

# The Biblical Metanarrative:

*"Knowing the story we are all a part of."*

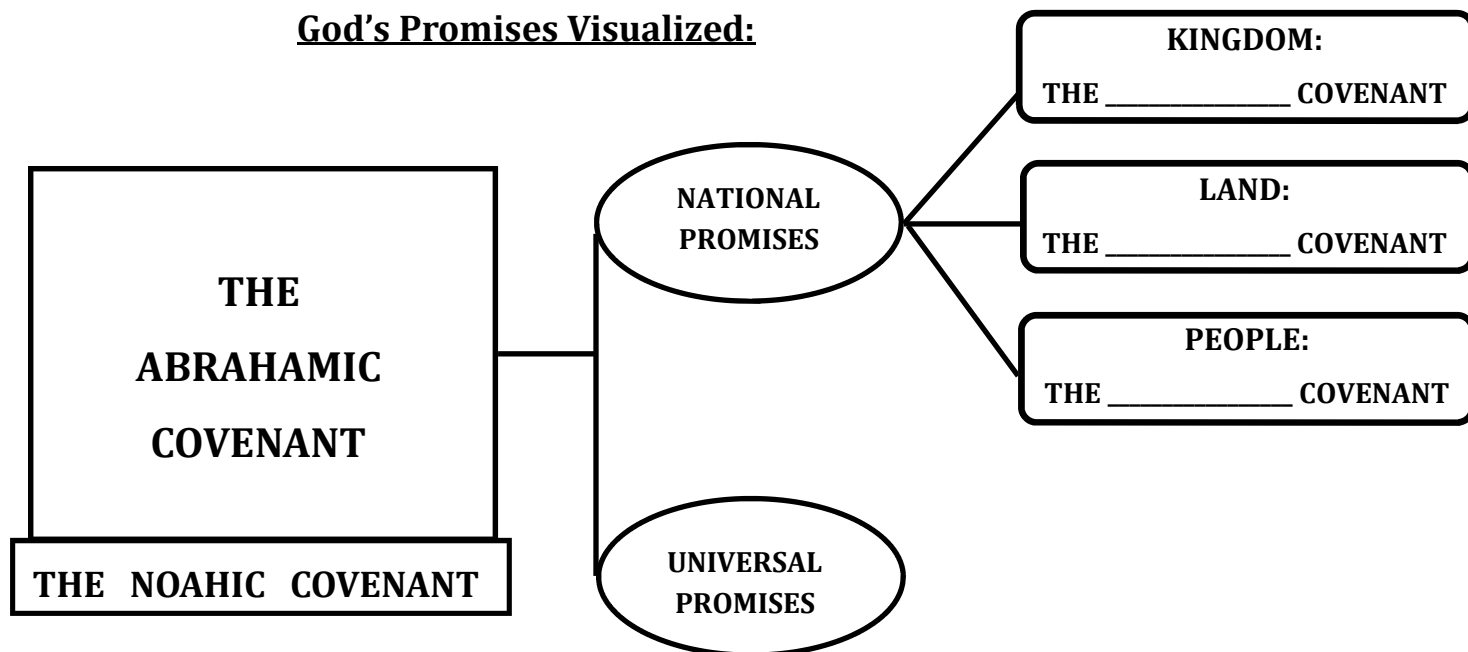
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## PART 7: GOD'S PROMISED KING & HIS KINGDOM

### REVIEW:

God's unconditional promises to Abraham were personal, national, and universal in their scope. The national promises fell into three categories:

### God's Promises Visualized:



### THE JEWISH MONARCHY

Though the Lord had been the leader of the people of Israel, they demanded for themselves a king like all of the other nations (1 Samuel 8:1-9, 19-22). This did not surprise the Lord who had inspired Moses to place commands regarding the conduct of the future kings in the second giving of the Law (Deuteronomy 17:14-20). Both Saul and David, despite their own sins, followed these commands. David's son Solomon, however, did not.

### The Foolishness of Solomon:

- Solomon acquired great numbers of horses, many from Egypt.  
[1 Kings 4:26, 1 Chron. 9:28]
- Solomon took twice as long to build his own palace as he did to build the Lord's temple  
[1 Kings 6:38-7:1]
- Solomon became obscenely wealthy and powerful.  
[1 Kings 10:14-29]
- Solomon was a polygamist and an adulterer whose fondness for foreign women turned his heart away from the Lord.  
[1 Kings 11:3-8]

- Because of Solomon's folly, the Lord spoke through a prophet to a man named Jeroboam and told him that the kingdom was about to be torn in two. [1 Kings 11:26-39]

- This came to pass because of the foolishness of Solomon's heir, Rehoboam, who refused the counsel of older, wiser men and instead listened to the men his age. [1 Kings 12:1-20]

## **PROPHETS & CAPTIVES**

The seeds of Solomon's idolatry had been sown among his people and both the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah fell into patterns of sin and idolatry. To both the leaders of these kingdoms and their people God sent Prophets who called the people to repent or face coming judgment from the Lord.

