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HISTORY



This book records King David's death and King Solomon's ascent to the throne, followed by the division of the kingdom for its first 100 years. The book relates the prophet Elijah's battles with King Ahab and his wife Jezebel.







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SOLOMON
ASCENDS AND
BUILDS THE
TEMPLE

2

THE GREAT DIVIDE

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THE DIVIDED KINGDOM SUFFERS ITS FIRST KINGS



THE DEEDS OF ELIJAH THE PROPHET

1 KINGS 1-10

King David dies, choosing Solomon to reign. Solomon prays for wisdom and is blessed by the Lord. Solomon builds the temple and a palace. God speak to Solomon, promising him great blessings if he is obedient, and curses if he forsakes the Lord. The Queen of Sheba visits. Solomon's wealth and wisdom are greater than any other kingdom.

1 KINGS 11-12

Solomon dies, and his son Rehoboam reigns in his stead. Rehoboam decides to increase taxes and the Israelites revolt, dividing themselves into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. Jeroboam becomes the king of 10 tribes of Israel in the north. Rehoboam reigns over Judah in the south, the leader of the other two tribes.

1 KINGS 12—17

Subsequent kings of Judah and Israel are named, as the people drift further into wickedness, worshipping Baal and other false gods. The only righteous king is Asa, King of Judah. Jeroboam and his house are destroyed and his name becomes a biblical curse.

1 KINGS 17-22

King Ahab and his wife Jezebel establish worship of Baal throughout the land. The prophet Elijah announces a drought because of these pagan practices. The Lord preserves Elijah, who raises a widow's son from the dead. Elijah also challenges the priests of Baal to a contest and shows that God's power is supreme. He hears God proclaim that there are 7,000 Israelites who are faithful to the Lord. Jezebel and Ahab die and Ahaziah reigns in wickedness.

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

TYPE

HISTORY



This book contains the remaining history of the biblical kings. Elijah continues his work as prophet, and Elisha succeeds him. It is a very dark period, as God's warnings about the evil nature of kings come to pass. The only way to repentance is through misfortune, and both kingdoms fall to invaders; only Judah repents.







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FINISHING THE JOURNEYS OF ELIJAH AND ELISHA

HISTORY LEADING TO THE ASSYRIAN INVASION OF ISRAEL, 722 BC

HISTORY LEADING TO THE **BABYLONIAN** INVASION OF JUDAH, 585 BC

2 KINGS 1—10

Elijah is taken up to heaven, and is only the second person in history to circumvent death (see Enoch of Genesis 5). Elisha begins his series of miracles, including multiplying a widow's oil, raising a child from the dead, and healing a man of leprosy. Jehu, a good king of Judah. kills Ahab's 70 sons and all worshippers of Baal.

2 KINGS 11—17

Various kings reign over Israel. Good kings include only five from Judah: all Israel's are evil. Elisha dies and Assyria invades Israel. Hoshea reigns over Israel, which becomes subject to the Assyrians. The ten tribes of Israel are carried away as captives.

2 KINGS 18-25

Several kings, beginning with Hezekiah, reign over Judah. They reign in various states of righteousness and wickedness. King Josiah calls people to repentance, but it is only temporary, as the kings that follow him lead the people back into wickedness. Under King Zedekiah, Babylon invades Judah; Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed, and the people are taken into bondage.

THE INVASIONS & EXILES, 700 - 500 BC

AT-A-GLANCE

BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED

Kings of Israel, the Assyrians & Babylonians, Major & Minor Prophets

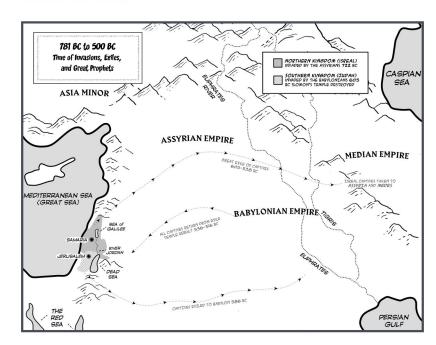
SCRIPTURES COVERING

2 Kings 17-25, excerpts from all four Major Prophets and seven of the 12 Minor Prophets (Amos, Hosea, Micah, Habakkuk, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi), plus Ezra and Nehemiah.

