

# SCANDALOUS LOVE

a study of Hosea



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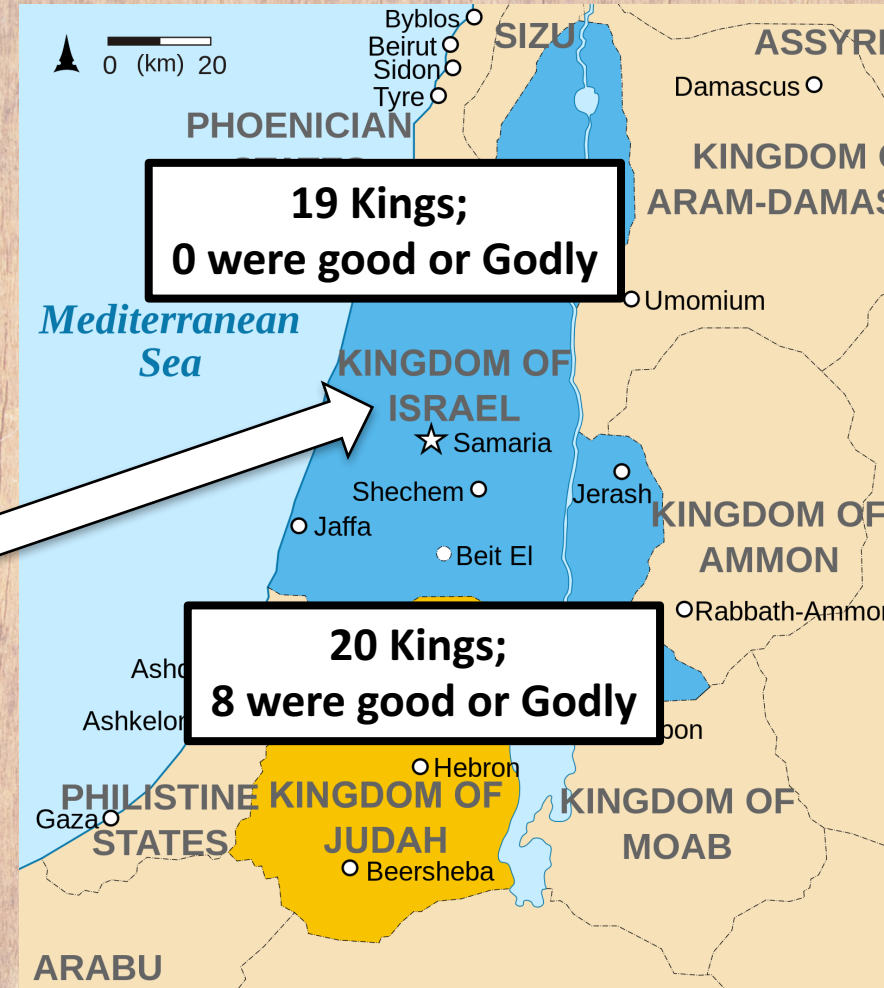
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## Timeline from 2300 BC – 33 AD

- Creation
- Noah 2300 BC
- Abraham / Isaac / Jacob 2000 BC
- Joseph and the Egyptian captivity 1700 BC
- Moses and the Exodus 1500 BC
- 40 years in the wilderness 1450 BC
- Conquest of Canaan 1400 BC
- 12 Tribes and the Judges 1200 BC
- 12 Tribes and the Kings 1100 BC
- Civil War and the Prophets 930 BC

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- Northern Kingdom (Israel disbanded) 722 BC
- Southern Kingdom (Judah exiled) 586 BC
- Under Greek and Roman rule 33 AD





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Not only is God love but He is also light...

