

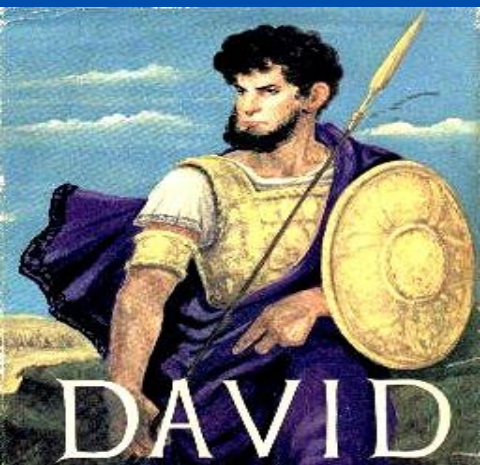
# AMATZYAH LIKE HIS FATHER, JOASH

- He was righteous in some ways, but allowed the *bamot* (high places) to continue in operation
- *Bamot* were in use so long that it had become usual and normal
- Originally pagan, people tried to “convert” them to being for YHWH
- Occasional prophet or priest would speak out against bamot, but was considered a fanatic
- A very slow decline from Moses-led Torah observance to manmade doctrines, rituals, and practices

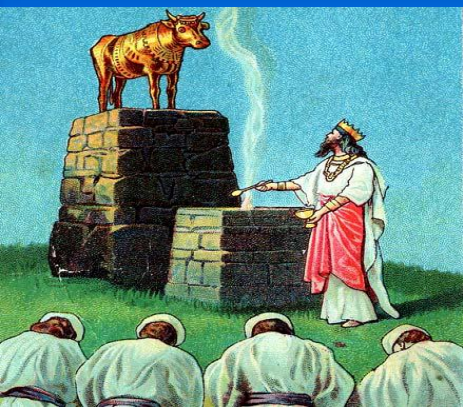




