WHY JESUS' FAMOUS STORY IS MORE RADICAL THAN YOU KNOW

The Good Samaritan in Its Original **Cultural Context**

UNITED KINGDOM OF ISRAEL 1000 BC **Under King David & King Solomon**

> **DIVIDED KINGDOM** Israel (North) Judah (South)

900 BC

1100 BC

800 BC

700 BC

500 BC

400 BC

300 BC

200 BC

100 BC

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OLD TESTAMENT TIMELINE

Samaria was the capital of the northern kingdom of Israel

SAMARIA SACKED BY ASSYRIAN EMPIRE Sea of Galilee

SAMARIA KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

Mt. Gerizim

Jerusalem Dead Sea

OF JUDAH

When most of the inhabitants of the Northern Kingdom were sent into exile, other people groups settled into their land. They intermarried with the remaining Israelites, and their offspring mixed worship of Israel's true God with the idols of the foreigners.

600 BC **70-YEAR**

Samaritans oppose

building

JEWISH EXILE

NEHEMIAH CAME IN 444 BC TO REBUILD JERUSALEM'S WALLS

Nehemiah's wall

DIFFERENCES

Samaritan tradition exhibited a conservative piety similar to that of ancient Judaism, but rejected Biblical history after the Pentateuch.

RISKY PATH

Galileans usually journeyed through Samaria for festivals in Jerusalem, but Samaritans sometimes heckled them, causing occasional violence.

Jews insisted that

LOCATION

Jerusalem was the proper place for the temple; Samaritans insisted that it was Mount Gerizim.

John Hyrcanus destroys Samaria and its temple

on Mount Gerizim



JEWISH RULER JOHN HYRCANUS



In the first century AD, Samaritans desecrate the Jerusalem temple with corpses, leading Jerusalem to permanently exclude Samaritans from worship at the temple.

JESUS SHOCKS HIS JEWISH CROWD BY TALKING ABOUT A SAMARITAN WHO IS GOOD

100 AD

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