

## When Sin and Grace Collide - what do you do? Ahaz 2 Chronicles 28

*"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."* Romans 15:4

### New Testament Truth: Titus 3:3-7

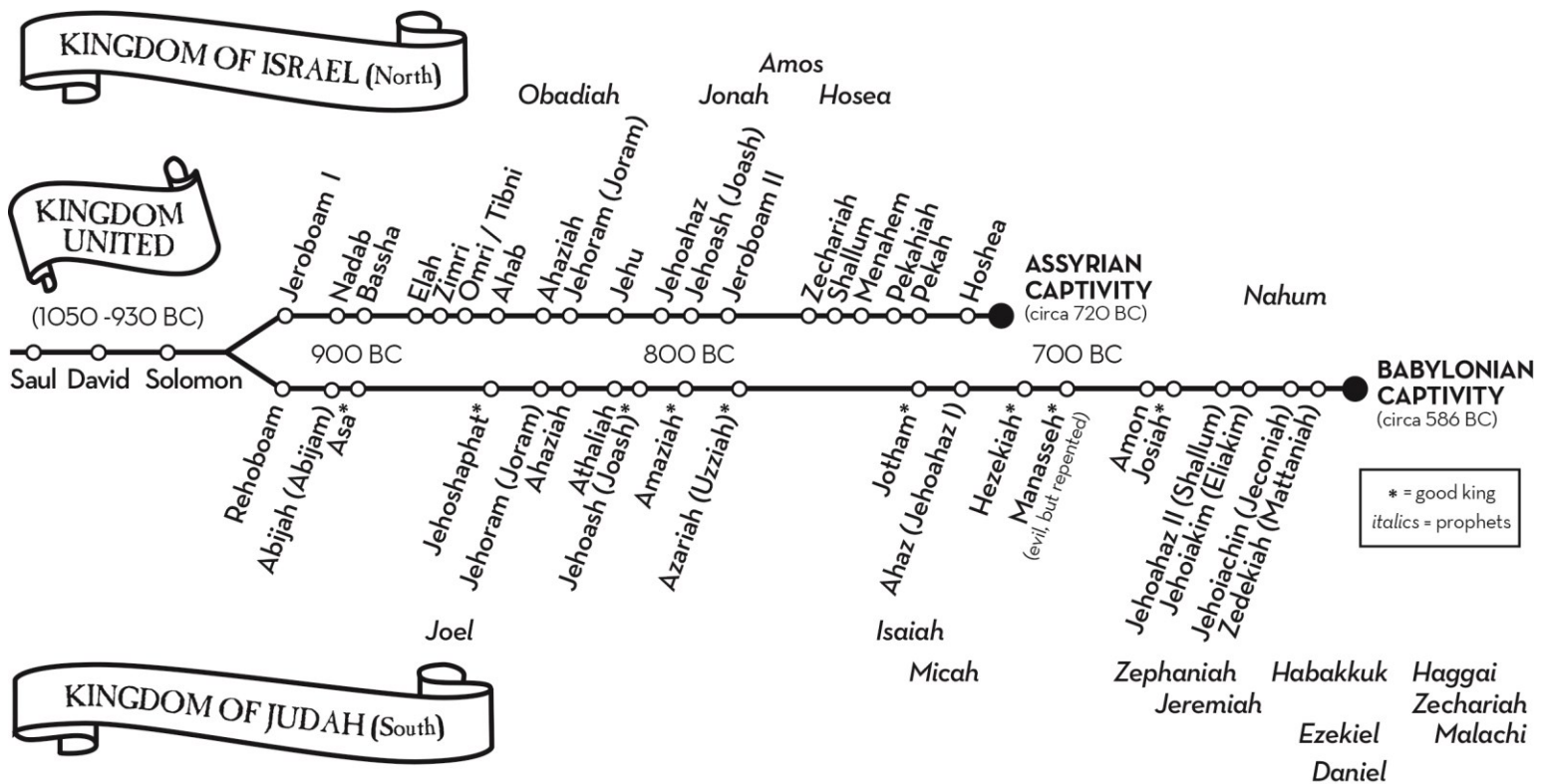
- **Our Sin:** How it can progress  
We also once were...
  - **Foolish** - I do not know the truth and sin
  - **Disobedient** - I know the truth and still sin
  - **Deceived** - I distort the truth to still sin
  - **Enslaved** - I no longer care about the truth to sin
- **God's Grace:** How it is unlimited  
*"But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."* Titus 3:4-7

