

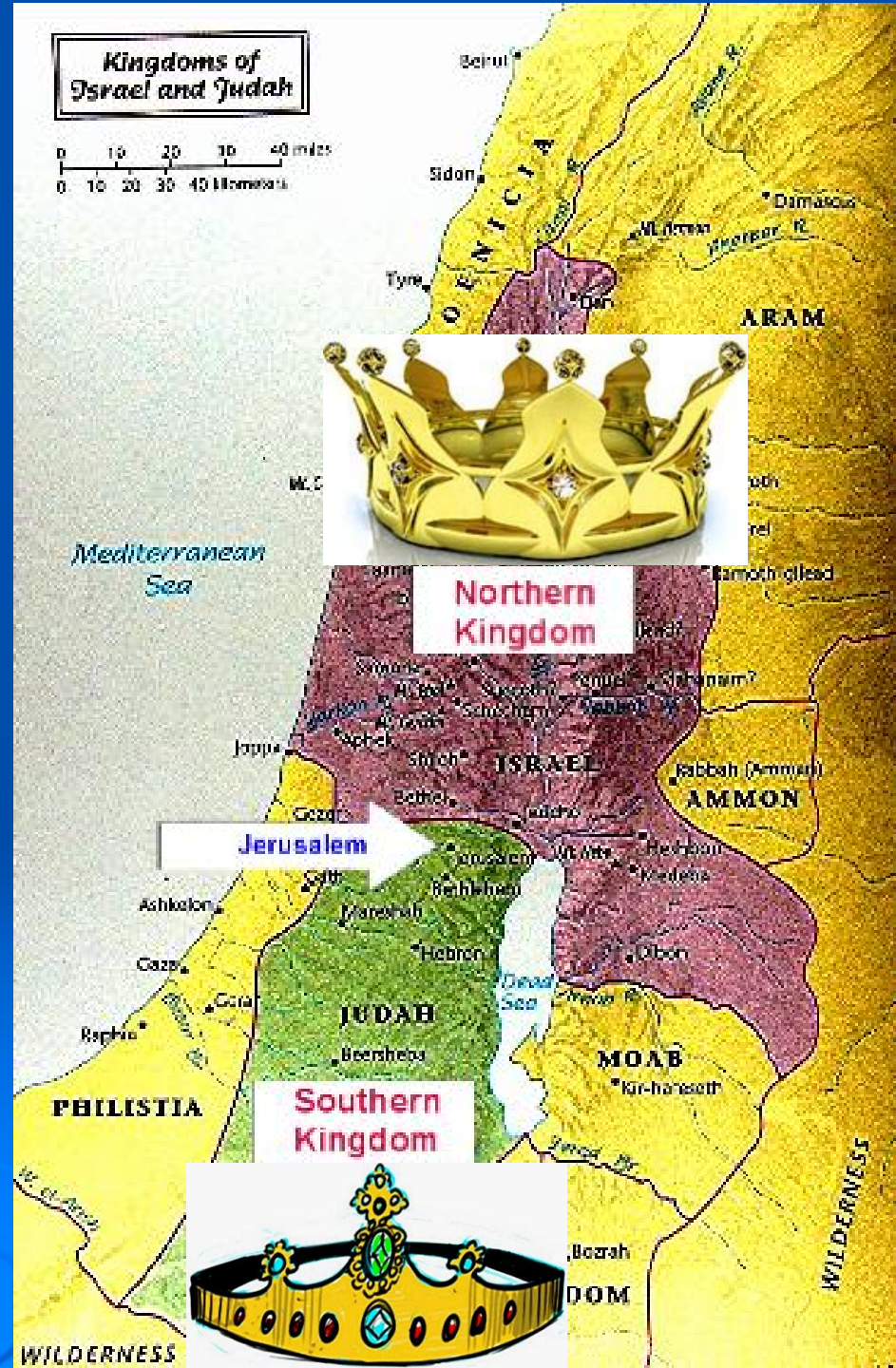
TEMPLE PLUNDERED, VILLAGES OF JUDAH ARE LOOTED



- King *Amatzyah* challenges King Joash to a battle and loses
- The King of Israel, Joash, loots the Holy Temple
- *Amatzyah* paid 7000 lbs. of silver to Joash to “rent” 100,000 of his soldiers
- Soldiers sent home before battle with Edom were angry, so they looted Judahite villages

2 KINGDOMS, 2 KINGS

- The division of kingdoms was now hostile
- The Hebrew Torah-based religion was fractured
- Northern Kingdom had abandoned the Torah
- Southern Kingdom had watered it down with doctrines and traditions





