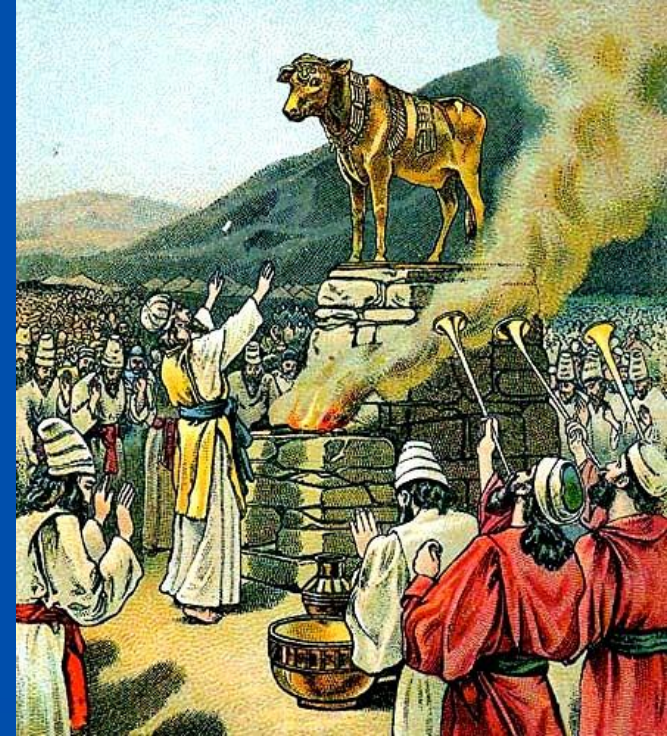


JEROBOAM RENOUNCED GOD

- To renounce does not mean to no longer believe that God exists
- It means to give your allegiance to something else
- God calls this “abandonment” of Him
- James 2:19
- James 5:19-20



THE MAN OF GOD CONFRONTS JEROBOAM

- Jeroboam in process of consecrating golden calf altar in Beit-El
- Prophet of Ba'al living in Beit-El deceives the *ish elohim*
- *Ish elohim* breaks God's prohibition on him and eats and drinks
- Man of God is killed by a lion in consequence of disobedience
- Jeroboam knew and experienced all of this but remained in a state of apostasy



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THE KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH



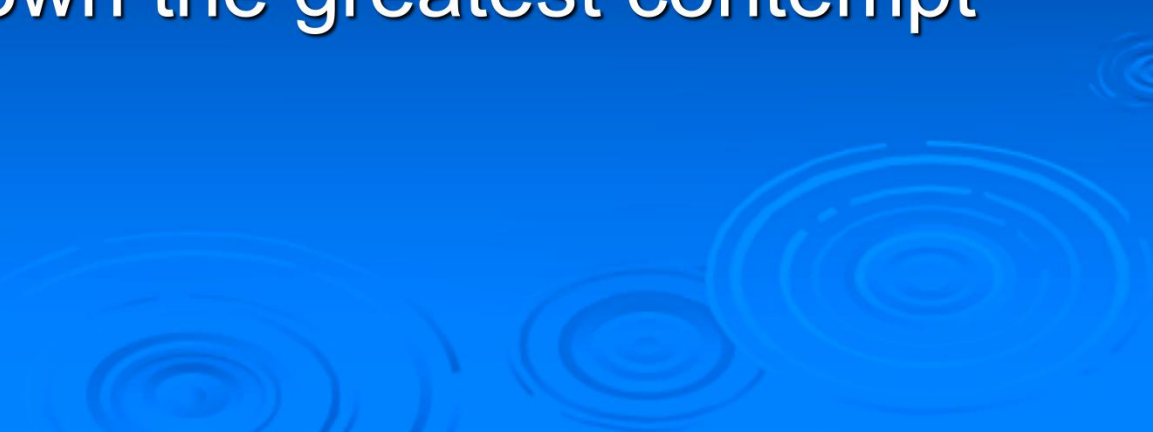
Righteous Evil

JEROBOAM'S SON IS ILL

- **Aviyah** is critically ill and Jeroboam sends his wife to the seer **Achiyah**
- **Aviyah** = my father is God
- Medical care then was mostly superstitions
- Interest was less in finding a cure, and more in finding the outcome
- **Aviyah's** mother goes in disguise
- She brings gifts of bread, honey, and **niqqud**
- **Niqqud** = hard crusty food



