



THE FALL

A DIVIDED NATION AND A DARK FUTURE



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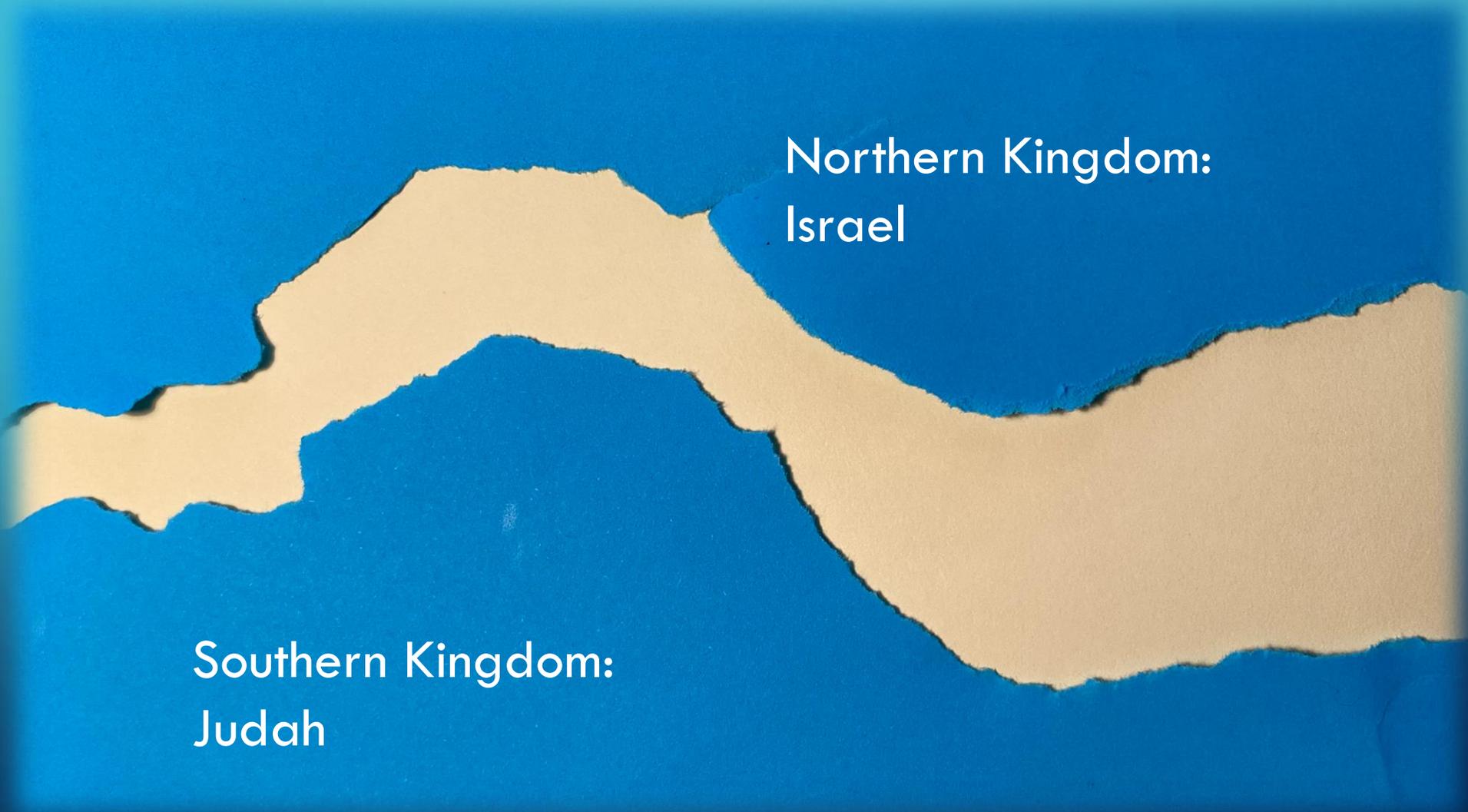
'I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.'
(Ecc 1.14)

REHOBOAM & JEROBOAM

Rivalry leading to Civil War



THE NATION WAS DIVIDED



Northern Kingdom:
Israel

Southern Kingdom:
Judah

THE FATHER'S ATTITUDE

“I thought to myself, ‘I would love to treat you as my own children!’ I wanted nothing more than to give you this beautiful land - the finest possession in the world.

I looked forward to your calling me ‘Father,’ and I wanted you never to turn from me. But you have been unfaithful to me, you people of Israel! You have been like a faithless wife who leaves her husband. I, the Lord, have spoken.” (Jer 3.19).