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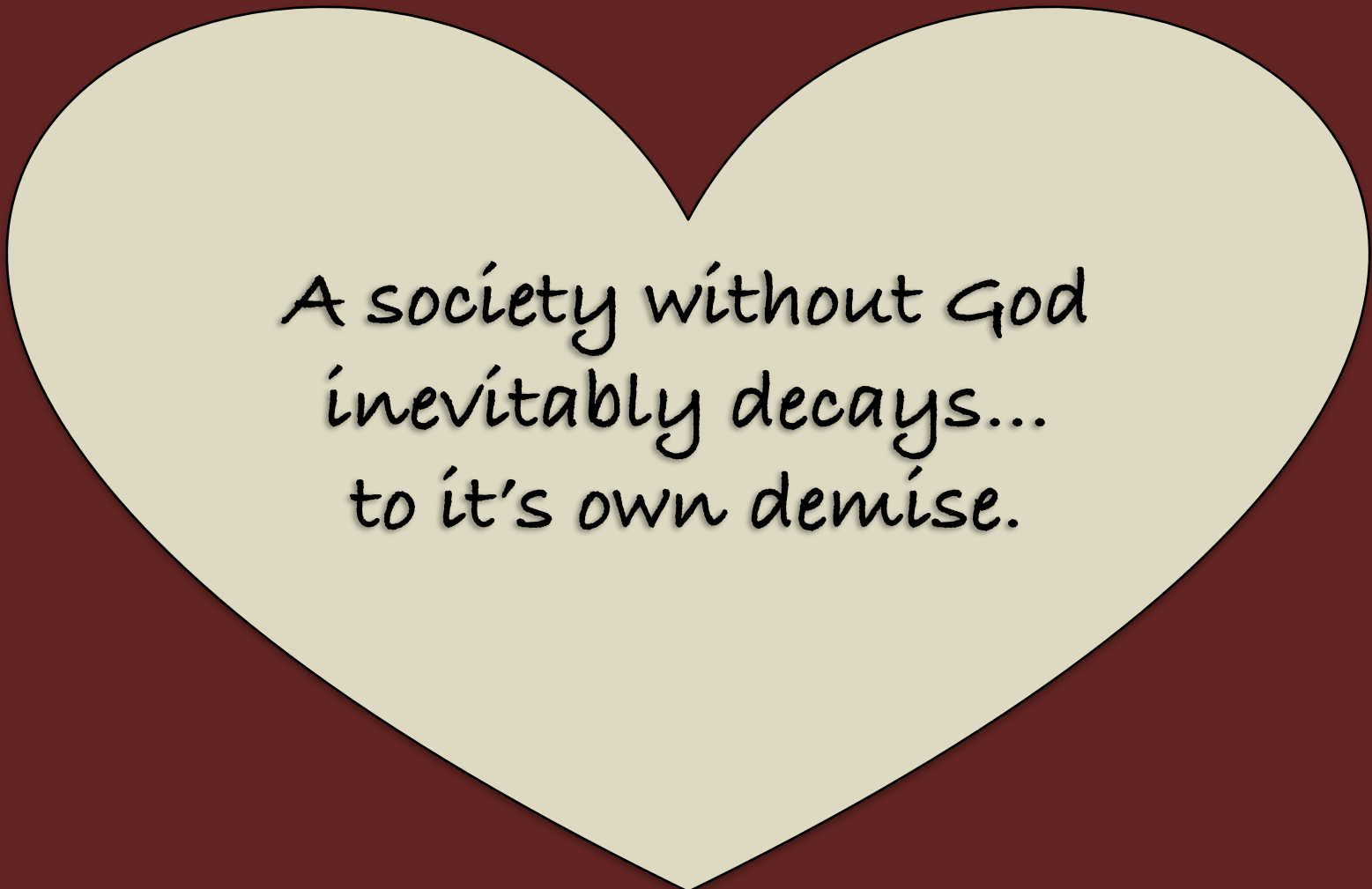
