

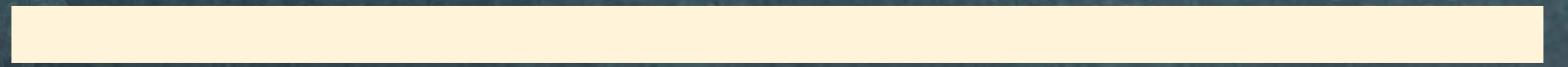


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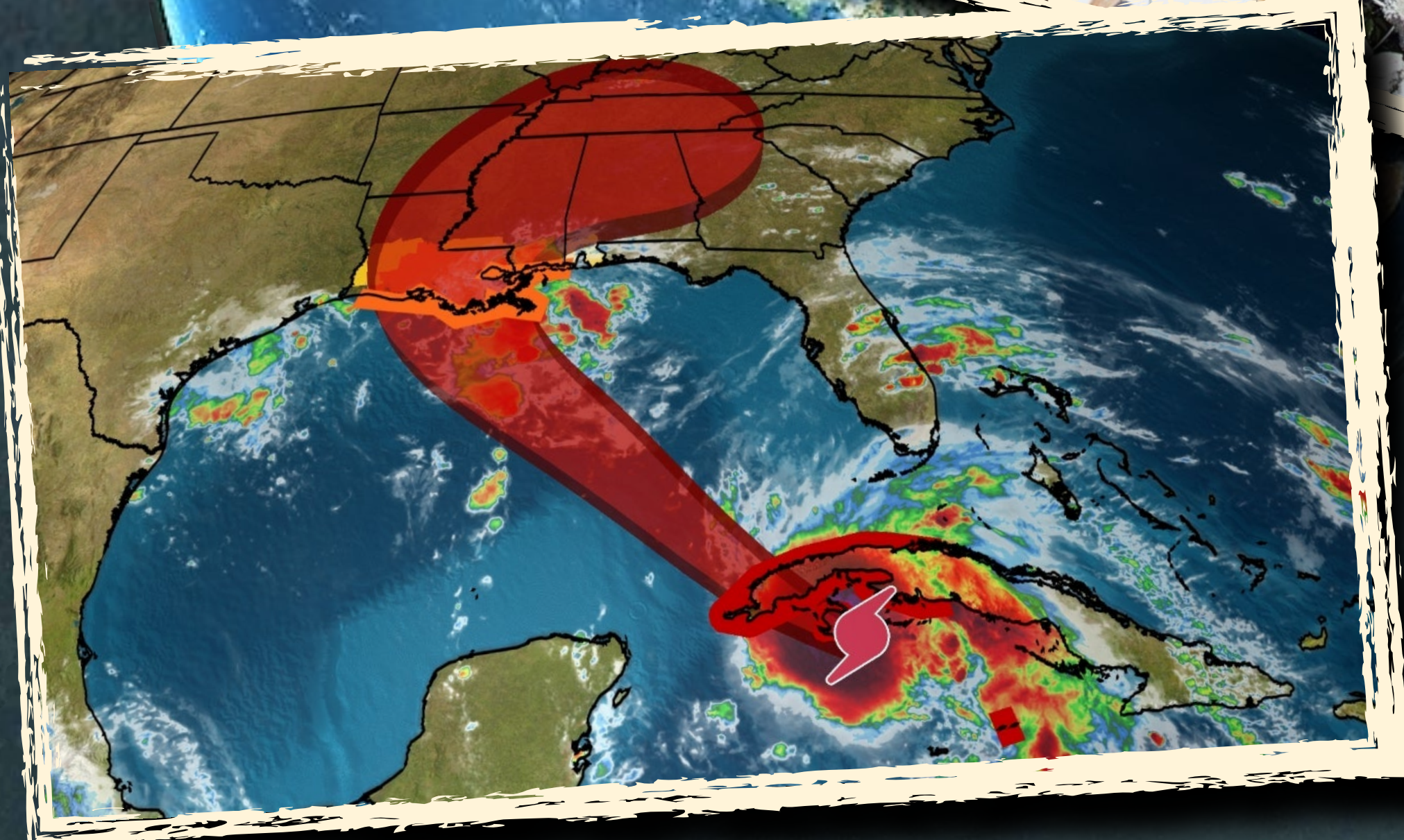
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**Upper Story**



**Lower Story**



# What the World Needs Now

What the world needs now is love, sweet love

It's the only thing that there's just too little of

What the world needs now is love, sweet love

No not just for some, but for everyone

Lord, we don't need another mountain

There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb

There are oceans and rivers enough to cross

Enough to last 'til the end of time

What the world needs  
now is Hope — Sweet Hope.