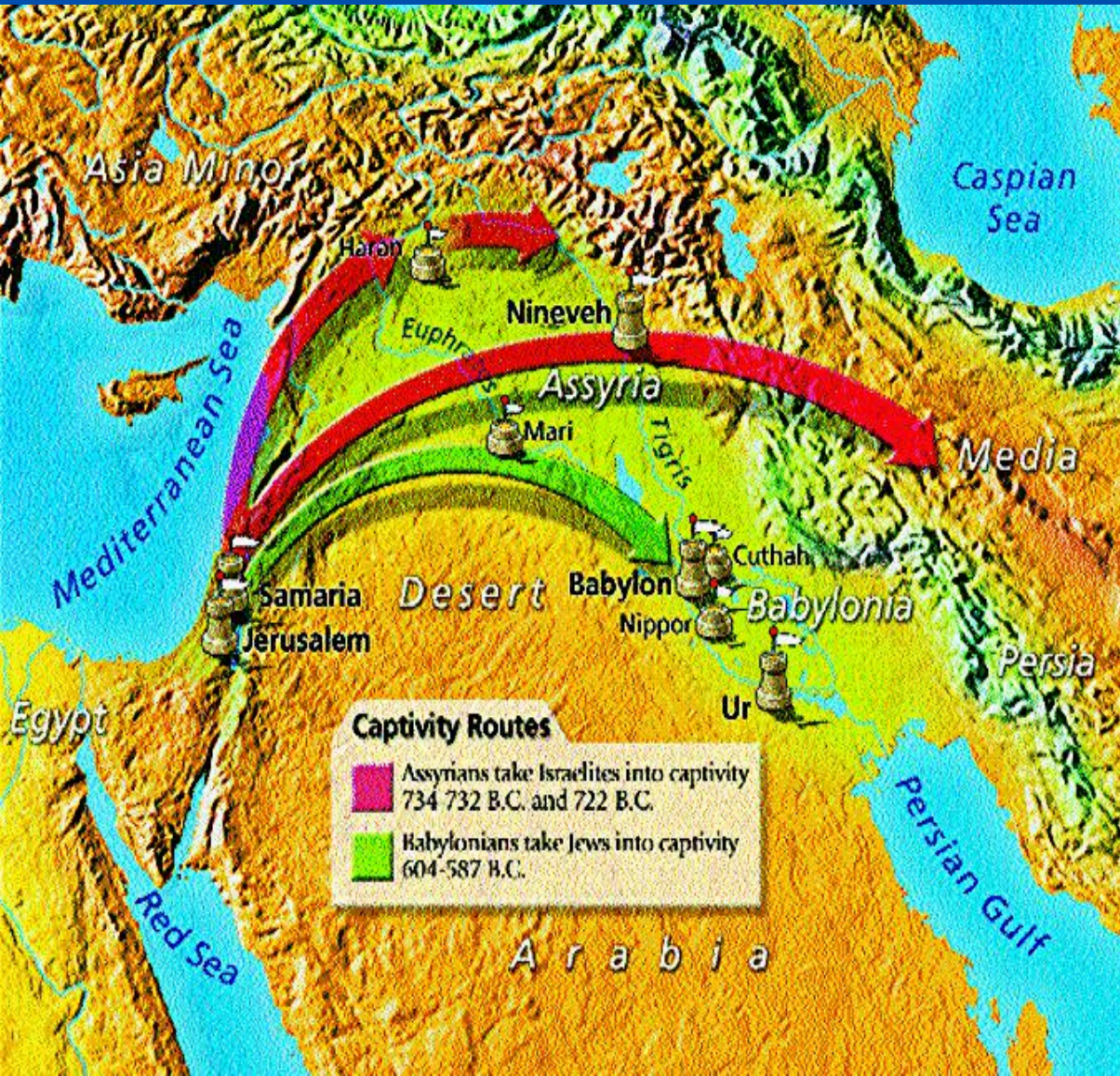
ACHIJAH'S ORACLE TO JEROBOAM

- 1) Jeroboam was a commoner that God elevated to a king
 - 2) Reason: Solomon's line not worthy
 - 3) Jeroboam behaved more wickedly than any Israelite king before him
 - 4) Jeroboam created his own gods
 - 5) God was shown the greatest contempt
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ACHIYAH'S ORACLE TO JEROBOAM

- 6) The House of Jeroboam will be terminated
- 7) All male descendant's of Jeroboam will die violently and corpses will be shamed
- 8) The dead males will be eaten by unclean animals and not buried
- 9) YHVH will anoint a new king from another family and end Jeroboam's dynasty
- 10) The 10 northern tribes will be exiled from the land due to Jeroboam's apostasy

PROPHECY OF ISRAELI EXILE TO ASSYRIA



- Lord makes exception for Aviyah who will die in peace
- The Father is showing chesed to Aviyah
- ***Tov dabbar el-YHVH***
- “a good word towards YHVH”
- Israeli people NOT forced to worship golden calf gods
- 1Kings 14:16

LEADERSHIP



- Result of ungodly leadership is decline, darkness and confusion
- Lord created far more followers than leaders
- Ultimate earthly leader still needs accountability to the Creator King
- Why can't Yeshua just rule from Heaven?
- Mankind needs visible, tangible leadership !

GOD'S PEOPLE NEED A KING

- Each round of new kings over Israel were worse than the previous
- Judges showed people must have a king
- Kings showed the king must be God's ideal not a worldly king
- Prophets showed that this king was the Messiah
- NT shows the Messiah-King is Yeshua
- Messiah shows that He is God
- Jeroboam's child dies when his mother returns home



THE LEADERSHIP OF REHOBOAM

- Rehoboam's mother was Naamah of Ammon
- Vs 22 "People of Judah did evil in God's eyes..."
- 2Chron.12:1 "...he (Rehoboam) abandoned the Torah..."
- 2Chron.12:14 "...he did what was evil..."
- *Asherah, matsebah, and bamot*
- Totem poles, memorial pillars, and high places (altars)



THE ABOMINABLE QADESH?



- *Qadesh* = sacred, set-apart for religious ritual
- Words like sodomy, male, female, and prostitute are NOT present in this passage
- A dynamic translation in English
- Whatever immoral, abominable thing happened it was condoned by the religious leadership
- No one in Judah saw it as “wrong”, and actually saw it as honoring God!

SHISHAK KING OF EGYPT ATTACKS



- Shishak carried off the Temple treasury
- Did NOT take over Judah
- Apparently wanted to show he could project his power and he took a fortune home to Egypt
- Rehoboam died in 911 B.C. and his son *Aviyam* took the throne