

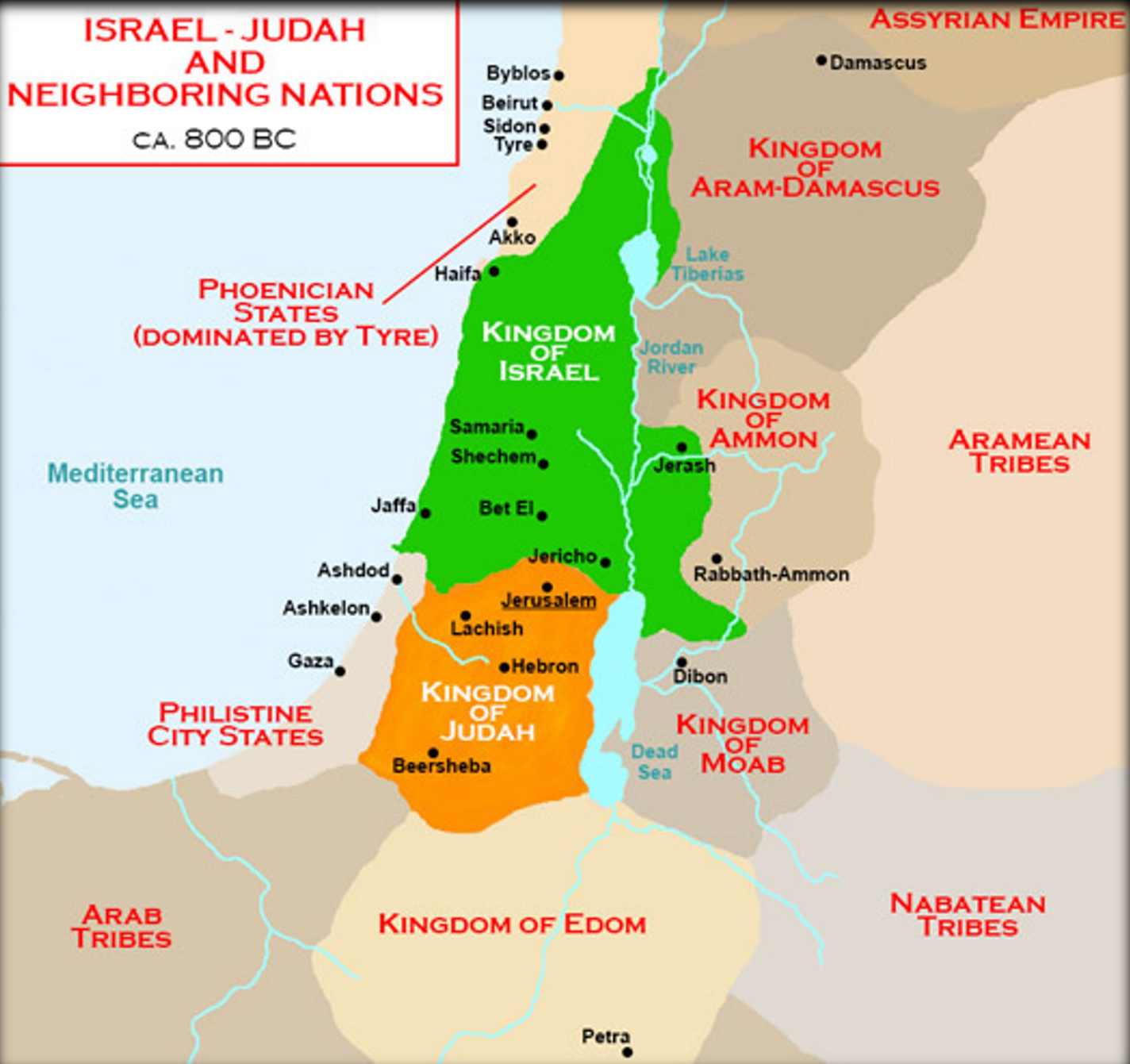
Standing in the Gap

1 Kings 17:1



A Man Just like Us

**ISRAEL - JUDAH
AND
NEIGHBORING NATIONS**
CA. 800 BC



• A Divided Kingdom

North

South

• “did evil in the eyes of the Lord”

His Name

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The Lord is my God



Worth Remembering

God chooses ordinary people
to make a difference during
difficult times



God Uses Ordinary People

**“¹⁷Elijah was a person just like us. When he earnestly prayed that it wouldn’t rain, no rain fell for three and a half years.
¹⁸He prayed again, God sent rain, and the earth produced its fruit.”**

James 5:17- 18 (CEB)



1.

Who are
passionate for Him.

“Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “**As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives**, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

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The Shema

“⁴Hear, O Israel:

The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

⁶These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

The Greatest Commandment

“³⁶Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? ³⁷Jesus replied:

‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment.’”

Matthew 22:36-38



2.

Who have the courage to confront.

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Humble Courage

“Have I not commanded you?

Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for **the LORD your God will be with you
wherever you go.**”

Joshua 1:9

Never Alone

“¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.**”

Matthew 28:18-20



3.

Who sense personal responsibility.

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4.

Who believe God still
interrupts human history.

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“¹³Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make them well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”

James 5:13- 18



“¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”

James 5:13- 18



What gap is God asking me to make a difference in?

