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1 Kings 12-22

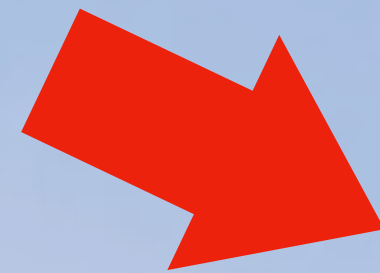
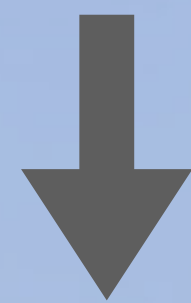


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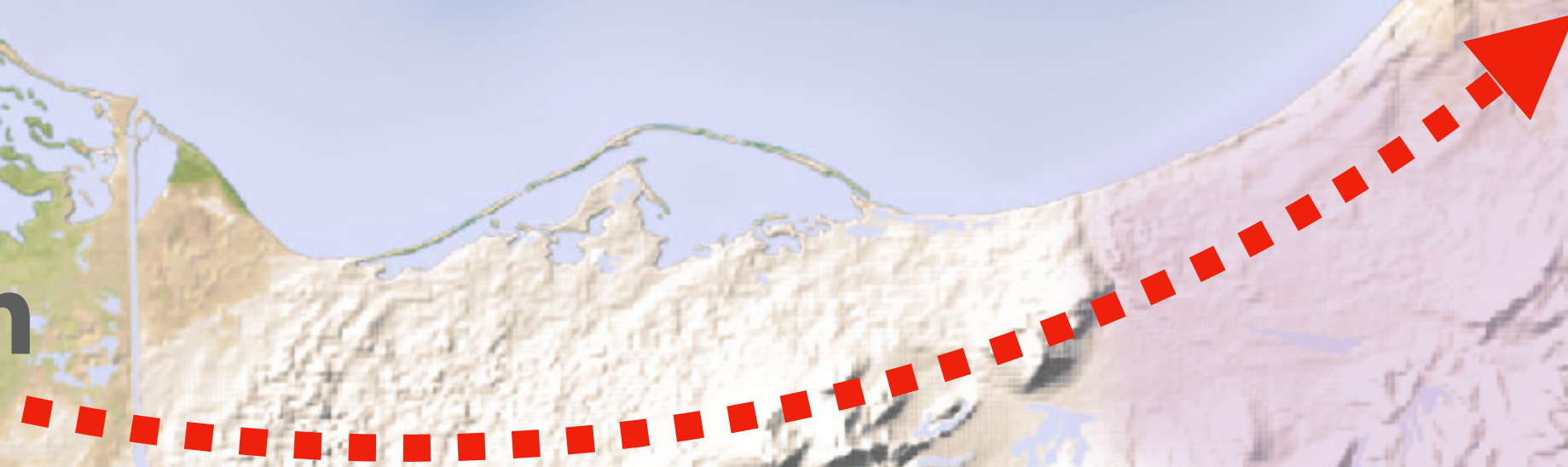
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41 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the ^abook of the acts of Solomon?

42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and ^aRehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

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Rehoboam's Folly

The Kingdom Divided

Jeroboam's Golden Calves

22 But the word of God came unto ^aShemaiah the man of God, saying, 23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your ^abrethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 ¶ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 If this people ^ago up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and ^amade two ^bcalves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy ^cgods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in ^aDan.

30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

31 And he made an ^ahouse of high places, and made ^bpriests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

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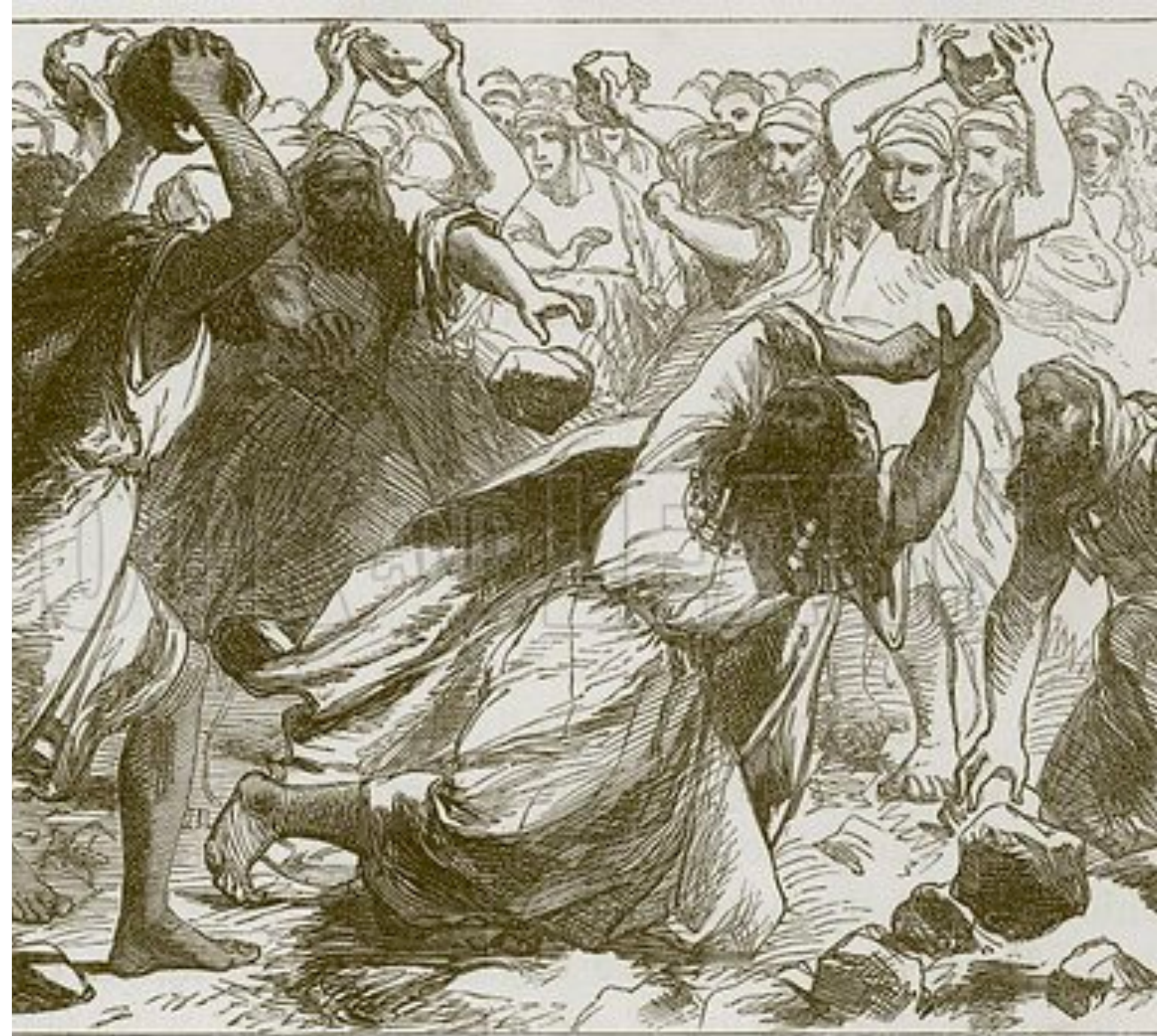
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14 Moreover the Lord shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

