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GODS & KINGS

"The Great Divorce"

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Topic: What Puts a Community at Risk?"

Intro: **AMERICA DIVIDED – Play video**

November 8 2016 Presidential election was one most memorable in history – real estate mogul and reality TV star – Donald Trump defeated – long time Democrat and lifetime Politian Hillary Rodham Clinton – June and I were in Marco island at time – one thing that seemed to really rise to the surface – how divided we have become in America

ELECTION OF 2016

Trump received 304 electoral votes and Clinton garnered 227

Clinton received about 2.9 million more votes nationwide, a margin of 2.1% of the total cast

Popular vote – Clinton 48% Trump 46%

Our nation seems more divided than at any other time in my life – many issues that divide us many saw in opeing video (politics, social justice issues, gay marriage, abortion, free speech, gun control) all these seems to bring out the worse in people – EVER TRY GIVING YOUR OPINION ON THE INTERNET????

WHEN YOU DO – THE BACKLASH LOOKS A BIT LIKE THIS (**PLAY INTERNET OPINON CLIP**)

Our times appear to be a bit like Ancient Israel during the times of the Kings

2<sup>nd</sup> week of 8 week series called "**GOD'S AND KINGS: The Rise and Fall of Israel & Judah**"

Last week looked at a man named SOLOMON – who had a good beginning and ended badly.

- 1) Man of great wisdom – on to wisdom stardom – but along the way got tripped by foolish decisions --- Went down the road of foolishness by:

**1) ALIGNING HIMSELF WITH THE WRONG PEOPLE.**

*v1 "Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt and married his daughter.*

**2) ALLOWED A LILLE WIGGLE ROOM IN HIS COMMITMENT TO GOD**

*v3 - "Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the statues of his Father David, EXCEPT --- he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places"*

**3) ASSUMED HE WAS THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE.**

**4) FAILING TO DEAL WITH PREDISPOSED WEAKNESSES**

**5) IGNORED CORRECTION**

*Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. Proverbs 19:20*

Lead to one of the saddest times in the history of Israel – DIVIDED KINGDOM.

What began as the magic kingdom under David – became the tragic kingdom under his successors. What started out as Camelot under Solomon – deteriorated into civil war and chaos upon his death.

**BIG IDEA OF SERIES: Everyone has the opportunity to choose what is right(righteousness) over what is wrong(sin)**