No not just for some,  
but for everyone.

**On the surface...**  
**we can be tempted to think**  
**that everything is OK.**  
**The economy is good.**  
**It's business as usual.**  
**But underneath it all...**

# **Poll: 61 Percent of Voters Say US Has 'Pretty Seriously Gotten off Track'**



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# Seriously Gotten off Track'





**This is exactly the world  
that Isaiah the prophet  
lived & ministered in.**

Life was “functioning” on  
the surface—

But from God’s perspective  
things were completely  
off the tracks.



“Walking in the  
Light of Hope”

ISAIAH 1-5

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# Isaiah

- Placed first of all the Books of prophecy
- 66 Chapters (39 & 27)
- Quoted directly in NT 65 X's
- More prophecies about Jesus than any other book except Psalms



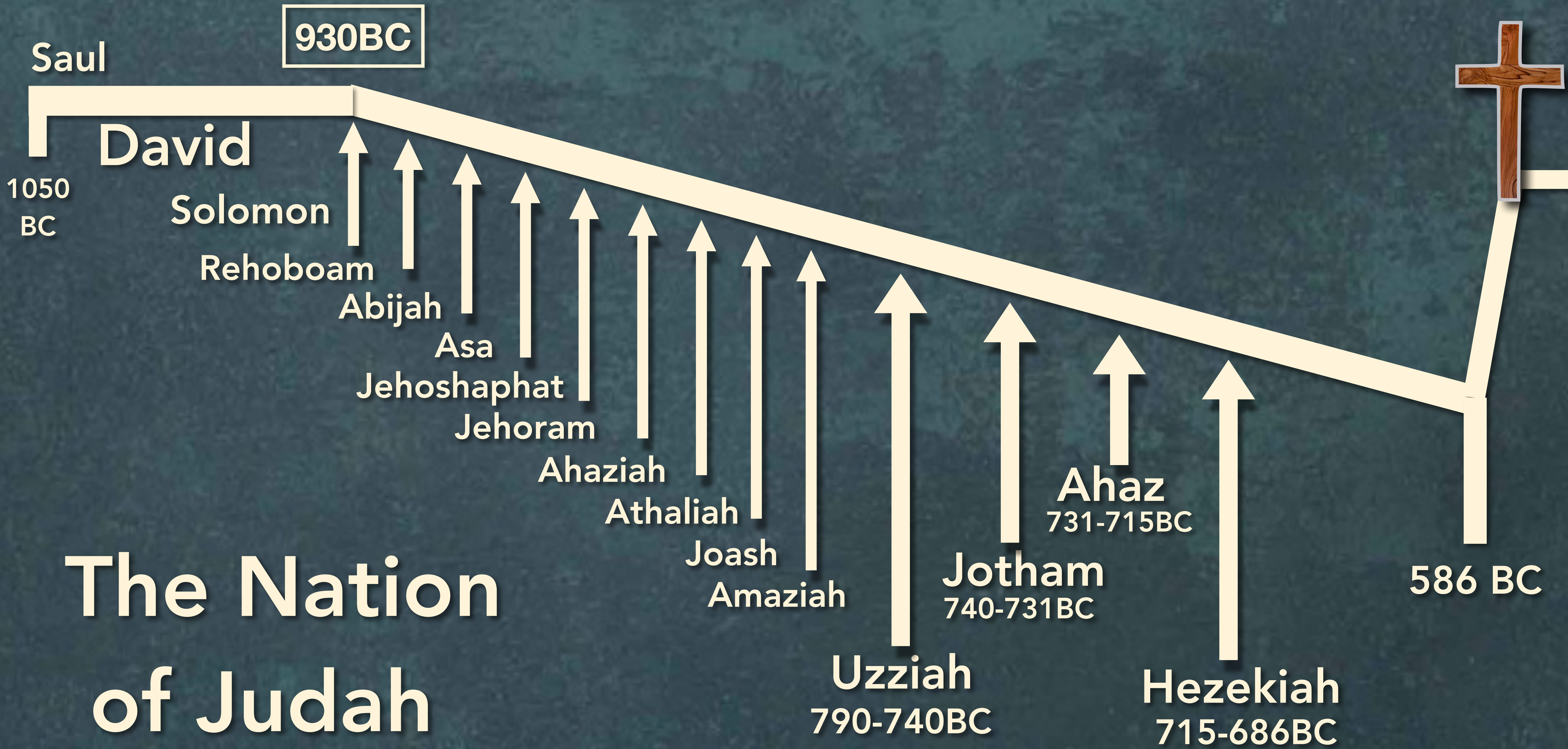
# Isaiah 1:1

**The vision concerning Judah  
and Jerusalem that Isaiah  
son of Amoz saw during the  
reigns of Uzziah, Jotham,  
Ahaz and Hezekiah,  
kings of Judah.**

