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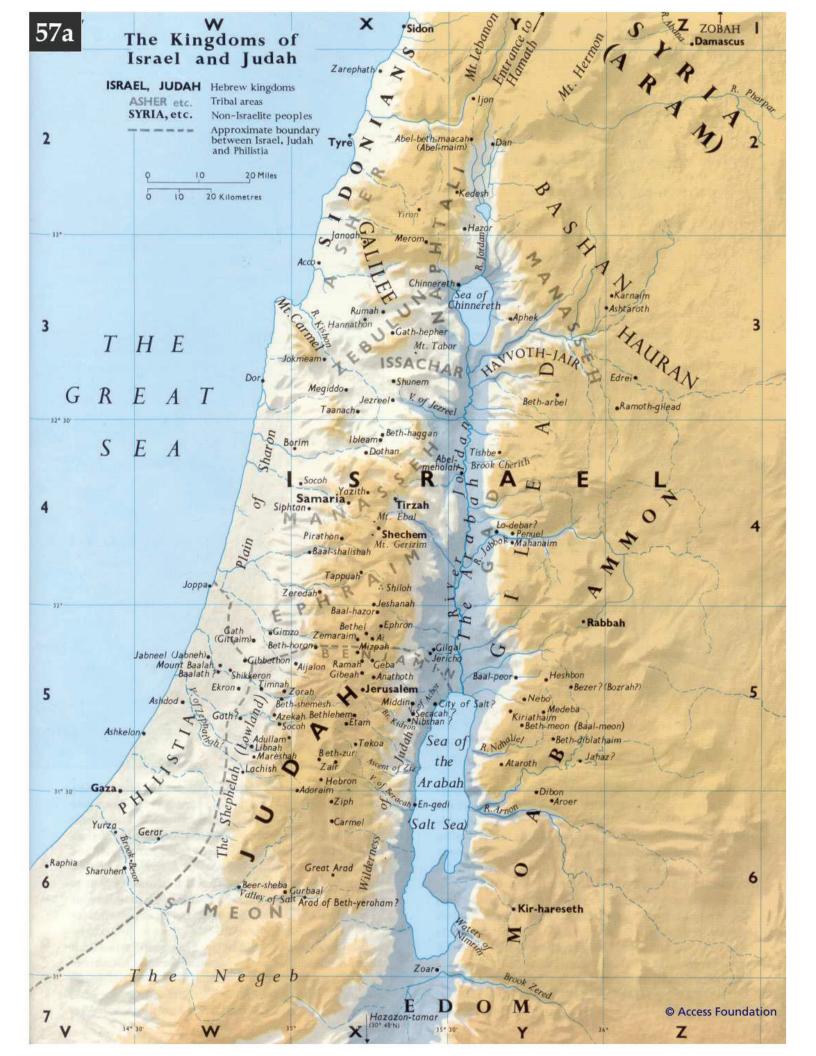
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# Chapter 10

