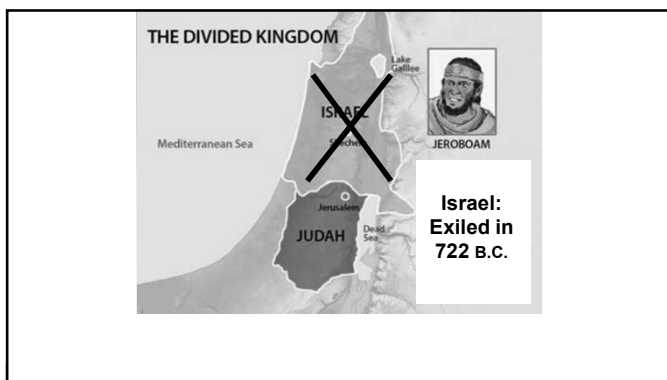




The "Ahab" of Judah 2 KINGS 21:1-26



2 Kings 21:1-26

"He did much evil in the eyes of Yahweh"

- he is compared to the Amorites, yet worse
- he is compared to Ahab, yet worse
- he is compared to Jeroboam – *"he made Judah sin"*

2 Kings 21:1-26

1. The Mystery of Evil's Longevity

- displays God's longsuffering in the face of great provocation
- as believers, we cry "how long, O Lord" as an expression of our trust and hope in Him (c.f. Psalm 94; Rev. 6:10)

2 Kings 21:1-26

2. The Certainty of God's Judgment

- God's present patience is not His approval; His judgment will be just, thorough, on time and for the vindication His name
- Manasseh's sin placed Judah beyond hope of recovery – an irreversible judgment

²⁶ For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

(Hebrews 10:26-27)

2 Kings 21:1-26

3. The Refuge in God's Son (King)

- God's certain and just judgment is spent on His Son for all who take refuge in Him

Do homage to the Son, lest He become angry,
and you perish *in* the way,
For His wrath may soon be kindled.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

(Psalm 2:12)