

Event 3: Israel, the Third

For event #3, we are asked to highlight both Egypt and Assyria. Egypt is to the south of the land between, while Assyria is to the north. As explained in the Regional Study Guide, the rise and fall of Israel in the land between depended heavily on the political situations of the two nearby empires. In much of the history of Israel, it was under the shadow of one of these powers. It was natural and perhaps politically correct for Israel to make alliance with one of them in order to prevent invasion from the other. In Isaiah's messages to Judah, he urges the leaders of Judah to trust neither Assyria nor Egypt, but to place their trust in Yahweh, who promises them - Emmanuel - God is with us.