

Give Us A King



A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles

Part 2

1-2 Kings and 2 Chronicles

Survey of 2 Kings

Divided Kingdom 1:1 – 17:41			Surviving Kingdom 18:1 – 25:30		
Ministry of Elisha	10 Kings/Israel 7 Kings/Judah	Fall of Samaria	Hezekiah and 2 Bad Kings	Josiah and 4 Bad Kings	Fall of Jerusalem
12 Kings (Israel) / 7 Kings (Judah)			8 Kings of Judah		
Israel and Judah			Judah Alone		
Israel Taken Captive to Assyria			Israel Taken Captive to Babylon		
c. 131 years (853-722 B.C.)			c. 129 years (715-586 B.C.)		

Why the Captivity of God's People?

The Assyrian Captivity of Israel (722 B.C.) 2 Kings 17:1-23	The Babylonian Captivity of Judah (586 B.C.) 2 Chronicles 36:5-21
1. Evil leadership / kings (17:1-6)	2. Evil leadership / kings (36:5-13)
2. Idolatry of the people and others sins like the nations (17:7-12)	2. Idolatry of the people and other sins like the nations (36:14)
3. Ignored God's prophets (17:13)	3. Mocked God's prophets (36:15-16)
4. Hardened their hearts (17:14-17)	4. Hardened their hearts (36:13)
5. The Lord was angry (17:18-23)	5. The Lord was angry (36:16-21)

The 70-year Babylonian Captivity

“Until seventy years were complete”

Jer. 25:11-12; 29:10

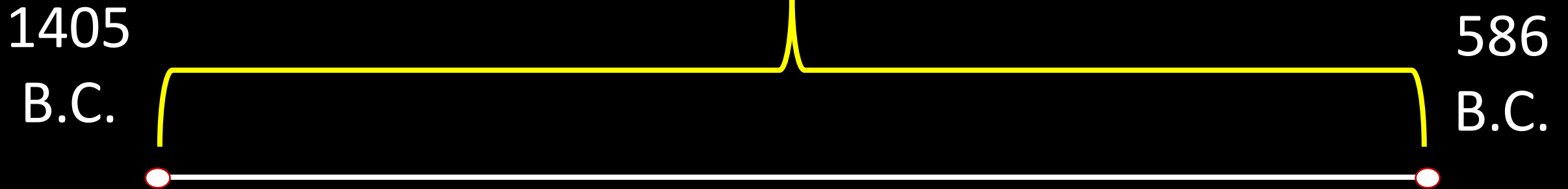
see also Dan. 9:2; Zech. 7:5

“Until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths”

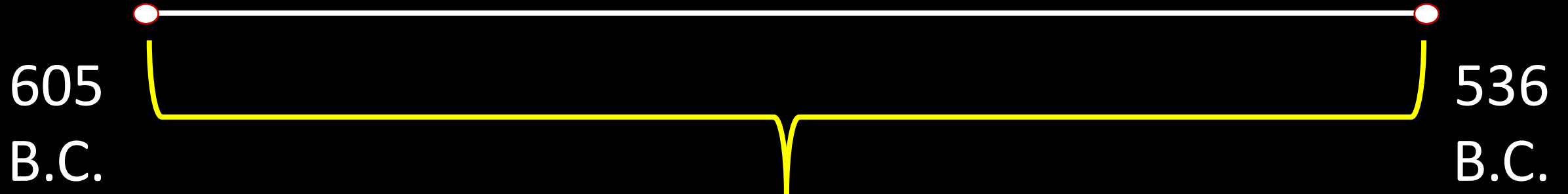
Lev. 25:1-12; 26:32-35, 43

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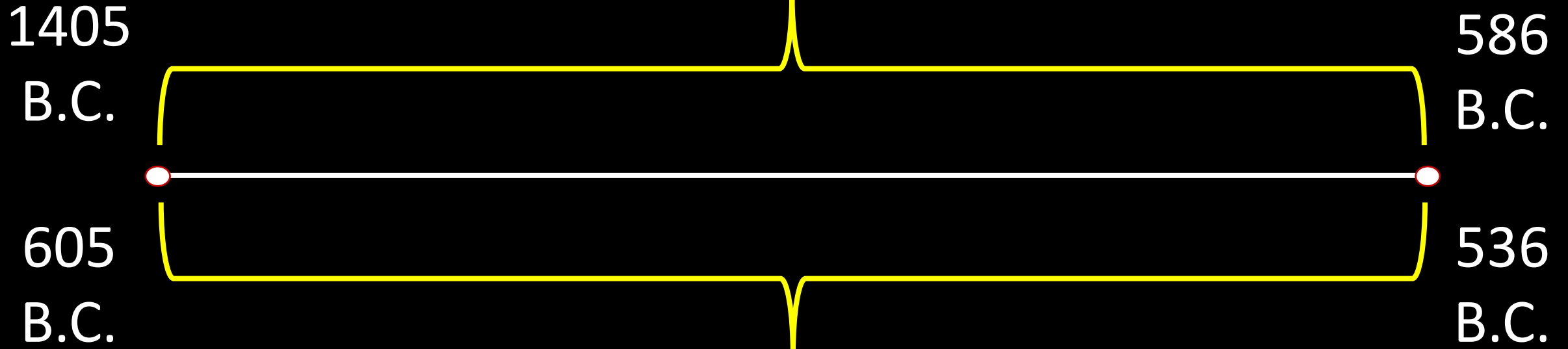