15 For the Lord shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the Lord to anger.

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22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

24 And there were also sodomites [male prostitutes - see footnote a] in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.

The Promise the Jeroboam

1 Kings 11:38

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Ahab (874–853 B.C.). see 1 Kings 16:29–22:40. Son of Omri. Married the Zidonian princess Jezebel and worshiped the idols of pagan neighbors. Joined as an ally with Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, against the Syrians. Rejected the prophet Elijah. (During Ahab's reign Elijah had the contest with the priests of Baal.) Finally entered an alliance with Syria against the invading Assyrians. Returned in league with Judah to fight Syria, who had rebelled against Israel. Was killed just as the battle was lost.

Ahaziah (853–852 B.C.). see 1 Kings 22:51 through 2 Kings 1:18. Son of Ahab. Opposed the revolt of Moab against Israel. Injured in a fall at the palace and sought blessing and direction of idol god.

Joram/Jehoram (852–841 B.C.). see 2 Kings 3:1–8:15. Brother of Ahaziah. Forbade the worship of foreign gods but retained the idol worship instituted by Jeroboam. Joined in an alliance with Judah against Moab. Successfully held off Syrian attacks on the people of Israel. Was killed by Jehu in a bloody purge of the Omri dynasty.

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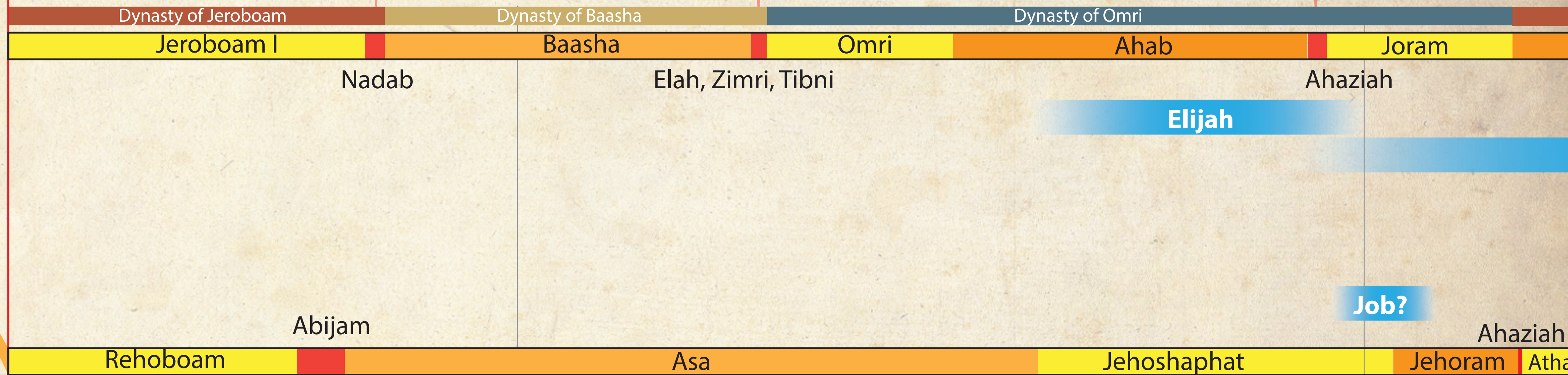
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Jehoshaphat (870–848 B.C.). see 1 Kings 22:41–50; 2 Chronicles 17:1–20:37. Son of Asa. Ruled jointly with his father for three years before becoming king. Strengthened military fortifications in the kingdom and promoted further religious reform. Established instructional programs directed by the priesthood. Received tribute from the Philistines and Arabians as a guarantee of peace because of Judah's great military presence as a nation. Joined in an alliance with King Ahab of Israel against the Syrians. King Ahab was killed in the war, but the Syrians were defeated. The marriage of Jehoshaphat's son Jehoram to Ahab's daughter Athaliah promoted idolatrous worship and eventually threatened the continuation of David's line on the throne of Judah. Established a system of religious and civil courts. Miraculously withstood an attack from the Ammonites and their allies. Continued the alliance with Israel in an attempt to jointly establish shins

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Jehoram (848–841 B.C.). see 2 Kings 8:16–24; 2 Chronicles 21. Firstborn of Jehoshaphat. Became king and ruled jointly during his father's last years as king. Killed his brothers to obtain their wealth and secure the throne after he became the sole ruler. Allowed his idolatrous wife to promote the evil religious practices of Israel in Judah. Withstood a rebellion by the Edomites, who had been a tributary state since the days of David and Solomon. Prevented an Edomite attack on Judah but could not regain control of Edom. Attacked by the Philistines and Arabians, who sacked the capital and destroyed the king's house and family. His people refused



