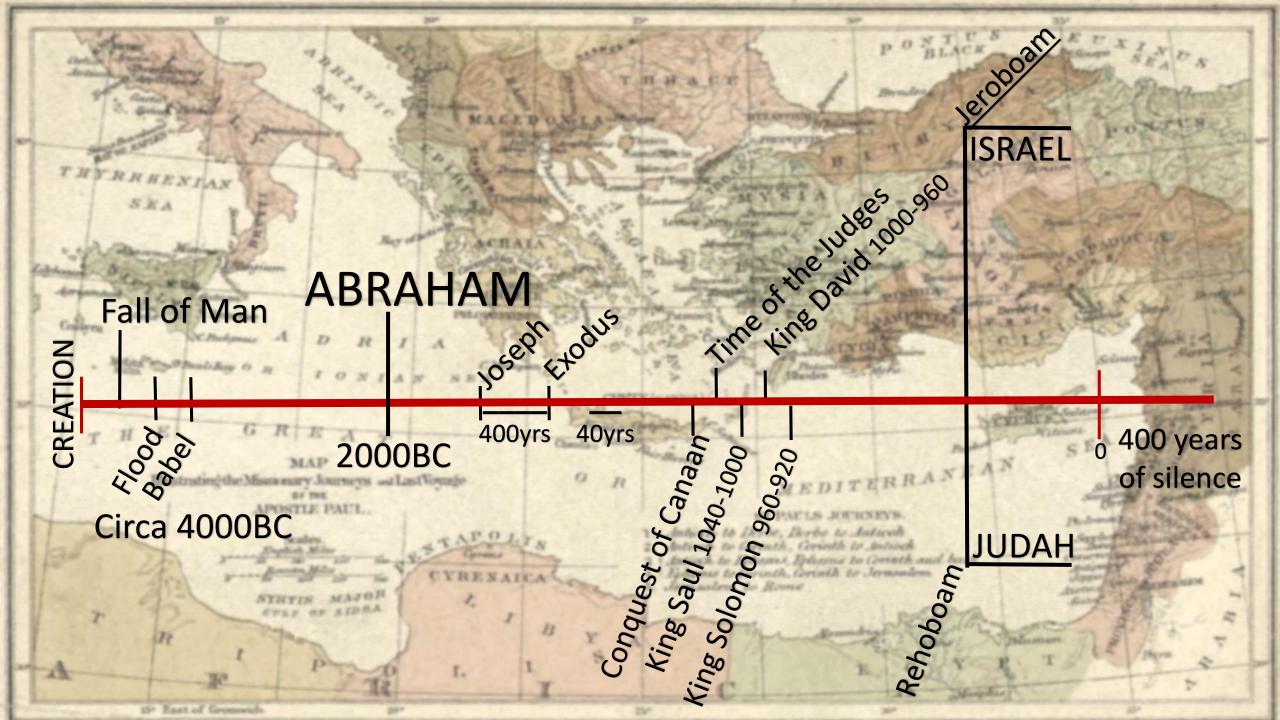
# Sins of a Nation Southern Kingdom





#### THE BABYLONIANS ARE COMING!

#### WHERE IS BABYLON?



#### Who are the Babylonians?

- The name of this people means "The gate of the gods"
- This is the place where the Tower of Babel was built
- The King of Babylon is Nebuchadnezzar

1 KINGS 11:43 (NASB) And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David, and his son Rehoboam reigned in his place.

#### 1 Kings 14:21-23 (NASB)

Now Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

#### 1 Kings 14:21-23 (NASB)

22 Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with the sins which they committed. 23 For they also built for themselves high places and sacred pillars and Asherim on every high hill and beneath every luxuriant tree.



930 REHOBOAM

910 ASA

872 JEHOSHAPHAT JERORAM

**OBADIAH 856-840?** 

841 AHAZIAH JOASH 796 (JEHOASH) AMAZIAH AZARIAH ATHALIAH (QUEEN)

JOEL 835 - 796?