*“For my people have done two
evil things:*

*They have abandoned me - the
fountain of living water.*

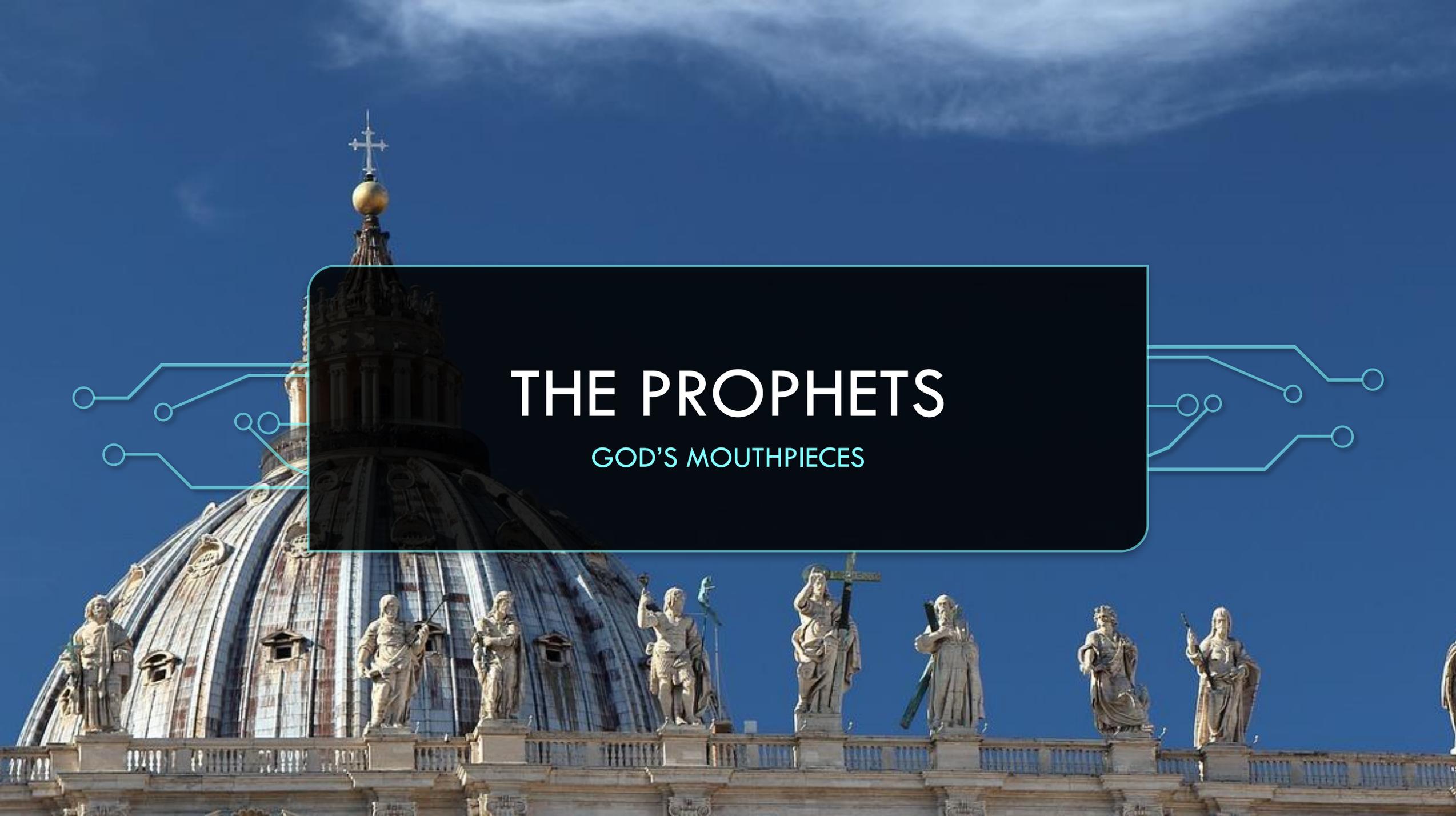
*And they have dug for
themselves cracked cisterns that
can hold no water at all!*

(Jer 2.13)





AN ANCIENT CISTERN IN ISRAEL



THE PROPHETS

GOD'S MOUTHPIECES

MOUTHPIECES - OR MEGAPHONES!

To draw attention, provoke,
challenge, warn.