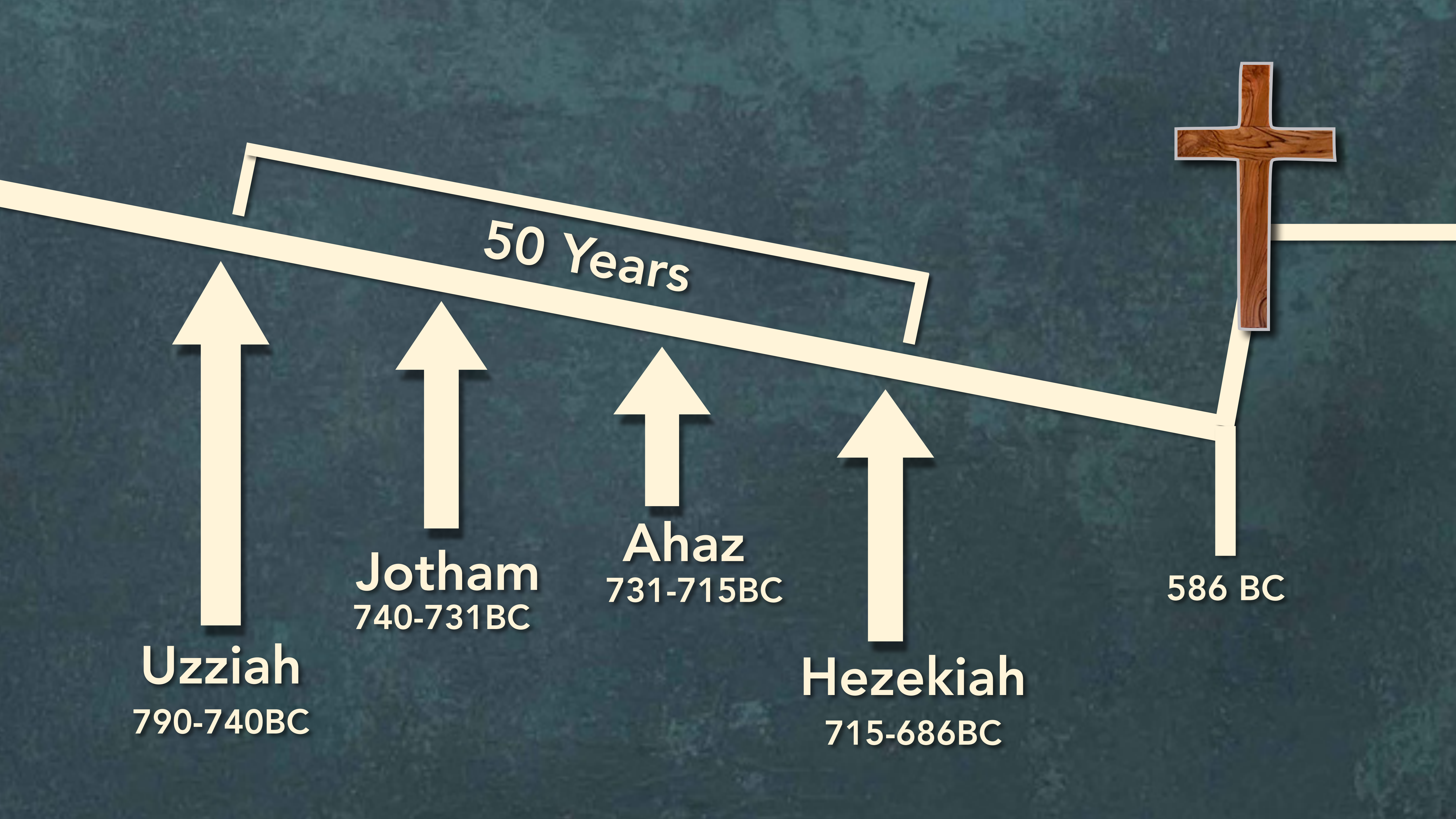


# Isaiah 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of His robe filled the temple.



# The Nation of Judah



**Uzziah**  
790-740BC

**Jotham**  
740-731BC

**Ahaz**  
731-715BC

**Hezekiah**  
715-686BC



**“Under King Uzziah’s leadership, Judah engaged in an impressive program of military expansion and economic development. It was a proud time of military success, political stability, and great prosperity.**



