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"Can you turn up that music?"



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"Go ahead and take my truck. Here's 50 bucks for gas."



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"I LOVE your tattoo. We should both get new ones."



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"Here, you take the remote."



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# Story of God's People Sum Total:

# KEY PRINCIPLE: Obey God

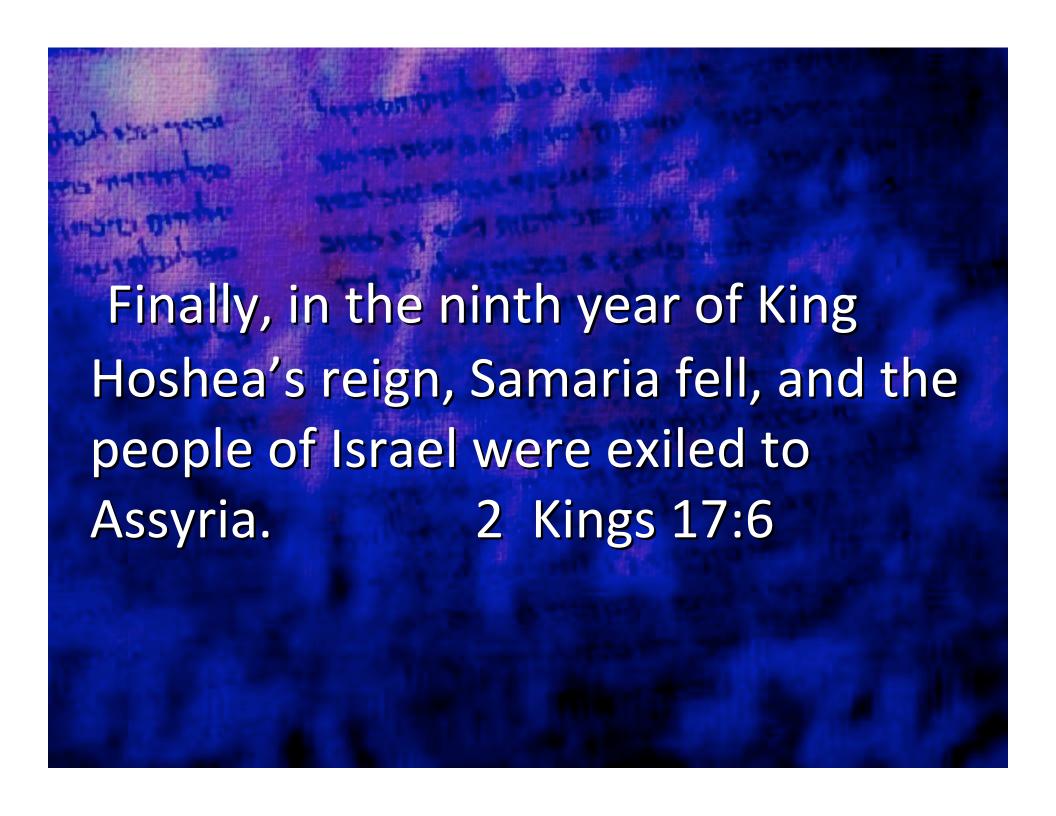


# The Books of 1st and 2nd Kings, spotlights the Kings of the divided kingdom:

**KEY PRINCIPLE:** The character of each kingdom is largely determined by the character of it's king





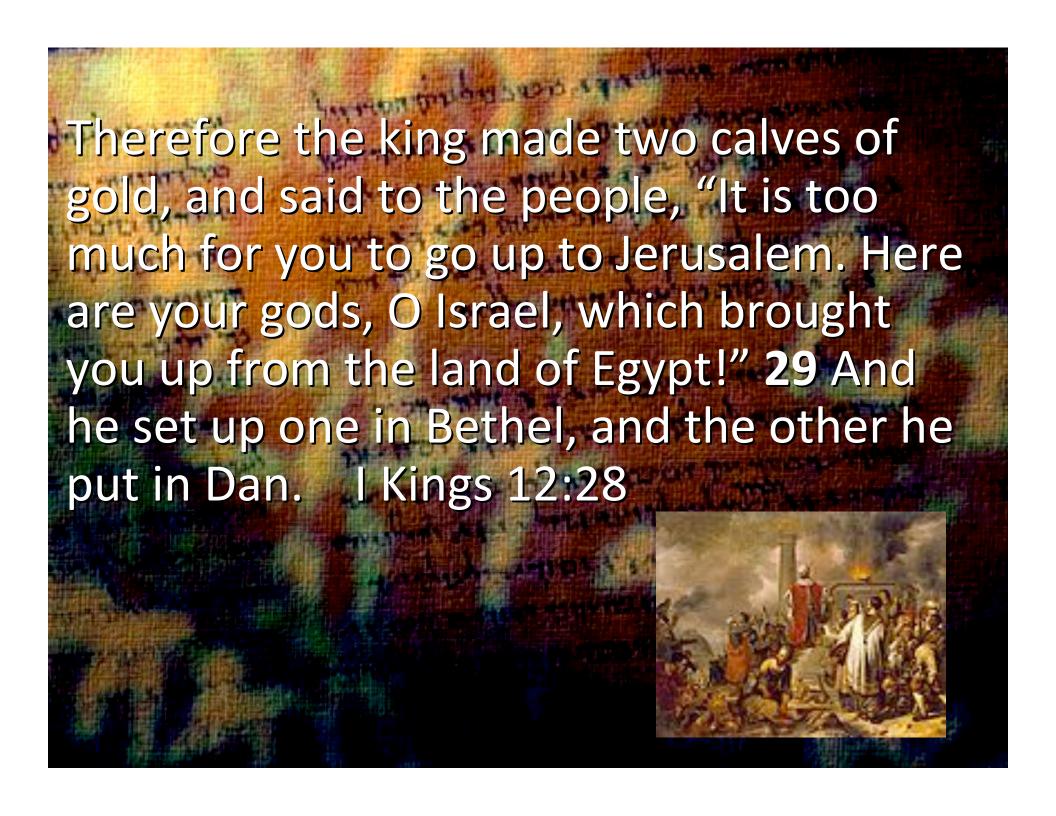


This disaster came upon the people of Israel because they worshiped other gods. They sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them safely out of Egypt and had rescued them from the power of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. ...18 Because the Lord was very angry with Israel, he swept them away from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah remained in the land. 2 Kings 17:7,18

#### What's the relevance to us?

These kingdoms are a picture to us of the kingdom in our own lives.







Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? 24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him"

...23The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.

John 4:24,23



Again and again the Lord had sent his prophets ... to warn both Israel and Judah: Turn from all your evil ways. Obey my commands and decrees—the entire law that I commanded your ancestors to obey, and that I gave you through my servants the prophets. 2 Kings 17:13