THE KINGDOM SPLITS IN 930BC



And for 500 years

God continues to warn his people

The kingdom of Israel

- **Elijah** 870 – 845 BC
- **Elisha** 845 – 800 BC
- **Amos** 785 – 754 BC
- **Hosea** 758 – 725 BC

Assyria 722

The kingdom of Judah

Isaiah 760 - 673B

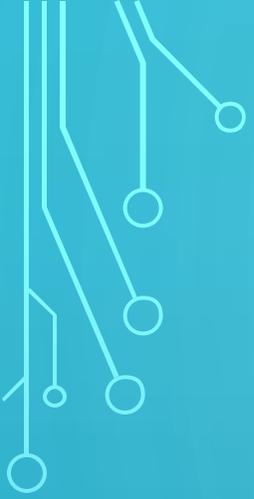
Micah 738-698

Zephaniah 640 – 609

Habakkuk 608 – 598

Jeremiah 650 – 582

Until the exile



The kings of Israel have not delivered.

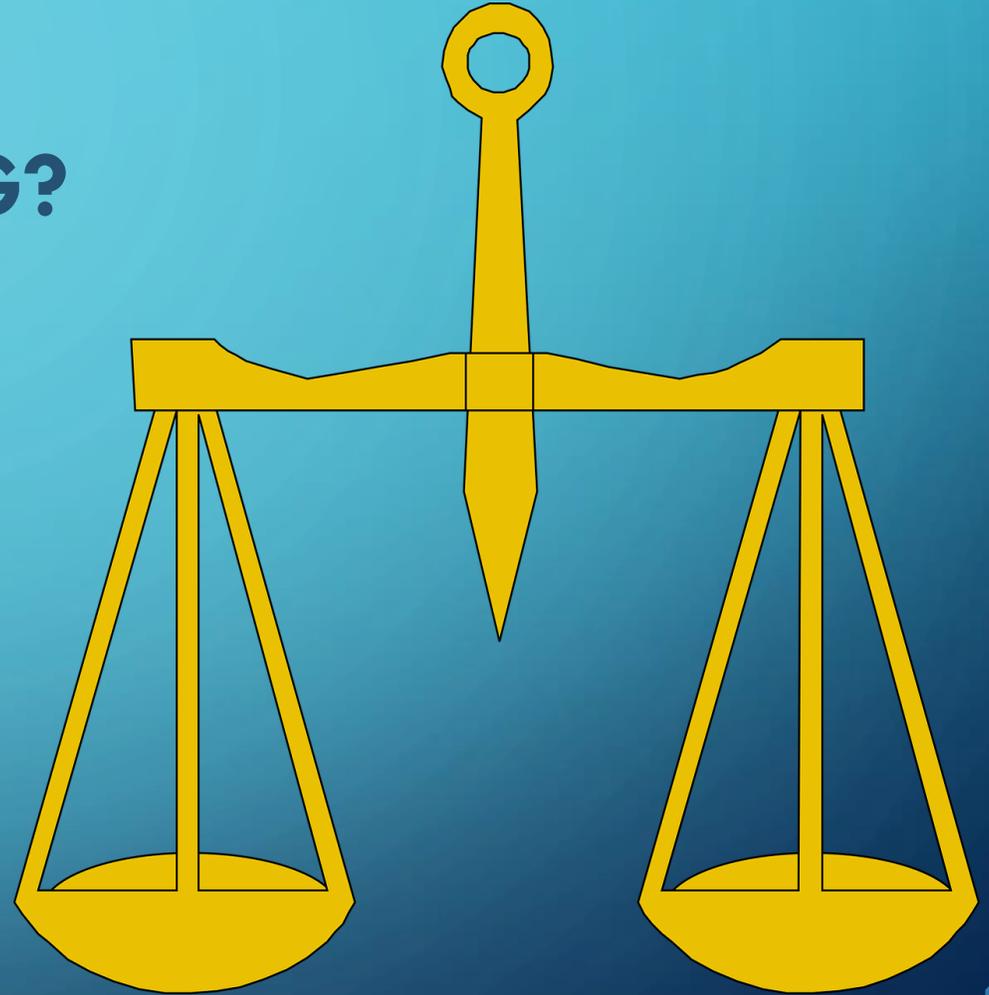
The children of Israel have completely turned their backs on God despite the repeated warnings of the prophets.

The Father's only chance of winning his people back in the long term is to let them go in the short term. *(The God Story)*



DOES GOD PUNISH HIS PEOPLE FOR DOING WRONG?

He allows them to experience
the consequences of their
choices.



BACK TO THE BEGINNING