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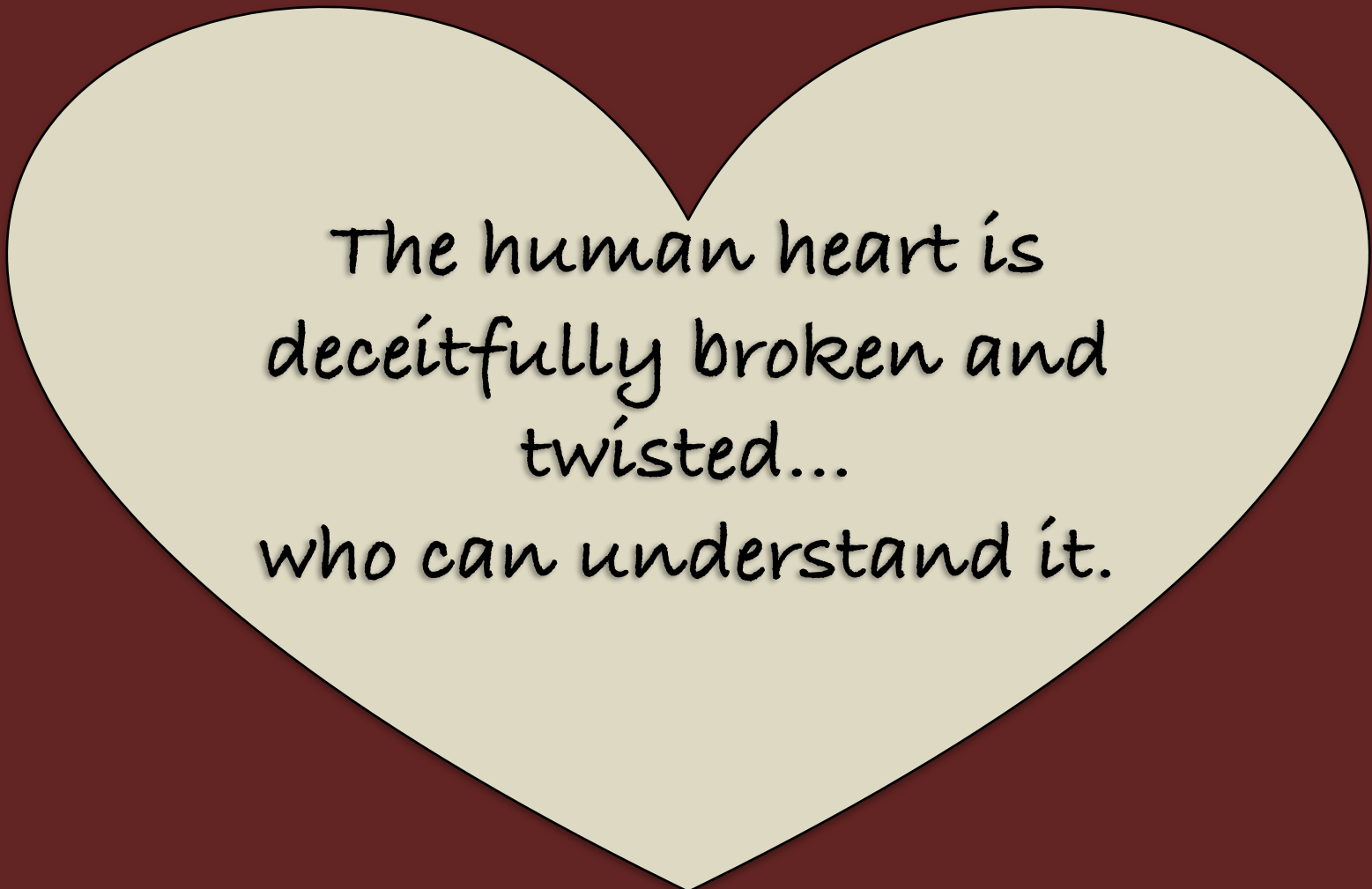
**4-7 Israel's Indictment**