Moses receives  
the Torah



500 years



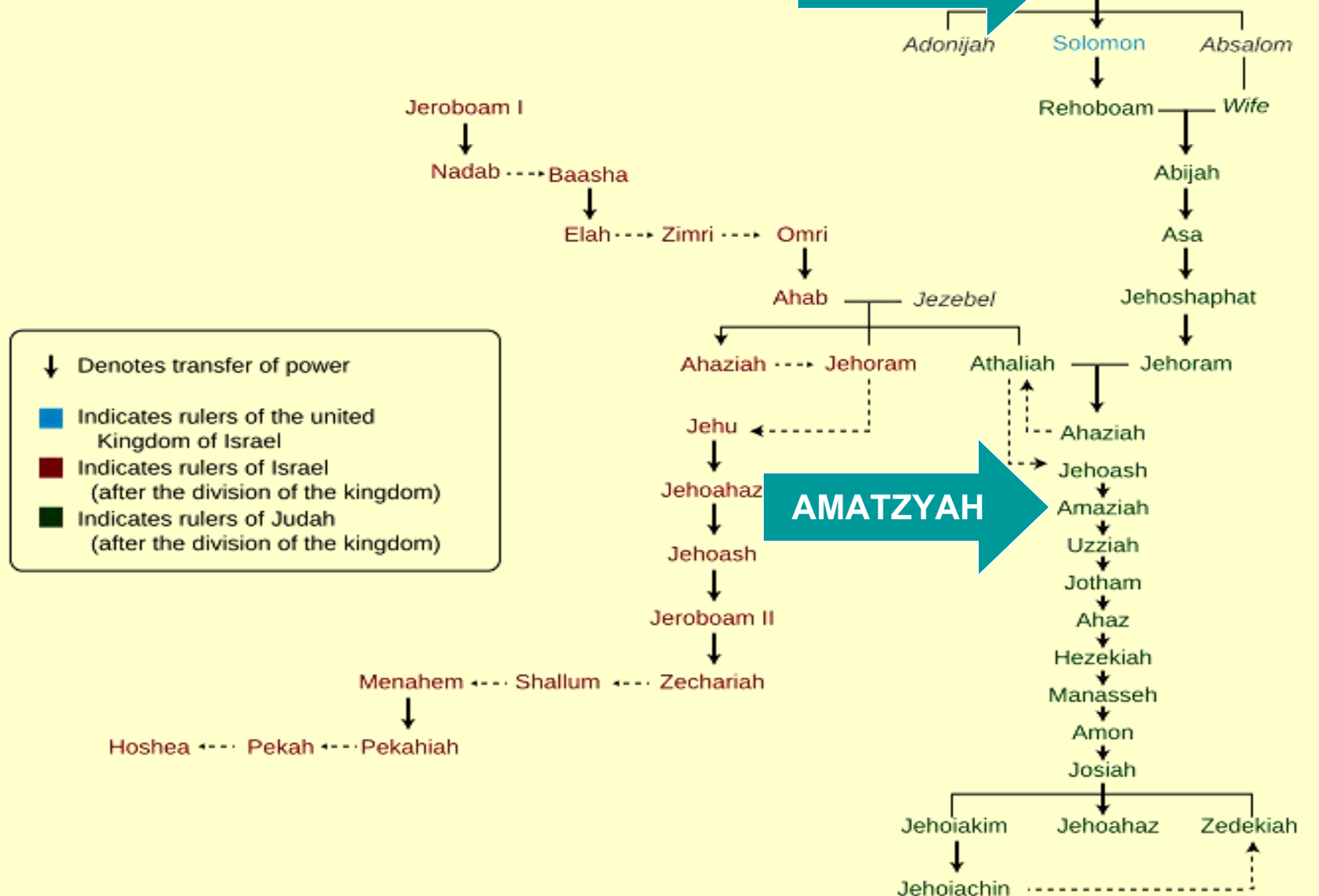
200 years

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 14

# TORAH SEEMS LIKE OLD NEWS

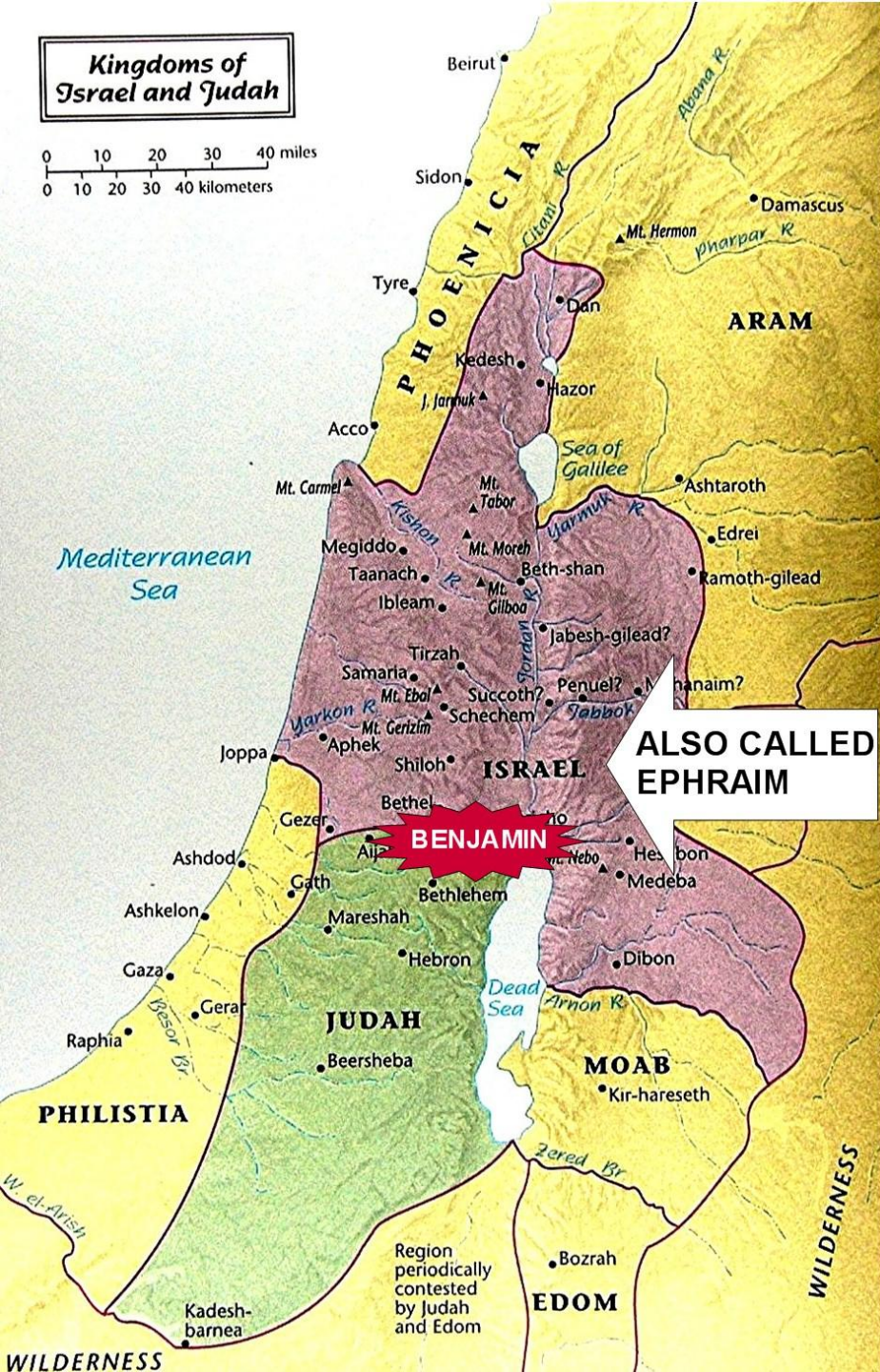
- Torah given to a wandering group of tent dwellers
- Israel was now more “modern” & living a settled life in their own country
- James 1:22 -25 The mirror of the Torah
- The “Word” of James was the Hebrew Bible (OT)
- New Testament wouldn’t exist for another 150 years
- NT and OT now form a complete and unified “Word”