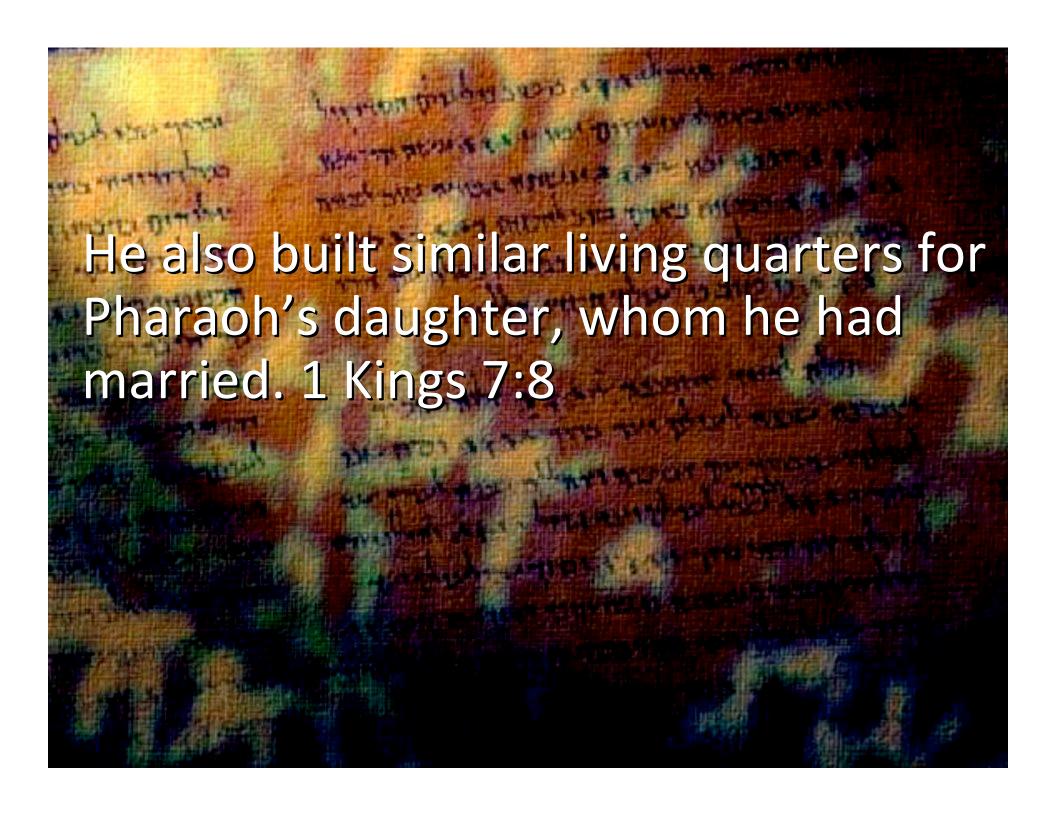


"As for you, if you walk before me in integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, 5 I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father ...

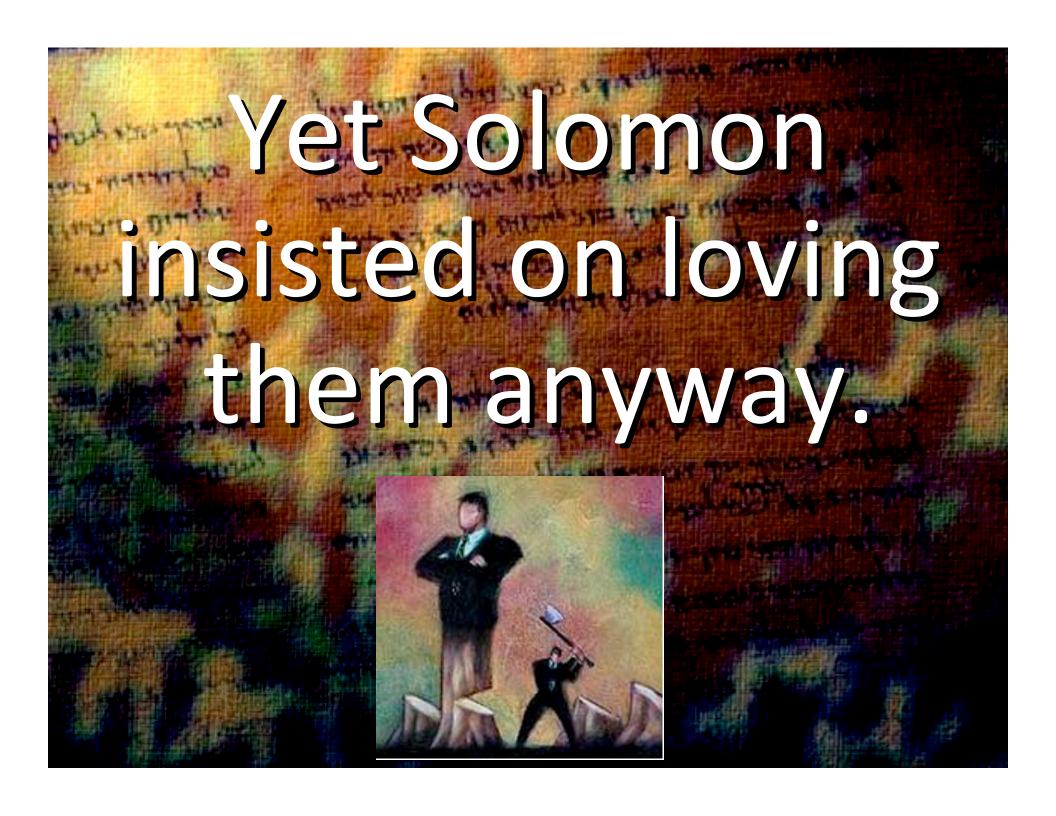
1 Kings 9:4,5

6 "But if you or your sons turn away from me and do not observe the commands and decrees I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. 1 Kings 9:6,7

8 And though this temple is now imposing, all who pass by will be appalled and will scoff and say, 'Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and to this temple?' 9 People will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, worshiping and serving them—that is why the LORD brought all this disaster on them.' " 1 Kings 9:8,9



Besides Pharaoh's daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites. 2 The Lord had clearly instructed the people of Israel, 'You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods.' Yet Solomon insisted on loving them 1 Kings 11:1,2 anyway.



# Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:7

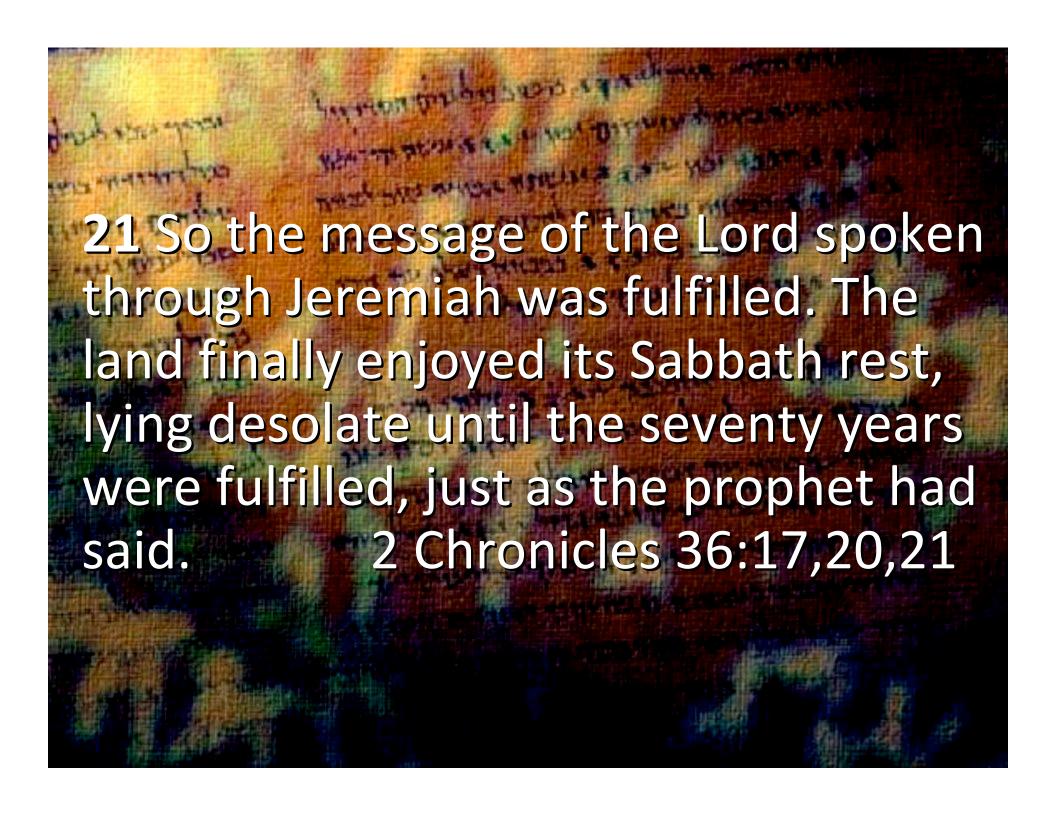




The Lord, the God of their ancestors, repeatedly sent his prophets to warn them, for he had compassion on his people and his Temple. 16 But the people mocked these messengers of God and despised their words. They scoffed at the prophets until the Lord's anger could no longer be restrained and nothing could be 2 Chronicles 36:15 done.

