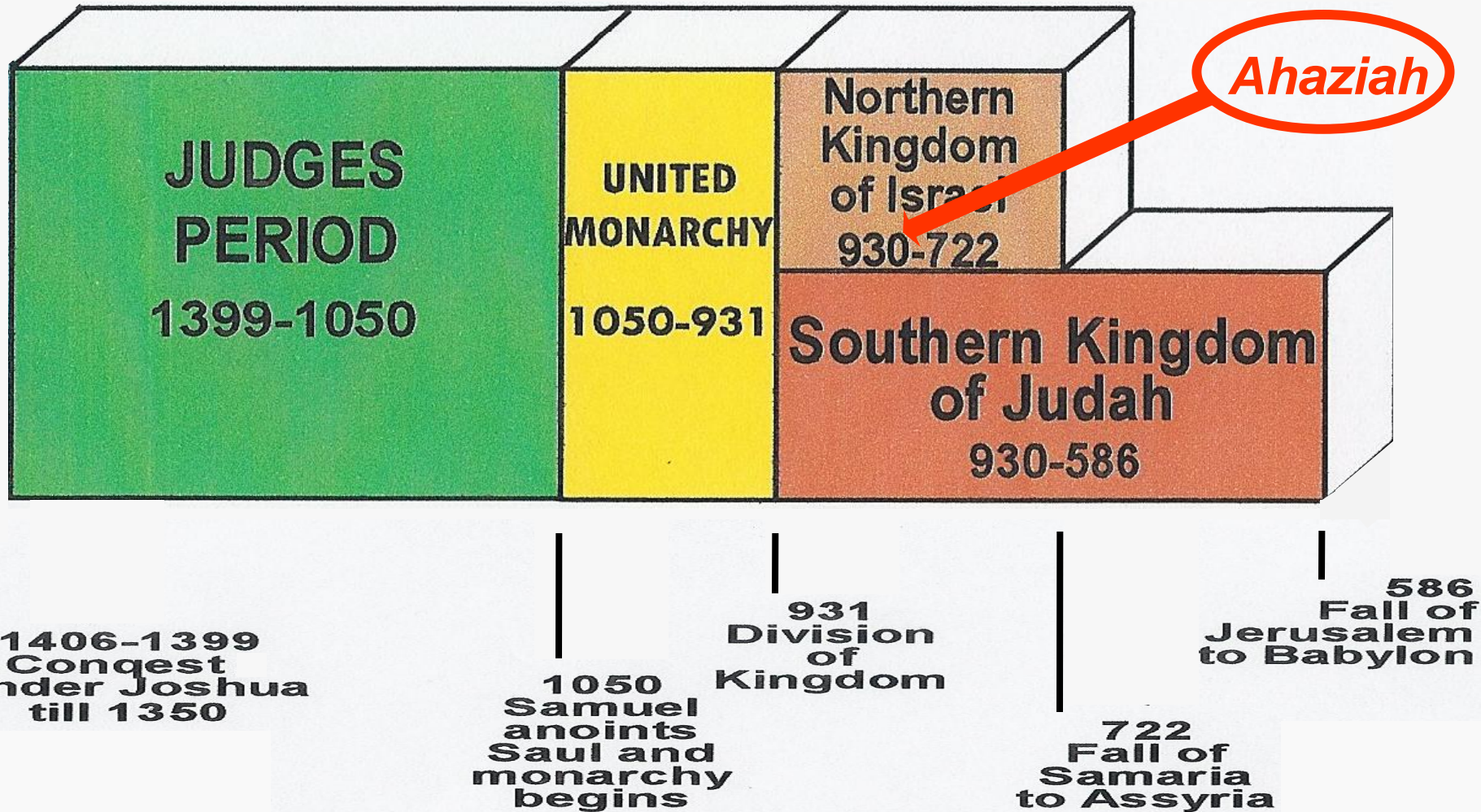


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... **History of Israel** ...



