

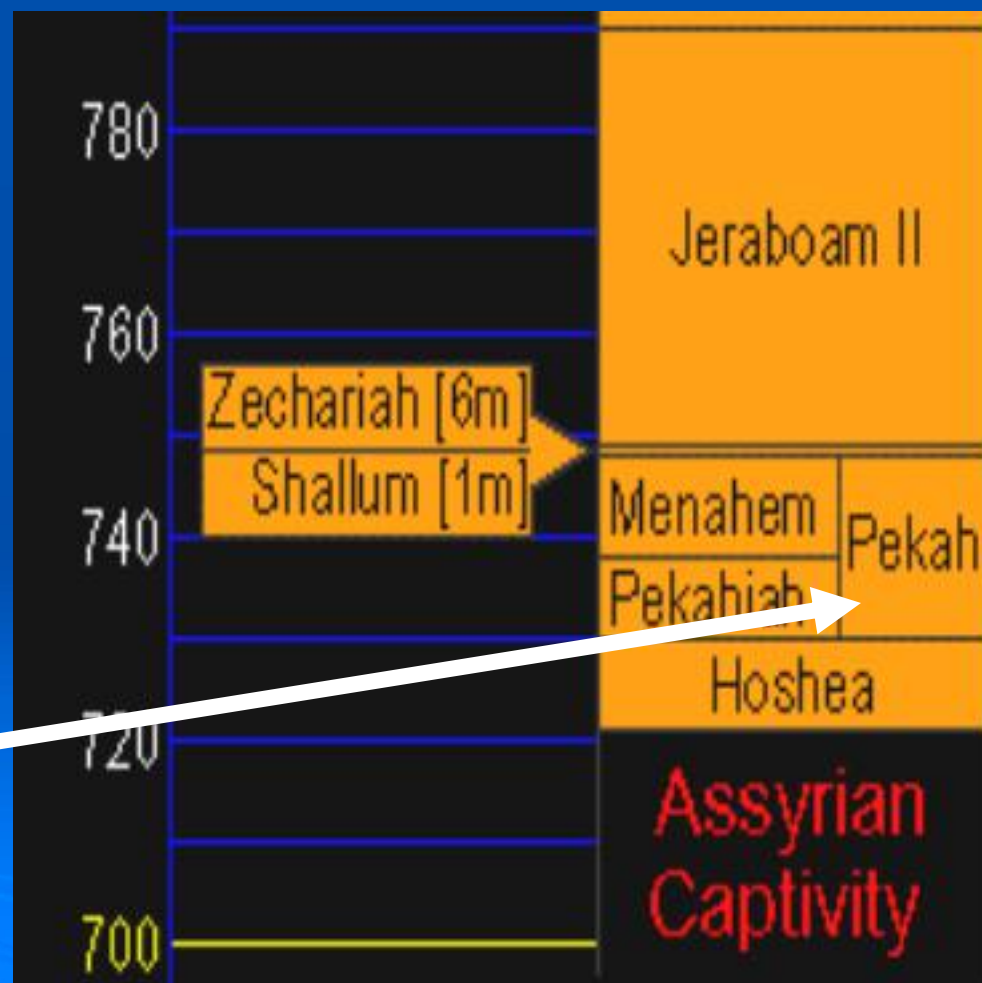
END TIME PROPHECIES CREATED IN THE ERA OF THE KINGS

- Chronicles and Books of the Prophets need to be added for complete context
- Messianic prophecies given in the backdrop of deepening spiritual darkness for Israel and Judah
- *HaMashiach* = The Anointed One