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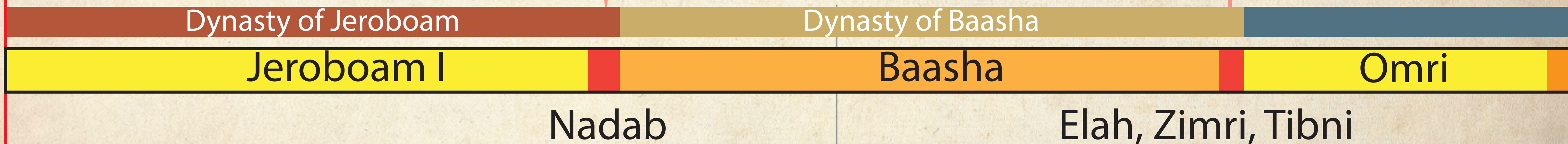
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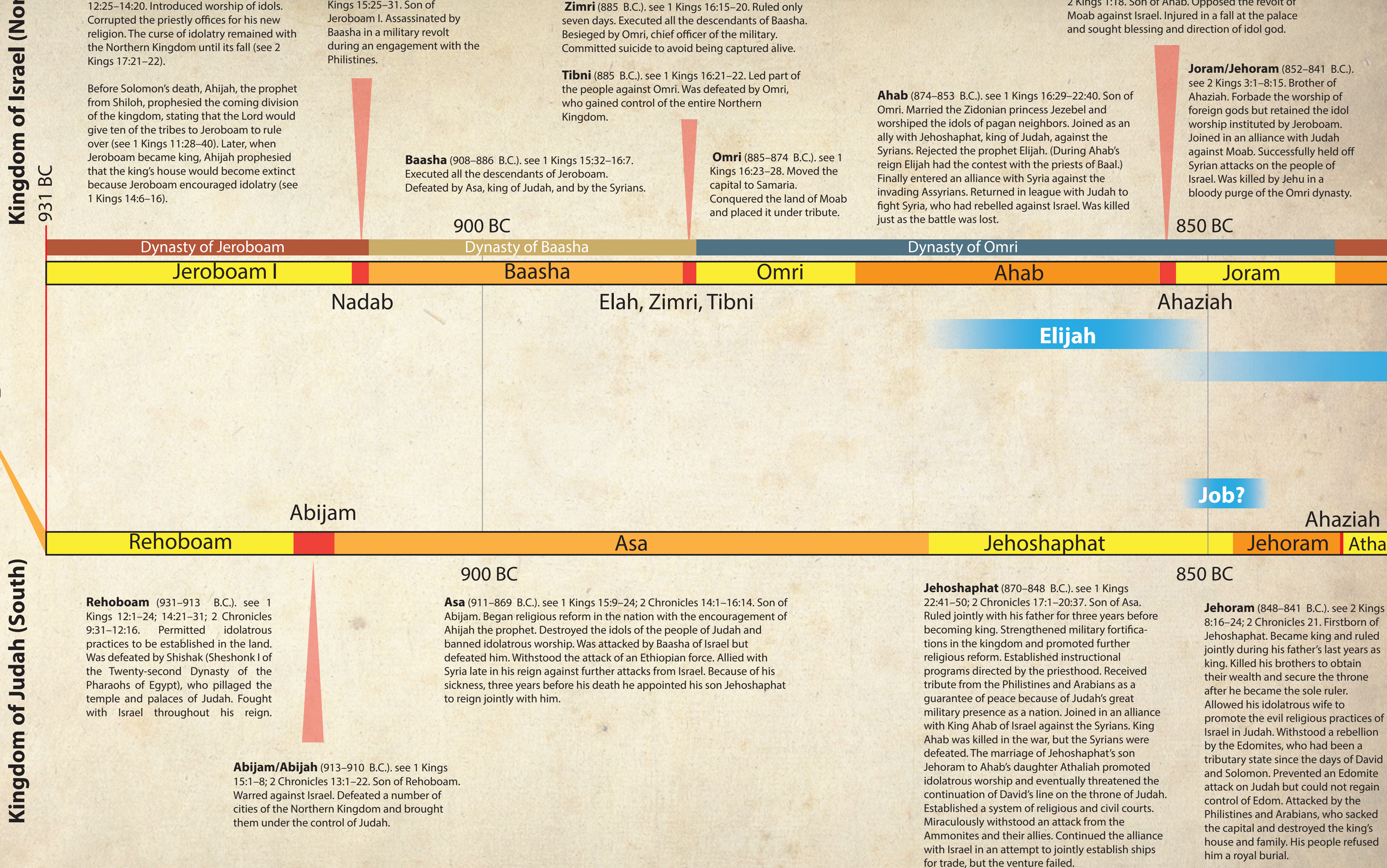
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Before Solomon's death, Ahijah, the prophet from Shiloh, prophesied the coming division of the kingdom, stating that the Lord would give ten of the tribes to Jeroboam to rule over (see 1 Kings 11:28–40). Later, when Jeroboam became king, Ahijah prophesied that the king's house would become extinct because Jeroboam encouraged idolatry (see 1 Kings 14:6–16).

Kings 15:25–31. Son of Jeroboam I. Assassinated by Baasha in a military revolt during an engagement with the Philistines.

Baasha (908–886 B.C.). see 1 Kings 15:32–16:7. Executed all the descendants of Jeroboam. Defeated by Asa, king of Judah, and by the Syrians.

Tibni (885 B.C.). see 1 Kings 16:21–22. Led part of the people against Omri. Was defeated by Omri, who gained control of the entire Northern Kingdom.

Omri (885–874 B.C.). see 1 Kings 16:23–28. Moved the capital to Samaria. Conquered the land of Moab and placed it under tribute.

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of Elisha. Killed King Joram and mortally wounded King
Ahaziah of Judah, Israel's ally. Destroyed the descendants of
Ahab and the remnants of foreign idol worship. Since there is
no record of his violent death, it is assumed he was one of the
few to die of natural causes.

Jehoahaz (814–798 B.C.). see 2 Kings
13:1–9. Son of Jehu. Surrendered the
kingdom of Israel to the Syrian
conquerors and paid tribute to them.
Saw much of the nation's military
power destroyed.

Jehoash (798–782 B.C.). see 2 Kings
13:10–25. Son of Jehoahaz. Continued
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Chronicles 22:1–9. Son of Jehoram. Influenced by his
mother, Athaliah, daughter of Ahab of Israel, to follow the
idol worship of the north. Allied with Jehoram, his cousin,
the king of Israel, against the Syrians. Visited Jehoram of
Israel at his palace in Samaria when Jehoram was wounded
in the war with Syria. Killed while in Samaria during the
coup executed by Jehu, a military leader in Israel who had
been anointed king by Elisha the prophet. Jehoram of
Israel was assassinated in the same coup.

Athaliah (841–835 B.C.). see 2 Kings 11; 2 Chronicles
22:10–23:21. Mother of Ahaziah and daughter of Ahab of
Israel. Sought to establish the house of Ahab (of the
Northern Kingdom) on the throne of Judah. Ordered her
own grandchildren killed to seize the throne for herself. A
righteous priest rescued the youngest heir, however, and hid
him in the temple. After a number of years this religious
leader organized a revolt. Queen Athaliah was put to death,
and her grandson Joash was upheld as king of Judah.