### Old Testament Story: How grace overcomes our sin

- **Acknowledge the horrendous nature of sin.** 2 Chronicles 28:1-4; Romans 1:21-25  
*"Moreover, he burned incense in the valley of Ben-hinnom and burned his sons in fire, according to the abominations of the nations..."*
- **Recognize the consequences and price to be paid for our sin.** 2 Chronicles 28:5-8  
*"For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah 120,000 in one day, all valiant men, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers..."*
- **Seek God's grace and give it to others. He will graciously hold back the penalty of our sins.** 2 Chronicles 28:9-15  
*"But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded... Then the men who were designated by name arose, took the captives, and they clothed all their naked ones from the spoil; and they gave them clothes and sandals, fed them and gave them drink..."*
- **Humbly receive God's gracious gift of Christ through faith and repentance.** 2 Chronicles 28:16-27  
*"For the LORD humbled Judah because of Ahaz king of Israel..." (v.19)*
  - **Isaiah 7:8-16**  
*"Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 'Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask..."* Isaiah 7:10-12
  - **Isaiah 7:13-14**  
*"Then he said, 'Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.'" Matthew 1:21-25*

**Are you trying the patience of God or humbling yourself to receive the gift of Christ and live in submission to Him?**

# TIMELINE OF KINGS & PROPHETS IN OLD TESTAMENT



## LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

King Ahaz ruled in an ever increasing evil fashion. But God still extended to him grace to turn him back to the Lord and care for the lives of his people.

2 Chronicles 28:9-15 describes an amazing grace from God to help these people that have suffered because of their own sins. God is a very patient God not willing for any to perish. He is long suffering when we rebel against Him which is evident in this story. Read through 2 Chronicles 28:9-15 and identify the grace of God toward His people. For background, a prophet of God from Samaria (capital of Israel), Oded, confronts the northern kingdom regarding their treatment of Judah, the southern kingdom. He acknowledges that God used Israel to punish Judah for their rebellion. But now God is intervening to stop their heavy judgment against Judah. He calls them to offer grace to Judah. Where then do you see that grace being offered?

**For our application:** We are not called to offer judgment against other people. That is God's role. Rather, we are to offer God's grace and truth. We may want to judge those who are wrong, but, we have no right to do that. Note how God prevented the judgmental actions of Israel toward Judah in 2 Chronicles 28:10, 11.

Rather than judge and condemn others, how can you express love and grace to those that need the Lord from the following verses? What specific things can you do? Where have you experience God's grace or grace from other people?

- Romans 12:14-21
- I Peter 4:8-10
- Matthew 5:16
- Matthew 25:34-40
- 2 Corinthians 8:7
- Luke 6:35
- Romans 12:9
- Ephesians 4:2
- Proverbs 17:17

## NEXT STEPS:

1. **Join a LifeGroup to provide more opportunities to offer love to others.** LifeGroups are the primary place, beyond Sunday worship, where we actively engage in the life and purpose of our church: to connect, grow, and reach. Learn more at the Connection Point in the Lobby or visit [calvarylife.org/lifegroups](http://calvarylife.org/lifegroups)
2. **Attend the Discover Jesus class on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in room D-2** (children's program available). This class used the 9-week "Following Jesus" curriculum to help you discover how to live and love like Jesus. Come grow in your faith by journeying through the foundational elements of discipleship. If you're a new follower of Jesus, or want to become more grounded in the basics of Christianity, this is perfect for you! Learn more at [calvarylife.org/discoverjesus](http://calvarylife.org/discoverjesus)



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