

**DAVID
BECOMES
KING**

**ACHAV
DIES**



1004
BC

850
BC

**ACHAZYAH
IS KING**

**JUDAH IN
BABYLON
(No King)**



850
BC

560
BC

THE EFFECTS OF LOYALTY TO YHWH UPON ISRAEL



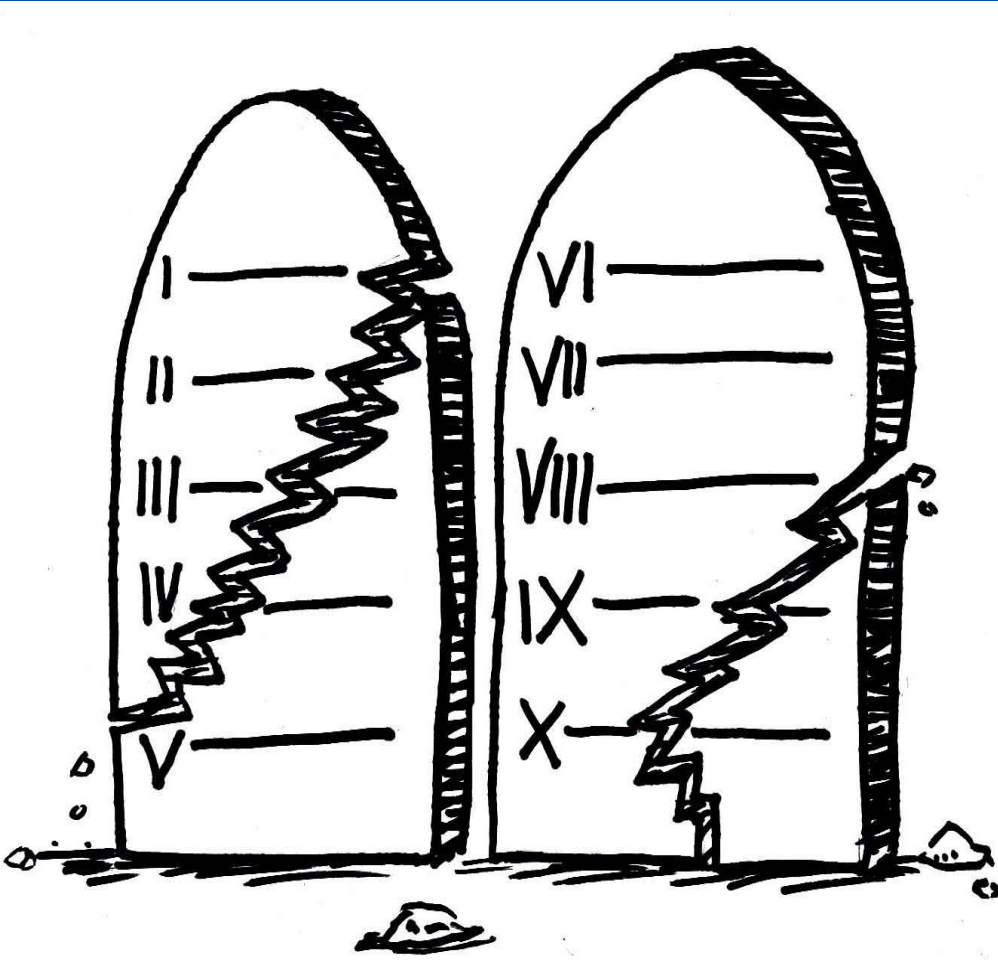
DAVID IS FAITHFUL TO YHWH



SOLOMON SHOWS TOLERANCE FOR OTHER GODS



ISRAEL BREAKS ALL OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS



- David Noel Freedman
- Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.
“Recovering the Unity of the Bible”
- 10 Commandments is the basis for Israel’s existence as a Kingdom of God
- Israel breaking all 10 commandments gave God legal standing to exercise harsh judgment on His people
- Blessings and curses (consequences)

10 COMMANDMENTS GIVEN TWICE

- 1st time with 1st generation at Mt. Sinai upon leaving Egypt
- 2nd time with 2nd generation in the mountains of Moab just before entering Canaan
- Freedman claims that each book that follows the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai centers on the breaking of a specific commandment
- The breaking of all the commandments gives us the **REASON** for God exiling His people from the land



AARON IS FIRST TO BREAK THE COMMANDMENTS

- First 2 commandments are broken in the same event of the Golden Calf
- The 3rd trespass is blasphemy Lev. 24
- The 4th trespass regards Shabbat
- Gathering the sticks was an in-your-face defiance
- Non-observance of Sabbath and Idolatry were Israel's constant problems