# KINGS

United Monarchy  
1 Kgs. 1-11  
40 years

Divided Monarchy  
1 Kgs. 12--2 Kgs. 17  
209 years

Surviving Monarchy  
2 Kgs. 18-25  
136 years

Kingdom  
in  
tranquility



971 BC

931 BC

Kingdoms  
in  
turmoil



722 BC

Kingdoms  
are  
taken over



586 BC

Reign  
of glory

Revolt  
of North

Reforms  
of E/E

Captivity  
of Israel

Captivity  
of Judah

***Moral Decadence Leads to Division, Deterioration, Destruction of the Theocratic Monarchy***

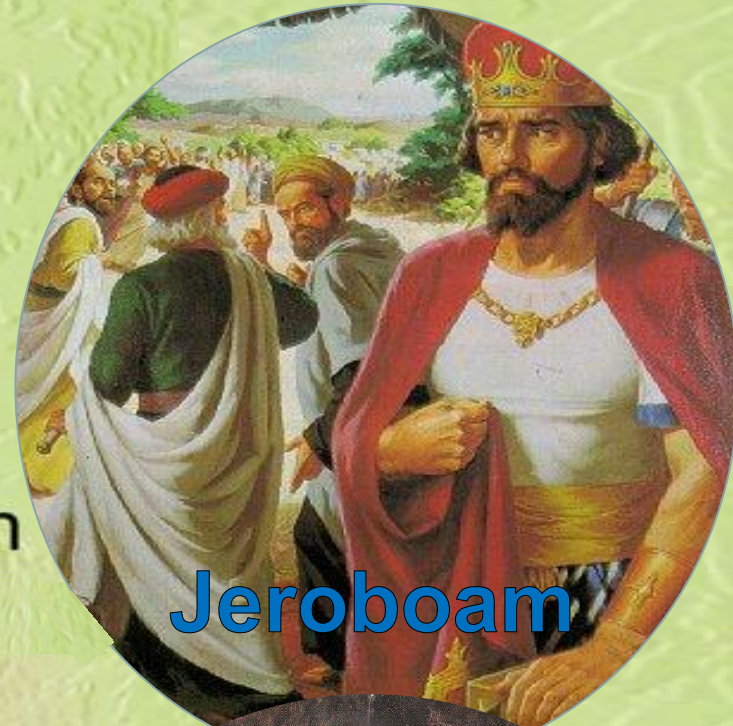


# PERSON <sup>OF</sup> THE CENTURY TIME

King  