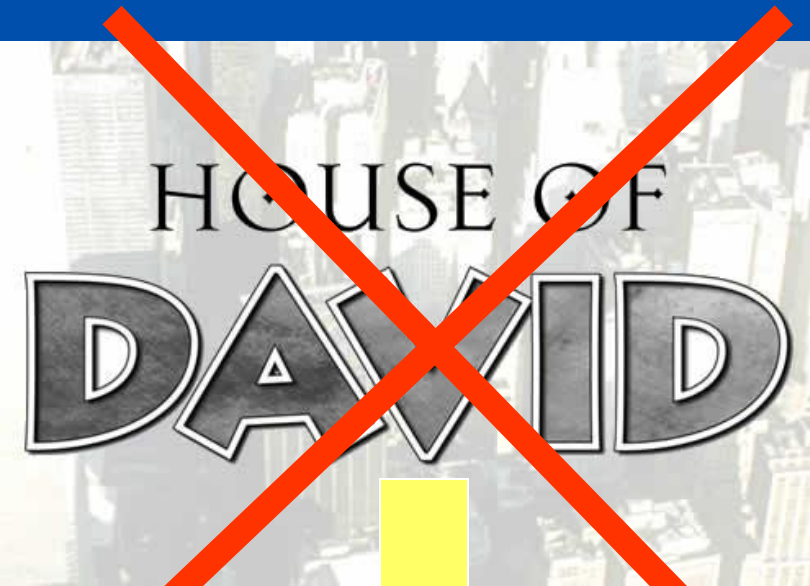


A SUCCESSION OF SHORT-LIVED KINGS OF ISRAEL

- After King Jeroboam II's death, 4 kings of Israel ruled over only a 13/14 year period
- Judah's monarchy was still ruled by the Davidic dynasty
- King **Yotam** of Judah died and his son **Achaz** took over
- King Pekach of Israel joined with Aram (Syria) to attack Judah



END OF THE DAVIDIC DYNASTY?



- CRITICAL POINT: the hope of Syria and Israel was to bring an end to the dynasty of David
- Satan's #1 goal was to end the House of David
- Then there would be NO MESSIAH
- Satan would then remain as the prince of the earth
- THIS provides the background for the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah 7

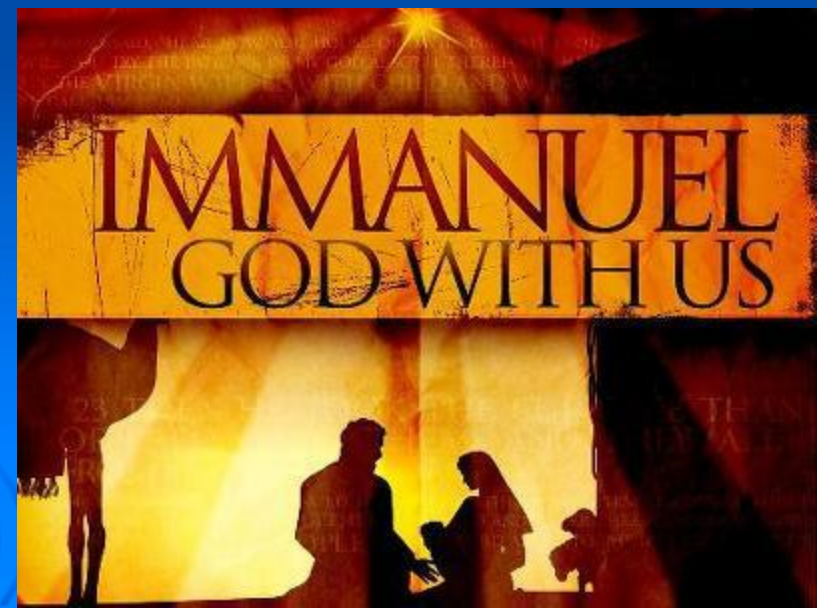
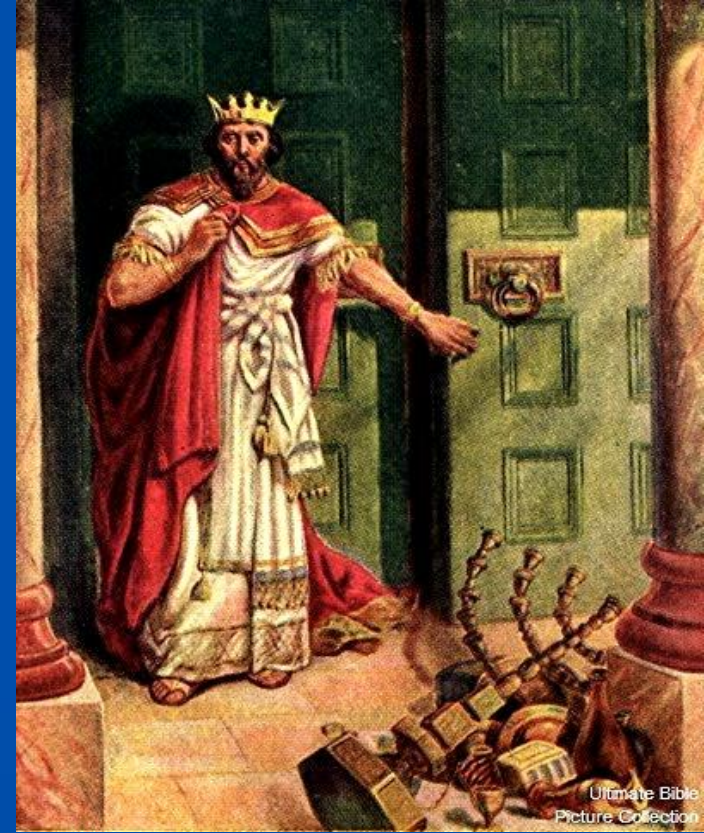
VIRGIN BIRTH OF IMMANUEL GIVEN AS A SIGN



