

Kingdoms

Directions: Cut each of the squares apart and give one to four volunteers. Place volunteers in this order: Assyria to the north of Israel, Israel to the north of Judah, and Syria to the east of Israel (as shown below).

Assyria

Israel

Syria

Judah

ASSYRIA

Assyria was a super power, a large military state hungry for land and power. Assyria was threatening to take over Israel, Judah, and the surrounding regions.

JUDAH

The king of Judah, Ahaz, had Assyria as an ominous power in the northeast. He had poor relationships with the nations of Israel and Syria to the north. Stuck, Judah could not do much else besides waiting.

SYRIA

The king of Syria was united with the king of Israel against the Assyrian threat. The king of Judah was potentially aligning himself with the Assyrians.

ISRAEL

The king of Israel was united with the king of Syria. Sensing that Judah might be trying to align itself with Assyria, Israel and Syria invaded Judah to attempt to take over the land.