Solomon









**Northern Kingdom**  
**10 Tribes**  
**Ephraim**  
**Israel**

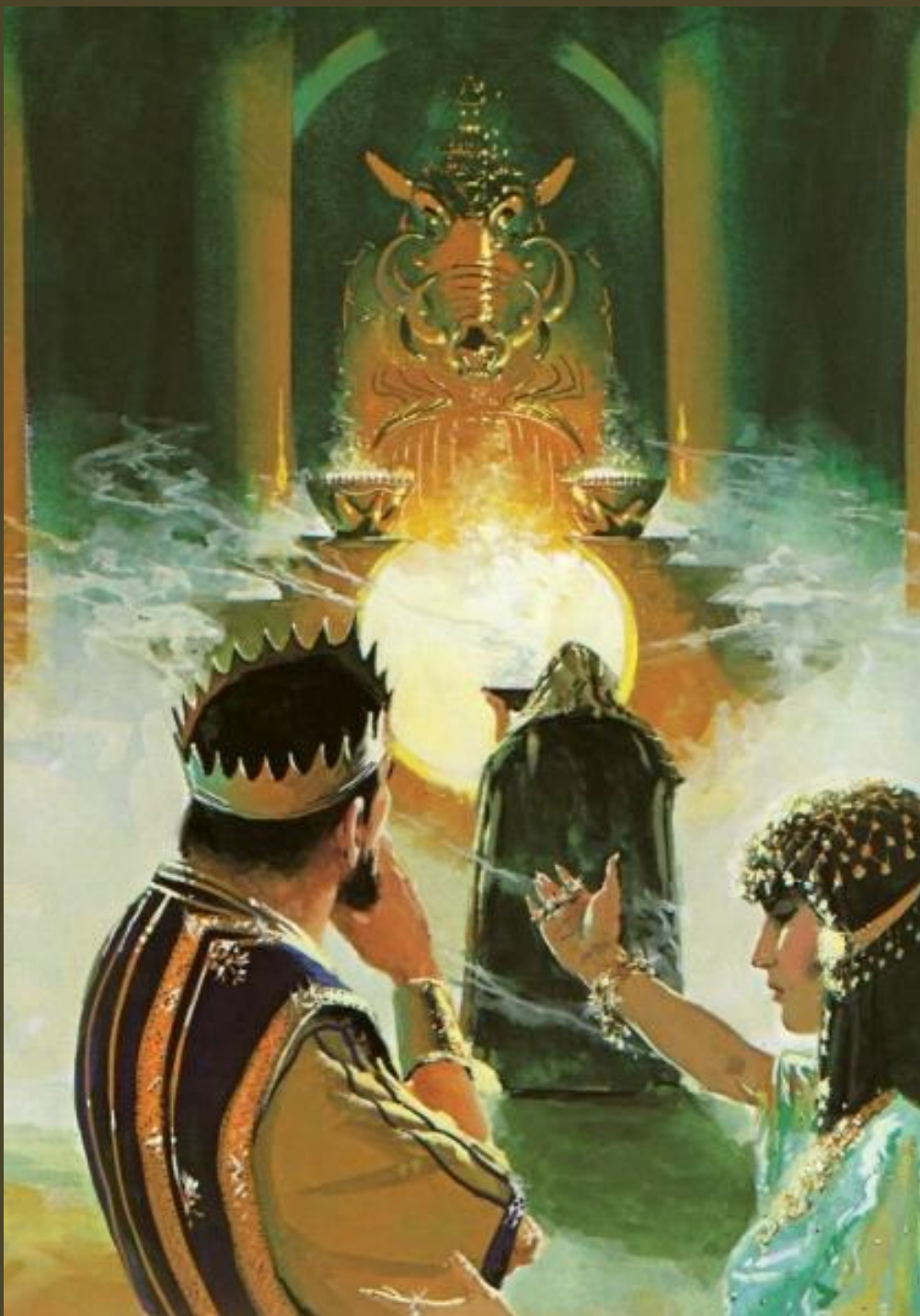


**Southern Kingdom**  
**1 Tribe**  
**House of David**  
**Judah**





***So the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel . . ."*** (1 Kgs. 12)



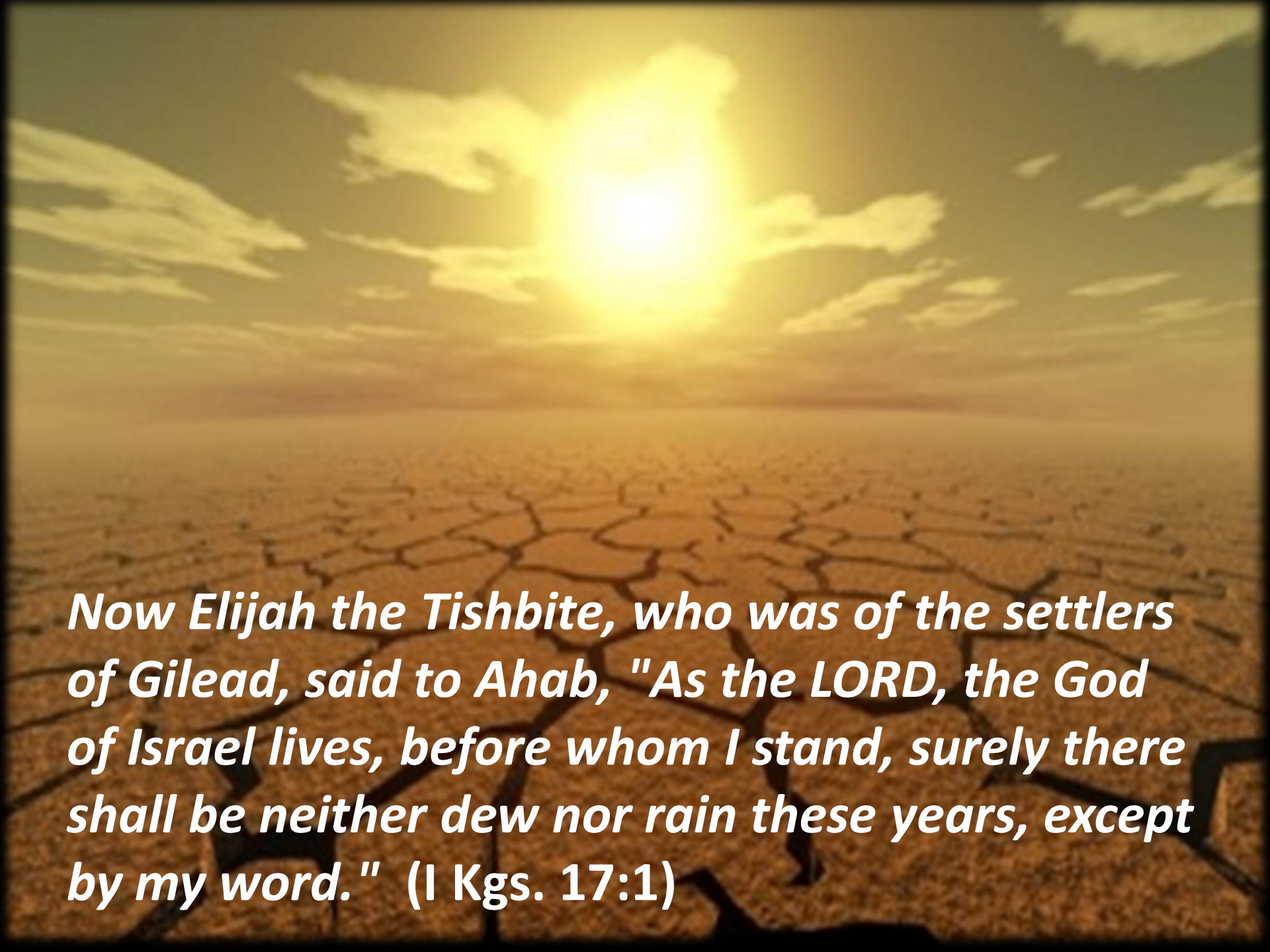
***Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife incited him. He acted very abominably . . . (I Kgs. 21,22)***



# prophet of FIRE





The background image shows a vast, arid landscape under a hazy, golden sky. The sun is a large, bright, glowing orb positioned centrally in the upper half of the frame, casting a warm, orange light across the scene. Below the horizon, the ground is a parched, cracked expanse of dry earth, with deep, irregular fissures forming a mosaic-like pattern. The overall atmosphere is one of intense heat and drought.

*Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." (1 Kgs. 17:1)*











*Thus says the LORD, "In the place where the dogs licked up the blood of Naboth the dogs will lick up your blood, even yours."*