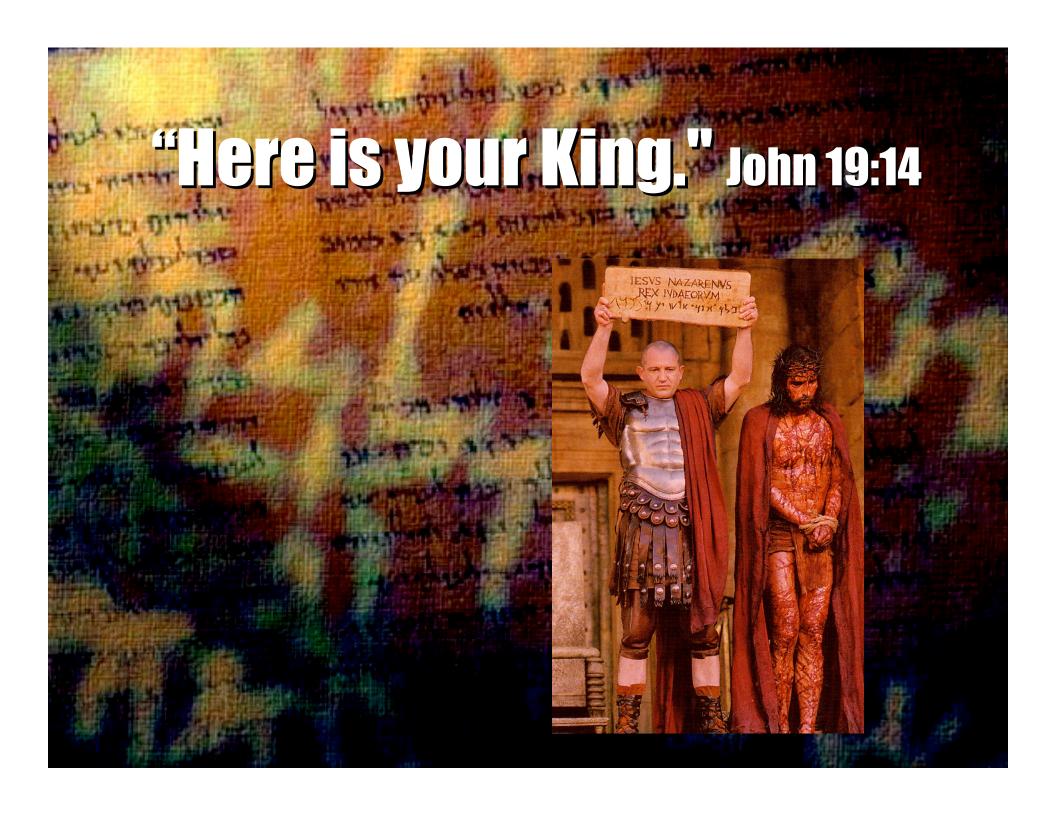
So the Lord brought the king of Babylon against them. The Babylonians killed Judah's young men, even chasing after them into the Temple.

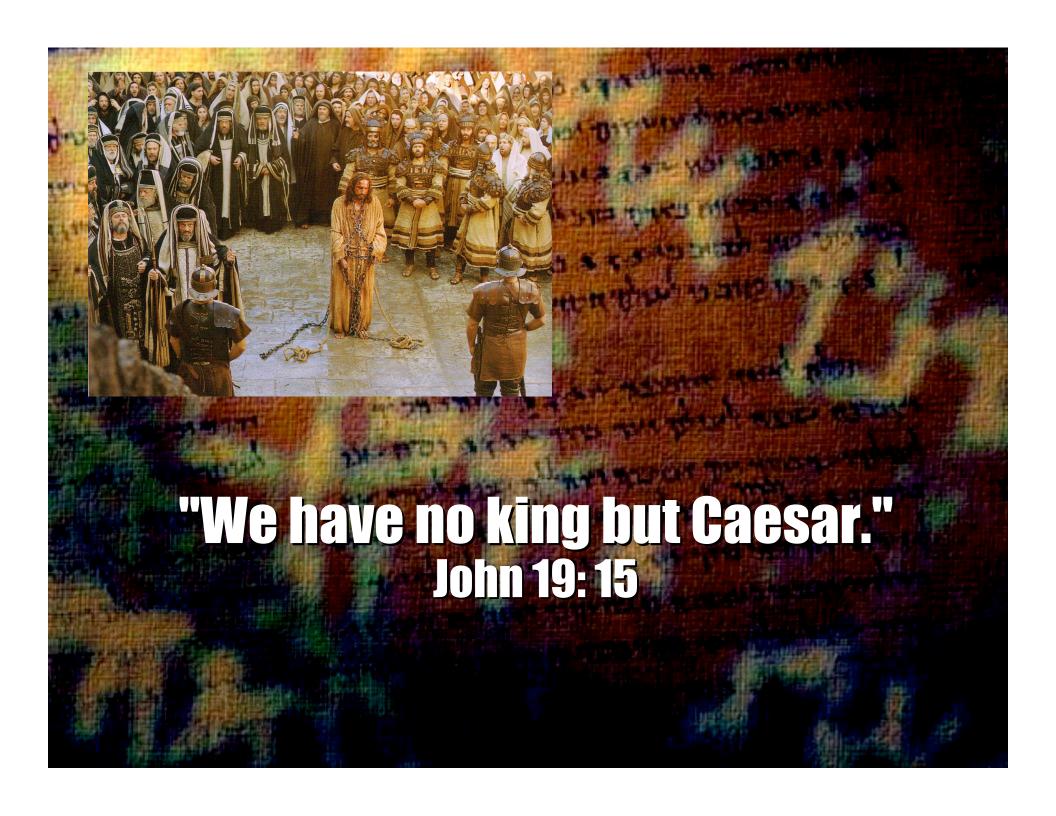
20 The few who survived were taken as exiles to Babylon, and they became servants to the king and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power.