The Kingdoms of Judah and Israel





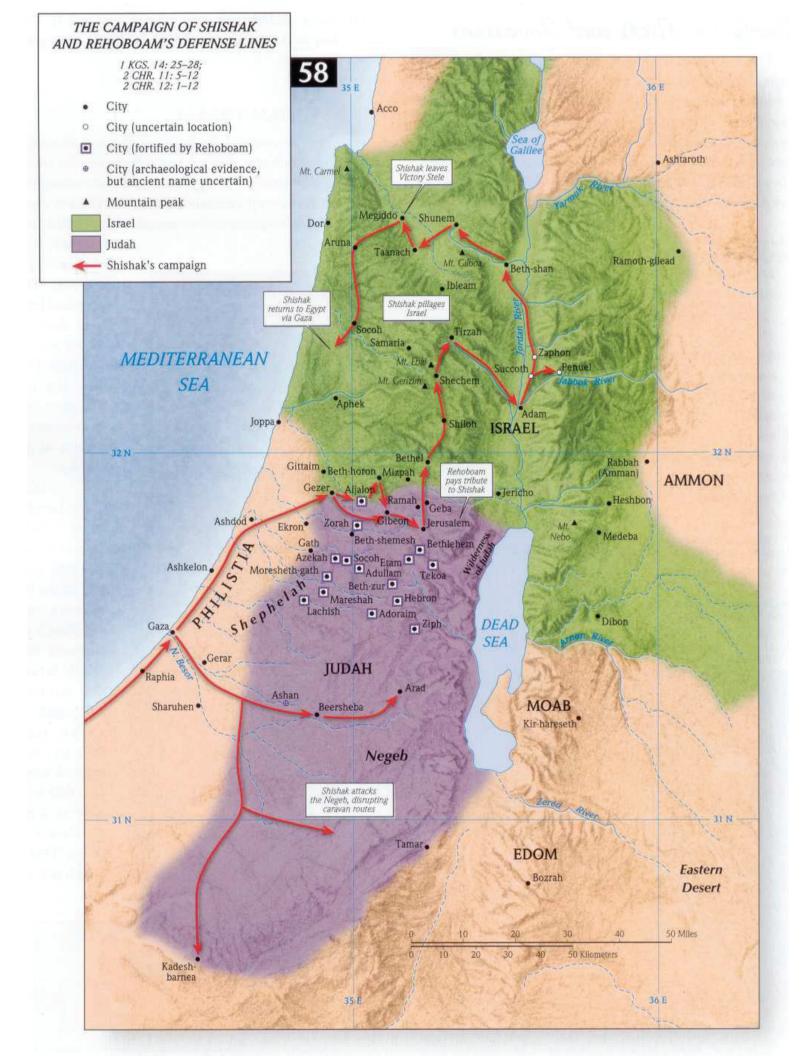
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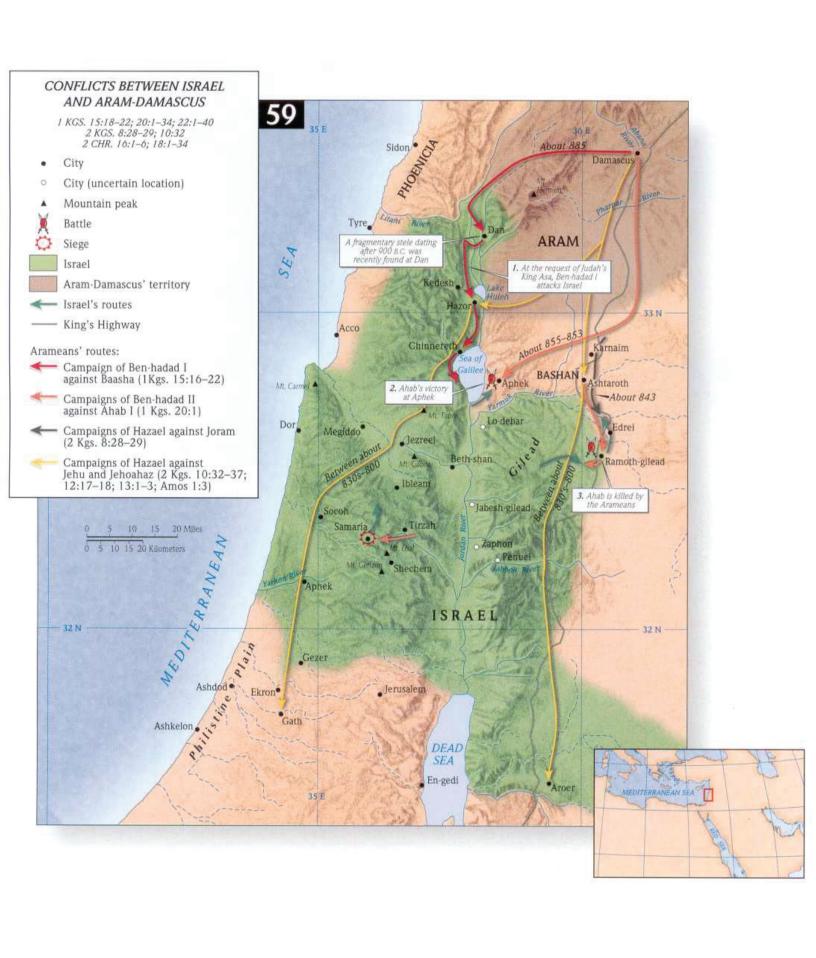
1 Kings 12–15; 2 Chronicles 10–15

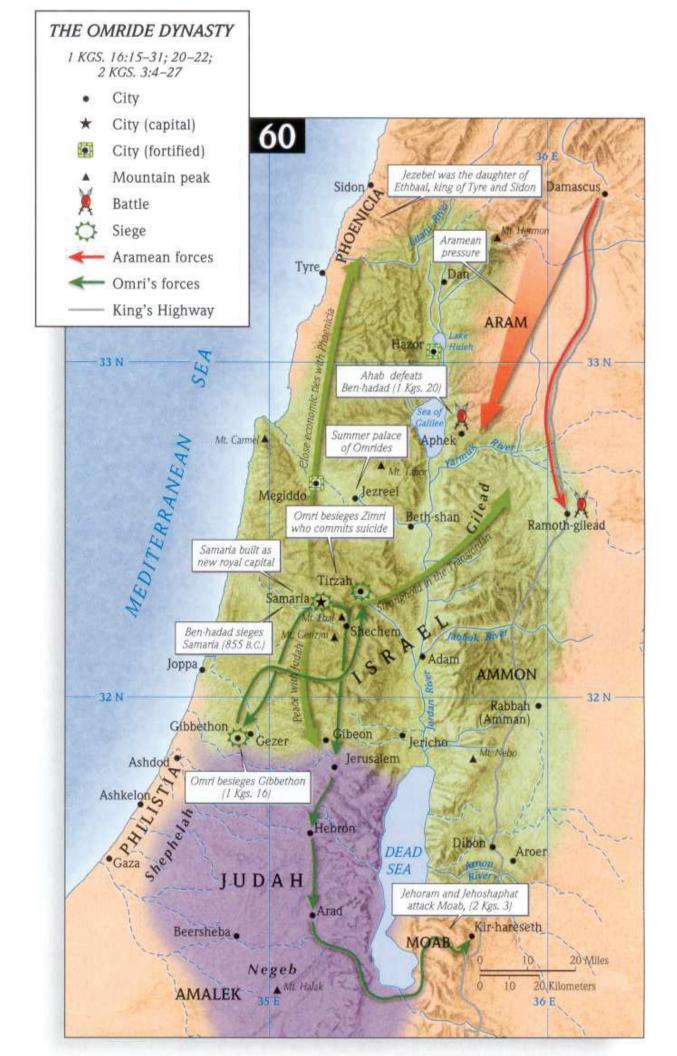
After Solomon's death, Israel divided into two kingdoms: Judah in the south with Jerusalem as its capital; and Israel in the north with its capital at first at Shechem, then Tirzah, and finally at Samaria. King Jeroboam built his own temples at Bethel and at Dan. Only after prolonged combat was the border established with Benjamin as part of Judah.

