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Chapter Review

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Assur ((AH-sher) The chief god of the Assyrian people.)

Babylonian captivity (The transportation of many Jews to exile in Babylon as hostages to ensure the good behavior of the remainder; occurred in the sixth century B.C.E.)

Cyrus the Great ((ruled 559–530 B.C.E.) Founder of the Achaemenid dynasty in Persia; permitted the Jews to return to Judea from the Babylonian Captivity.)

diaspora (The scattering of the Jews from ancient Palestine.)

Exodus (The Hebrews' flight from the wrath of the Egyptian pharaoh, c. 1250 B.C.E.)

Hebrews (The followers of Abraham, Isaac, and Moses who settled in the land of Canaan and who were governed by God's laws, the *Tanakh*; more commonly known as the Jews.)

Iranians (Indo-European pastoral nomads who settled the Iranian Plateau and unified c. 850 B.C.E., forming a powerful kingdom that played a crucial part in the history of the ancient Near East. Closely related to the Aryans of India; another name for Persians.)

messiah ((meh-SIGH-yuh) A savior-king who would someday lead the Jews to glory.)

Nineveh ((NIH-neh-vay) The main city and later capital of the Assyrian Empire.)

Phoenicians ((c. 3000–1000 B.C.E.). The peoples of ancient Phoenicia, a region that approximately includes modern Lebanon. They were noted sailors, merchants, and colonizers of the ancient Mediterranean Sea.)

satrapies ((SA-tra-pee) A province under a governor, or *satrap*, in the ancient Persian Empire.)

Tanakh (The Hebrew Bible, or Old Testament, as it is known to Christians.)

Zarathustra (Zoroaster) (The mythical founder and chief prophet of the ancient Persian religion known as Zoroastrianism, which influenced Jewish and, later, Christian belief.)

zealots ((ZEH-luts) Jewish religious extremists at the time of Jesus who opposed Roman occupation and used guerilla methods and assassination to drive them (the Romans) out of Israel and Judea.)

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