

# 1 KINGS

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

11

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

22

TYPE

HISTORY



## OVERVIEW

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.



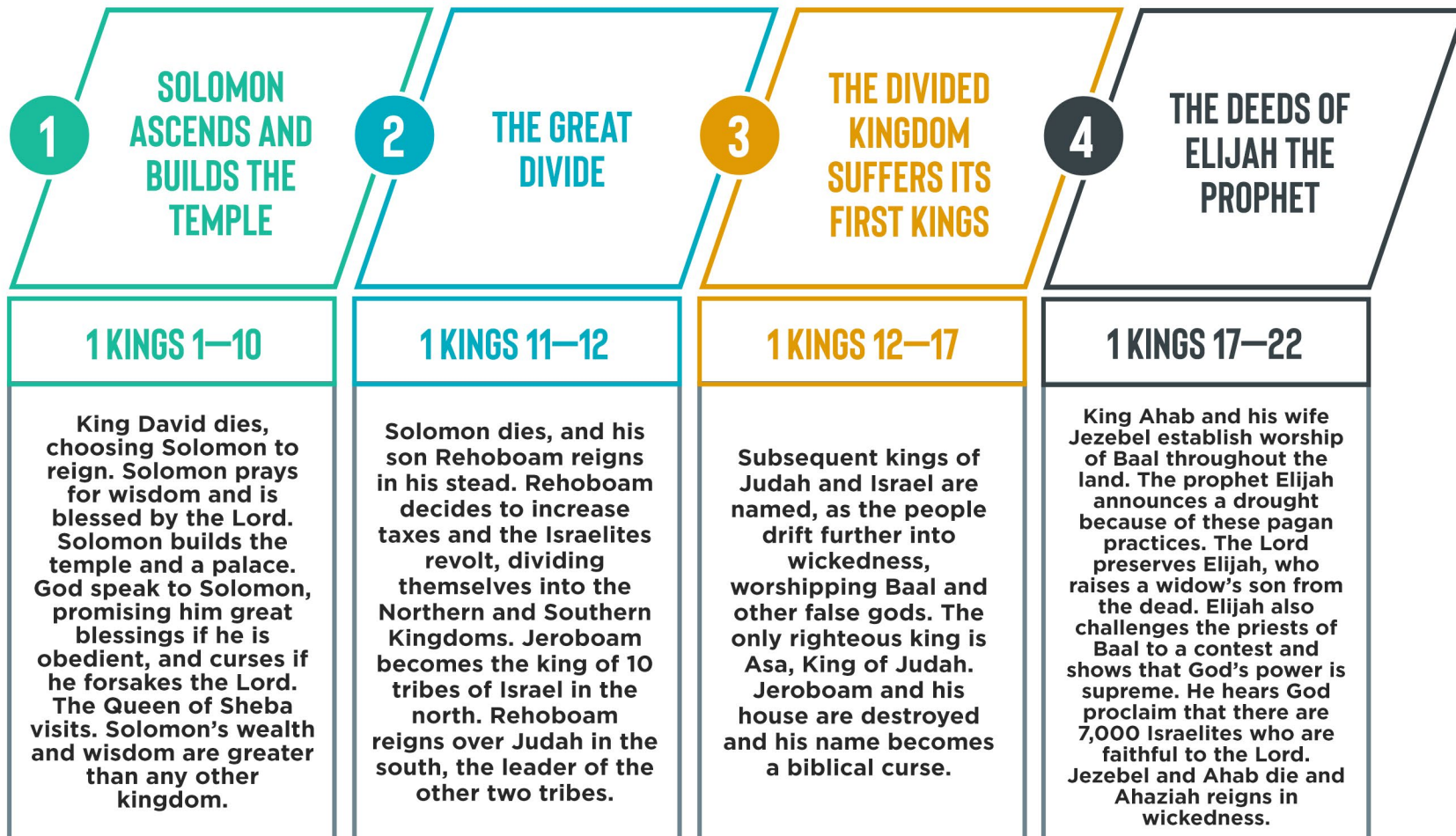
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550 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED  
975-850 BC



AUTHOR  
Unknown; stories appear to be written during the Great Exile to Babylon



# 2 KINGS

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

12

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

25

TYPE

HISTORY



## OVERVIEW

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.



