

Josiah's Hope 2 Kings 22-23

Without revelation, there is no hope. 2 Kings 22:11-20

"I wish I knew that these things were pleasing to one's god! What is proper to oneself is an offence to one's God; What in one's own heart seems despicable is proper to one's god. Who knows the will of the gods in heaven? Who understands the plans of the underworld gods? Where have mortals learnt the way of a god?" **Babylonian poem of the righteous sufferer.**

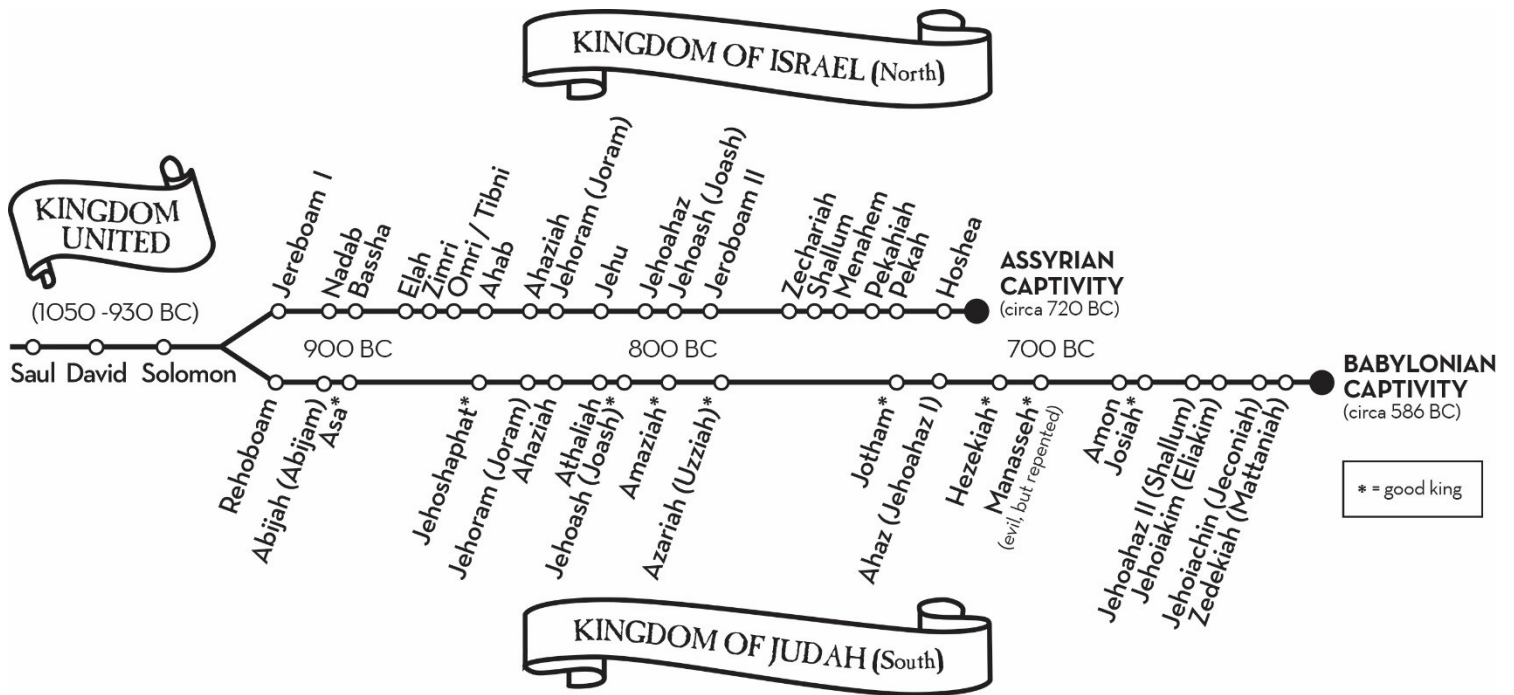
"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you,' declares the LORD." Jeremiah 29:11-14

Commitment requires real change. 2 Kings 23:1-20

"All the priests of the high places who were there he slaughtered on the altars and burned human bones on them; then he returned to Jerusalem." 2 Kings 23:20

Is God enough? 2 Kings 23:21-23

"Hope comes from God. May He fill you with joy and peace because of your trust in Him. May your hope grow stronger by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13-15



LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

1. How has the revelation of God through the Bible helped you have hope?
2. In what things do you have hope outside of God?
3. How can you put God in His proper place in these areas?
4. Throughout this series, how has Jesus proved to be our greater King?

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
2. **Attend the Discover Jesus class on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in room S-5** (children's program available). This class uses 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. **Grow through Counseling, Spiritual Direction, Prayer and Discipleship.** Our CARE ministry seeks to serve you by joining you in your journey of embracing God's hope and healing for your life. Our prayer is that God would free you to be the person He wants you to be so you can live the life He intends for you to live. To find out more, or to make an appointment, please call the counseling office at 714-550-2390. calvarylife.org/care