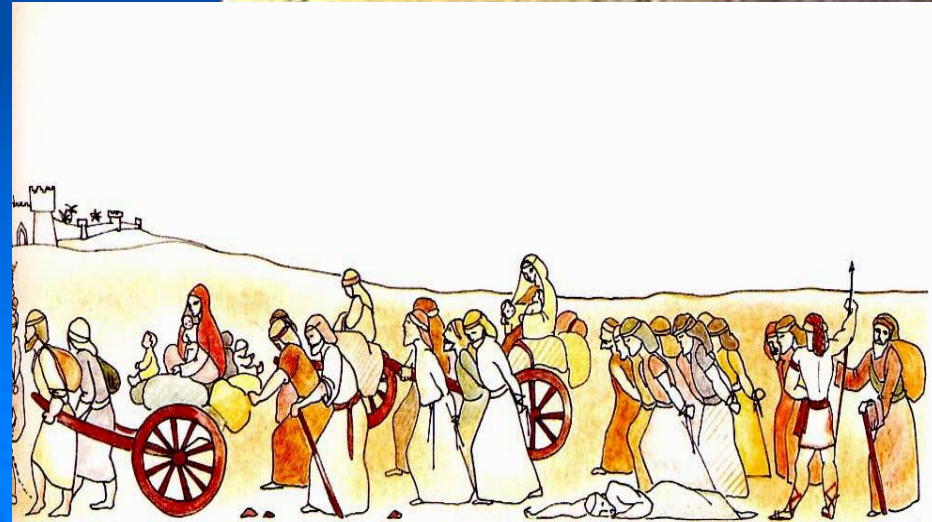
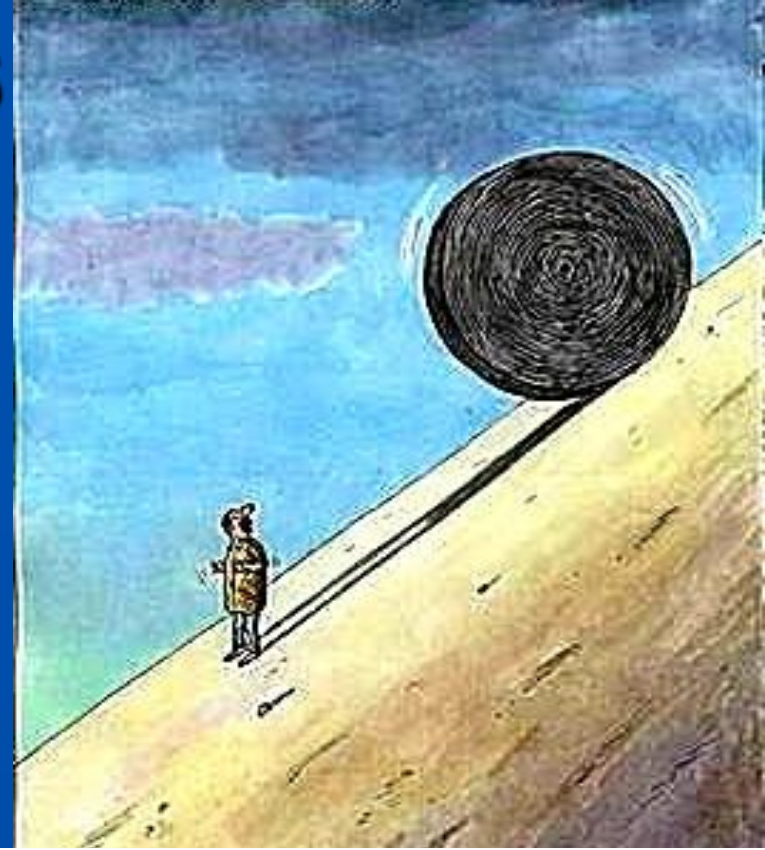


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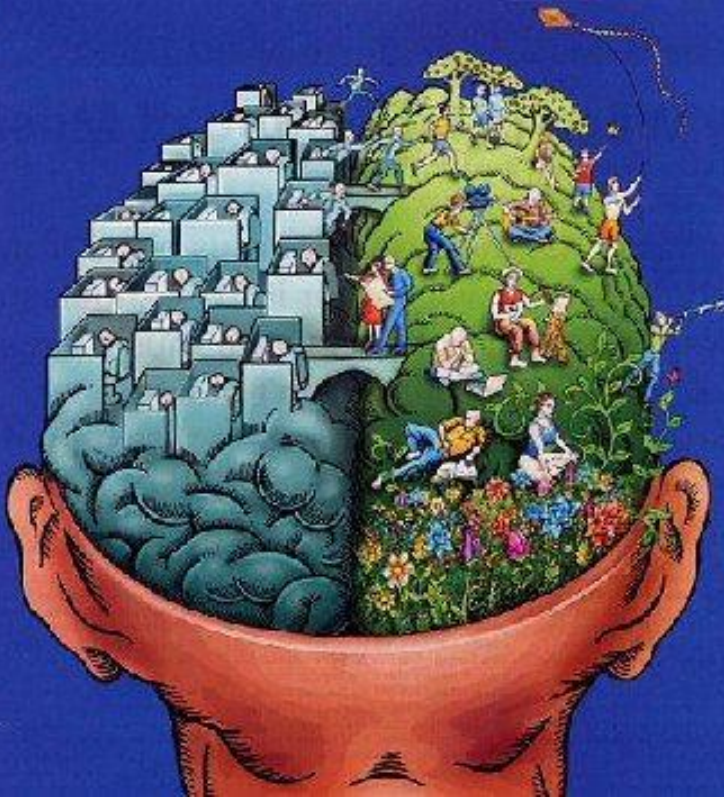
- Israel and Judah headed towards destruction and exile
- God had given the unfaithful people the leaders they wanted and deserved
- God used His Prophets to try and avert disaster
- At the end of 2nd Kings the 10 northern tribes will be scattered, and Judah will be captive in Babylon