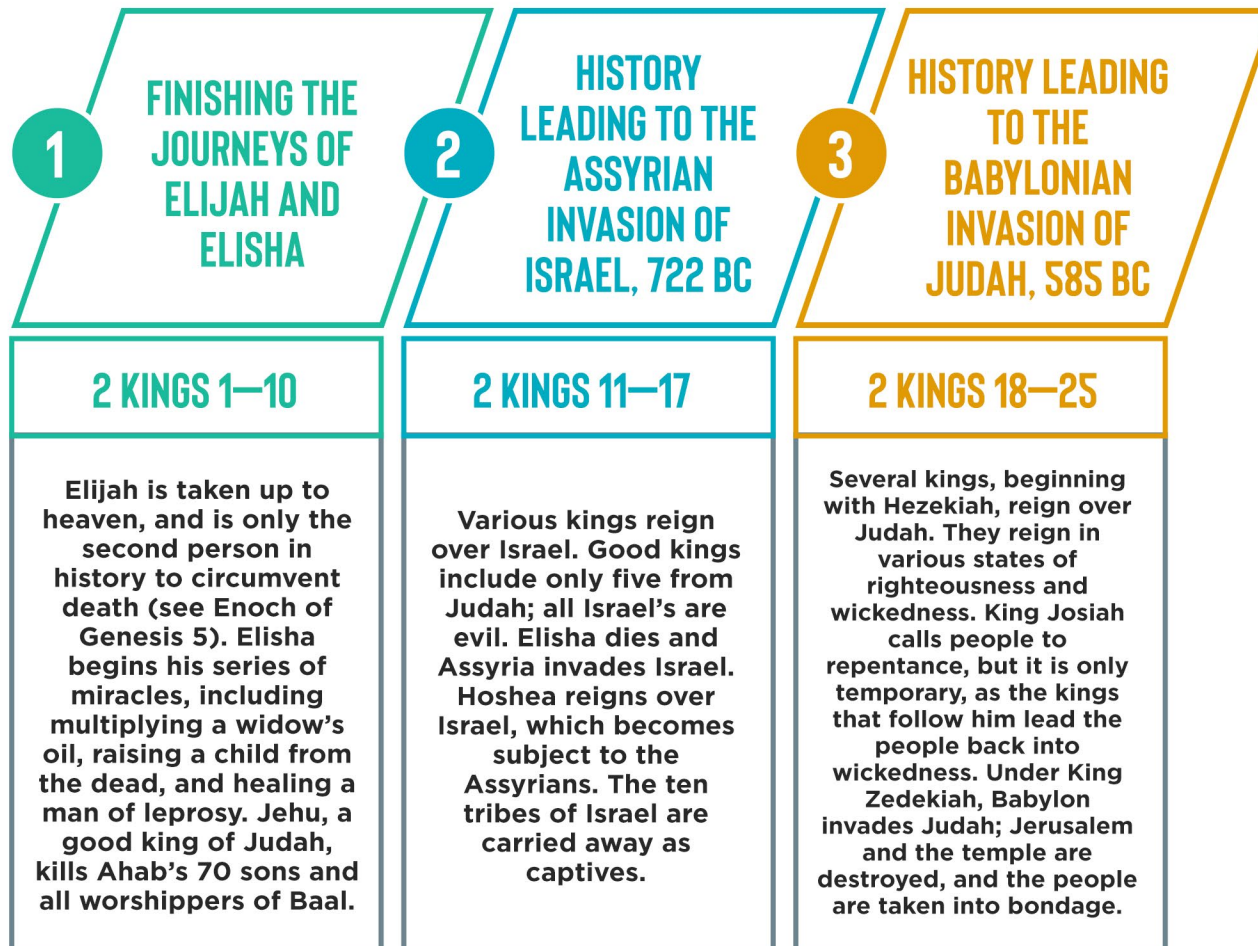
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TIME PERIOD COVERED  
850–575 BC



AUTHOR  
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# THE INVASIONS & EXILES, 700 - 500 BC