# The Genealogy of the Kings of Ancient Israel and Judah



# Kingdoms of Israel and Judah

0 10 20 30 40 miles  
0 10 20 30 40 kilometers



## 2<sup>ND</sup> KINGS 14 2<sup>ND</sup> CHRONICLES 25

- Benjamin no longer in coalition with the north
- Some of Benjamin exiled to Assyria, some exiled later to Babylon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chron. 25:7 identifies Ephraim as synonymous with Israel
- Ephraim often representative of 10 lost tribes

# EPHRAIM IN PROPHECY

- Ezekiel 37:15 – 22
- Ezekiel taken by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon
- Ezekiel speaks of the 10 tribes as “Ephraim”
- Prophesied that Ephraim would return to an already re-established State of Israel
- NEVER happened in history until 1948



# KING AMATZYAH ATTACKS EDM

- Amatzyah conquers Edom
- King David the 1<sup>st</sup> Israelite to conquer Edom
- Judah lost control of Edom under King Y'horam
- Yokte'el = set the teeth on edge means criticism
- Amatzyah returned home with Edomite idols
- The Rock = Sela = Petra
- Very extensive canyon and area called Petra



# KINGS AND SOLDIERS WANTED THE SPOILS OF WAR !



- ***Amatzyah*** mustered 300,000 soldiers from Judah and Benjamin
- Then he hired 100,000 mercenaries from Israel
- Paid 7000 lbs. of silver to King Joash of Israel
- ***Ish Elohim*** told ***Amatzyah*** that if he used the mercenaries, he would lose
- ***Amatzyah*** sent them home, but they looted Judahite villages along the way to get something for their trouble

# EDOMITES THROWN TO THEIR DEATHS

- Amatzyah returns to Judah with Edomite god/idols and burns incense to them!
- How could a Hebrew king, victorious over an enemy, now bow down to that enemy's gods??
- A prophet condemns him for it, and the King refuses to heed the warning of destruction



# AMATZYAH SEEKS WAR WITH ISRAEL



OVERCONFIDENCE

- Amatzyah challenges Joash to a battle
- Reasons:
  - A) Joash KEPT the 7000 lbs. of silver
  - B) Joash gave his mercenaries permission to raid the Judahite towns
  - C) An issue of honor
- **Amatzyah** felt as if he had faced-down God and won



# THE PARABLE OF THE CEDAR AND THISTLE

- King Joash replies to King Amatzyah with an insult
- Warns Amatzyah to not let his victory over Edom go to his head
- Amatzyah ignores the advice and battles Joash at Beit-Shemesh
- Judah's army defeated, and Amatzyah is captured



# JOASH HUMILIATES AMATZYAH

- Ephraim Gate is today the Jaffa Gate
- 600 ft. of wall dismantled
- Northern wall because Israel is to the north
- Jerusalem's enemies will come from the north in End-Times
- Temple looted
- Families captured and sent to Samaria
- Amatzyah under house arrest for many years