IMPORTANT FACTS

Due to gross idolatry, God allowed both the Assyrians and the Babylonians to invade Israel and take the people away. The people taken during the Assyrian exile never returned!

The people from the Babylonian invasion came back. They were from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. They rebuilt Solomon's Temple 70 years after the Babylonians destroyed it.



Creation

Years Covered: 722-536 BC

Birth of Jesus

2000's AD

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FAMOUS VERSES:

Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?

Ezekiel 33:11

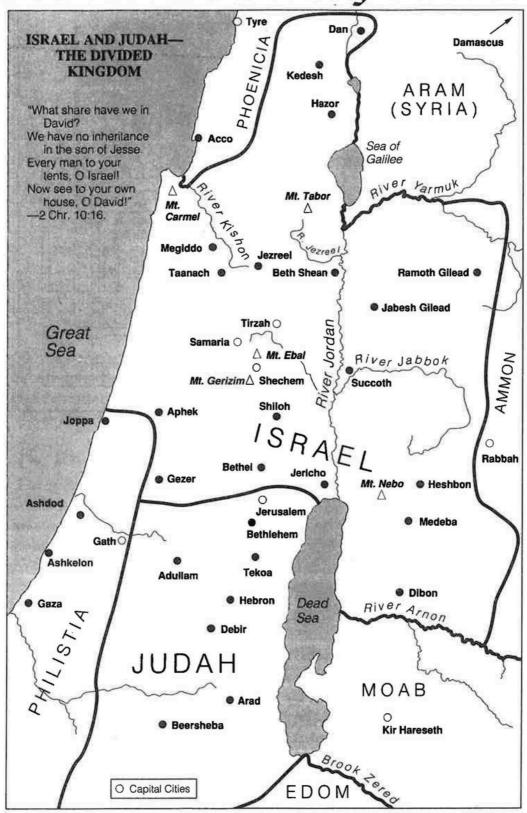
MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED:

This was not a big miracle period in Israel. However it is loaded with prophecy! Most Major and Minor Prophets were either prophesying about the invasions or exiles that were coming or they were prophesying during them.