### **The prophet's burden according to Jeremiah:**

*"O Lord, you have deceived me and I was deceived, you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot."*  
—Jeremiah 20:7-9

## **THE NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL**

When Jeroboam became the king of the 10 Northern Tribes, he inherited some of the best areas of the land promised to Abraham including the important trade routes and ports. This meant that The Northern Kingdom was far more prosperous than the smaller, Southern Kingdom of Judah.

### **JONAH**

The first of the writing prophets to the Northern Kingdom was Jonah. The account of his prophetic ministry in Israel is brief (2 Kings 14:25-27) but interesting in that he was really one of the only prophets who's message was \_\_\_\_\_ for the kingdom.

Jonah's writings chronicle his ministry to the city of \_\_\_\_\_, the capital of the Assyrian Empire.

➔ It was the success of Jonah's ministry that made possible God's eventual use of Assyria as His sovereign instrument of \_\_\_\_\_ against Israel.

### **AMOS**

Jonah's prophecy regarding the Northern Kingdom's restoration of its borders led to a time of great prosperity. Though the Lord had acted on behalf of His people, they refused to return to Him. To these wealthy, successful people the Lord sent a humble shepherd and tender of fig trees named Amos.

#### **The Prophecy of Amos**

- The Sins of the people: [2:6-8]
- The result would be coming judgment from the hand of an enemy: [3:11-15]
- Yet, the Lord called for them to turn from false worship to Him: [5:4-5]
- Because they would not, He told them to seek their false gods: [5:25-27]
- The people had broken the Mosaic Covenant and so the result would be all of the curses that God promised them. Their kingdom would be destroyed and they as a people will be scattered among the nations: [9:9-10]

### **HOSEA**

Towards the end of Amos' ministry, the Lord raised up another prophet, likely from among the priests of Israel, named Hosea.

#### **The Narrative of Hosea**

- Judgment pictured — 1:2-9
- Restoration pictured — 3:1-5

### The Prophecy of Hosea

- Israel had been unfaithful to the Lord and had worshipped the Baals: [3:13]
- This resulted in lawless sin filled lives: [4:1-3]
- The people were lukewarm at best in their love for the Lord: [6:4-7]
- As a result, they would be taken captive in Assyria and scattered: [9:3; 11:5-6]

➡ The refusal of the people to listen to God's Word through the preaching and writings of the prophets led ultimately to the \_\_\_\_\_.

### THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM OF JUDAH

Though Israel was the wealthier and larger of the two Jewish kingdoms, Judah maintained control of the city of Jerusalem and much of the land to the south. While all of Israel's kings did evil in the sight of the Lord, several of Judah's kings were faithful men. Though this delayed the Lord's judgment on Judah, the people there were just as idolatrous and rebellious as the people of Israel.

### ISAIAH

The ministry of Isaiah lasted roughly 40-50 years and extended through the reigns of numerous kings of Israel and Judah. Isaiah warned the kings of Judah of coming judgment but also told them of a Great King and a better Kingdom that was to come.

#### The Prophecy of Isaiah

- Isaiah's initial warnings to Judah were in regard to the rise of Assyria. Unlike in Israel, the king of Judah repented on behalf of his people and the kingdom was spared. [37:14-20]
- Foolishly, however, after being delivered from an illness, Hezekiah the king then showed envoys from Babylon all of the wealth of his kingdom. Isaiah then prophesied that the long term result of this would be the fall of Judah to the Babylonians. [39:5-8]
- Judah eventually continued in her breaking of the Mosaic Covenant and refused the correction of the Lord given through the prophets. [42:18-25]

### JEREMIAH

Born in a small town northeast of Jerusalem, Jeremiah was the son of a priest. The Lord called him when he was a young man and he spent the next 40 or so years ministering in some of the most difficult contexts imaginable.

#### The Prophecy of Jeremiah

- The Lord's call on Jeremiah's life: [1:4-10]
- Jeremiah's message from the Lord was clear. Just like Israel, Judah had forsaken the Lord and broken the Mosaic Covenant: [2:1-3; 11:1-8]
- As Assyria was God's chosen instrument of judgment on Israel, so Babylon would be for Judah. [Jer. 21:3-7]

Those who trusted in the Lord obeyed the words of Jeremiah and left with the Babylonians when they first came to Judah. Those who did not were slaughtered, captured, or scattered when Nebuchadnezzar's army destroyed Jerusalem in roughly 587 B.C.

# HOPE FOR ISRAEL'S FUTURE:

## **A Coming King and His Kingdom!**

- ⇒ **He will be both God and Man—Isa. 9:6-7**
- ⇒ **He will be in the line of David, fulfilling the Davidic Covenant—Isa. 11:1-4; Jer. 32:14-18**
- ⇒ **He will be the light of all nations, not simply Israel—Isa. 42:6-9; 49:6**
- ⇒ **He will be the light to Israel that all will see—Is. 60:1-5**
- ⇒ **He will gather Israel in the land and they will dwell peacefully, fulfilling the Land Covenant—Jer. 23:5-6**
- ⇒ **He will bring about prosperity and they will experience the fullness of God's promise of the Land—Amos 9:11-15**
- ⇒ **He will be one of the people and will lead them—Hosea 1:10-11**
- ⇒ **He will restore Israel and they will again be His people—Hosea 2:16-23...3:1-5**