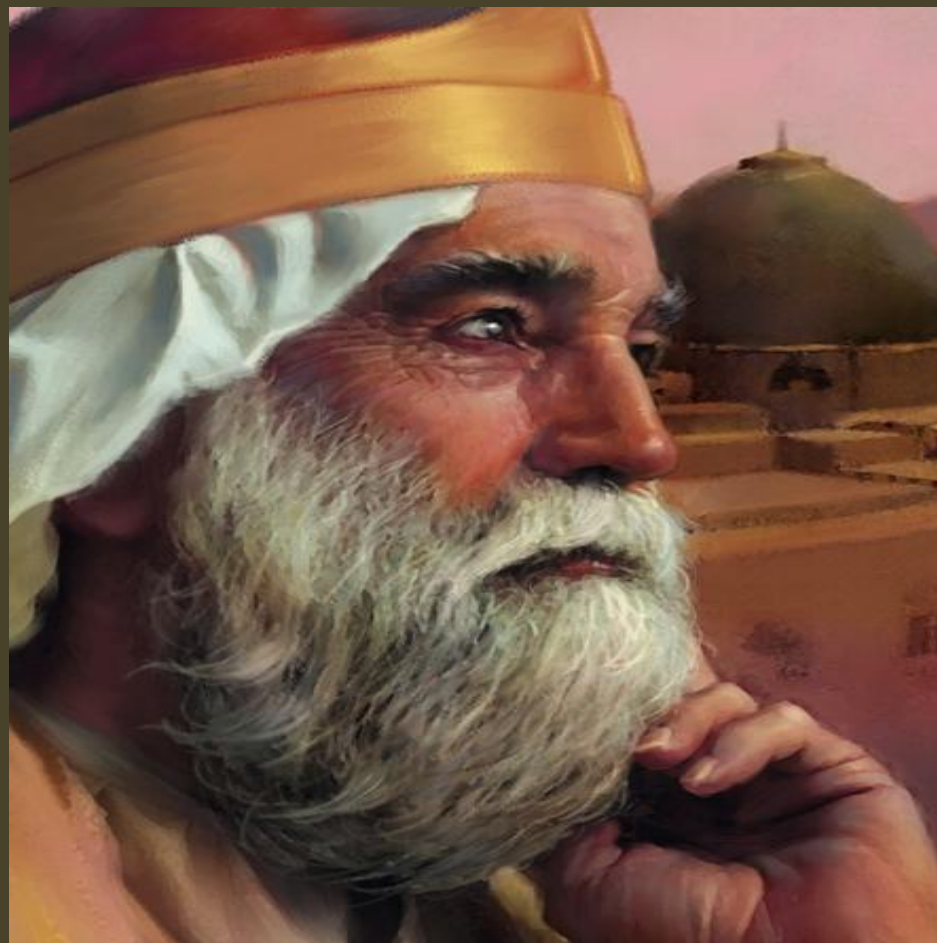
**I Kgs. 21:19**





## **EVIL KING AHAZIAH**

*He did evil in the sight of the Lord and walked in the way of his father and in the way of Jeroboam...*

