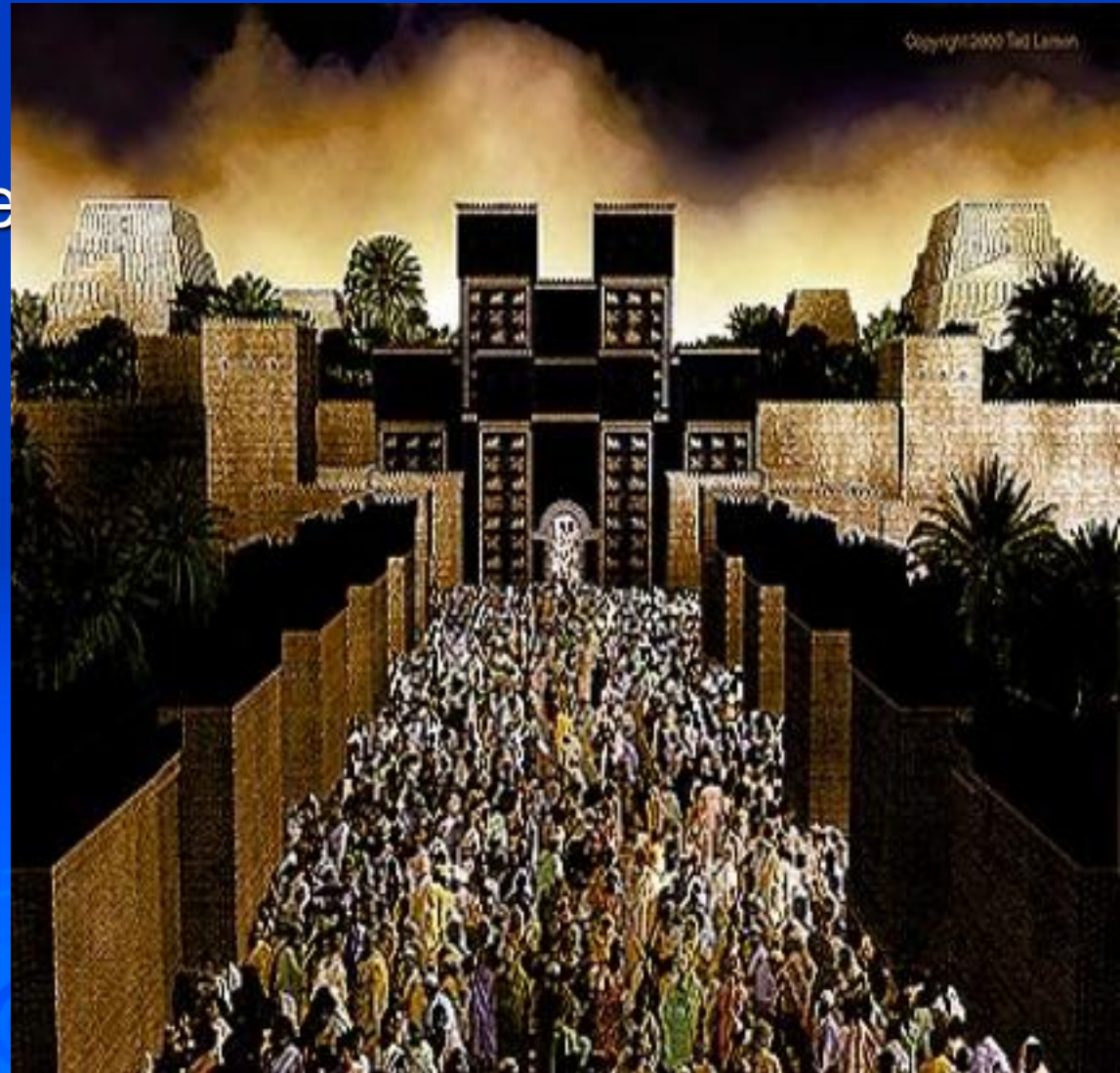


- *Daniel* prophesied in the city
- *Ezekiel* prophesied in the countryside
- 1<sup>st</sup> job: make Jews aware of reason for their exile
- 2<sup>nd</sup> job: prepare Jews to someday return to Judah
- Jews intermarried, but still clung to their Jewish identity
- Began to speak Aramaic



# JEWES MIXED WITH THE BABYLONIAN PEOPLE

- Staying separate proved impossible
- Ancient culture of the Israelites died in Babylon
- HEBREW-ism gave way to JUDAH-ism
- Torah eventually replaced with Halakah (laws of Tradition)





