

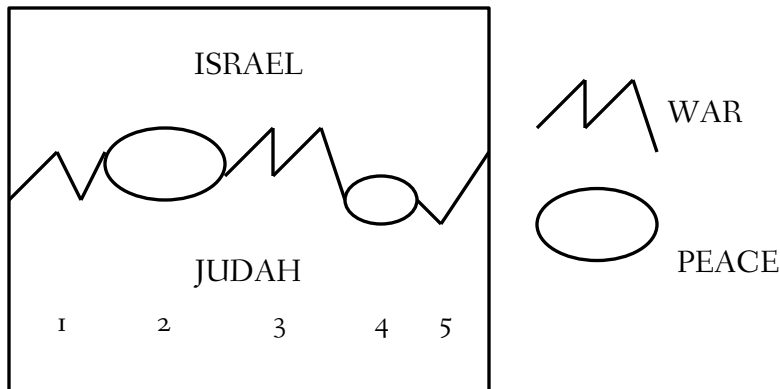
# PROGRESS OF REDEMPTION: ACT ONE, SCENE TWO, STEPS 1-3.

## REVIEW

- Good News: The GREAT NATION is finally a REALITY.
- Bad News: The GREAT NATION is beginning to DISSOLVE.
- Solomon's SIN causes ISRAEL to be CUT-OFF. (1 Kings 11:1-13)
  - Negative Results:
    - 2 Kings 23:13 (300 years later!)
    - Nehemiah 13:25-26 (500 years later!)
- The GREAT NATION reaches the point of CIVIL WAR. (1 Kings 12:1-24)
- God tells them this is HIS DOING. (1 Kings 12:24)

## SCENE ONE, ACT TWO, STEP 1: A DIVIDED KINGDOM (JUDAH & ISRAEL)

### 1. Israel SPLITS from JUDAH



- a. Israel
  - i. 10 tribes
  - ii. 211 years
  - iii. 19 kings (all BAD)
- b. Judah
  - i. 2 tribes
  - ii. 347 years
  - iii. 20 kings (12 BAD, 4 GOOD, 4 OK)

- c. War and Peace
  - i. Began war and conflict
  - ii. Then peace and alliance
  - iii. But war and conflict again
  - iv. Then peace and prosperity
  - v. War—Judah vs. Israel and Syria
- b. RELIGIOUS Invasion
  - i. BAAL WORSHIP
  - ii. Two Key Figures: ELIJAH and ELISHA (1 Kings 17-2 Kings 8)
  - iii. The NATION was a MESS. (2 Kings 17:14-17)

SCENE ONE, ACT TWO, STEPS 2-3:

THE ASSYRIAN CRISIS (ISRAEL DESTROYED); THE BABYLONIAN CRISIS (JUDAH IN CAPTIVITY)

1. ISRAEL is EXILED by the ASSYRIAN Empire.
2. JUDAH is CAPTURED by the BABYLONIAN Empire.
  - a. 70 AWFUL years.
  - b. The GREAT NATION is in BIG TROUBLE.
3. Hope: God will RESTORE! (Jeremiah 29:10-14)

BOTTOM LINE:  
BE PAITENT BECAUSE GOD IS NOT IN A HURRY!