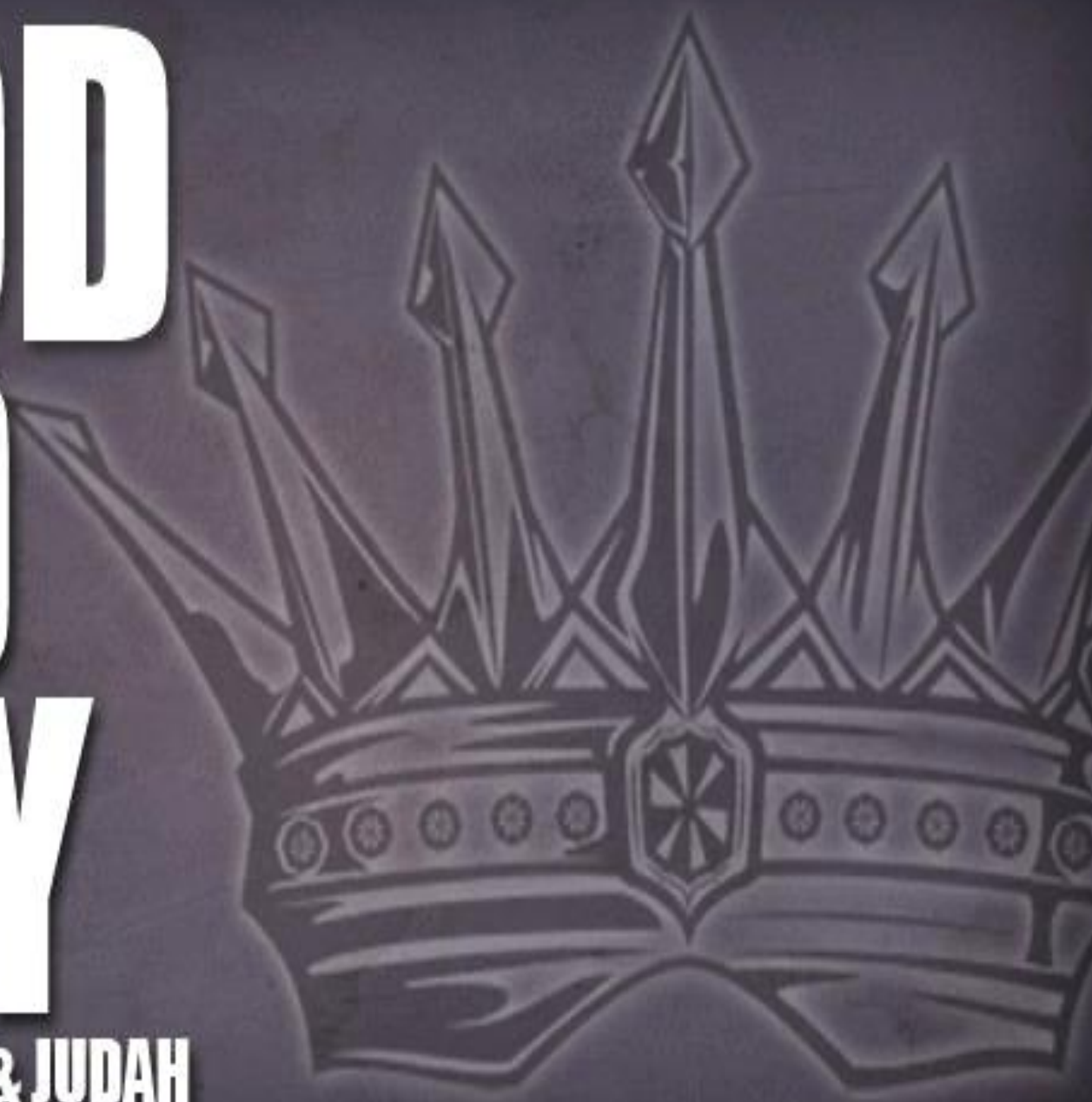


## **GOOD KING JEHOSEPHAT**

*He walked in the way of Asa his father; he did not turn aside from it, doing right in the sight of the Lord...*

**the GOOD  
the BAD  
& the UGLY**

**the KINGS of ISRAEL & JUDAH**







## **EVIL KING AHAZIAH**

*He did evil in the sight of the Lord and walked in the way of his father and in the way of Jeroboam...*

Two immediate problems:  
1) National crisis  
2) Personal crisis



*Go, inquire of  
Baal-zebub,  
the god of  
Ekron . . .*





*If I am a man of God,  
let fire come down from  
heaven and consume  
you and your fifty."  
Then fire came down  
from heaven and con-  
sumed him and his fifty.*

**I Kgs. 1:20, 12**

**DSTM**



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**DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER**



## How Baal constructed his own temple-palace:

*Fire was set in the mansion, flames in the palace.  
Lo! One day and a second  
the fire consumed the  
temple, the flames in the  
palace, a third and a fourth  
day the fire consumed in  
the mansion . . .*

--Ugaritic Texts  
from Ras Shamra





*"And I will grant authority to my two witnesses... and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying;*

**Rev. 11:3,5,6**