- Isaiah 7
- Isaiah prophecies to **Achaz** that Israel and Aram will not destroy Judah or remove **Achaz** from the throne
- The sign given is Isaiah 7:14, virgin birth of Immanuel (God is with us)
- 2Sam. 7:12 – 16 The David dynasty is forever

WHAT ABOUT THE BAD KINGS?

- 2Sam.7:14 -15 says that even with bad kings from David's line, God will punish, but also show grace and not end the dynasty
- Did King **Achaz** remember God's promise to David? No.
- King **Achaz** (and Isaiah) could not be expected to understand the virgin birth prophecy as a sign that seemed to be about the invasion of Judah



2ND KINGS 16: KING ACHAZ THE IDOLATOR



- *Achaz* was probably 25 and not 20 when he became king over Judah
- King *Achaz* is accused of behaving like the Kings of Israel (meaning Golden Calf worship)
- “Passed through fire” is often taken by scholars, Rabbis and Pastors to mean a dedication ceremony that created a burn scar

PASSING THROUGH FIRE

- 2nd Chronicles 28
- Definitely means child sacrifice
- **Ba'ar** = burn-up, kindle
- **Qatar** = sacrifice, consume, create sacrificial smoke
- KJV and some Hebrew translators say it means burning incense.....not true
- Green tree = fir tree, evergreen
- Symbolizes Ashtoreth, fertility goddess
- **Achaz** the first Judean King to personally use fir trees and **bamot**



BOTTOM LINE RESULTS



- King *Achaz* was doing what many leaders do: looking for bottom line results
- *Achaz* was impressed with his pagan neighbors and borrowed their ways
- What works replaces what is right
- 40 Days of Purpose church marketing campaign designed to duplicate Rick Warren's huge church growth



30 POSTERS, 250 BULLETIN INSERTS, 250 PRAYER CARDS, 250 COMMITMENT CARDS, 2 BANNERS

FOLLOWING THE WORLD CAN DEFINITELY BRING RESULTS



- Singing Christmas Tree very popular, often brought in many new people
- Body of Messiah is NOT to follow the secular crowds, adopt worldly morals, or water down the Gospel message to achieve growth
- Goals and principles of Christian Fellowship must stay in line with God's laws and commandments



- 2nd Chronicles 28:5 – 15
- 120,000 Judean soldiers killed
- 200,000 Judean civilian captives taken to Israel
- Many captives also taken to Damascus
- Prophet *Oded* confronted soldiers and leaders of Israel and told them that they had done wrong
- Making slaves of their Hebrew brethren was against the Law of Moses

REMNANT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



- 4 influential tribal leaders of the northern kingdom heeded *Oded's* oracle
- We can generalize and call a nation or a group “wicked” or “evil”, but there will be individuals who are exceptional
- These 4 leaders treated the captives well, and returned them to Jericho in Judah

GOD JUDGES US ON TWO LEVELS

- God judges us as an **INDIVIDUAL** among a group
- And He judges us **COLLECTIVELY** as part of a group
- Salvation is an individual matter
- Our family, church, synagogue, state, and nation is a collective matter
- Isaiah 7:3
- ***Sh'ar Yashuv*** = a remnant will return