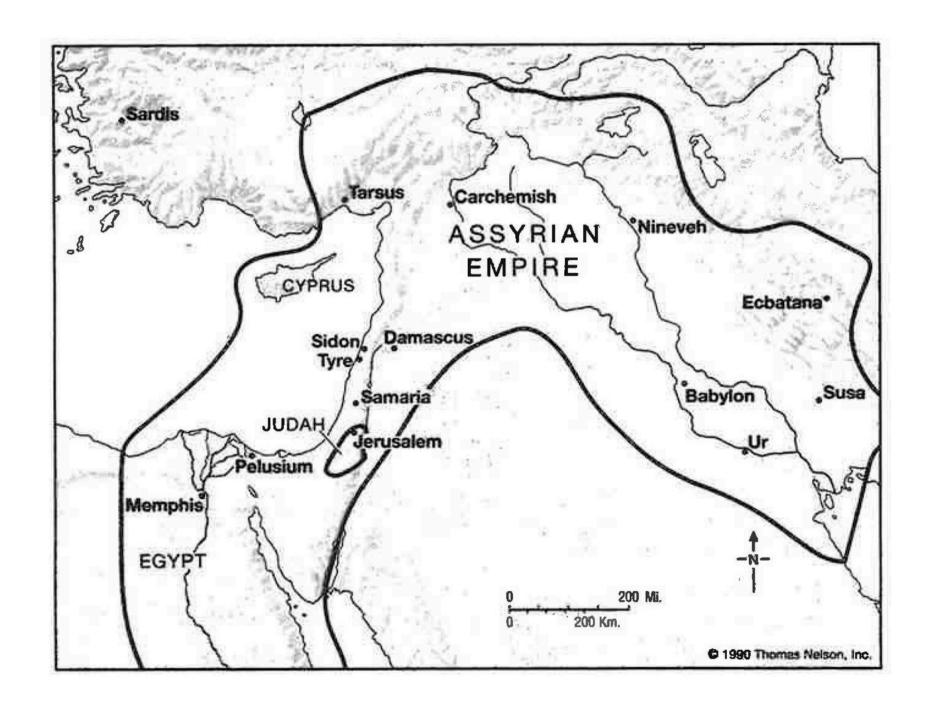
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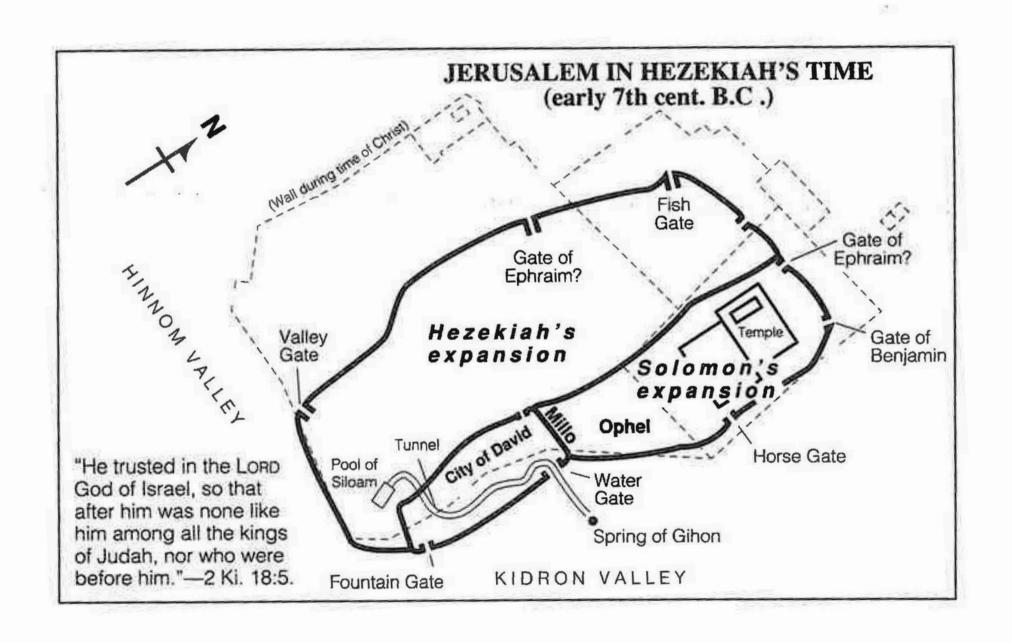
- After Solomon, the third king of Israel, the kings got corrupt. They split the kingdom into two kingdoms because they couldn't get along. Israel became the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah. The people worshipped other gods. They kept making God mad and hurt. There was rarely a good king in either Judah or Israel.
- So God let evil nations invade and take people away, or "be exiled." It gave people a chance to stop behaving badly, (even though they didn't).
- Assyria invaded the Northern Kingdom of Israel first in 722 BC. But they didn't start taking the people away until 605 BC. They
 are represented by the top line on the map. As stated above, all the people exiled from the Kingdom of Israel never came back.
 They are now called the "lost tribes of Israel." The loss involved 10 of the 12 Tribes. There was recent debate over whether the
 American Indians are the lost tribe of Dan. DNA may soon tell!
- The Babylonians invaded the Southern Kingdom of Judah in 586 BC. This was quite devastating, because it involved Jerusalem and the Temple. King Nebuchadnezzar not only leveled the Temple but took everyone in the kingdom to exile in Babylon. The exile lasted 70 years! The exile is represented by the bottom line on the map. The return after 70 years is the middle line.

