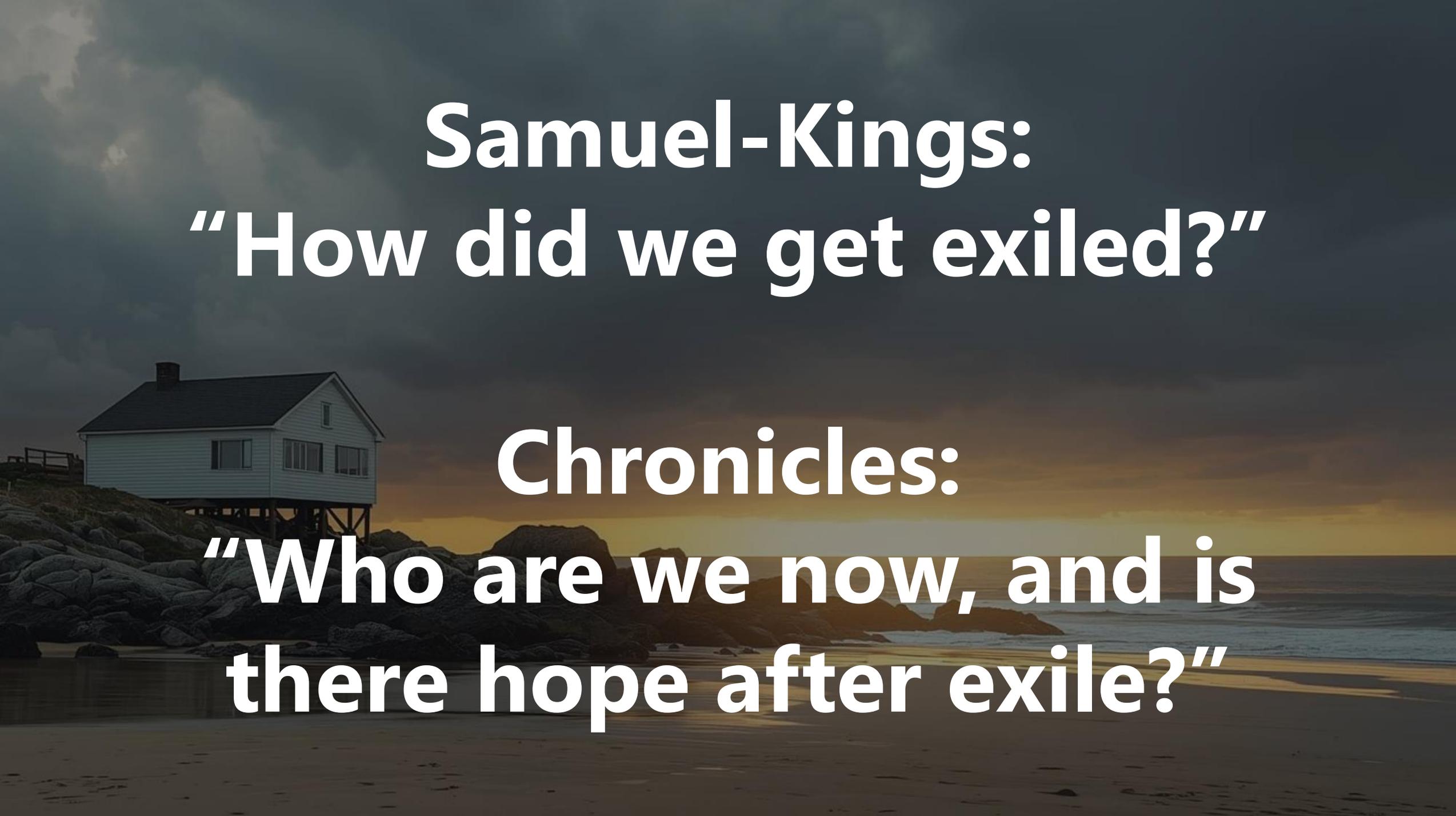


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A white house on stilts sits on a rocky beach at sunset. The sky is a mix of dark grey and orange, with the sun low on the horizon. The house has a dark roof and several windows. The foreground is a sandy beach with some rocks.

**Samuel-Kings:**  
**“How did we get exiled?”**

**Chronicles:**  
**“Who are we now, and is there hope after exile?”**

A white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The scene is set at sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden glow on the horizon and a dark, cloudy sky. The ocean waves are visible in the distance, and the wet sand of the beach reflects the light.

# God is Good... Why?

**“Oh, give thanks to the LORD,  
for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.”  
1 Chronicles 16:34**

**“When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying:  
‘For He is good,  
For His mercy endures forever.’”**

**2 Chronicles 7:3**

# **“Mercy” – ḥesed**

- Steadfast Love**
- Loyal love**
- Mercy**
- Faithfulness**
- Kindness**
- Covenant Commitment**

A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts, perched on a rocky outcrop. The foreground is a sandy beach with some dark rocks. The ocean is visible in the distance, with waves breaking. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun is visible on the horizon, reflecting on the water and the wet sand. The overall mood is dramatic and serene.

# Pathways of the Kings

# Start Well – Finish Well

Jehoshaphat

Jotham

Josiah

Hezekiah

# Start Evil – Finish Evil

Jehoram

Ahaziah

Athaliah (queen)

Ahaz

Amon

Jehoahaz

Jehoiakim

Jehoiachin

Zedekiah

# Start Well – Finish Poorly

Asa

Joash

Uzziah

Amaziah

# **Start Evil – Humbled**

**Rehoboam**

**Abijah**

**Manasseh**

# Pathways of the Kings

**Start Well – Finish Well**

**Start Evil – Finish Evil**

**Start Well – Finish Poorly**

**Start Evil - Humbled**

A photograph of a white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The house is on the left side of the frame. The beach is in the foreground, and the ocean is in the background. The sky is dark and cloudy, with a bright orange and yellow glow on the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The word "Hope" is written in large, white, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

Hope

**“Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,**

**“Thus says Cyrus king of Persia:  
All the kingdoms of the earth the  
LORD God of heaven has given me.  
And He has commanded me to build  
Him a house at Jerusalem which is in  
Judah. Who is among you of all His  
people? May the LORD his God be  
with him, and let him go up!”**

**2 Chronicles 36:22-23**

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