

GOD'S STORY

ACT 1, SCENE 1

GOD PREPARES A PEOPLE

**God Forsakes His Nation
(1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 25)**



Implications of God's sovereignty and omniscience



"This thing is from Me."
(1 Kng. 12:24)



I. God Forsakes the Northern Kingdom

A. Jeroboam's descent

1. His idolatry



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A. Jeroboam's descent

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2. His unauthorized priesthood



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A. Jeroboam's descent

1. His idolatry
2. His unauthorized priesthood
3. His influence



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B. God's response

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B. God's response

1. *Announced (1 Kng. 14:7-16)*

2. **Accomplished (2 Kng. 17:5-23)**



II. God Forsakes the Southern Kingdom

A. Judah's descent

1. Imitating the North



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A. Judah's descent

1. *Imitating the North*
2. **Failure of leadership**



II. God Forsakes the Southern Kingdom

B. God's response

1. Announced (2 Kng. 21:10-14)



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B. God's response

1. *Announced (2 Kng. 21:10-14)*
2. **Accomplished (2 Kng. 24:3 – 25:21)**



What in the world is God doing?!



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3. **We should tremble at the idea of being removed from God’s presence.**



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4. On the cross, Jesus was “*exiled from God’s presence*” so that we would not have to be!



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4. On the cross, Jesus was “*exiled from God’s presence*” so that we would not have to be!
5. **The one whose hope and confidence are in Jesus needs never be ashamed.**