CHOICES: MORALITY VS. PREFERENCE

- Moral choices are the product of our will
- Moral choices about good vs. bad, right vs. wrong
- Preference a product of our intellect
- No element of right or wrong



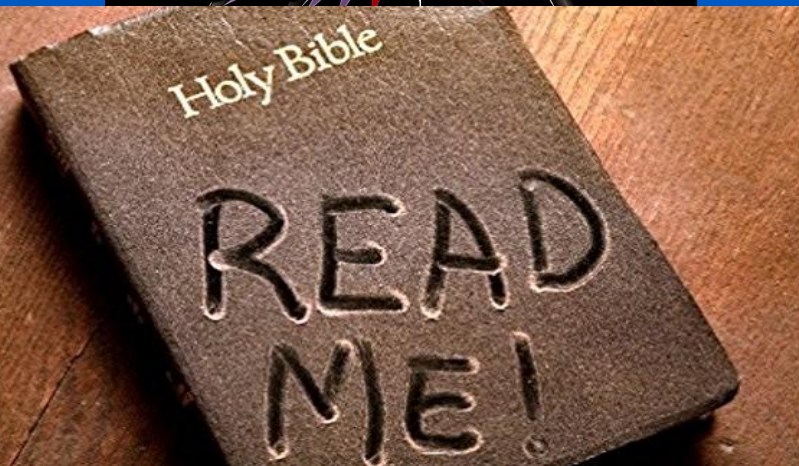


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3 SIGNS OF UNFAITHFULNESS



- 1) When we choose to transform moral choices into preferences of enlightened personal liberty
- 2) When we choose to redefine God's definition of morality and reverse what is evil and what is good
- 3) When we are willfully ignorant of God's Word and prefer to rely instead on human philosophies, doctrines and traditions



NUANCES OF BIBLE NAMES

- More common than we realize that Bible places and names get confused
- Two or more names for the same person (or place)
- 2Chron. 21:16 – 18
- Y'ho'achaz = Achazyah
- Y'ho, Yah = God
- Achaz = seize of possess
- Achaz -yah = Y'ho'- achaz



Y'HORAM AND ACHAZYAH IN JEZREEL



- Elisha sent a guild prophet to Ramot-Gilead with a flask of anointing oil to see *Yehu*
- *Eliyahu* had been given the mission to anoint Haza'el and Jehu as kings
- Purpose: to end the dynasty of Achav (son of Omri)
- God postponed the judgment upon *Achav* by a generation
- With Elijah gone, the duty to anoint the 2 new kings fell to Elisha

ELISHA'S GUILD PROPHET ANOINTS *YEHU* AS KING OF ISRAEL

- In this context “Israel” probably means ALL Israel
- Elisha chose the timing since circumstances now allowed it
- *Y'horam* and *Achazyah* far away in Jezreel, while Jehu is in Ramot-Gilead
- Jehu was instructed to destroy Achav's dynasty
- God's vengeance for the blood of His many prophets killed on account of Queen Jezebel



THE CHALLENGE OF GOD'S VENGEANCE

- The concept of God's vengeance is uncomfortable for Christians
- ***Naqam*** = retribution, punishment
- Rev.6: 9, 10
- Rev. 19:1
- Messiah is not a pacifist, and divine vengeance is not a thing of a past dispensation





GOD USES WICKED MEN

- Only rarely do we see supernatural punishments
- God used Elijah and Elisha to bring all sorts of oppressions on Israel to get them to change, but it didn't work
- God will use the Anti-Christ to punish His people
- Rev. 14:14 -20



THE *MESHUGGA* PROPHET

- As Jehu is being anointed king in another room the other two military officers wonder what is going on
- Jehu is asked what happened and he tells them not to be concerned because this prophet is *meshugga* like all the other ones
- *Meshugga* = crazy, idiot
- Finally *Yehu* tells them that he was anointed king, and they 2 officers blow the shofar
- This was a dream come true for Jehu!
- He was king and also completely free to kill all of his rivals (King *Achav's* family) with God's blessings!



- Many direct parallels between 2nd Kings and modern times
- Jehu took his chariot and some troops and went to Jezreel to confront Y'horam
- When he is spotted 2 messengers are sent out to ask if Yehu comes in peace, and they don't return
- **Y'horam** realizes that it is Jehu and goes to ask why he's come
- **Yehu** insults Jezebel and says he has NOT come in peace!
- **Y'horam** is killed by an arrow from Jehu's bow