

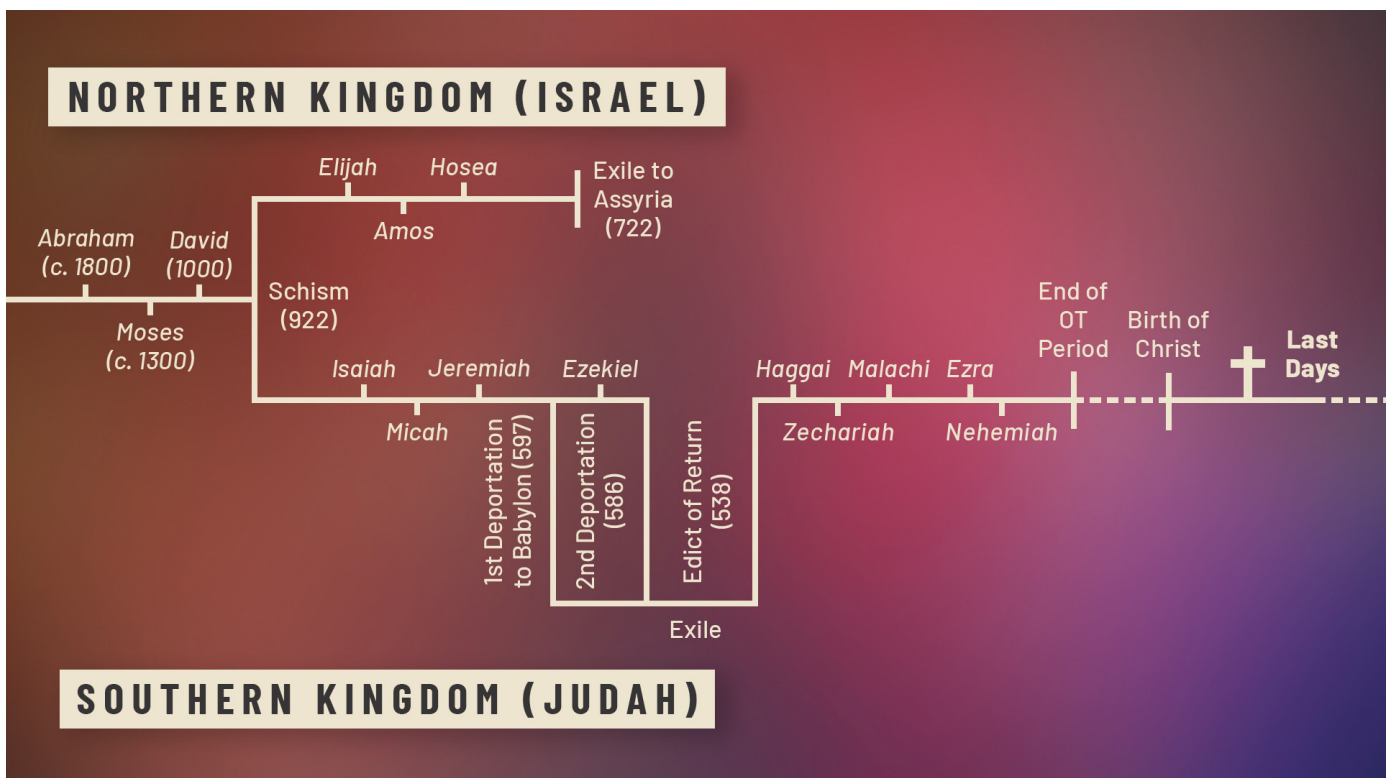
The Bible as

ONE BOOK

THE PROPHESED KINGDOM

This weekend we studied the Prophesied Kingdom. The Prophesied kingdom runs from Ezra through Malachi. This week's goal is to help your children understand that amidst this kingdom is the promise of prophesied hope (seen in Isaiah).

1. Parents, do your best to verbally explain to your children what happens throughout the Old Testament, in regards to Israel's history. (ex. Kingdoms, lessons, blessing, times periods, 722 B.C., 586 B.C. etc.)



2. The prophecy that God gave in the book of Isaiah, was that hope would come from the “stump of Jesse.” (Perhaps you want to go to the fridge and grab a stock of celery and chop it down like a stump. If you are allergic to celery feel free to use broccoli. If you are allergic to broccoli you can use a piece of wood.) What did the stump of Jesse represent? Who was Jesse? What does the “shoot” represent?

3. Our first stop in Isaiah shows us the “Hope of Light” (Isaiah 9:2). How is Jesus the Light of the World? (Maybe at bedtime one night this week you can grab a flashlight or smartphone light and show them the impact a light makes when it bursts forth in the darkness.) How does Jesus do this?

4. Our second passage of hope in Isaiah was the “Hope of a King” (Isaiah 9:6-7). What type of King would Jesus be? What does it mean to trust or hope in King Jesus?

In light of Israel’s kings who often failed, we were reminded that “the best of men are men at best.” Parents, how can you help teach and talk with your children about how you are not perfect and never will be? How can you talk with your children about how your role as a parent is to help them see how beautiful, amazing, powerful and perfect God alone is?

5. Our third passage of hope in Isaiah was the “Hope of Salvation” (Isaiah 49:6). What does the word salvation mean? What sorts of things are we tempted in to trust to save us? How would Jesus be salvation for not only Jews but believing Gentiles as well?

6. Our fourth passage of hope in Isaiah was the “Hope of Healing” (Isaiah 53). What sort of healing would Jesus bring? Have you ever experienced healing? Who is someone you are praying for healing for right now?

7. Our fifth passage of comfort in Isaiah was the “Hope of Comfort”. What is something you look to or turn to for comfort? How does God comfort us in life? How did Jesus bring us comfort through his death and resurrection? Parents, share a specific time in your life that God brought comfort to you.

8. Our final passage of hope in Isaiah was the “Hope of New Heavens and Earth” (Isaiah 65:17-18) Parents, share with your children what excites you about the coming hope of the new heavens and earth? What part of the curse of sin are you most excited to have reversed?