

SCANDALOUS LOVE

a study of Hosea



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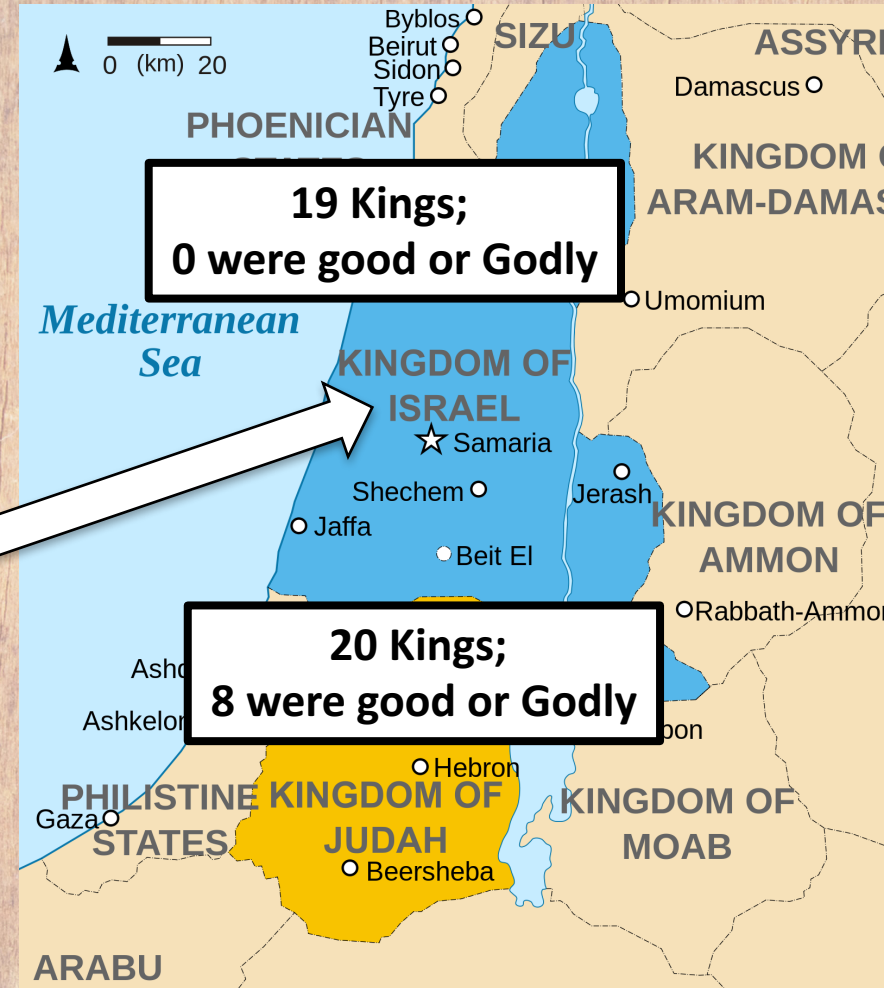
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Timeline from 2300 BC – 33 AD

- 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





1-3 Israel's 'adultery' **illustrated**

4-7 Israel's **Indictment**

8-10 Israel's **Punishment**

11-14 Israel's **Restoration**

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My people will again live under my shade.
They will flourish like grain and blossom like
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8 "O Israel, stay away from idols!

I am the one who answers your prayers and cares
for you.

I am like a tree that is always green;
all your fruit come from me."



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9 Let those who are wise understand these things.
Let those with discernment listen carefully.

The paths of the Lord are true and right,
and righteous people live by walking in them.
But in those paths sinners stumble and fall.

You are invited to be the recipient of God's
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Amen

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