Shortly after the division Pharaoh Shishak launched an invasion of Israel and Judah. King Rehoboam responded by fortifying a number of cities in Judah.

The map shows the border between the kingdoms, the route of Shishak's invasion (according to the list of conquered cities recorded in the temple at Karnak), and the cities fortified by Rehoboam.











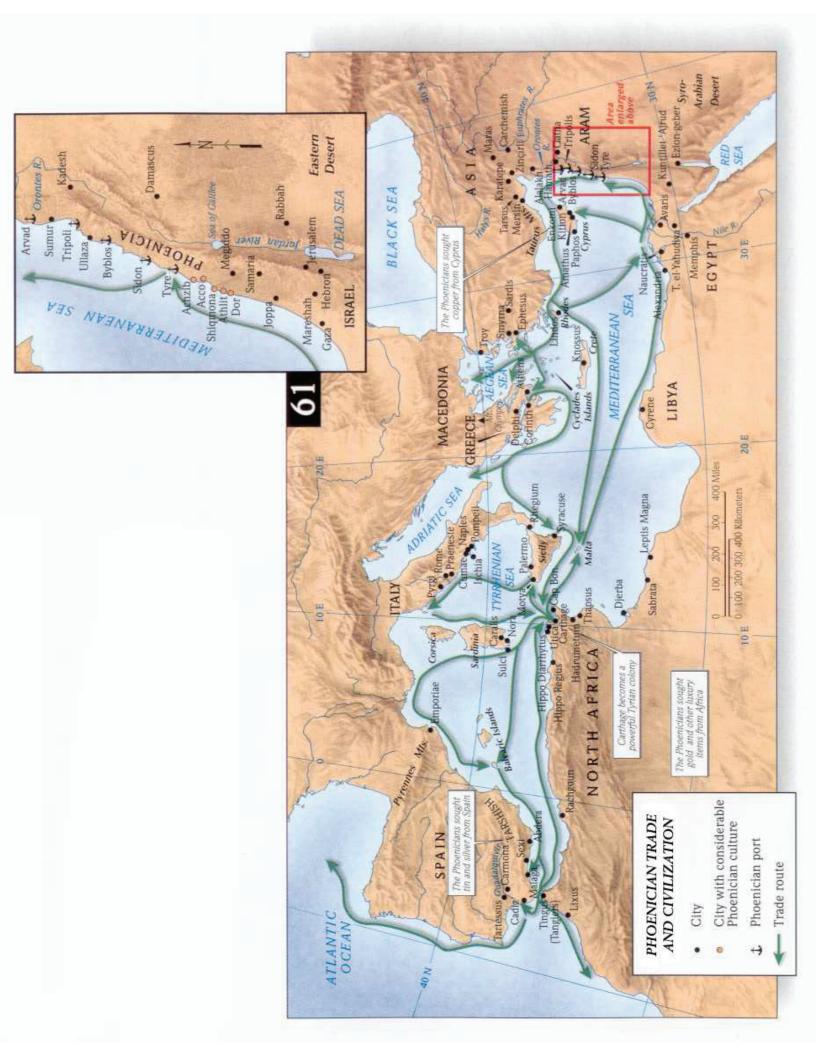
I Kings 16.23–2 Kings 13; 2 Chronicles 17–24
In the mid 9th century B.C., King Omri of Israel and his successor Ahab, with the aid of King Jehoshaphat of Judah, created an empire comparable to that of David and Solomon. Meanwhile King Mesha of Moab was seeking to expand his power westward across the Jordan. Political and religious tensions in Israel led to Jehu's rebellion in 841 B.C., with the destruction of the royal houses of both Israel and Judah and the decline of both kingdoms. This was the period of the prophets Elijah and Elisha in the northern kingdom.

