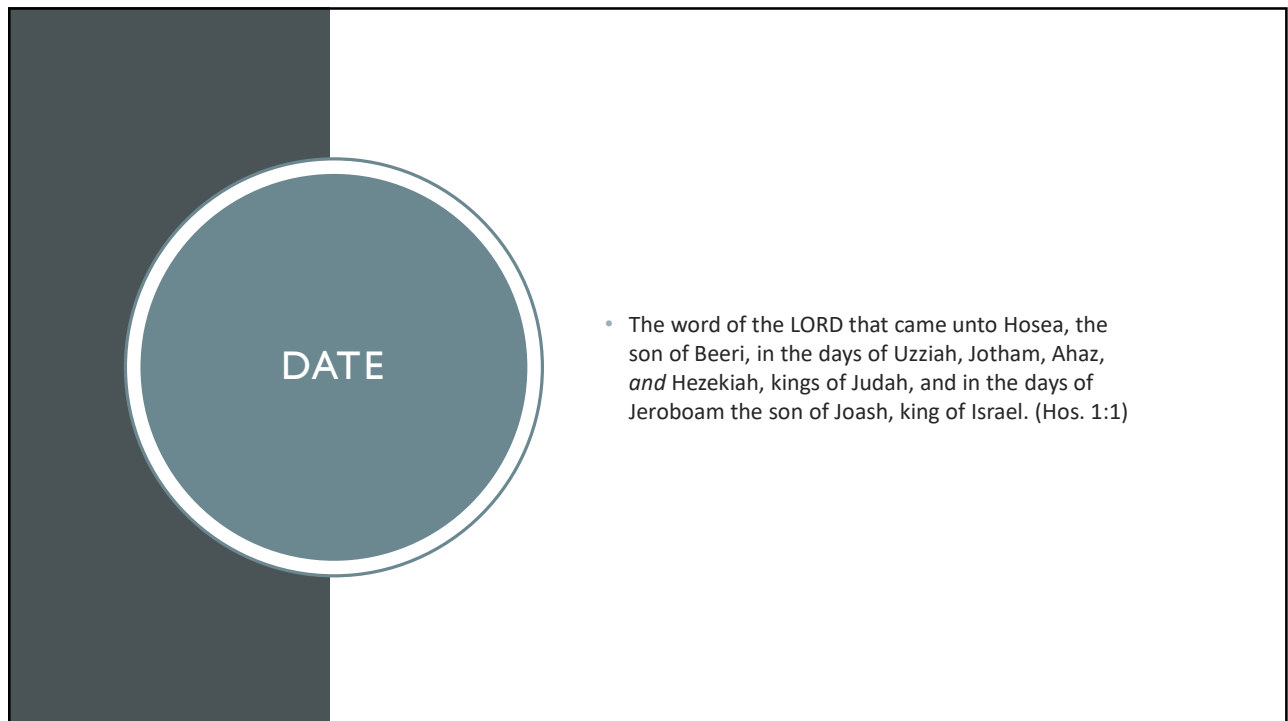


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THE PLACE IN  
THE CANON

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After the fall, God made a promise.

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The serpent, who usurped dominion in the garden, would be crushed

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The “seed of the woman” would crush the head.

3

ABRAHAM

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Out of the corruption of the world, God calls Abraham

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The kingdom would be restored.

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A people, a king, a land

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“I will be your God, and you shall be my people”

4

## THE EXODUS

*Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob,  
and tell the children of Israel;*

*<sup>4</sup>Ye have seen what I did unto the  
Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles'  
wings, and brought you unto myself.*

*<sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice  
indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye  
shall be a peculiar treasure unto me  
above all people: for all the earth is mine:*

5

## DAVID

God gives David peace and expands the borders.

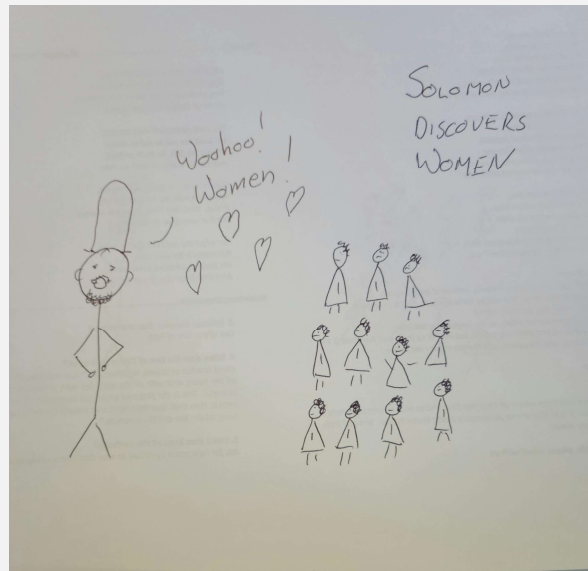
Solomon has tremendous wealth and builds the palace and the temple.

David's Son and God's presence are linked together on Mt. Sinai.

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## AND THEN...

- But king Solomon loved many strange women, (1 Ki. 11:1)



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## JEROBOAM, SON OF NEBAT

- This is the first Jeroboam.
- *And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.*



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## JEROBOAM'S UNBELIEF

- His choice: Trust God, even if it seems as if your kingdom would be threatened.
- OR trust your own wisdom and secure your kingdom yourself.
- He chose poorly.

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## JEROBOAM'S UNBELIEF

- So he builds golden calves and puts them in the far north and the far south.
- That way, no one has to be too inconvenienced.
- Dan has a long history of idolatry (See Judges 18).
- Bethel now becomes the other center of false worship.
- He anoints his own priests, establishes his own feast days, builds his own altars.