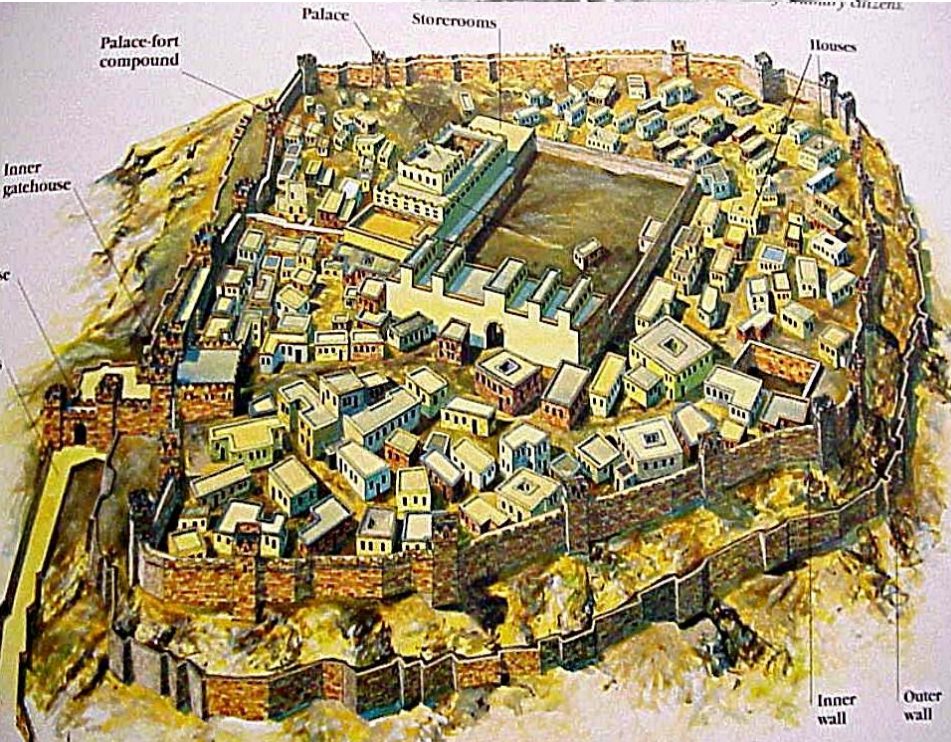
examining
yourself

- Bible prophets were threatened, hated, run out of town
- A remnant listened, repented and changed
- They became the odd-balls, who disagreed with the majority
- **THEN:** God's oracle was direct revelation to the Prophet
- **NOW:** God's oracle is already established, but is re-spoken by a Bible teacher
- God's oracles are timeless and forever relevant to us
- Mankind rationalizes our rebellion by inventing doctrines in God's name to circumvent obedience



AMATZYAH FLEES TO LACHISH

- Israel less than 3 generations from exile
- 2nd Kings 14
- 2nd Chron. 25
- **Amatzyah** released after King Joash's death
- Begins to rule Judah again
- His own royal court conspired to kill **Amatzyah**
- The court followed him to Lachish and killed him there