**The Message of Isaiah  
Barry G. Webb**

**“As Uzziah’s reign drew to a close, however, it was clear that this state of affairs could not be maintained for much longer. Five years before Uzziah’s death, in 745BC, an ambitious and capable new ruler came to power in Assyria.**



**The Message of Isaiah  
Barry G. Webb**

**“The international scene was full of threat. At home, too, things were far from well. Deep cracks were opening up in Judean society as justice was bought and sold, or simply disregarded and replaced by violent exploitation and repression.**



**The Message of Isaiah  
Barry G. Webb**

**“Religious observance continued, but could no longer conceal the rot that had set in underneath. The creed that the Lord was king had become hollow. It’s ethical implications were disregarded at home, and no longer inspired confidence when one looked out on the changing world.”**



**The Message of Isaiah  
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**Isaiah is a Book for  
today. It is God's  
message to us.**



**God's Broken Heart**

**Our Broken Strength**

**God's Unbroken Grace**



# God's Broken Heart

Isaiah 1:2-4

Hear me, you heavens! Listen, earth!  
For the Lord has spoken:  
"I reared children and brought them up,  
but they have rebelled against me.  
The ox knows its master,  
the donkey its owner's manger,  
but Israel does not know,  
my people do not understand."



# God's Broken Heart

Isaiah 1:2-4

Hear Woe to the sinful nation,  
a people whose guilt is great,  
a brood of evildoers,  
children given to corruption!  
They have forsaken the Lord;  
they have spurned the Holy One of Israel  
and turned their backs on Him.



I'm going to put on my "preacher hat"  
and be very direct—

We so easily compare ourselves to  
others, and cast ourselves in the best  
possible light. We trivialize our choices.  
We don't think they matter that much.

**What hinders God's blessing in the world today isn't Hollywood or Washington. What hinders God's blessing is His own children in rebellion against Him. The reason we see so little repentance in the world is that the world sees so little repentance in the church.**

**Our sin breaks God's heart.**

**And it derails our lives.**



# Our Broken Lives

Isaiah 1:5-8

Why should you be beaten anymore?

Why do you persist in rebellion?

Your whole head is injured,  
your whole heart afflicted.

From the sole of your foot

to the top of your head

there is no soundness—

only wounds and welts and open sores,

not cleansed or bandaged

or soothed with olive oil.



# Our Broken Lives

Isaiah 1:5-8

Your country is desolate,  
your cities burned with fire;  
your fields are being stripped  
by foreigners right before you,  
laid waste as when overthrown  
by strangers.

Daughter Zion is left like  
a shelter in a vineyard,  
like a hut in a cucumber field,  
like a city under siege.

**Isaiah (God!) is calling Judah to  
take an honest look at  
themselves. To open their eyes.**

**Us too.**

**How's that workin' for you?**

# Like a shack in a cucumber field.

v. 8





**God's Broken Heart**

**Our Broken Strength**

**God's Unbroken Grace**





# God's Unbroken Grace

Isaiah 1:9; 16-18

<sup>9</sup> Unless the Lord Almighty  
had left us some survivors,  
we would have become like Sodom,  
we would have been like Gomorrah.

<sup>16</sup> Wash and make yourselves clean.  
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;  
stop doing wrong.  
Learn to do right; seek justice.  
Defend the oppressed.



# God's Unbroken Grace

Isaiah 1:9; 16-18

Take up the cause of the fatherless;  
plead the case of the widow.

"Come now, let us settle the matter,"  
says the Lord.

"Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson,  
they shall be like wool."

Even in the midst of the mess...  
Isaiah delivers a message of salvation.  
A message of redemption.  
A message of hope.

Isaiah 2:1-5

**"Come, descendants of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light  
of the Lord."**

**Come, children of God,  
let us walk in the Hope  
of the Lord.**

## Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**Hope has a name.  
And His name is Jesus.**