Joash/Jehoash (835–796 B.C.). see 2 Kings 12; 2
Chronicles 24. Son of Ahaziah. Supported the
priesthood and renewed the worship of Jehovah.
Repaired the temple. Turned to idolatrous worship
after the death of the leading priest, who had saved
his life and his throne. Murdered his cousin
Zechariah, who was a prophet raised up by God to
call the people to repentance (see 2 Chronicles
22:10–11; 24:20–21). Was severely wounded in an
attack on Judah by the Syrians. Gave tribute from
the treasures and sacred furnishings of the temple
to the Syrians to secure the safety of his people. Was
assassinated by his own servants for his wicked
deeds, especially those against the priestly family
that had preserved his life.

Amaziah (796–767 B.C.). see 2 Kings 14:1–22; 2
Chronicles 25. Son of Joash. Prepared his people and
led them victoriously against their long-time enemies,
the Edomites, who had been weakened by Assyrian
attacks. Reestablished the worship of idols among the
people of Judah. Challenged the kingdom of Israel for
power and was defeated. As had been prophesied,
Jerusalem's walls were partially destroyed and the
temple ransacked. Because of that destruction, an
insurrection arose against Amaziah. Fleed to Lachish for
safety but was discovered and put to death.

1 Kings 14:21-31 - Rehoboam Reigns in Judah (Southern kingdom)

1 Kings 14:25-26

25 ¶ And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

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The king of Egypt referred to here as Shishak was most probably the “Libyan prince who founded Egypt’s XXIInd Dynasty as the Pharaoh Sheshong I. He reigned for 21 years c. 945–924 B.C. He harboured Jeroboam as a fugitive from Solomon, after Ahijah’s prophecy of Jeroboam’s future kingship [see 1 Kings 11:29–40]. Late in his reign, Shishak invaded Palestine in the fifth year of Rehoboam, 925 B.C. He subdued Judah, taking the treasures of Jerusalem as tribute [see 1 Kings 14:25–26; 2 Chronicles 12:2–12], and also asserted his dominion over Israel, as is evidenced by a broken stele of his from Megiddo. At the temple of Amun in Thebes, Shishak left a triumphal relief-scene, naming many Palestinian towns.”

1 Kings 15:1-8 - Abijam Reigns in Judah

1 Kings 15:9-24 - Asa Reigns in Judah

1 Kings 15:25-32 - Nadab Reigns in Israel

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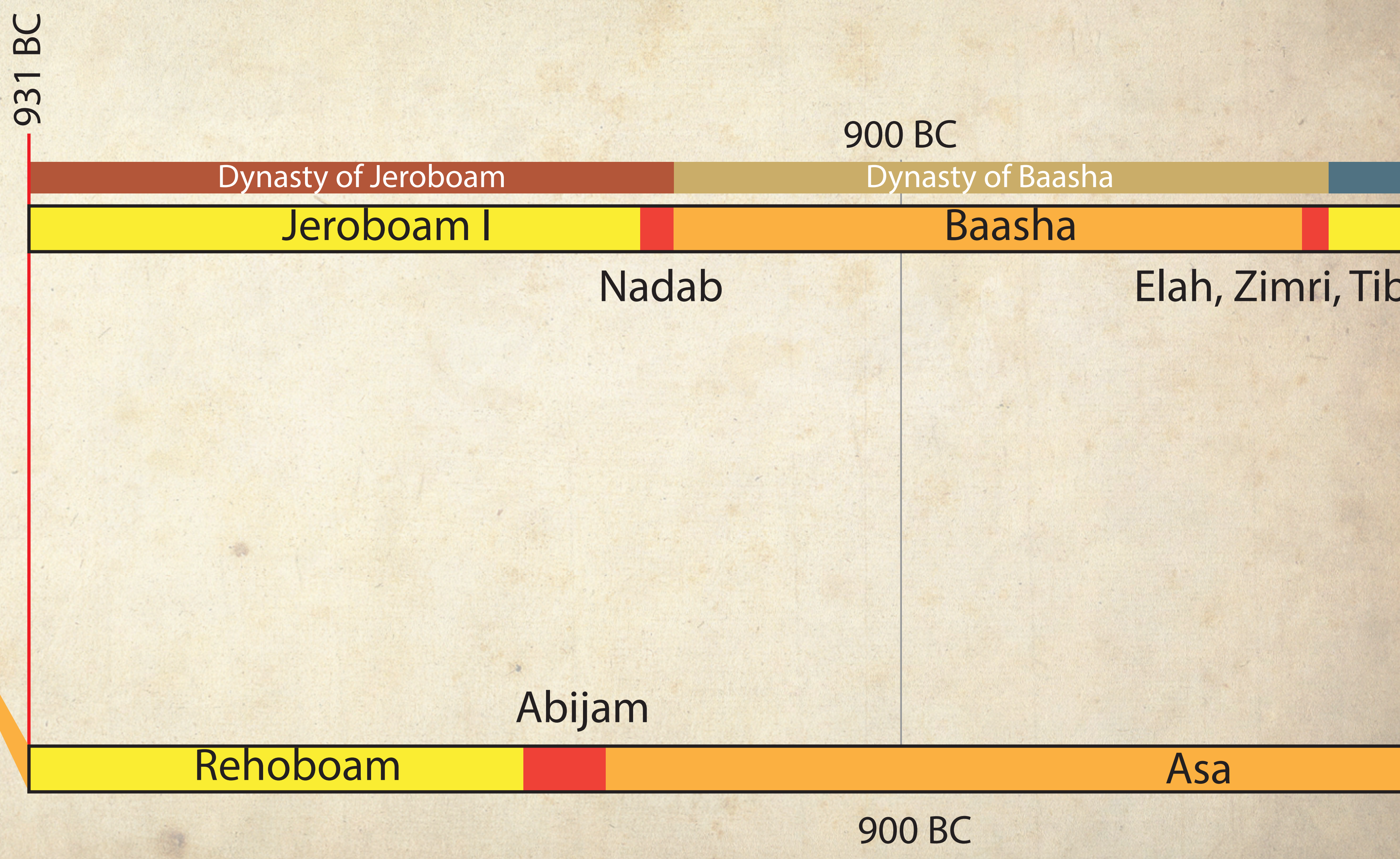
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Ahab married Jezebel, daughter of King Ethbaal of Phoenicia, who practiced idolatry of a most depraved kind. Ahab built a house of Baal in the capital city of Samaria and placed an altar to the Phoenician sun god inside it (see 1 Kings 16:32). He then made a grove in which the people could indulge themselves in immoral practices around a symbol dedicated to the fertility goddess Ashtaroth. Four hundred priests, who ate at Jezebel's table at state expense, assisted her in the extravagant and unholy religion she had brought into Israel.