#### 750 735 715 697 642 640 JOTHAM AHAZ HEZEKIAH MANASSEH AMON JOSIAH

MICAH 742-687

ISAIAH 740-681

NAHUM 663-654

**ZEPHANIAH 640-621** 

HULDAH 632

609 JEHOAHAZ JEHOIAKIM JEHOIACHIN ZEDEKIAH (JOAHAZ)

**HABAKKUK 612-589** 

**JEREMIAH 627-586** 

#### KING ABIJAH - BAD

1 Kings 15:1-3 (NASB)
Now in the eighteenth year of King
Jeroboam, the son of Nebat,
Abijam became king over Judah.

#### KING ABIJAH - BAD

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

#### KING ABIJAH - BAD

3 He walked in all the sins of his father which he had committed before him; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David.

#### KING ASA - GOOD

1 Kings 15:9-12 (NASB) So in the twentieth year of Jeroboam the king of Israel, Asa began to reign as king of Judah. 10 He reigned fortyone years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

#### KING ASA - GOOD

1 Kings 15:9-12 (NASB)

11 Ass did what was right

11 Asa did what was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father. 12 He also put away the male cult prostitutes from the land and removed all the idols which his fathers had made.

#### KING JEHOSHAPHAT – GOOD

1 Kings 22:41-43 (NASB)
Now Jehoshaphat the son of Asa became king over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel.

#### KING JEHOSHAPHAT – GOOD

- 1 Kings 22:41-43 (NASB)
- 42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

1 Kings 22:50-53 (NASB)

And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of his father David, and Jehoram his son became king in his place.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel.

52 He did evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

53 So he served Baal and worshiped him and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.

### Zedekiah will be the 20th and final King of Israel

#### 8 GOOD KINGS

ASA JEHOSHAPHAR VZZIAH JOTHAM EKIAH

## 4 Steps on the way down to God's Judgment

#### I. THE CRIMES

2 KINGS 24:18-20 (NASB)

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

#### I. THE CRIMES

2 KINGS 24:18-20 (NASB)
19 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done.

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2 KINGS 24:18-20 (NASB) 20 For through the anger of the LORD this came about in Jerusalem and Judah until He cast them out from His presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

2 KINGS 25:1-7 (NASB) Now in the ninth year of his reign, on the tenth day of the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, camped against it and built a siege wall all around it.

- 2 KINGS 25:1-7 (NASB)
- 2 So the city was under siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. 3 On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land...

- 2 KINGS 25:1-7 (NASB)
- 4 Then the city was broken into, and all the men of war fled by night by way of the gate between the two walls beside the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. And they went by way of the Arabah.

- 2 KINGS 25:1-7 (NASB)
- 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho and all his army was scattered from him.

- 2 KINGS 25:1-7 (NASB)
  6 Then they captured the king and
- brought him to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and he passed sentence on him.

- 2 KINGS 25:1-7 (NASB)
- 7 They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, then put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him with bronze fetters and brought him to Babylon.

#### The Destruction of the Temple 2 Kings 25:8-10 (NASB) Now on the seventh day of the fifth month, which was the nineteenth year of King Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

#### The Destruction of the Temple 2 Kings 25:8-10 (NASB) 9 He burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; even every great house he burned with fire.

#### The Destruction of the Temple 2 Kings 25:8-10 (NASB) 10 So all the army of the Chaldeans who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls around Jerusalem.

#### III. THE CARRYING AWAY

2 Kings 25:11 (NASB)

Then the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had deserted to the king of Babylon and the rest of the people, Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away into exile.

#### III. THE CARRYING AWAY

- 1. God demands Preeminence
- 2. God is a Jealous God
- 3. God chastens those He loves
- 4. God desires to Restore

JEREMIAH 29:10-14 (NASB) "For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place.

JEREMIAH 29:10-14 (NASB) 11 'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. 12 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.

JEREMIAH 29:10-14 (NASB)
13 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

JEREMIAH 29:10-14 (NASB) 14 'I will be found by you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will restore your fortunes and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the LORD, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'