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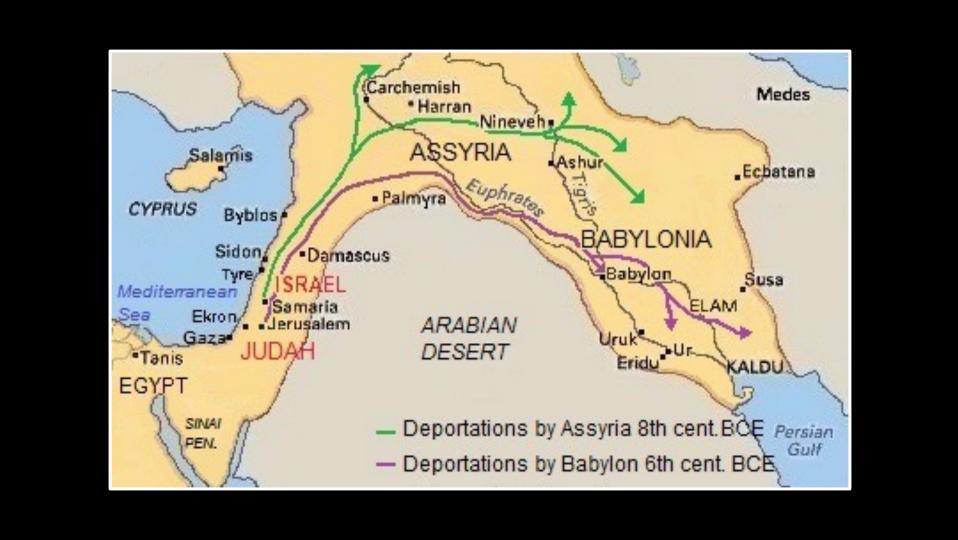
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#### Part 1 Living for the Good of a Bad City

Psalm 137:1-9; Jeremiah 29:4-11; Daniel 1:1-2

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