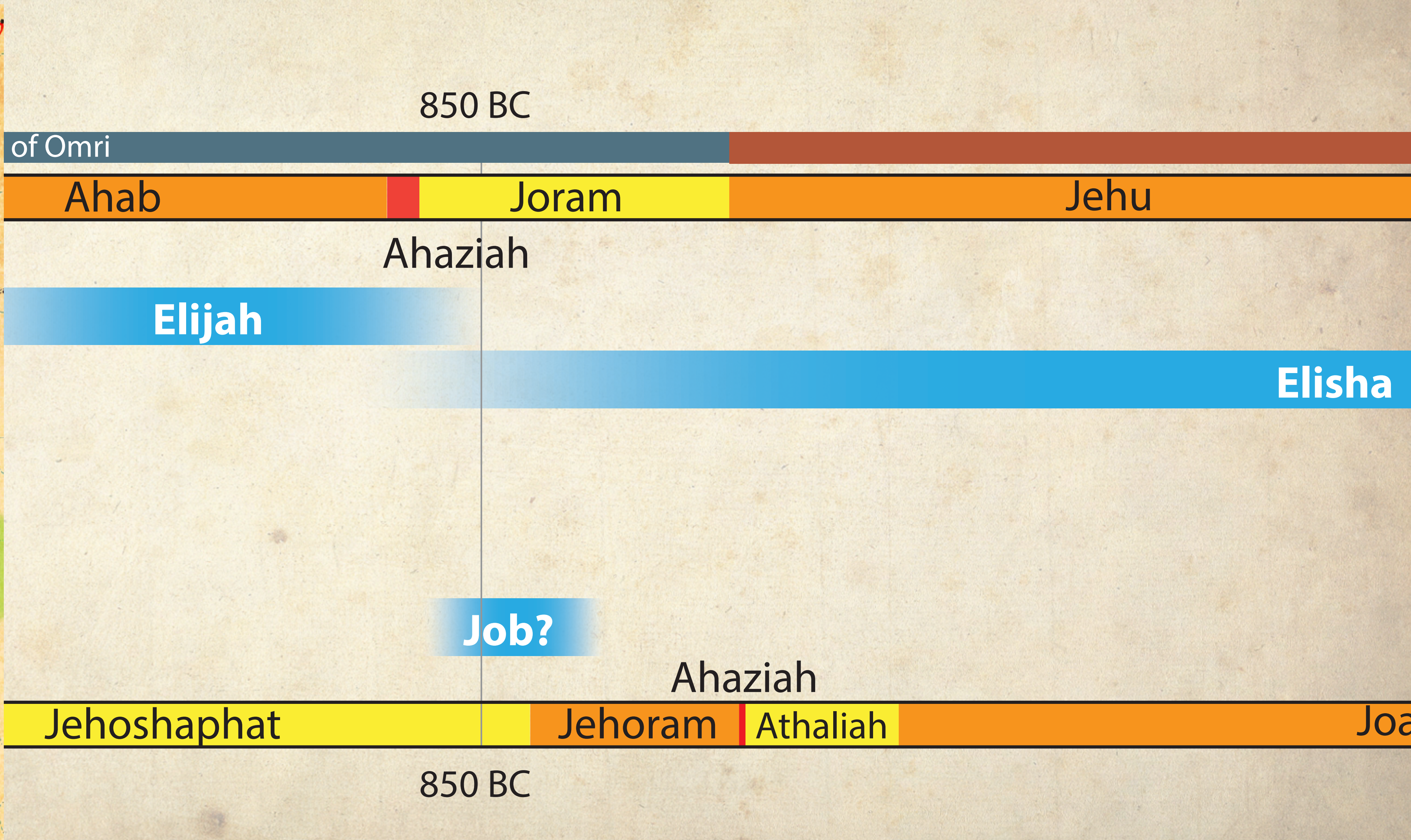
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1 Kings 17

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21 ¶ Then were the people of Israel ^adivided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 ¶ In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And he bought the hill ^aSamaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.

25 ¶ But ^aOmri wrought ^bevil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that *were* before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of ^aJeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to ^bsin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

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28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

29 ¶ And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri

reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

30 And ^aAhab the son of Omri did ^bevil in the sight of the LORD above all that *were* before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to ^awife ^bJezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served ^cBaal, and worshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for ^aBaal in the ^bhouse of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

33 And ^aAhab made a ^bgrove; and Ahab did more to ^cprovoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 ¶ In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build ^aJericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest *son* Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of ^bNun.

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6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

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waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she ^awent and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.

16 *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his ^asickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my ^asin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

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Elijah Heals the Widow's Son

21a Alma 51:6 (4-7).

24a 2 Kgs. 3:1.

25a Micah 6:16.

b TG Unrighteous Dominion.

b 1 Kgs. 18:4;

2 Kgs. 9:34.

c 2 Kgs. 10:18.

32a 2 Kgs. 3:2.

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Widow of Zarephath

Luke 24:24-26 Christ uses this story to show that Israel didn't honor God's prophet during that famine but an outsider did.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias [Elijah, see footnotes], when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26 But unto none of them [Israelites] was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. [footnotes and other translations show it was Zarepath. The NT is a translation from Greek not Heb which can account for the name changes or variations]



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5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a

waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she ^awent and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days.

16 *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his ^asickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my ^asin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

19 And he said unto her, Give me

NIV Study Bible, 1985

“By an act of faith the woman received the promised blessing. Israel had forsaken the covenant and followed Baal and Asherah in search of prosperity. Now in the midst of a pagan kingdom a widow realized that trustful obedience to the word of God is the way that leads to life.”



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9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a ^awidow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of ^abread

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19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

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21 And he ^astretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's ^bsoul come into him again.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he ^arevived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy ^ason liveth.

24 ¶ And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.



COME FOLLOW ME: OLD TESTAMENT



Elijah is sent to meet Ahab—Obadiah saves a hundred prophets and meets Elijah—Elijah challenges the prophets of Baal to call down fire from heaven—They fail—He calls down fire, slays the prophets of Baal, and opens the heavens for rain.