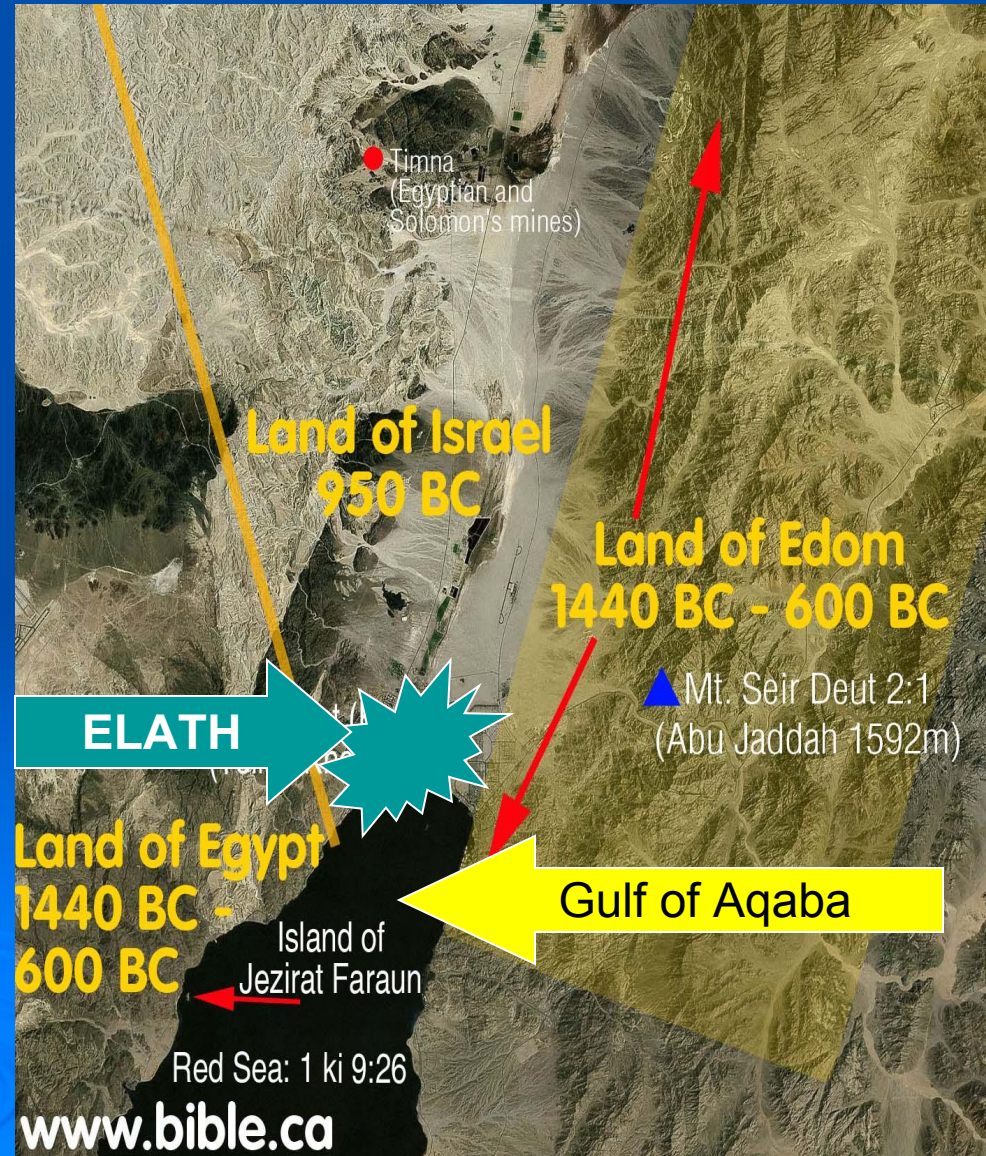




- **Amatzyah** was killed mostly because he turned away from Israel's God and to the Edomite gods
- Gods, culture, and nation were inseparable, and one identified the other
- **Amatzyah** abandoned YHWH and dedicated himself to the Edomite gods, thus becoming an Edomite !
- He was a traitor and was killed for being a traitor

AZARYAH BECOMES KING OF JUDAH

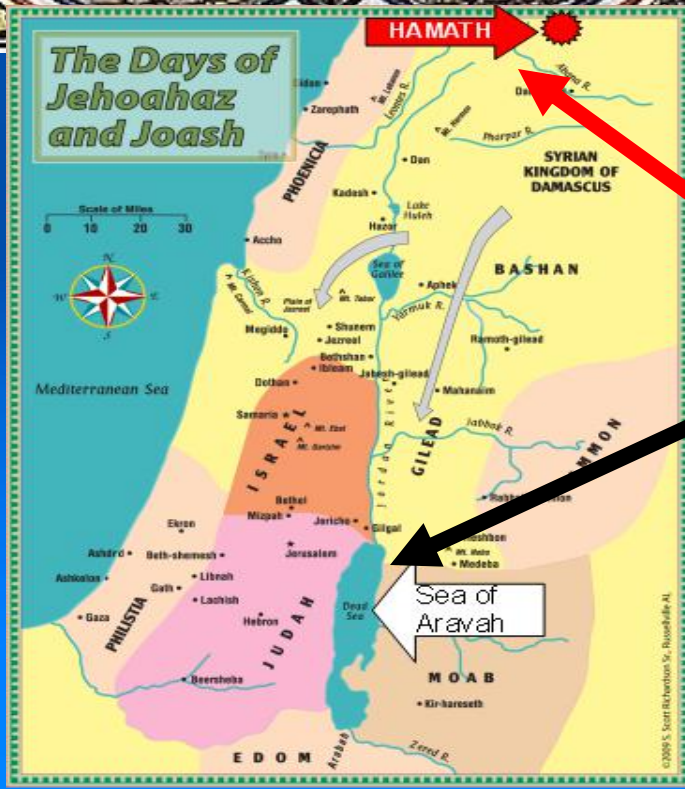
- **Amatzyah** NOT buried in the royal burial caves, he is buried in the ground
- His son, **Azaryah**, becomes King of Judah at age 16
- **Azaryah** called **Uziah** in 2nd Chronicles 26
- King **Azaryah** retakes the port city of Elath and fortifies it



JEROBOAM II THE NEW KING OF ISRAEL



- Jeroboam II just like the first Jeroboam
- Jeroboam II a fierce warrior king who retook some territory and added more
- Entrance to Hamath
- Sea of Aravah = Dead Sea
- A more peaceful situation between Judah and Israel was formed

