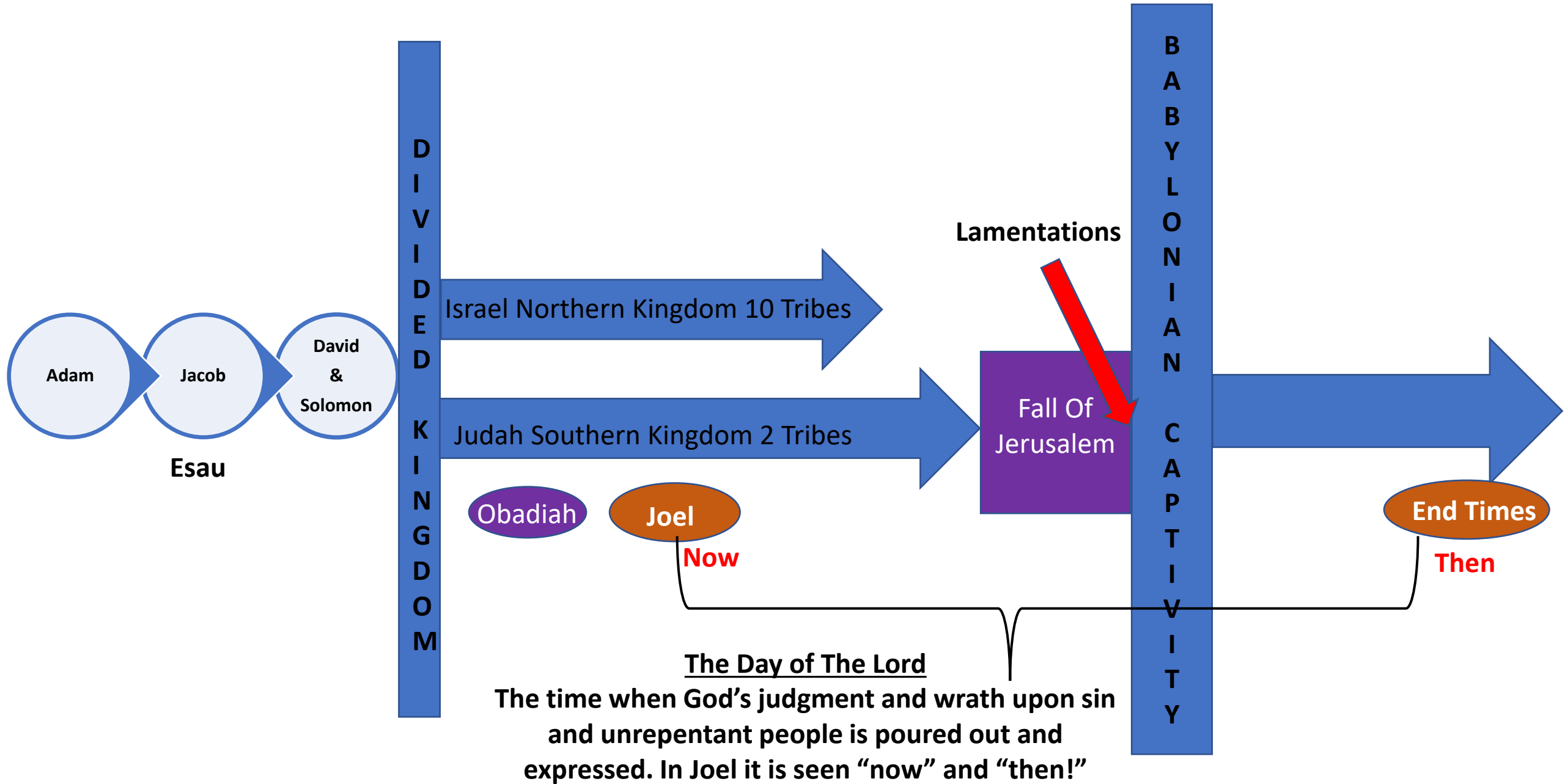


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**Three-Fold
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Locusts: Judgment NOW!


1:1-4

Change Your Heart!

2:12-13

Judgment To Come: THEN!

3:9-16



Lesson #1 From Joel For Today

It Is Not Smart To Play Spiritual Games With God!

Joel 2:12-13

'Even now,' declares the LORD, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.'

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God..."

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Lesson #2 From Joel For Today

God Reveals Himself During Times Of Crisis

Joel 2:13-14

As devoted followers of Jesus we LIKE the spiritual mountaintops, but we LEARN in the valleys!

- Gracious
- Compassionate
- Slow to Anger
- Abounding in Love
- Relents from Judgment
- Wants to Bless

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Lesson #3 From Joel For Today

God Always Has A Remnant

Joel 3:17-21

- NOW: Judgment 3:7-91
- THEN: Restoration 3:20-21
- Elijah learned God had a remnant
- Ruth learned God had a remnant
- We need to learn this as well

Your reality isn't REAL...God's Reality is Real

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Lesson #4 From Joel For Today

God Can Restore What Has Been Destroyed

Joel 2:23-27

I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten-- the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm --my great army that I sent among you.

You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

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Today's Challenge

- **Come ask God to restore**
- **Stop “playing games” with God**
- **Look for God in your crisis**
- **Ask God to show you His remnant in your life**