AND it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And *there was* a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which *was* the governor of *his* house. (Now Obadiah ^afeared the LORD greatly:

4 For it was *so*, when ^aJezebel ^bcut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 ¶ And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Art* thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he answered him, *I am*: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, *He is not there*; he took an oath of the

kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*.

12 And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall ^acarry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel ^aslew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is here*: and he shall slay me.

15 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day.

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

17 ¶ And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that ^aAhab said unto him, *Art* thou he that troubleth Israel?

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have ^aforsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the ^aprophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the ^aprophets together unto mount Carmel.

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37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know ^athat thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their ^bheart back again.

38 Then the ^afire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

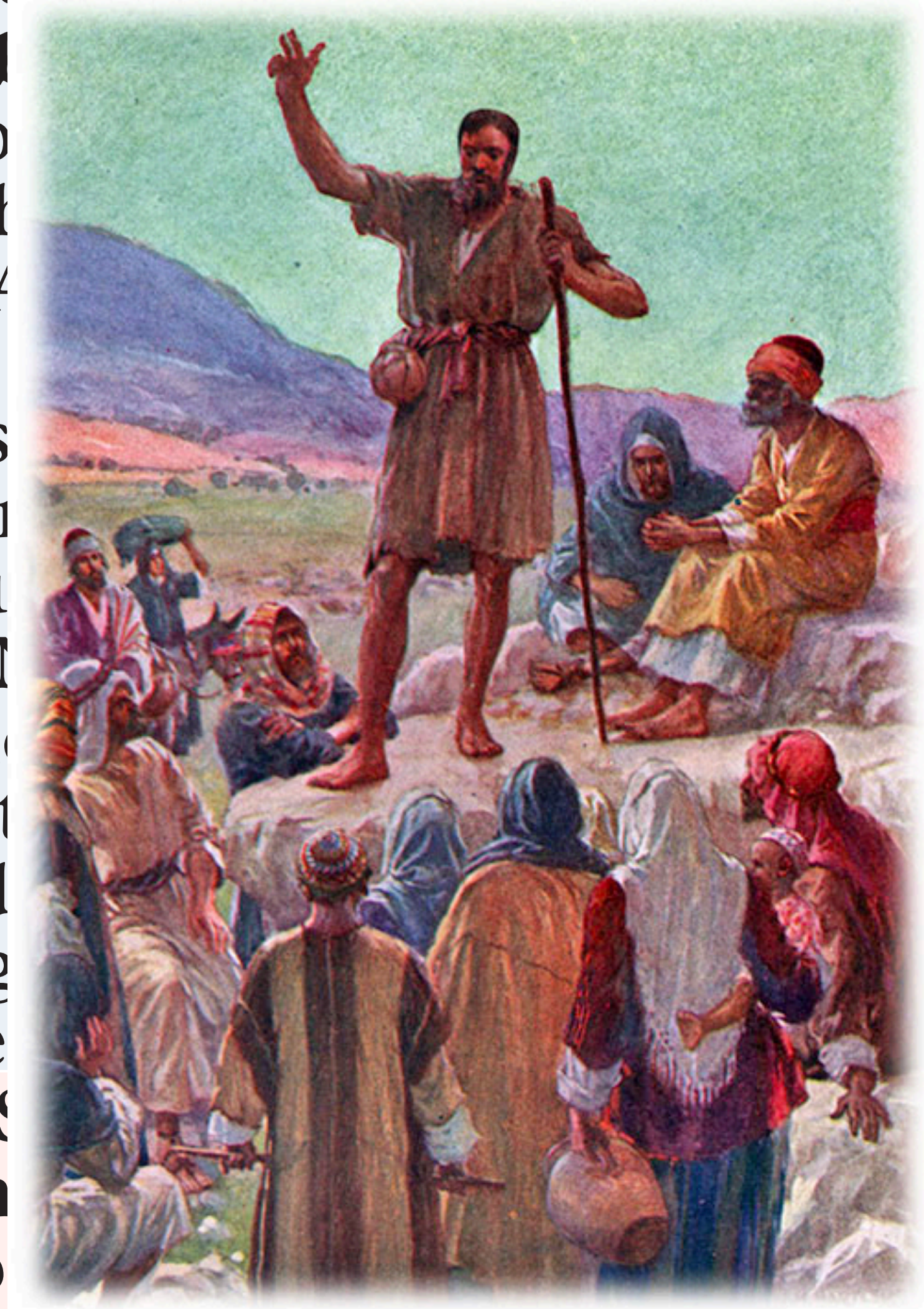
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Elijah Confronts Ahab

