

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

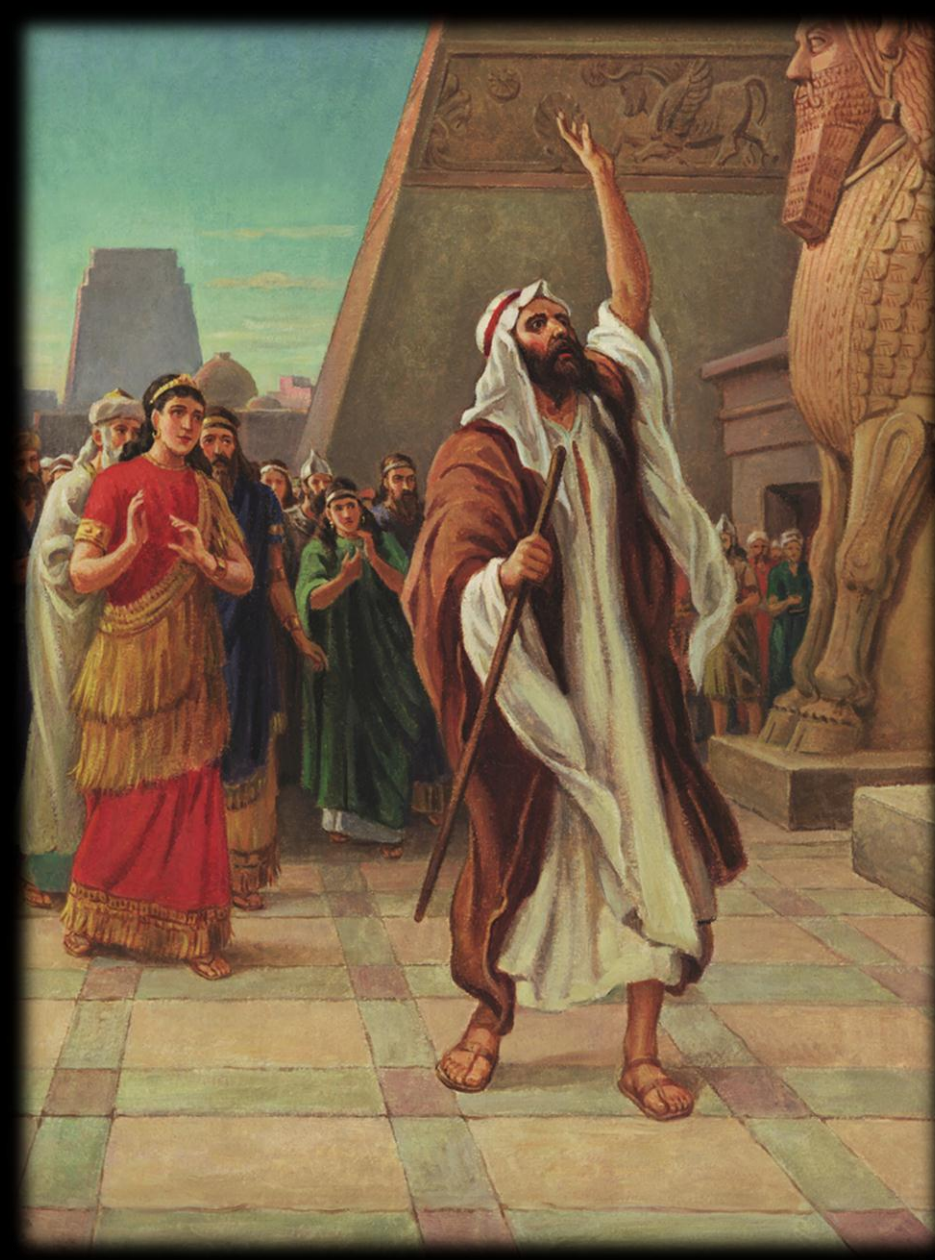
Revolt
of North

Reforms
of E/E

Captivity
of Israel

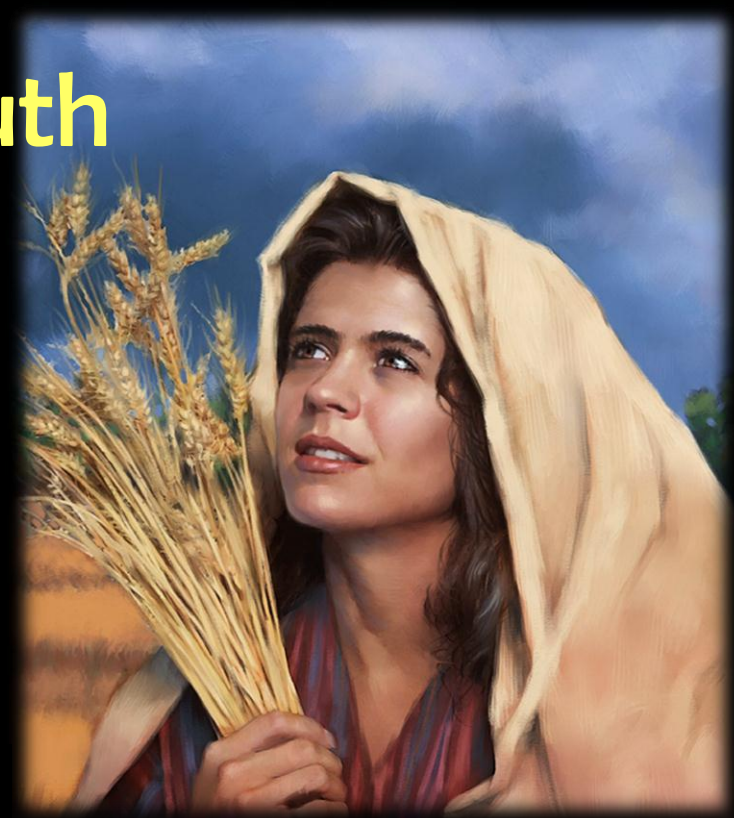
Captivity
of Judah

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



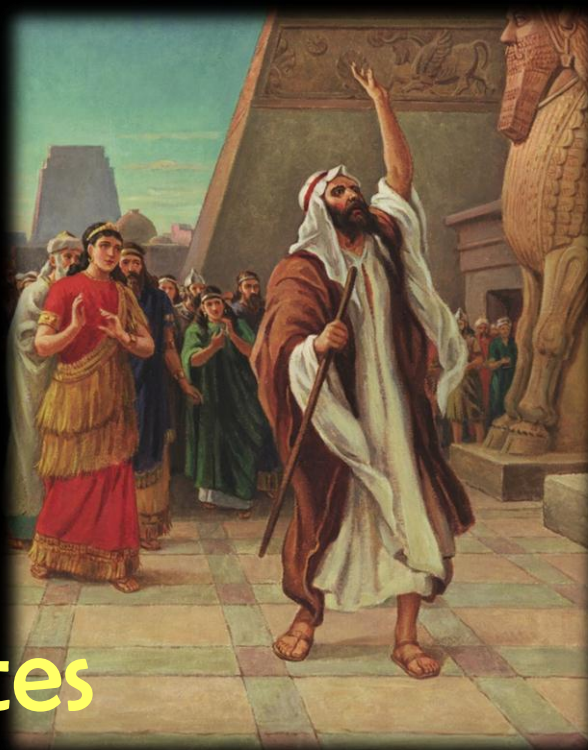
Ninevites

Ruth



Rahab





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Naaman

II KINGS 5

Conversion Of An Outsider
(5:1-19)

Curse Upon An Insider
(5:20-27)

Mediterranean

Phoenicia

Aram

Samaria

Israel

Jordan River Galilee

Ammon

Jerusalem

Judah

Dead Sea

Moab

Edom

Philistia

Divided Kingdom

Now Ben-hadad king of Aram gathered all his army, and there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged Samaria and fought against it.

I Kgs. 20:1

At the turn of the year, Ben-hadad mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel.

I Kgs. 20:26

Now the king of Aram was warring against Israel; and he counseled with his servants . . .

II Kgs. 6:8



Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior . . .



Vitiligo is a skin condition in which there is a loss of brown color (pigment) from areas of skin, resulting in irregular white patches



She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy."

They said to him, “A man came up to meet us and said to us, ‘Go, return to the king who sent you and say to him, “Thus says the LORD, ‘Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.’”

II Kgs. 1:6

QUESTION:

Why did Naaman struggle so much with this simple command?

So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.



**Instantly Naaman
is a very different
man—his body is
different . . . and
now his worldview
is too!**





*Behold now, I know
that there is no God
in all the earth, but
in Israel; so please
take a present from
your servant now.*

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Elisha:

But he said, “As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will take nothing.”

5:16

Gehazi

“As the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him.”

5:20b

And He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown, but I say to you in truth . . . there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built in order to throw Him down the cliff.

Lk. 4:24-27-29