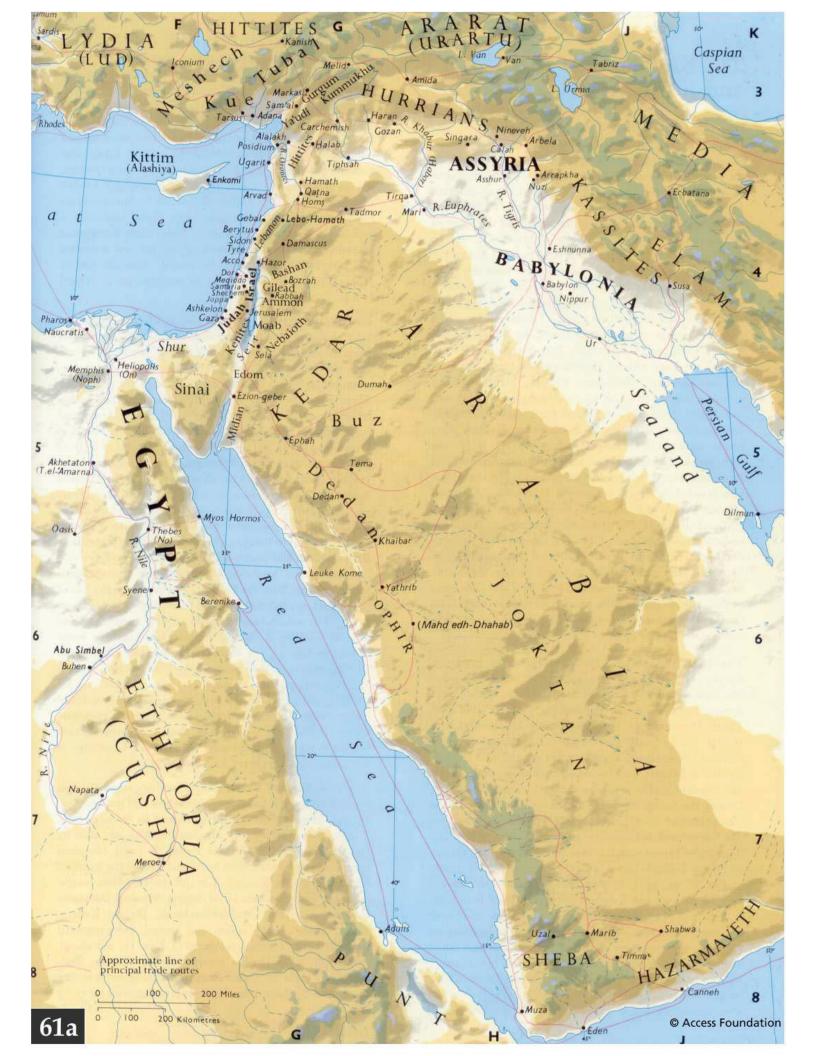


#### The Golden Age of the 8th Century B.C.

2 Kings 13.10-15.7; 2 Chronicles 25-26; Amos

During the period of 790–750 B.C. the kingdom of Israel under Jeroboam II and the kingdom of Judah under Azariah/Uzziah enjoyed a renaissance of power. Both kings were successful in their wars against Syria in the north, and against Ammon, Moab, Edom and the Philistines in the south. They broadly expanded the areas under their authority and gained control over the major caravan routes — a success made possible by the weakened state of the Assyrian empire. This was the period of the prophets Amos of Tekoa and Hosea in the north.