The Prophets of Baal Defeated

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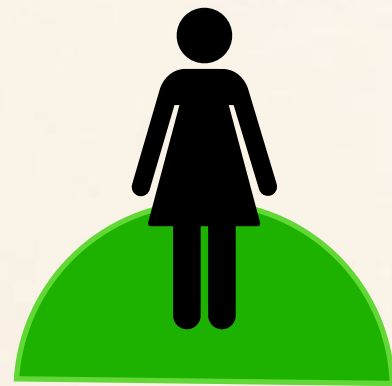
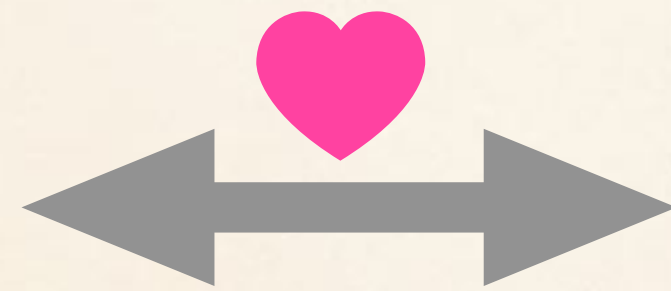
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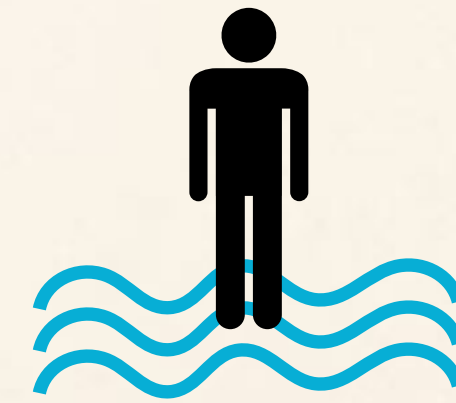
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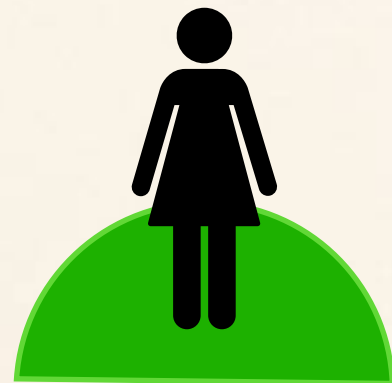
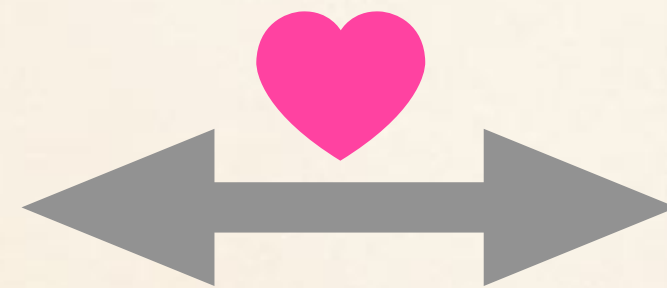
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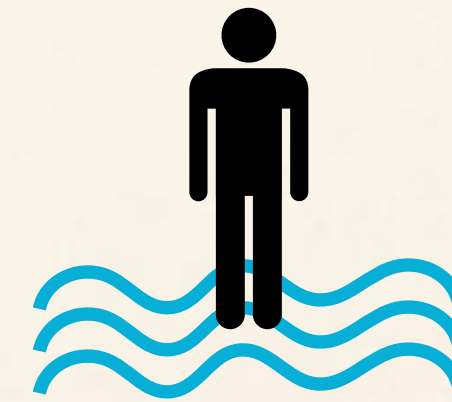
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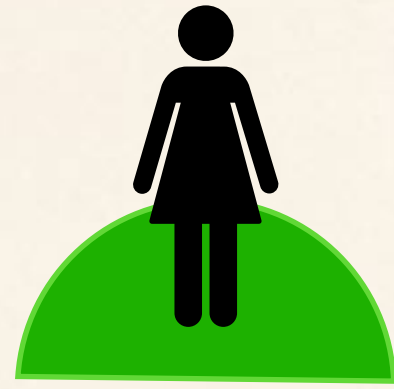
During the course of the banquet, messengers arrived from Yamm, who, being Baal’s sworn enemy, had not been invited. Yamm challenged Baal to a duel to the death. Baal left the banquet to meet the challenge and was slain by Yamm. Anath brought the tragic news to her father, El. The elderly king thereupon left his throne to sit in ashes on the ground, where he began making incisions in his skin with a sharp stone. This Canaanite practice of mourning is frequently cited in the Bible. While sackcloth and ashes were of common use in Israel, the law of Moses forbade making incisions in the skin for the dead. (See Lev. 19:27–28; Lev. 21:4–5; Deut. 14:1.)

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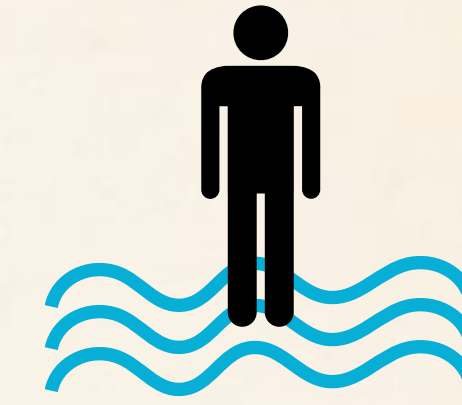
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Gods of the Canaanites



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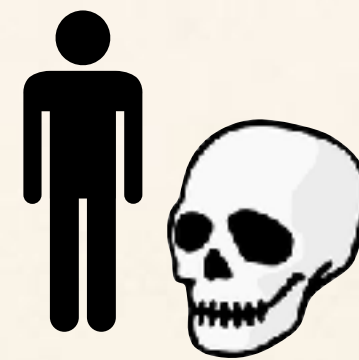
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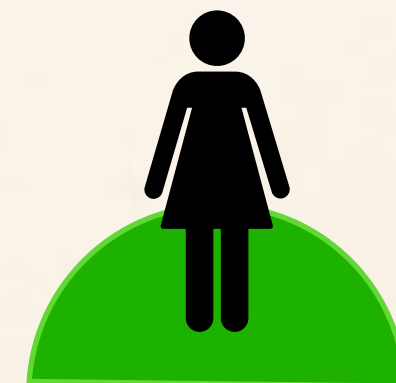
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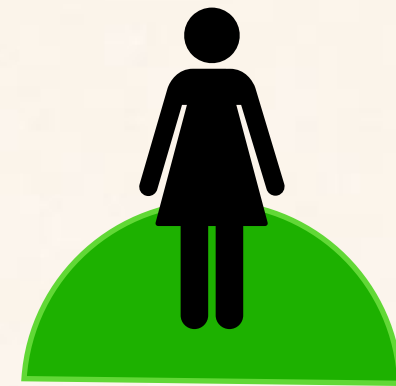
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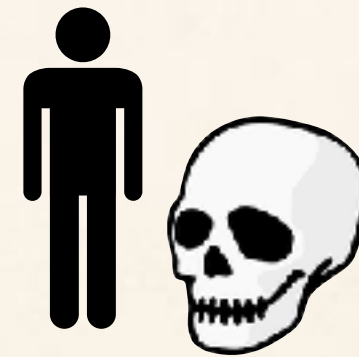
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MOUNT CARMEL
"vineyard of El"



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Hebrew/Canaanite word *qol* means both "voice" and "thunder."



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... the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel apparently concluded that their god must have died. Following the traditional Canaanite mourning practice, they “cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.” Still, there was no thunder, “neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.” (1 Kgs. 18:28–29.)

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12 Stone altar
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Baal = heavens

Asherah = wood

El = bullock

Mot = death

Anath = stone

Yamm = water

1 Kings 18:30-39

40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

41 ¶ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there* is a sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There* is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

46 And the ^ahand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he ^bgirded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

CHAPTER 19

Jezebel seeks the life of Elijah—An angel sends him to Horeb—The Lord speaks to Elijah, not in the wind nor the earthquake nor the fire, but in a still, small voice—Elisha joins Elijah.