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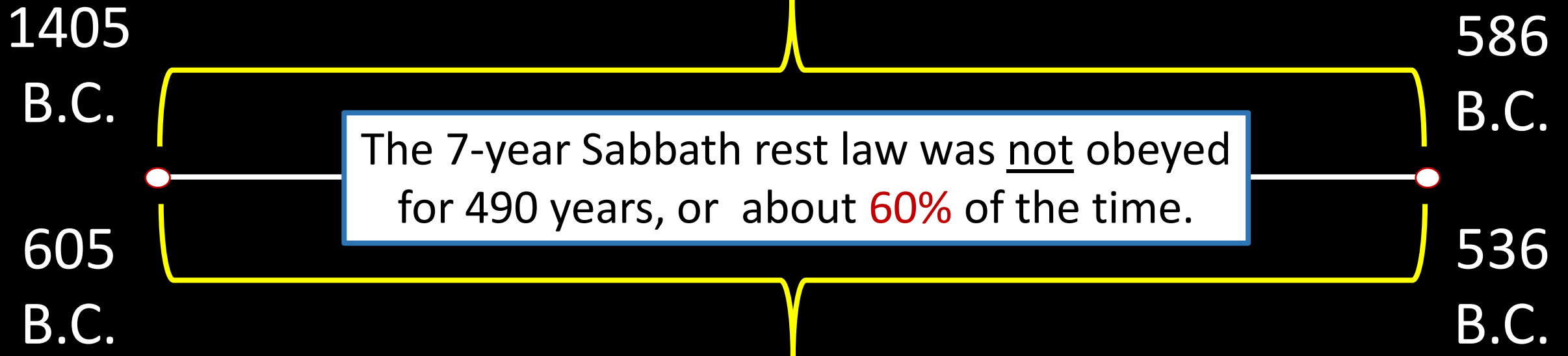


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Kings of the Neo-Babylonian Empire

King	Date	Biblical Reference
1. Nabopolassar	625 - 605 B.C.	- - -
2. Nebuchadnezzar (II)	605 - 562 B.C.	2 K. 24:1; etc. (56 x)
3. (Amel)Evil-Merodach	562 - 560 B.C.	2 K. 25:27; Jer. 52:31
4. Neriglissar	560 - 556 B.C.	Jer. 39:3, 13 (?)
5. Labashi-Marduk	556 B.C. (3 mo.)	- - -
6. Nabonidus	556-539 B.C.	- - - (see Dan. 5:29)
7. Belshazzar	553(?) - 539 B.C.	Dan. 5:1ff; 7:1; 8:1

Kings of the Medo-Persian Empire

King	Date	Biblical Reference
1. Cyrus (II)	539 - 530 B.C.	2 Chron. 36:22; etc. (19x)
2. Cambyses (II)	530 - 522 B.C.	- - -
3. Darius I (Hystaspes)	522 - 486 B.C.	Ezra 4-6
4. Xerxes I (Ahasuerus)	486 - 465 B.C.	Ezra 4:6; Esther 1-10
5. Artaxerxes I (Longimanus)	465-425 B.C.	Ezra 4, 6-8 Neh. 2:1; 5:14; 13:6
6. Xerxes II, 7. Darius II, 8. Artaxerxes II, 9. Artaxerxes III (Ochus), 10. Arses, 11. Darius III (Codomanus)	425 - 330 B.C.	- - -

Applications for Today

1. When the Lord says not to do something, don't go ahead and do it anyway (2 K. 25:22-26; Jer. 42-44; Tit. 1:16).
2. Be kind to others, even your enemies (2 K. 25:27-30; Lk. 6:27).
3. God acts in the lives of world leaders to fulfill his word for his people (2 Chron. 36:22; Prov. 21:1).