Confirmation – June 6, 2021

Hi everyone,

Our session on Sunday covers some of the darkest days of Israel’s history, roughly 1,000BC until Rome comes to power shortly before Jesus’ birth and continuing to 400 AD.

Here are the world powers that Israel falls victim as empires after the Philistines have been thwarted under King David: Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans. What is amazing about this is that the covenant with God and God’s love remains steadfast throughout, even though Israel does not. Solomon begins the downward spiral with the building of the temple and the king’s and queen’s quarters. Following Solomon’s death in 922, the kingdom of covenant splits into the northern kingdom (ten tribes of Israel) and Judah and Benjamin in the Southern Kingdom. Rehoboam and Jeroboam are those kings that take Israel and Judah down with the Northern Kingdom falling to the Assyrians in 722 BC and the Southern Kingdom following suit in 587 BC and the conquest of the Babylonians and King Nebuchadnezzar. Fifty years pass before Israel is set free from their Babylonian Captivity and return to the land of Milk and Honey under Ezra and Nehemiah. However, the people of Israel will never be the same again. What would you do if you were king? How would you make sure that the promises of God and that covenant remained a top priority for the people you are leading?