

Broken Families, Broken Cities and Immanuel – Ahaz

2 Chronicles 28 · Isaiah 1, 7 · Matthew 1

*“How the faithful city has become a harlot, She who was full of justice!
Righteousness once lodged in her, But now murderers.
Your silver has become dross, Your drink diluted with water.
Your rulers are rebels and companions of thieves; Everyone loves a bribe and chases after rewards.
They do not defend the orphan, Nor does the widow’s plea come before them.”* Isaiah 1:21-23

Sin Breaks Families 2 Chronicles 28:1-4

“Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do right in the sight of the LORD as David his father had done.” 2 Chronicles 28:1

- King Ahaz disregarded his Godly heritage. 2 Chronicles 28:1
- King Ahaz followed the ways of his ungodly neighbors. 2 Chronicles 28:2
- King Ahaz turned against his own children and people. 2 Chronicles 28:3-4

Sin Breaks Cities 2 Chronicles 28:5-27

“For the lord humbled Judah because of Ahaz king of Israel, for he had brought about a lack of restraint in Judah and was very unfaithful to the Lord.” -2 Chronicles 28:19

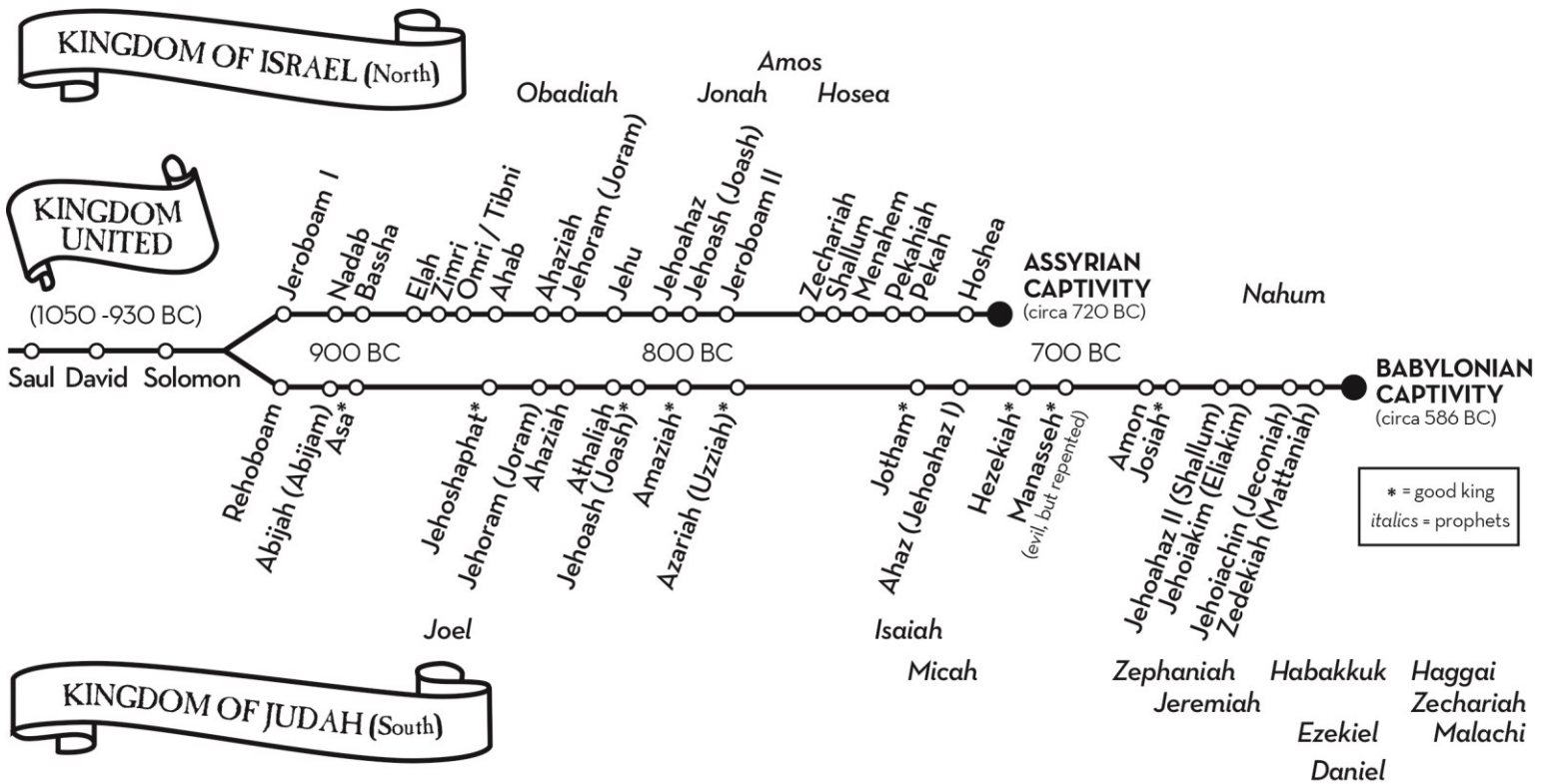
- The city is Invaded. 2 Chronicles 28:5-15
- An unholy alliance is formed. 2 Chronicles 28:16-18
- The cities of Judah fall into chaos. 2 Chronicles 28:19-27

God’s Plan to Break Sin: Immanuel Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:21-23.

“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.” Isaiah 7:14

*“She will bear a Son; and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.
Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet; ‘BEHOLD THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,’ which translated means, ‘GOD WITH US.’* Matthew 1:21-23

TIMELINE OF KINGS & PROPHETS IN OLD TESTAMENT



NEXT STEPS:

1. **Confess your sins and ask God to forgive you.** God says in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." To learn more about the forgiveness Jesus offers, read through the pamphlet located in the seat racks called "The Way to Eternal Life", or talk to one of the pastors or leaders after this morning's service. You can also learn more at calvarylife.org/jesus
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
3. **Sign up to volunteer for the next 'Love Santa Ana' event.** Join Calvary and several other local church to serve our community on Saturday, April 8 from 7:30 am - 1:00 pm. We desire to demonstrate the love of Jesus to our broken city and help restore hope and proclaim the good news of Jesus, one neighborhood at a time. To volunteer, contact Jill at jnielsen@calvarylife.org

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

1. **Read 2 Chronicles 28:1-4.** King Ahaz's sin of idol worship led to him killing his own sons and breaking up his family. How have you personally seen sin destroy families? As a Christian, what are some specific ways you can bring the hope of Jesus to broken families?
2. **Read 2 Chronicles 28:5-27.** King Ahaz's sin leads to broken cities in the southern kingdom of Judah. What are some of the signs you see in our local cities that display their brokenness because of sin? As a Christian, what are some specific ways you can bring the hope of Jesus to our broken cities?
3. **Read Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matthew 1:18-25.** The prophet Isaiah reveals to King Ahaz, God's ultimate plan to break and defeat sin. New Testament author, Matthew, ties this Old Testament prophecy to the birth of Jesus Christ. Imagine that you are talking to a person who isn't a Christian and explain in your own words the answer to this question, "What did Jesus do in His earthly life to break and defeat sin?"