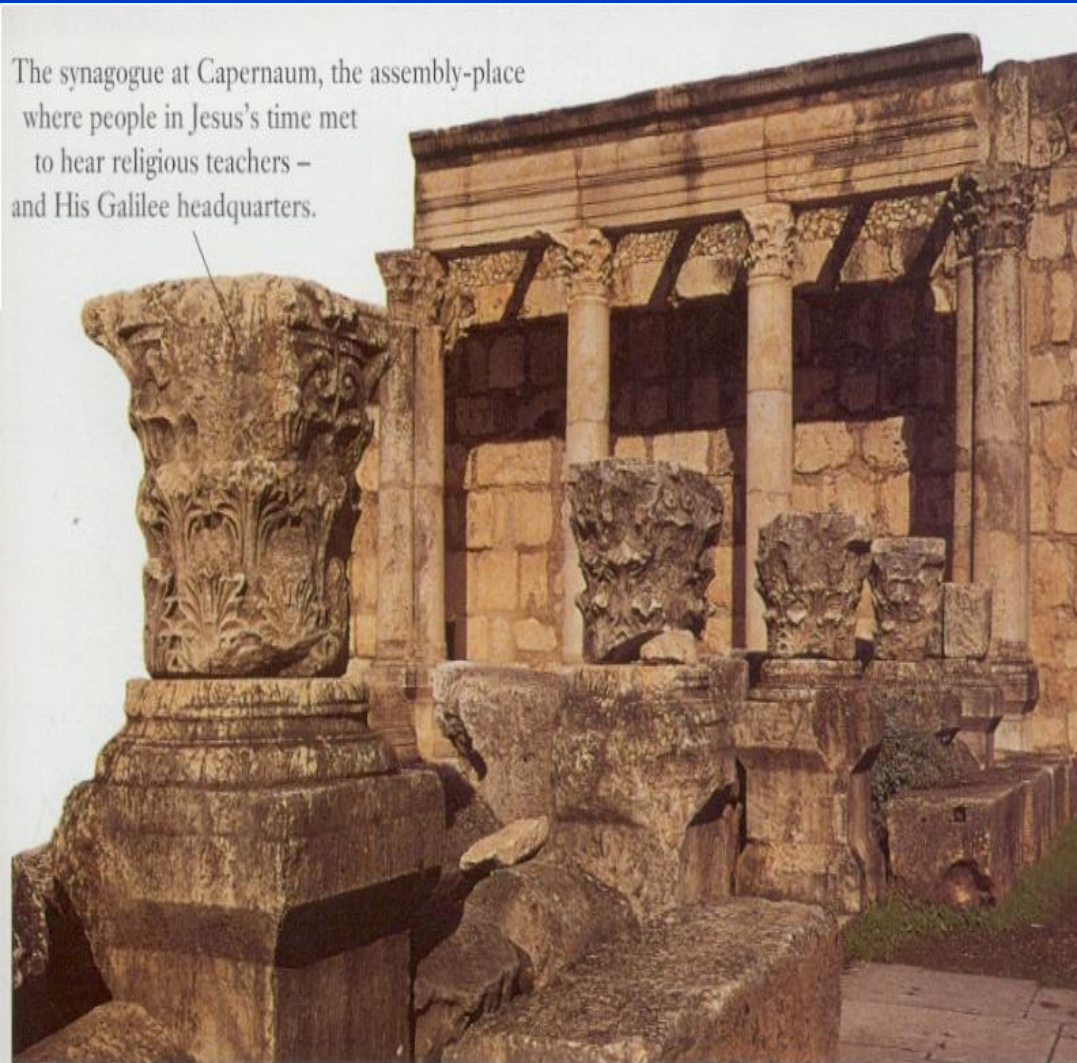
# SYNAGOGUE SYSTEM BORN IN BABYLON



- God wanted the Jews to be uncomfortable without a means to atone for sin
- Before Babylon, worship centered around the Temple
- **PROBLEM:** In Babylon Jews had no way to atone (sacrifice)
- **ANSWER:** Prayer, study and knowledge substituted for sacrifice