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the ^agods do *to me*, and more also, if I make

not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 ¶ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a ^ajuni-per tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an ^aangel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that ^ameat ^bforty days and forty nights unto ^cHoreb the ^dmount of God.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they ^aseek my life, to take it away.

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40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

41 ¶ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for *there is a sound of abundance of rain.*

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is nothing.* And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

46 And the ^ahand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he ^bgirded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

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20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will ^afollow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

CHAPTER 20

Benhadad of Syria makes war with Israel—The Syrians are defeated twice—Ahab lets Benhadad go free, contrary to the will of the Lord.

AND Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and *there were* thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith ^aBen-hadad,

3 Thy ^asilver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I have.

5 And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children;

6 Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is pleasant in ^athine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

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(Henry B. Eyring, “To Draw Closer to God,” GC April 1991, Ensign, May 1991, 67).

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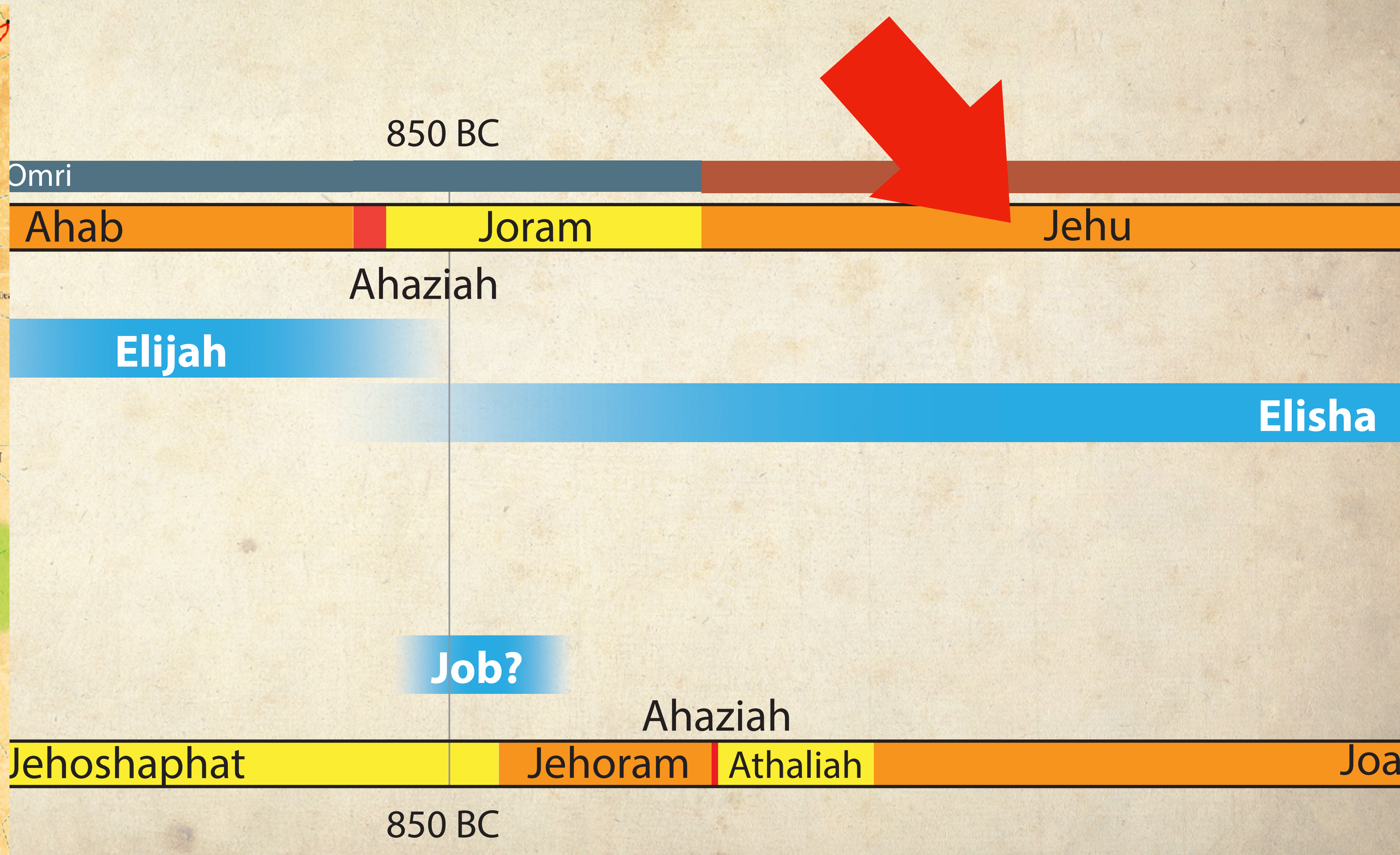
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1 Kings 20-22

1 Kings 20:1-12 - Ahab's Wars with Syria

1 Kings 20:13-25 - Ahab Defeats Ben-hadad

1 Kings 20:26-34 - Ahab Defeats Ben-hadad Again

1 Kings 20:35-43 - A Prophet Condemns Ben-hadad's Release

1 Kings 21:1-16 - Naboth's Vineyard

1 Kings 21:17-24 - The Lord Condemns Ahab

1 Kings 21:25-29 - Ahab's Repentance



“His land had been inherited from his forefathers, and the law of Moses did not permit the sale of one’s inheritance, except in cases of extreme destitution, and then it could be sold or mortgaged only until the time of jubilee, when it would be reclaimed” (*Institute Manual*).





1 Kings 22:1-12 - Ahab and the False Prophets

1 Kings 22:7-9

7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might inquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah.

1 Kings 22:1-12 - Ahab and the False Prophets

1 Kings 22:13-28 - Micaiah Prophecies Against Ahab

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“It is as though Micaiah said: “All your false prophets have predicted success. You want me to do the same, so I will: ‘Go and prosper.’” This was said scornfully to let King Ahab know that it was contrary to Micaiah’s true advice. Hence the King’s response in verse 16.”

1 Kings 22:16

16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the Lord?

1 Kings 22:1-12 - Ahab and the False Prophets

1 Kings 22:13-28 - Micaiah Prophecies Against Ahab

1 Kings 22:17-18

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27 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

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1 Kings 22:1-12 - Ahab and the False Prophets

1 Kings 22:13-28 - Micaiah Prophecies Against Ahab

1 Kings 22:29-40 - Ahab Killed in Battle

1 Kings 22:41-50 - Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah

1 Kings 22:51-53 - Ahaziah Reigns in Israel