A society without God  
inevitably decays...  
to it's own demise.



Even in the midst of  
our decay and demise  
God is aimed at our  
restoration and  
transformation.



The human heart is  
deceitfully broken and  
twisted...  
who can understand it.





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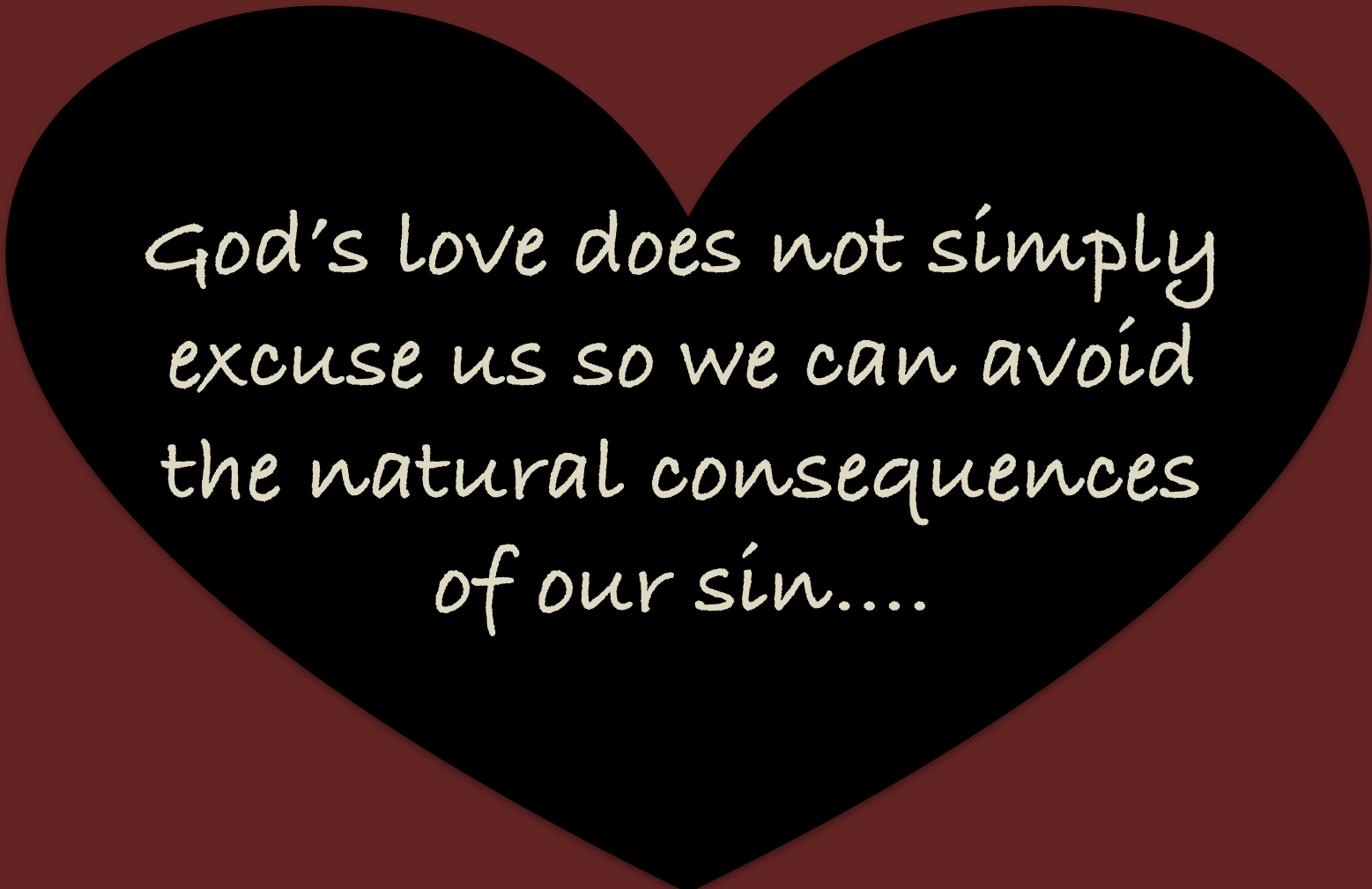
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...we have "true moral guilt".



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... "pain is a pathway to healing" ...  
it gets our attention.



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## Chapters 8-10

### 8:1-8

- 1 Set the trumpet to your lips!  
One like a vulture is over the house of the LORD,  
because they have transgressed my covenant and  
rebelled against my law.
- 2 To Me they cry,  
“My God, we— Israel— know you.”





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- 3 Israel has spurned the good;  
the enemy shall pursue him.
- 4 They made kings, but not through me.  
They set up princes, but I knew it not.  
With their silver and gold they made idols for their  
own destruction.
- 5 I have spurned your calf, O Samaria.  
My anger burns against them.  
How long will they be incapable of innocence?



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6 For it is from Israel;

a craftsman made it; it is not God.

The calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces.

7 For they sow the wing, and they shall reap the whirlwind.

The standing grain has no heads; it shall yield no flour;  
if it were to yield, strangers would devour it.

8 Israel is swallowed up;

already they are among the nations as a useless vessel.



### 10:12-15


- 12 Sow for yourselves righteousness;  
reap steadfast love;  
break up your fallow ground,  
for it is the time to seek the Lord,  
that He may come and rain righteousness upon  
you.
- 13 You have plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice;  
you have eaten the fruit of lies.  
Because you have trusted in your own way  
and in the multitude of your warriors,




- 14 therefore the tumult of war shall arise among your people, and all your fortresses shall be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle;  
mothers were dashed in pieces with their children.
- 15 Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel, because of your great evil.  
At dawn the king of Israel shall be utterly cut off.



So...therefore...what now?




What do we do with our true  
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Hide and Hurl



...for all have sinned  
and fall short  
of the glory of God,

**Romans 3:23**



We need to learn that when we begin to tamper with the scriptural concept of true moral guilt, whether it be psychological tampering, genetic tampering, theological tampering or any other kind of tampering, our view of what Jesus did will no longer be scriptural.

Christ died for man who had true moral guilt because man had made a real and true choice.

Francis A. Schaeffer, Escape from Reason, Chapter 2

**...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**  
and are justified by His grace as a gift,  
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,  
whom God put forward as a propitiation by His  
blood, to be received by faith.

This was to show God's righteousness,  
because in His divine forbearance He had passed  
over former sins. It was to show His righteousness  
at the present time, so that He might be just and the  
justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Romans 3:23-26**



Is the pain of your sin  
getting your attention?



“I did not come to judge the  
world but to save the world.”

*Jesus*

John 12:47

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