10

## CONTINUED DECLINE

- The kingdom continues to decline.
- There are NO good kings in Israel.
- Judah has some good kings. But there are none in Israel.
- Historians always have a bias.
- But God's history is all important, and all truthful.
- What was important will all of the kings was their faithfulness to the covenant



11

## AHAB AND JEZEBEL

- *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 wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.*



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THE END  
OF AHAB

- Ahab's corruption even affected Judah. Jehoshaphat, an otherwise godly king, made ungodly treaties with Ahab.
- God told Elijah to anoint Hazael, Jehu and Elisha as ministers of his wrath.
- Ahab's line would come to an end.
- *<sup>17</sup> And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.*

13

HAZAEEL

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Ahab dies. Jezebel runs things from the summer palace in Jezreel

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Her sons continue to be plagued by the Arameans (the Syrians)

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Judah continues to help them.

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Jehoram, the son of Ahab and Jezebel, is wounded in battle. Ahaziah goes to meet him in Jezreel

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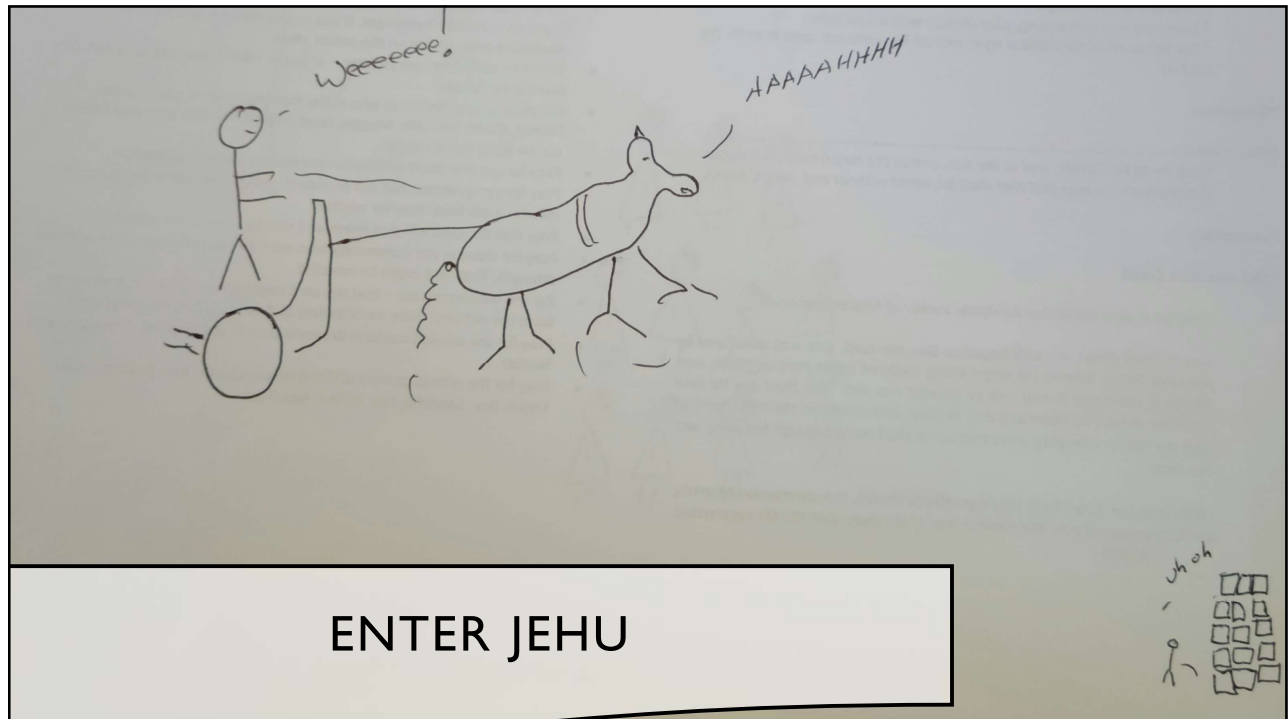
## UNKNOWN PROPHET

- While Jehoram is recovering, Elisha sends an unknown "son of the prophet" to anoint Jehu king.
- *Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.*
- *<sup>7</sup> And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.*
- *<sup>8</sup> For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:*

(As interesting as a drawing would have been here, I refrained....)

Jehu is anointed. The time for judgment has come

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## JEHU

- Jehu rides to Jezreel. Jehoram rides to meet him. Jehoram is killed by Jehu's arrow.
- Jehu throws Jezebel out a window
- Jehu eats dinner. Then orders the slaughter of all the king's sons in Samaria.
- He then plots against all the Baal worshipers and destroys them



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## JEHU'S BLESSING AND A WARNING

- *Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.*
- <sup>31</sup> *But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.*

18

## JEROBOAM II

- This is not the son of Nebat. This is the son of Joash. But not the Joash of Judah; the Joash of Israel.
- Jeroboam II is the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation from Jehu.
- The Arameans are no longer a threat, because Assyria is getting stronger.
- So God gives Israel peace and expands the borders.
- Uzziah is king of Israel.



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## HOSEA

- This is the context. The blessing of Jehu is about done, and the warning is about to be fulfilled.
- In the prosperous days of Jeroboam II, injustice reigns. Bribery and corruption are everywhere. The poor are crushed. Idolatry is rampant, as is the accompanying fornication.
- Amos is also written at this time and details the sins of the age.
- Hosea is God's divorce decree for Israel. He divorces them, gives the reasons why, and promises a time to come when he will marry them again.

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