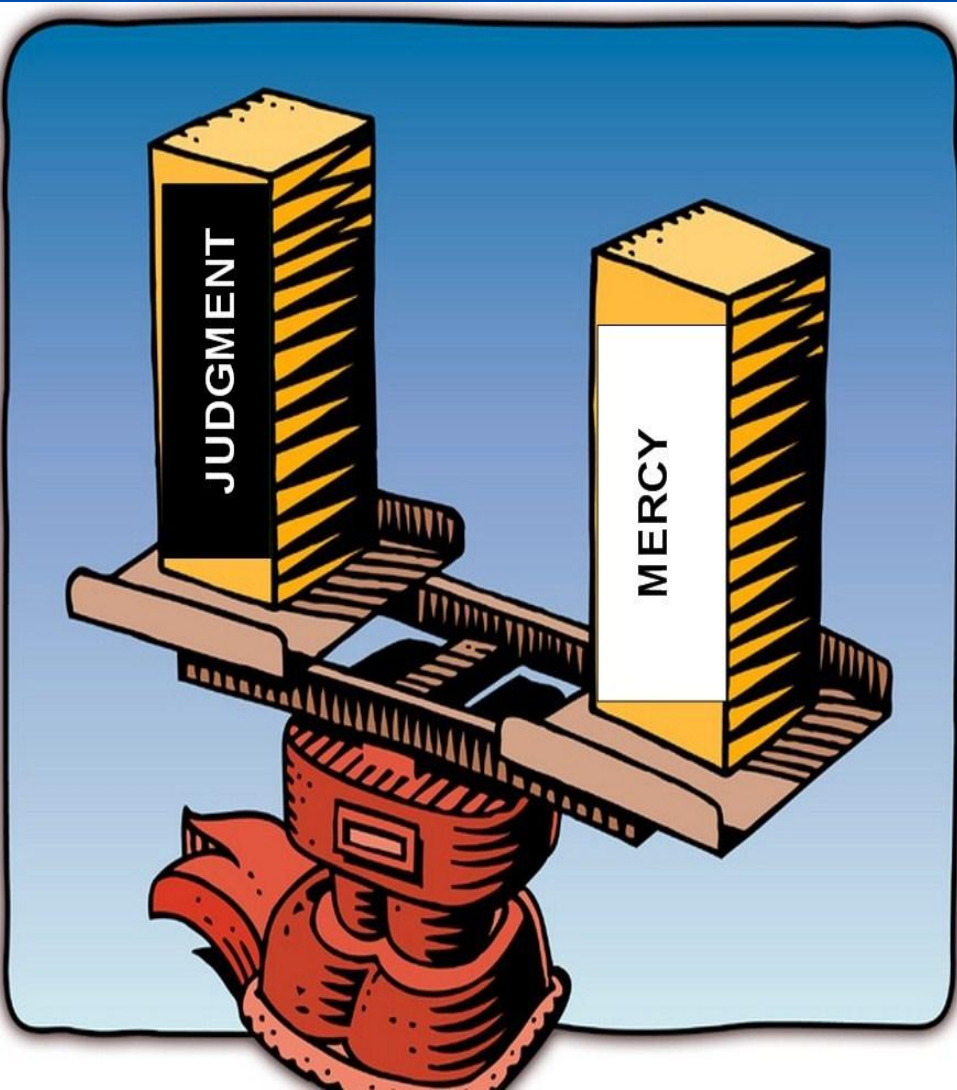




God's Everlasting Mercy

- **Reuben Edition of Artscroll:** *“.....God has mercy on sinners.....God withholds retribution to give sinners an opportunity to repent.....Perhaps such mercy could influence people to repent.....Perhaps gratitude to God would do so.....Tragically it did not.....”*
- This was written by Orthodox Jewish Rabbi, but basically the same view as Christianity
- Mercy and grace is all throughout the Old Testament, and did NOT begin with Christ in the New Testament
- Jeroboam II dies, and his son **Z'kharyah** (Zechariah) reigns

2ND KINGS 15: THE REIGN OF AZARYAH (UZZIAH)



- *Azaryah* became King of Judah when Jeroboam II had been reigning in Israel for 27 years
- From a spiritual and redemptive standpoint, a new era has dawned
- God's judgment is always accompanied with mercy
- Even the tragic events of Israel and Judah's failures moves the ball forward towards peace with God

THE FUTURE BECOMES THE FOCUS

- Israel's exile will become LIFE for a DEAD world
- Rom.11: 7 – 12
- Until now, the prophetic message was of warning, teaching, admonishing
- Now it shifts to a message of a future Messiah and a Messianic Kingdom



THE SEED OF ABRAHAM BEGINS TO SPROUT !



- Up to now the focus of the Abrahamic Covenant was the land inheritance
- Gen. 12: 1 – 3
- Gal. 3:29
- At Creation, darkness was established first
- Only later was light created
- **GOD PATTERNS**