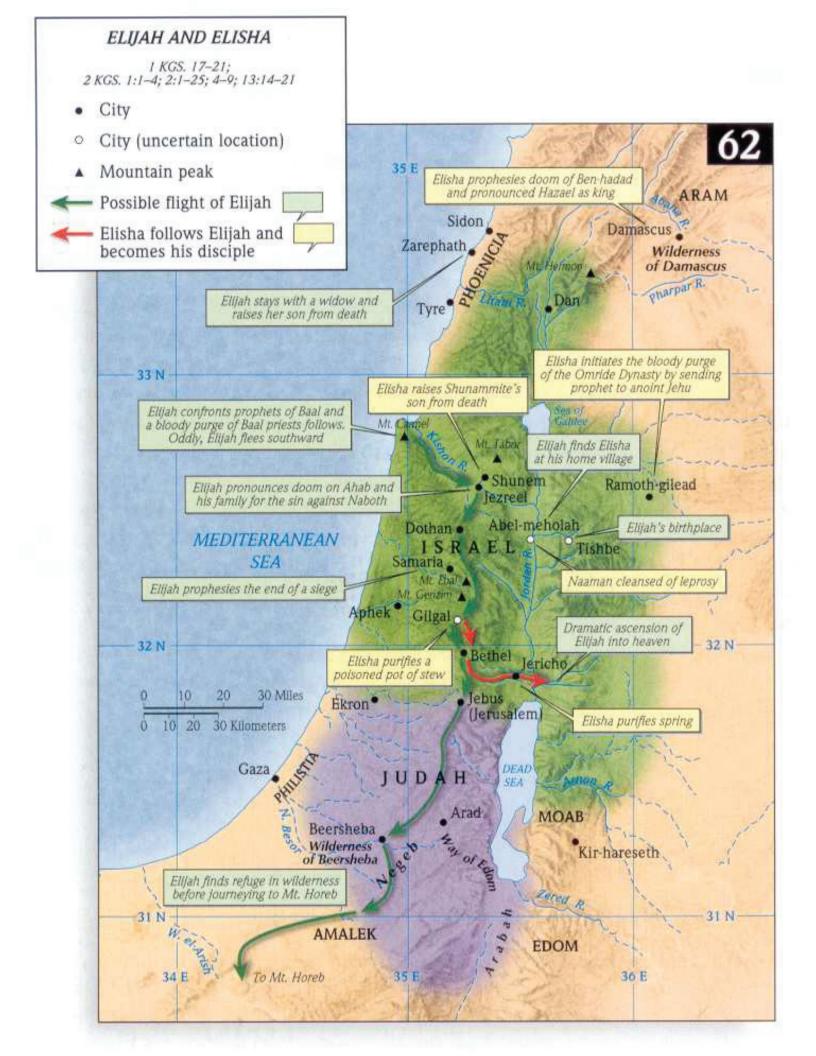


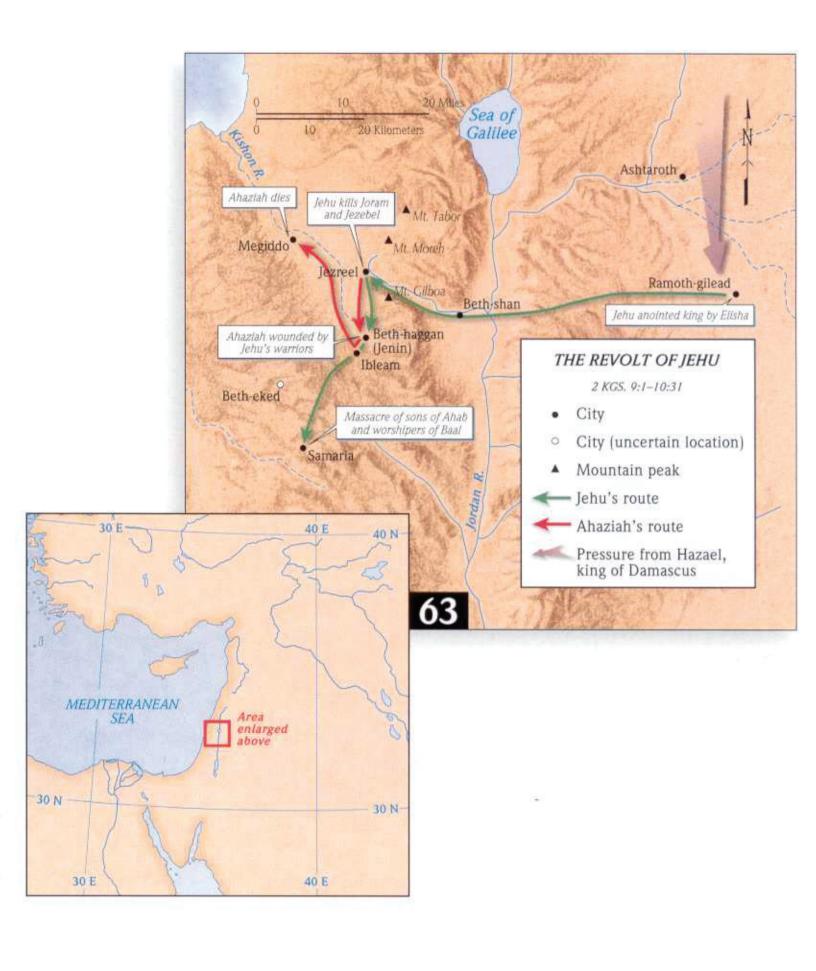


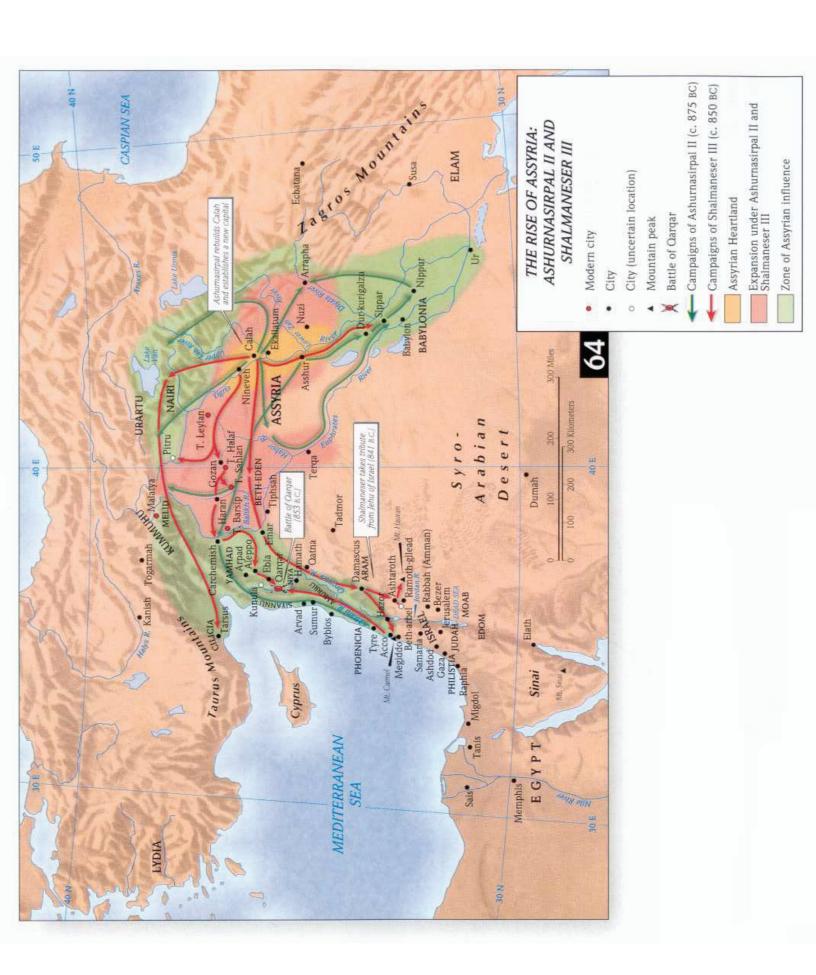


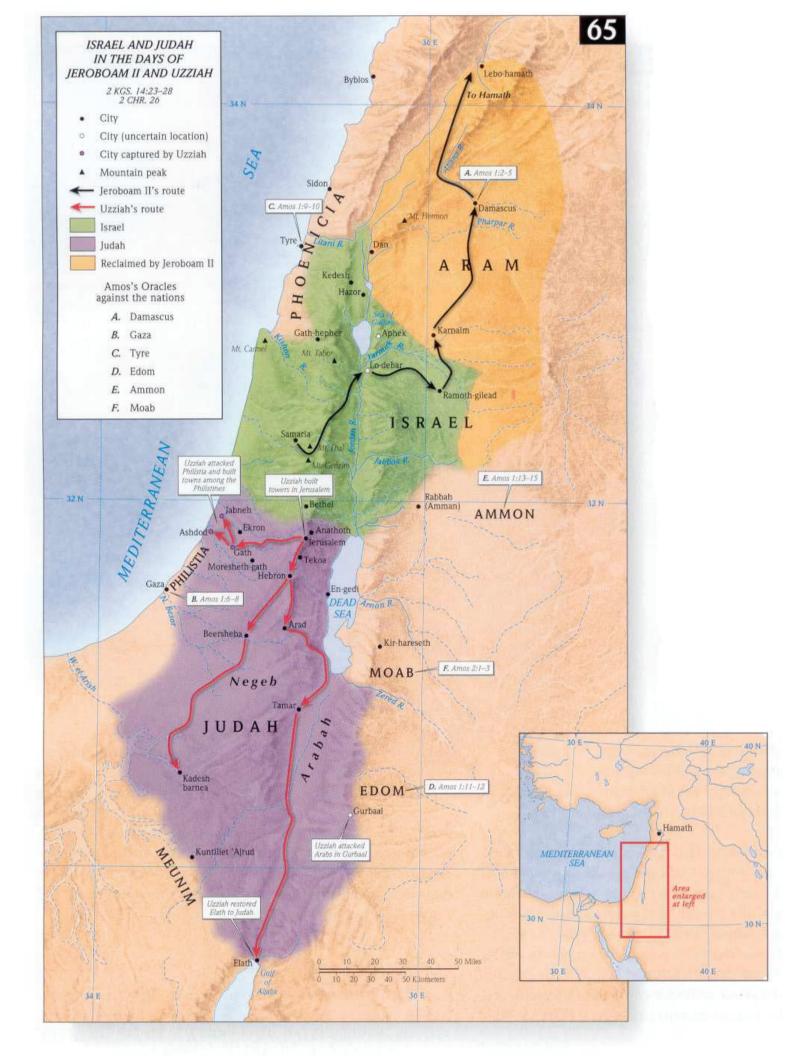
# PALESTINE Travel Routes

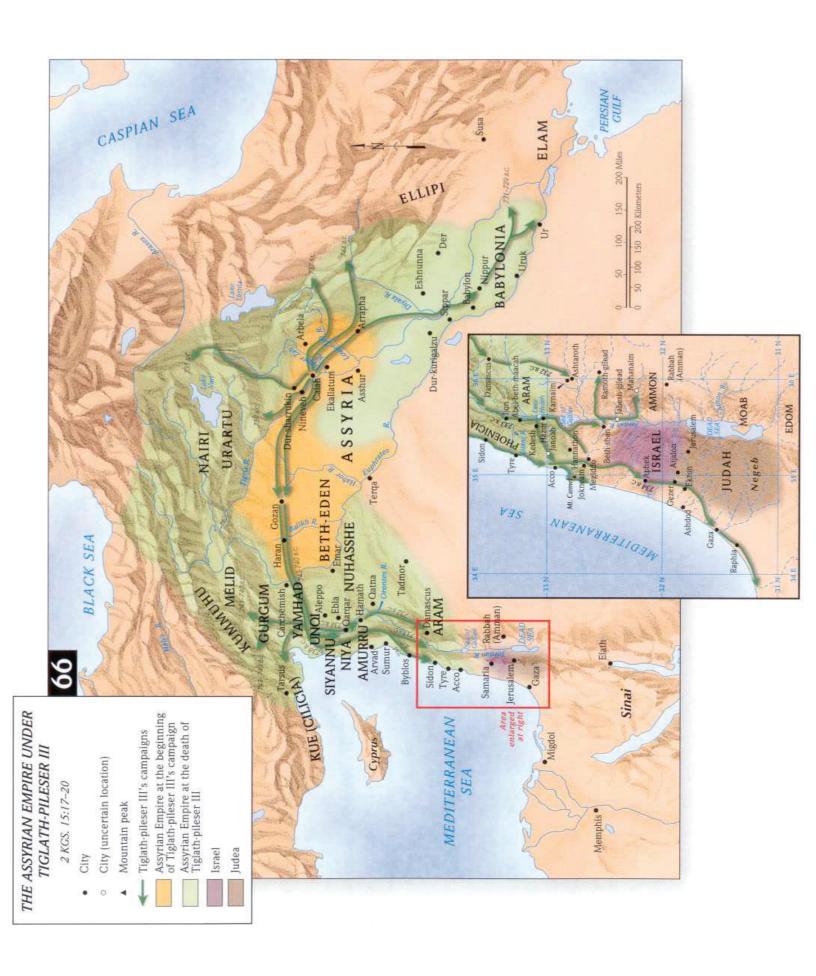
The highways in Palestine are dictated by the terrain and the climate. Besides the two major international routes - the coastal route (Via Maris, the Way of the Sea of Isaiah 9.1 KJV), and the King's Highway of Numbers 20.17; 21.22 (cf. map 6) - two further north-south routes should be mentioned: one along the crest of the Central Range, and one through the Jordan Valley. There were also several important cross routes, such as the road from the coast north of the Carmel Range, going through Megiddo and Beth-shan to Pella, or from Caesarea through Samaria and Shechem to the Jordan and on to Mahanaim, or from the coastal route through Bethel and Jericho to the Ammonite cities of Rabbah or Heshbon. This system of highways can be traced back to the beginning of the Bronze Age at the beginning of the third millennium B.C.