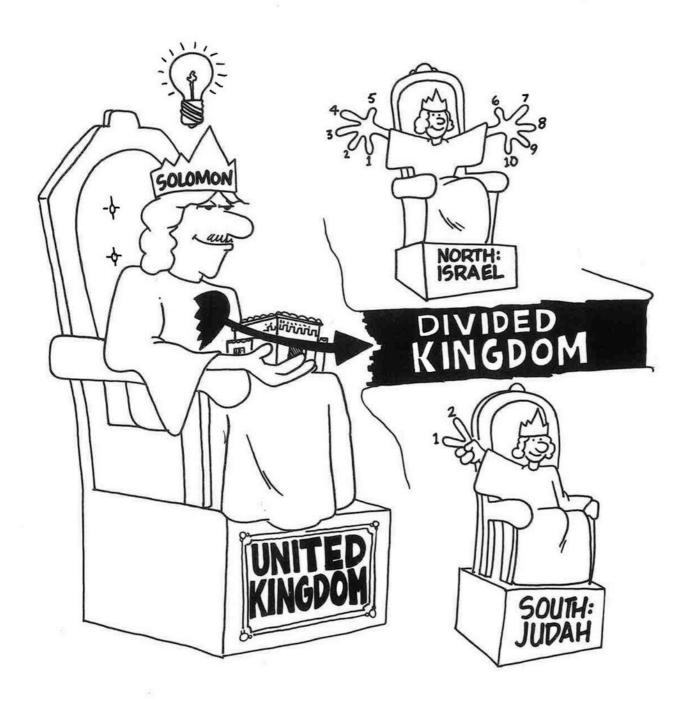
The Divided Kingdom



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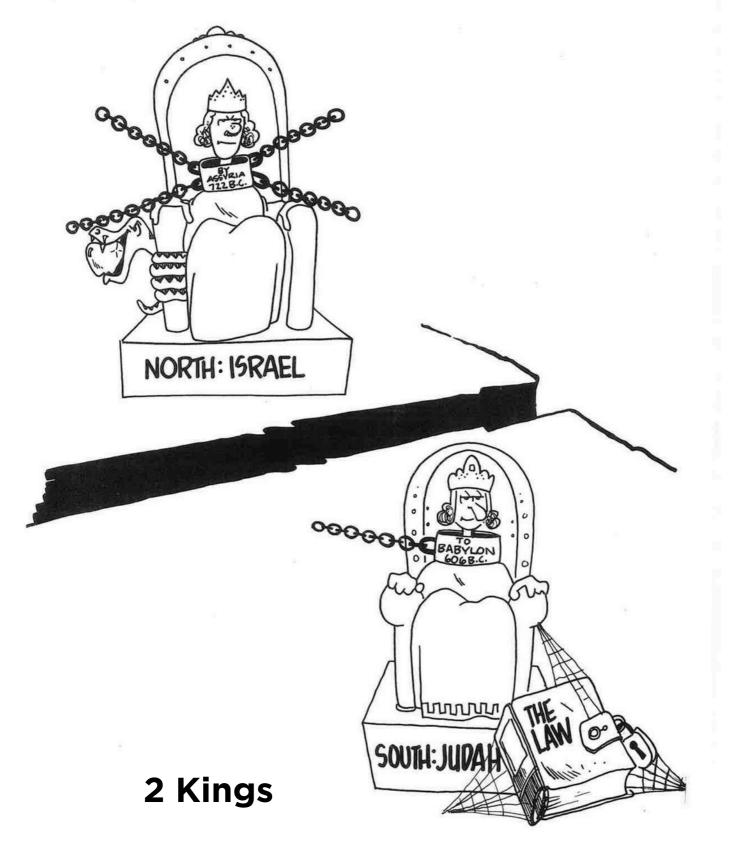


1 Kings

The book opens with Solomon taking his rightful place on his father's throne.

His wisdom was known throughout the world (light bulb over head).

God chose him to build His temple (Temple in hand). However, Solomon's heart was divided (1/2 heart on chest) between the True God and foreign gods, resulting in the Divided Kingdom (arrow pointing from Solomon's heart to the chasm labeled "Divided Kingdom"). The Northern Kingdom was known as Israel and contained 10 tribes (10 fingers in air). The Southern Kingdom as Judah, having 2 tribes (2 fingers in air).



The Kingdom is still divided. Israel continued to be evil (snake), with no righteous Kings. Therefore, God gave them over to the Assyrians who captured and scattered them in 722 B.C. (neck iron with 4 chains representing scattering of Israel).

Judah, on the other hand, had good and bad Kings.

Many unlocked God's Word and followed it (Book of the Law).

Others just allowed it to collect dust and did not follow it. Finally, God gave up on Judah also, and sent them to Babylon in 606 B.C. (neck iron with only 1 chain - to Babylon).