NUM. 15:32

BREAKING MORE COMMANDMENTS



➤ 5th trespass concerned honoring parents and is violated in Deut. 21

➤ 6th violation was about stealing Joshua 7

➤ *Achan* took God's holy property

➤ *Herem* = Law of the Ban

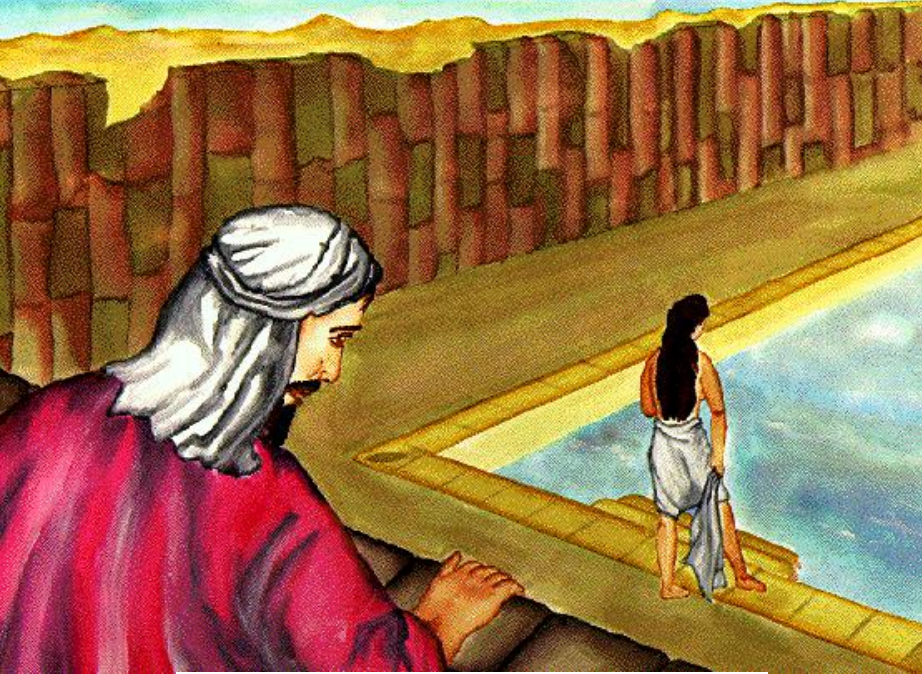
➤ 7th command to be broken was murder

Judges 19-21

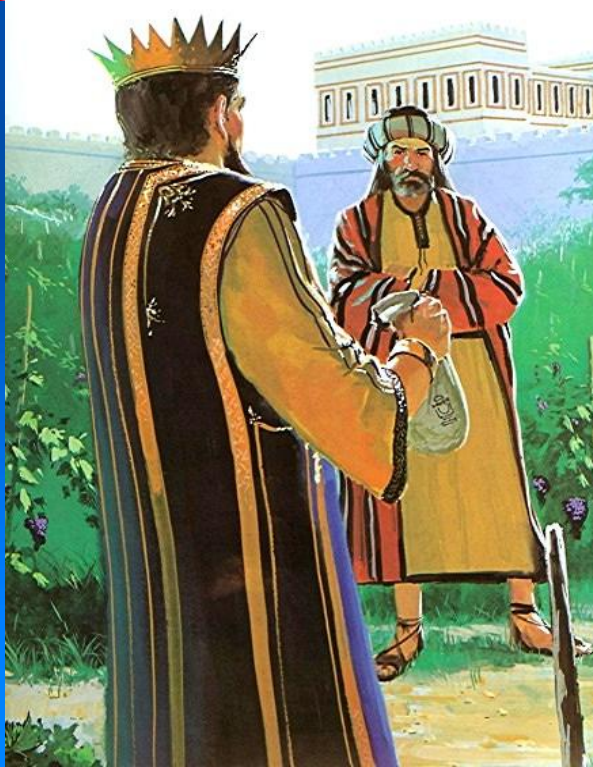
➤ Levite's concubine killed in territory of Benjamin



THE CYCLE IS COMPLETED



- The 8th in the series is adultery, perpetrated by King David Samuel 11, 12
- 9th and 10th violations again occur in a single event (like the first 2 violations) 1st Kings 21
- King *Achav* covets *Navot's* vineyard
- *Navot* is falsely accused of blasphemy and wrongly executed
- Since all 10 commandments are now broken, all that remains is God's judgment, which occurs in 2nd Kings