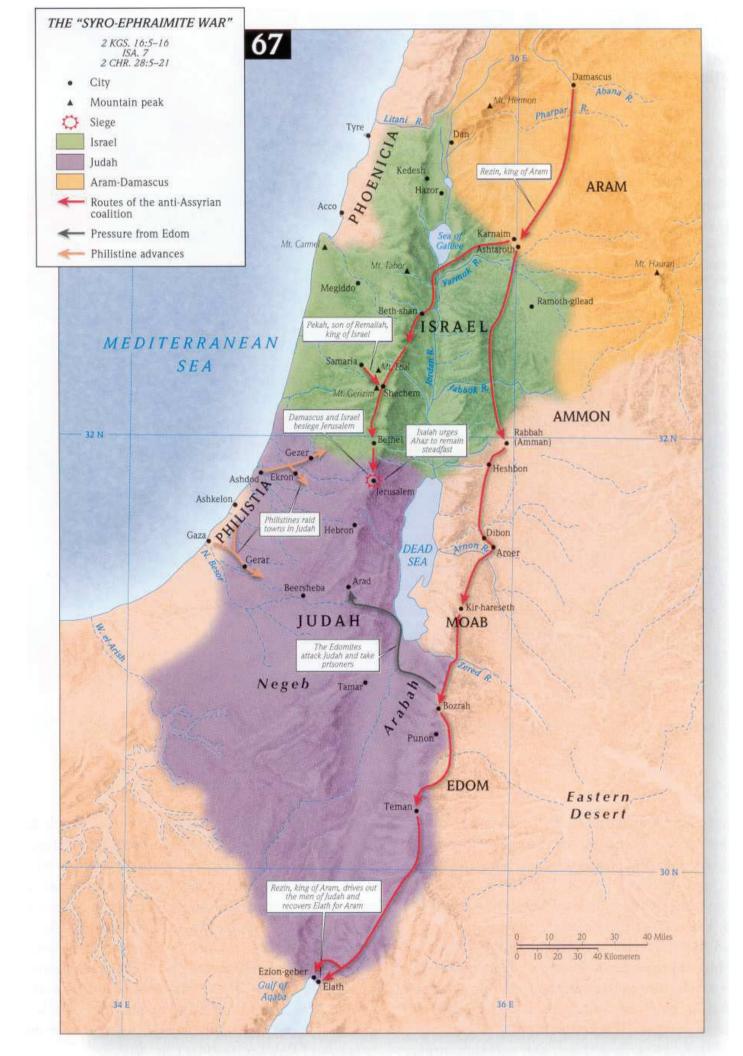


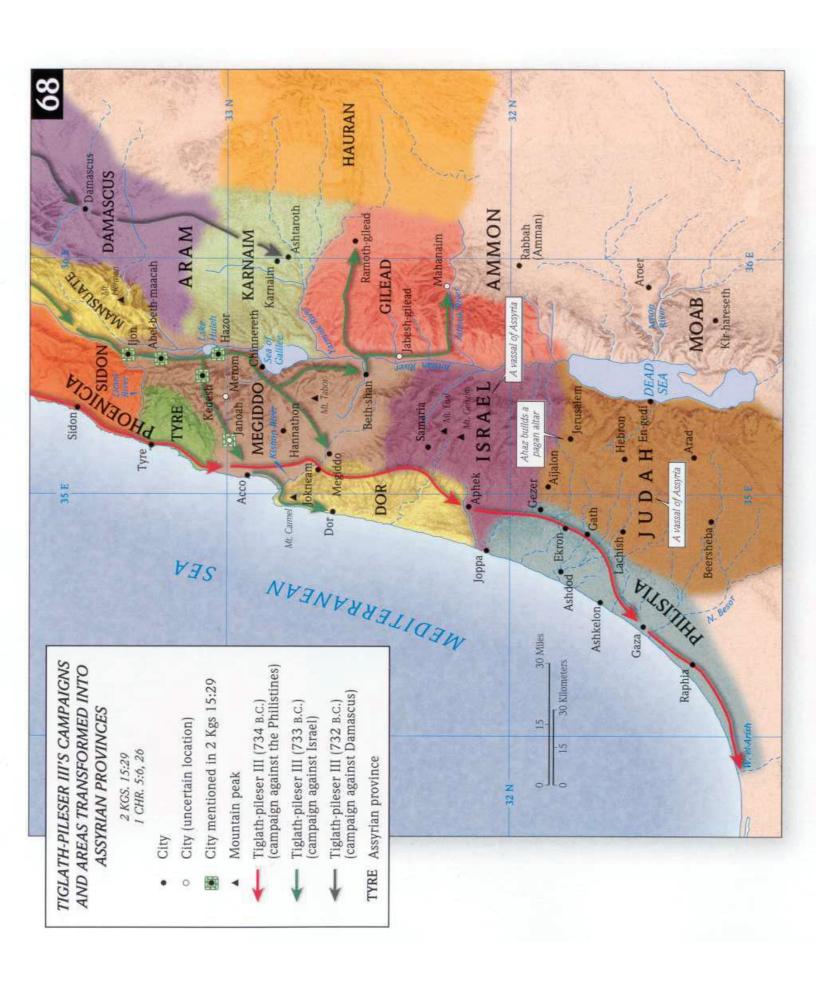








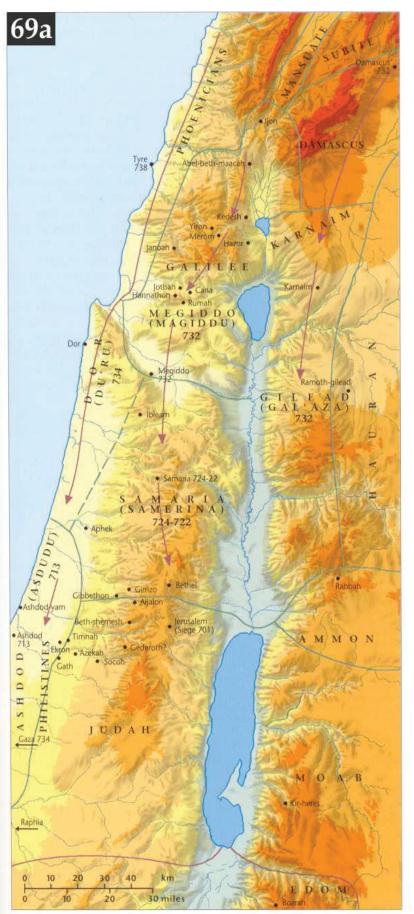




### Zagros Mountains CASPIAN SEA ELAM MEDIA Persian Der Eshnunna Babylon Cuthah BABYLONIA ASSYRIA NAIRI Arabian 300 Miles Desert BETH-EDEN Carchemish Haran T Gozan 225 admor BLACK SEA 150 Sepharvaim Shalmaneser V and Sargon II campaign Byblos / - Syrian captives brought to Samaria Sidon Samaria - Foreigners imported to Samaria People imported from Babylon 2 KGS. 17:1-6, 24-34 1 CHR. 5:26 HOS. 7:11; 12:1 MEDITERRANEAN City (uncertain location) - Hoshea's messenger Deported Israelites Resettled Israelites SEA Syrian captives Capital city Hoshea sends messenger to Egypt Siege

DEPORTATION OF ISRAELITES

THE FALL OF SAMARIA AND



#### The Fall of the Kingdom of Israel

2 Kings 15–17; 2 Chronicles 28.16-21; Isaiah 7–9; 10.28-32; 20 The Assyrian conquests after 750 B.C. led to the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel. In 732 Tiglath-Pileser III (744-727 B.C.) established Dor (Duru), Megiddo (Magiddu) and Gilead (Galaza) as Assyrian provinces, and made Israel and Judah vassal states. Israel rebelled and was defeated by Shalmaneser V (727-722 B.C.), and had its capital Samaria destroyed (722 B.C.). Sargon II (722-705) deported part of the population to Assyria, and made the northern kingdom the province of Samarina (Samaria). In 713 B.C. Sargon conquered the Philistine cities in the south and organized them as the Assyrian province of Asdudu (Ashdod), leaving the kingdom of Judah surrounded by Assyrian provinces.