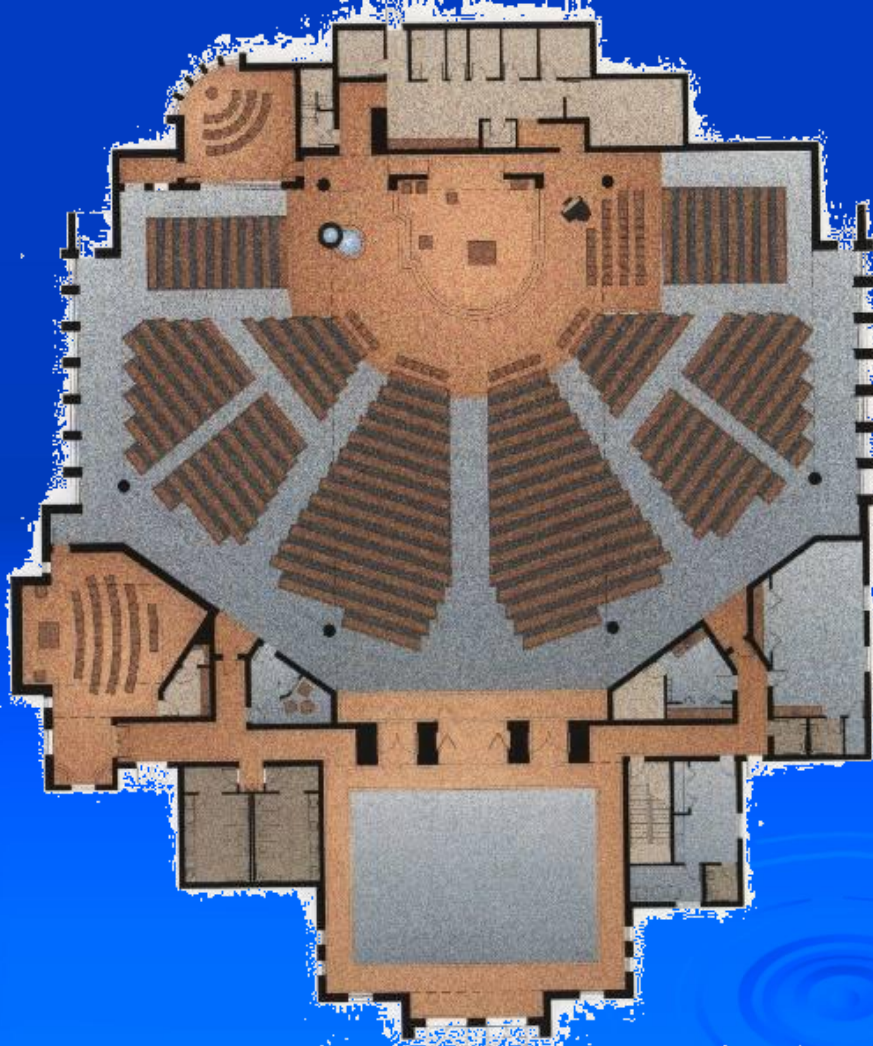
# TEMPLE AND SYNAGOGUE SYSTEM EXISTED SIDE-BY-SIDE





# CHURCH SYSTEM IS MODELED AFTER SYNAGOGUE SYSTEM

CHURCH



SYNAGOGUE

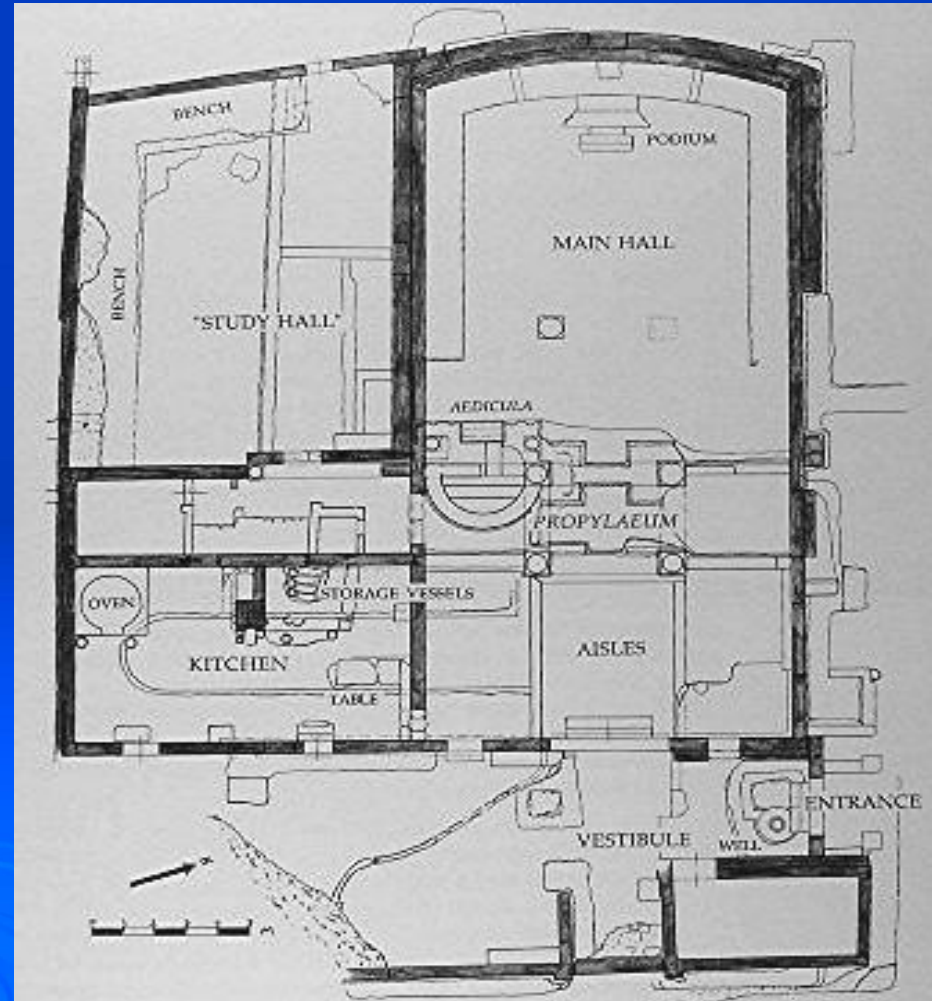


Fig. 3: Plan of the synagogue.