If someone claims, I know God, but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. 1 John 2:4-6

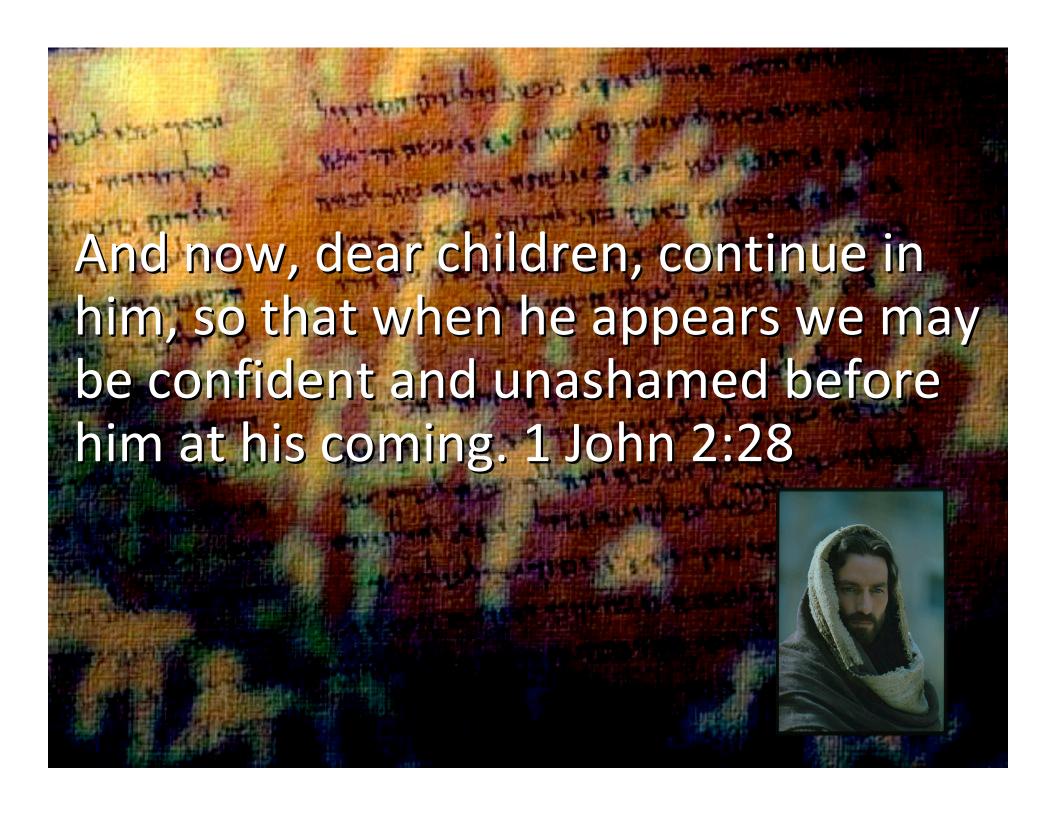






Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died. Zechariah 12:10







But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. 14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. 15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. I Corinthians 3:13-15