THE BOOK OF 2ND KINGS

- Mystery as to why this point was chosen to divide the Book of Kings into 2 books
- The current break creates a break in context
- Better to start with the last verses of 1st Kings
- Moab rebelled upon King *Achav's* death
- Moab had been a vassal to Israel since the days of King David

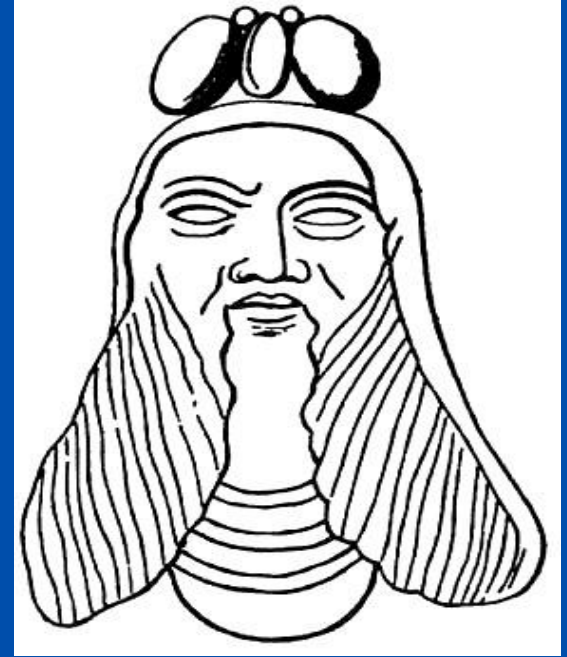


THE FATAL FALL OF KING ACHAZYAH

- In 1st Kings 21 Elijah curses *Achav's* family to be annihilated
- However due to a small amount of repentance the penalty will be pushed to the next generation (which is *Achazyah*)
- He sends messengers to the temple of *Ba'al Z'vuv* in the Philistine city of Ekron



BA'AL Z'VUV **(BAAL ZEBUB)**



- **Ba'al Z'vuv** = Lord of the Flies
- **Ba'al** = Canaanite and Phoenician
- **Be'el** = Aramean
- **Bel** = Babylonian and Assyrian
- All the same god, just different languages

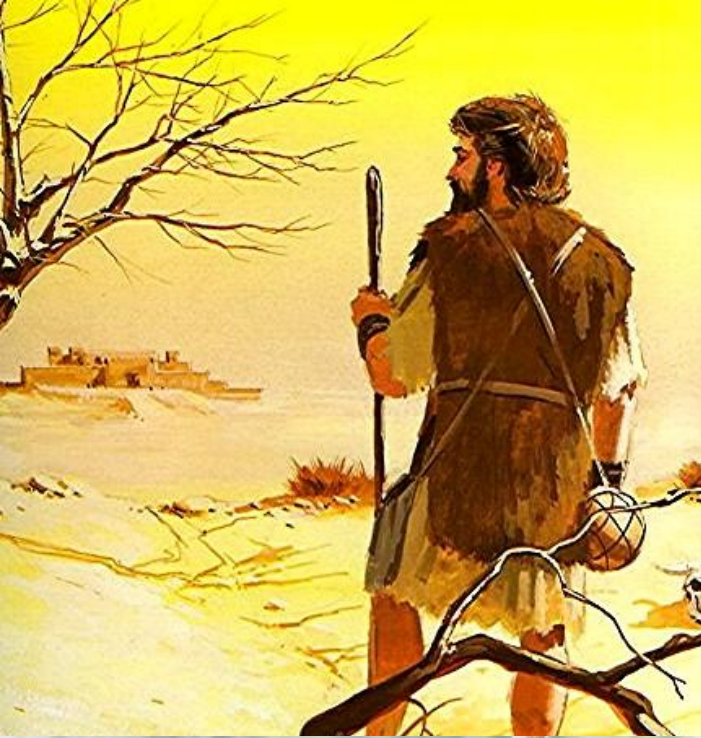


DANGER !!



- *Achazyah's* rejection of *YHWH* stood as Israel's rejection of *YHWH* !
- A leader's status before God is the determiner of that nation's fate
- 2009 President Obama declares USA is not a Christian nation
- After 911, President Bush said that the God of the Christians, Jews, and Allah is the same God
- Leading a nation in a secular fashion MEANS to reject God as our spiritual leadership





THE LORD INTERVENES

- Elijah intercepts *Achazyah's* messengers and gives them God's Word
- *Malach YHWH* = Angel of the Lord
- 1) Rhetorical / sarcastic question, does the king think there is no God in Israel?
- 2) The King will die
- Elijah a "hairy man" is referring to his clothing, not body hair
- Elijah and John the Baptist quite similar in their dress as a kind of uniform for God's prophets