# THE RETURN FROM EXILE

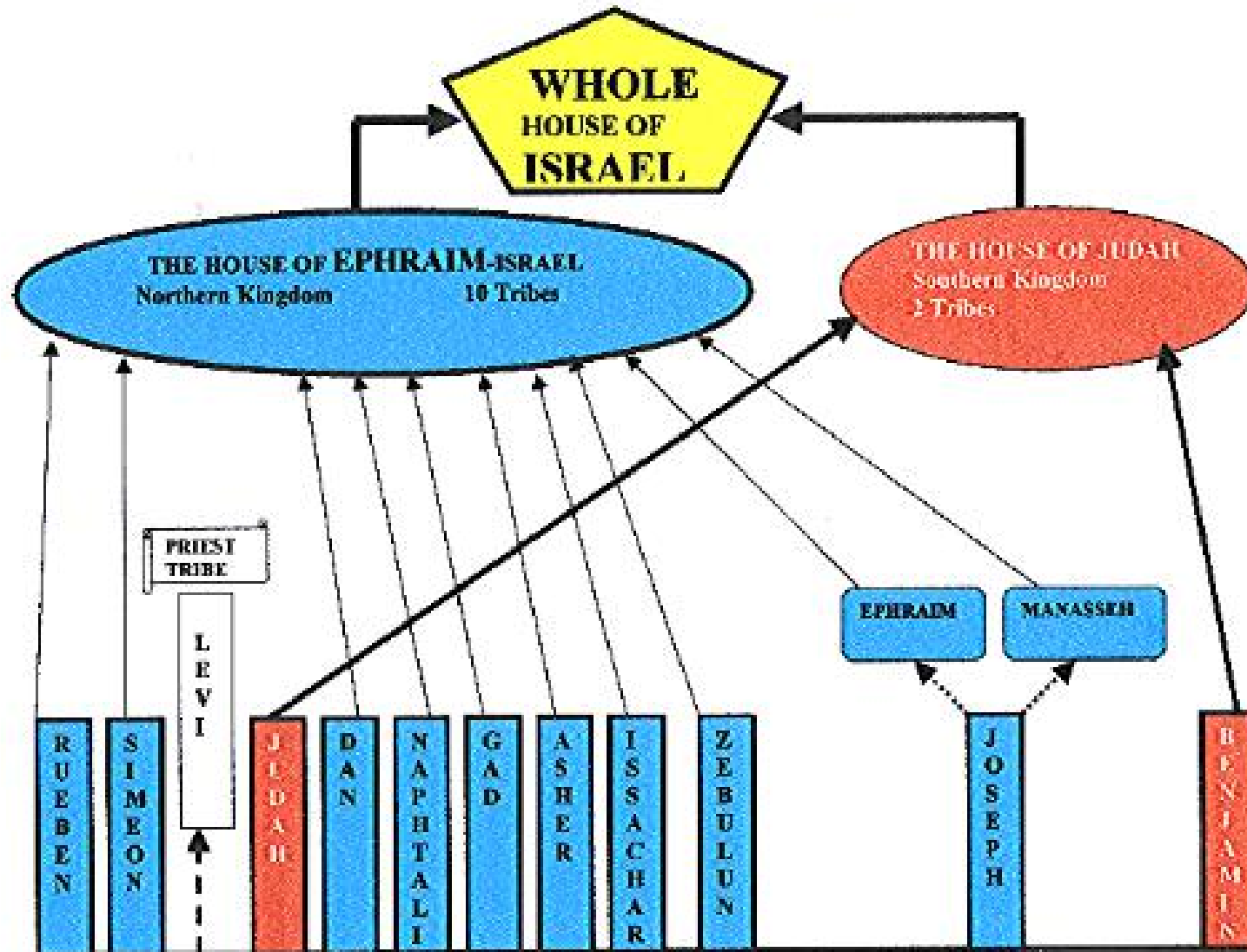


- 540 B.C., Persia comes to power
- King Cyrus conquers Babylon and emancipates the Jews
- King Cyrus worshipped Marduk
- Most of the original Jewish deportees are dead or very old, and new generations only know Babylon as home
- Bible says 50,000 returned to Judah
- Many appear to have been of other tribes who joined in the return, but quickly assimilated into the Tribe of Judah



# ALL ISRAEL WAS NOT PUT BACK TOGETHER IN THE RETURN

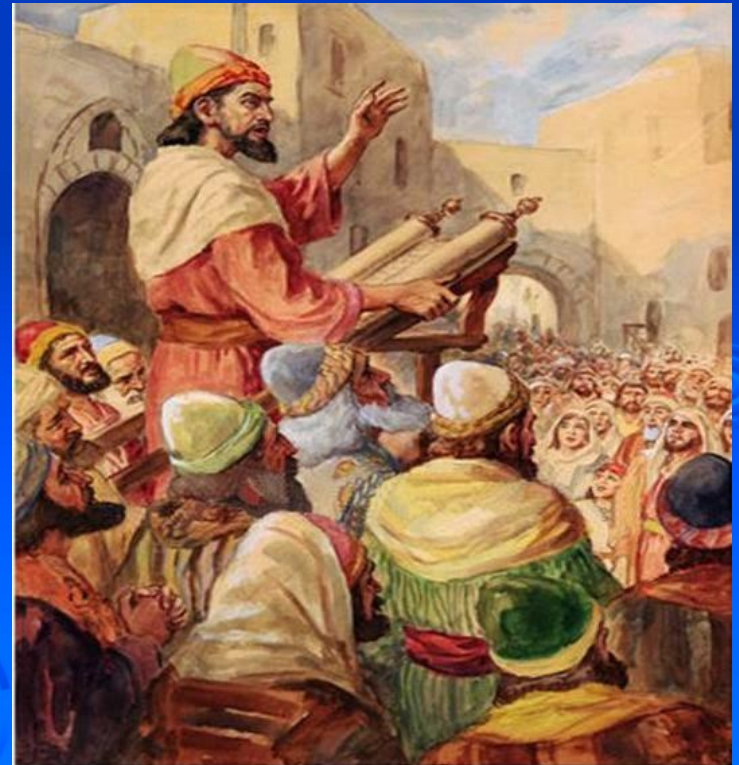
HOW THE 12 TRIBES MAKE UP THE WHOLE HOUSE OF ISRAEL





# REBUILDING THE TEMPLE

- 95% of Jews preferred to stay behind, because it was “home”
- Life was easier in Babylon than it would be in Judah
- Returnees intent on re-establishing their culture
- Ezra led the way to rebuild the alter, and laid the Temple foundation





# 522 B.C. ANOTHER MIGRATION OF JEWS TO JUDAH



- King Darius now King of Persia
- Ordered Temple work to start again
- Used Persian treasury money to help rebuild Temple
- Temple finally completed



# THE WORLD BECOMES GREEK

- Books of Ezra and Nehemiah chronologically end the OT
- We enter the 400 year Biblical gap called the Silent Period
- Created due to removal of the books of the Apocrypha in early 1800's in Protestant Bibles
- 440 B.C., Jerusalem is a bustling city
- Greeks have emerged from their "Dark Age"
- Greek culture became very desired throughout the known world

