



SUMMIT

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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620 years, from Samuel to Malachi





EUROPE

ASIA

BLACK SEA

CASPIAN SEA

WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

GULF OF SYRIA (SIDRA)

CYRENAICA

AFRICA

RED SEA

PERSIAN GULF

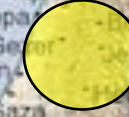
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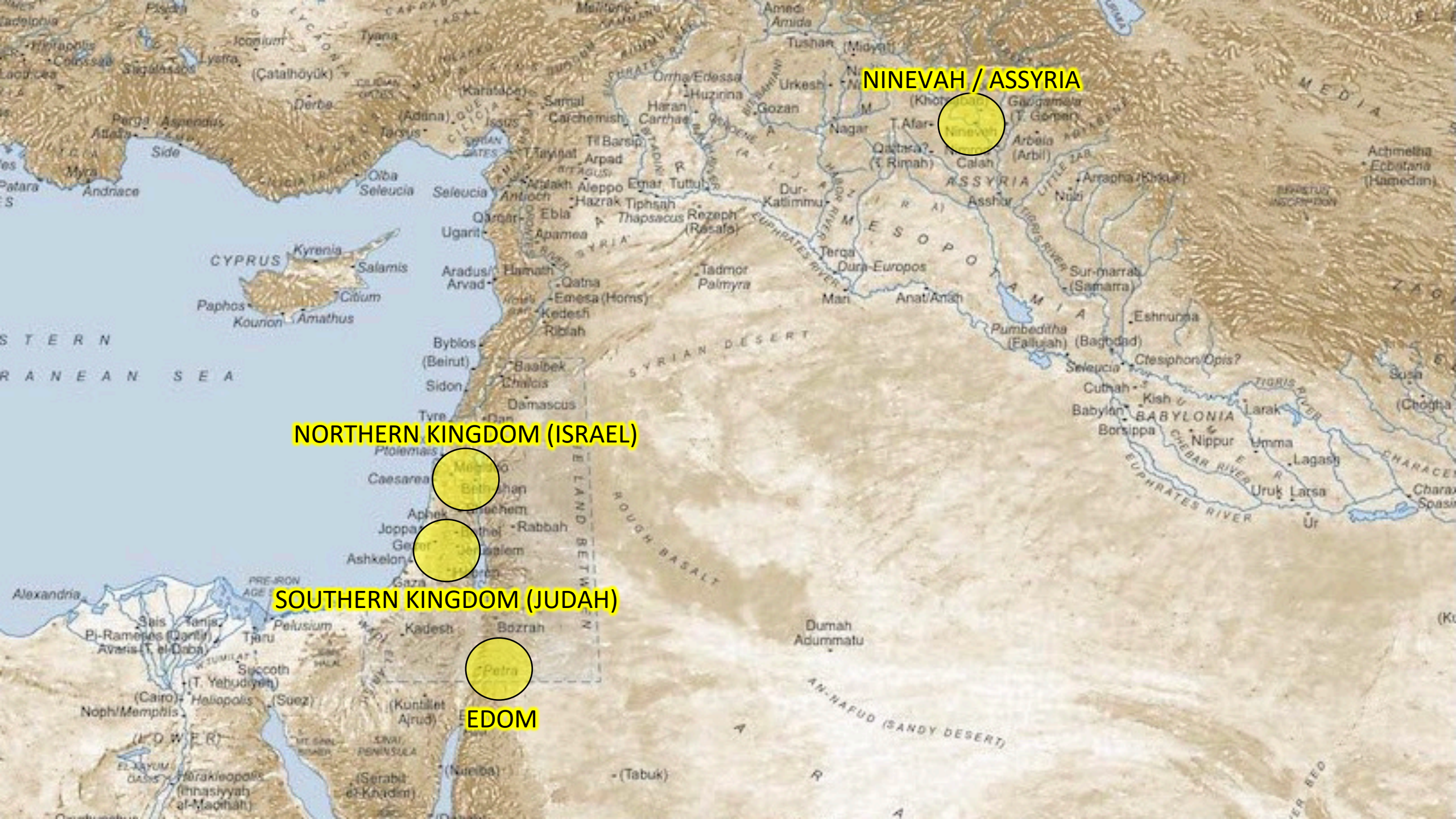
NORTHERN KINGDOM (ISRAEL)



SOUTHERN KINGDOM (JUDAH)



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Sometimes they are doing really weird stuff:

- Isaiah walked around naked for 3 years.
- Jeremiah hid his underwear in a rock.
- Ezekiel ate a scroll then built a model Jerusalem and laid on his side for over a year.
- Hosea married a prostitute.
- Jonah whined when the Assyrians enthusiastically repented.

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4. Zechariah: Following captivity in Babylon, his visions in Jerusalem brought encouragement for Israel to reconstruct the Temple – Post-Exilic: 520 BC.