## AT-A-GLANCE

### BIBLE CHARACTERS INVOLVED

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

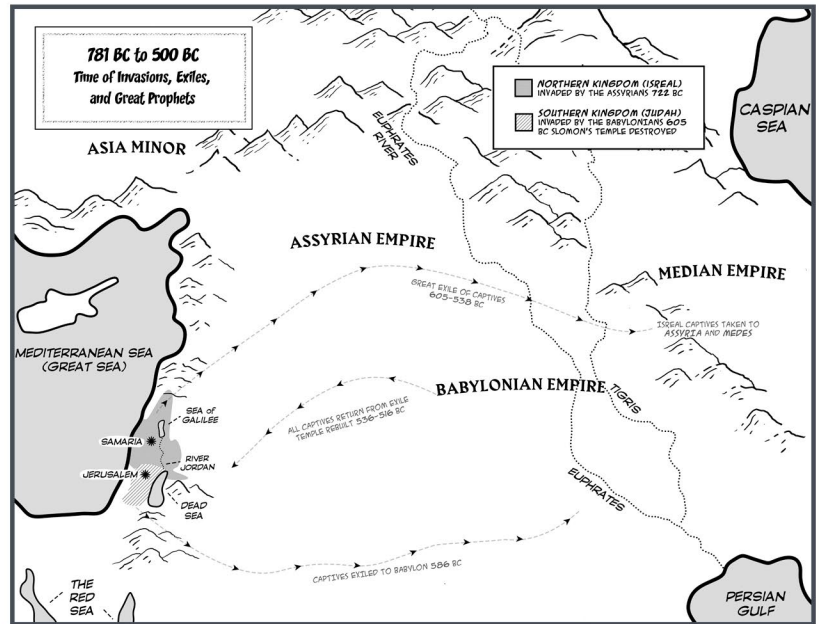
### SCRIPTURES COVERING

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

### FAMOUS VERSES:

Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?  
**Ezekiel 33:11**

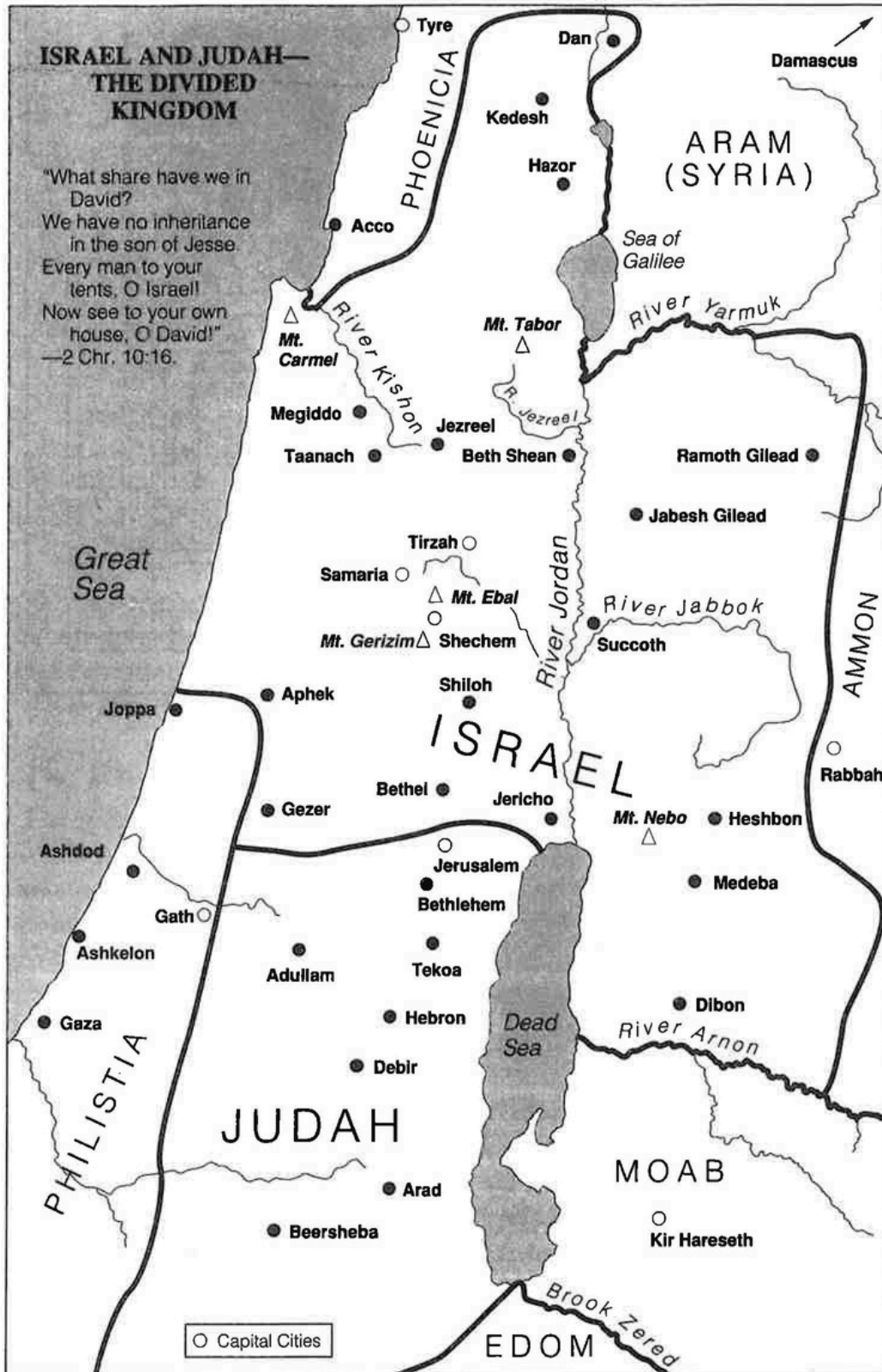
### MIRACLES THAT OCCURRED:

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.

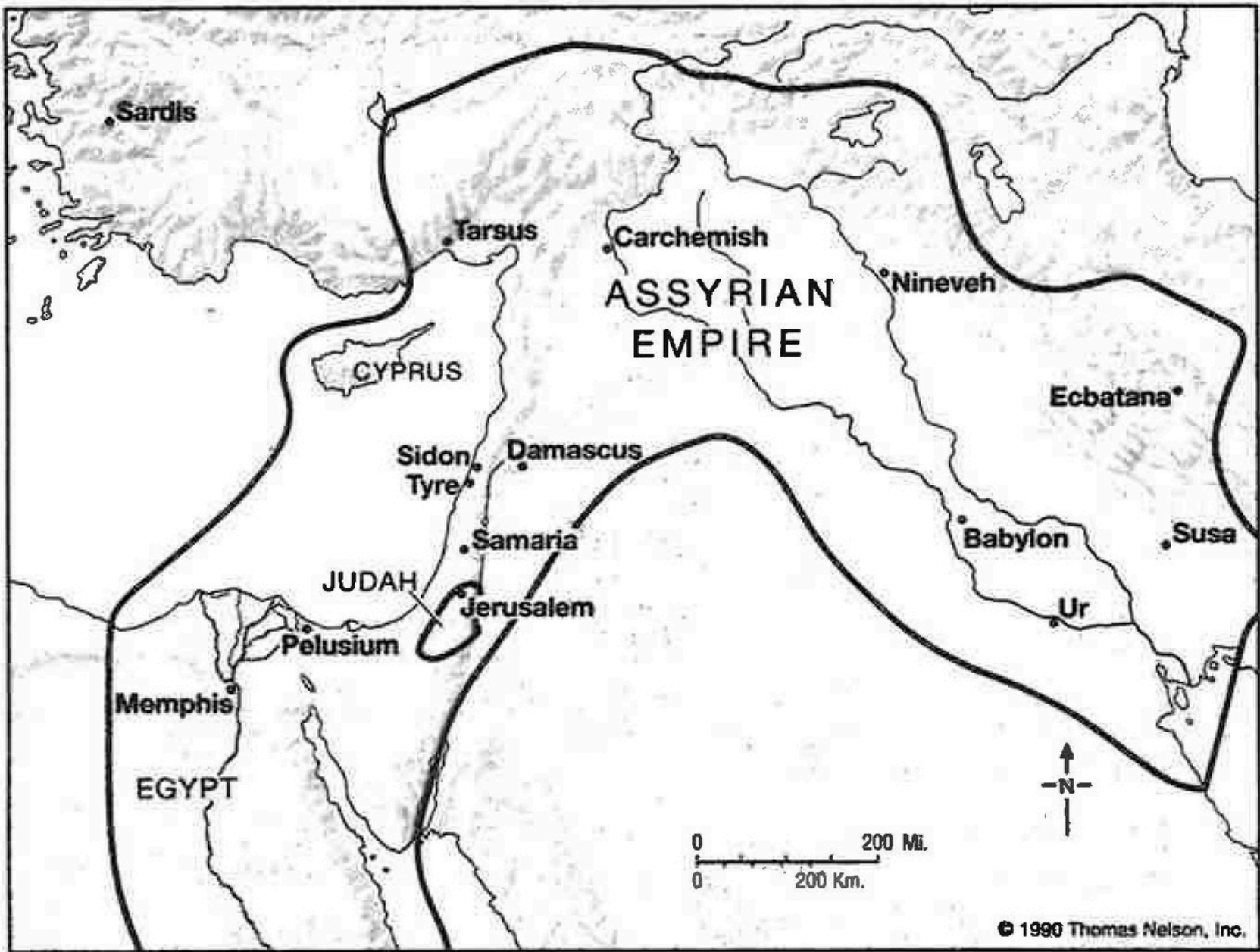
## WHAT HAPPENED:

- 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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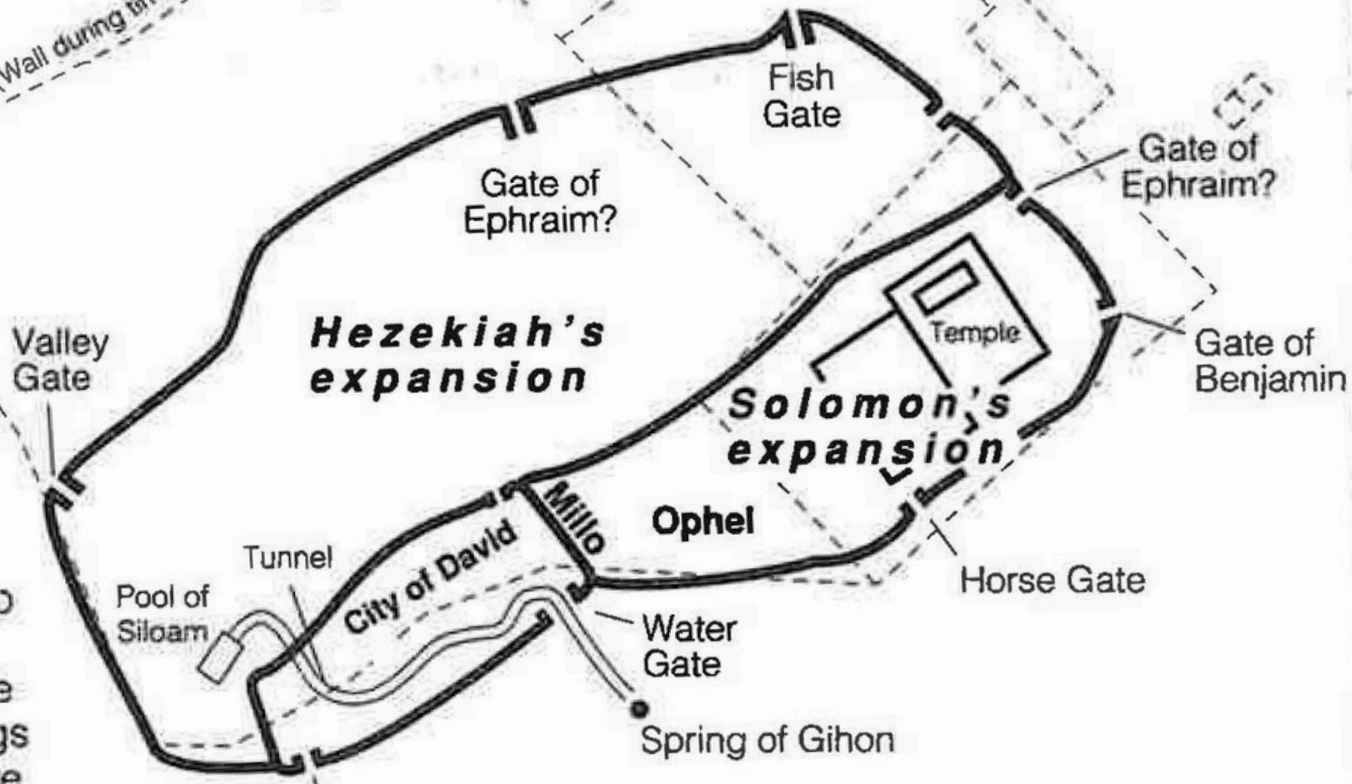


## JERUSALEM IN HEZEKIAH'S TIME (early 7th cent. B.C.)



HINNOM VALLEY

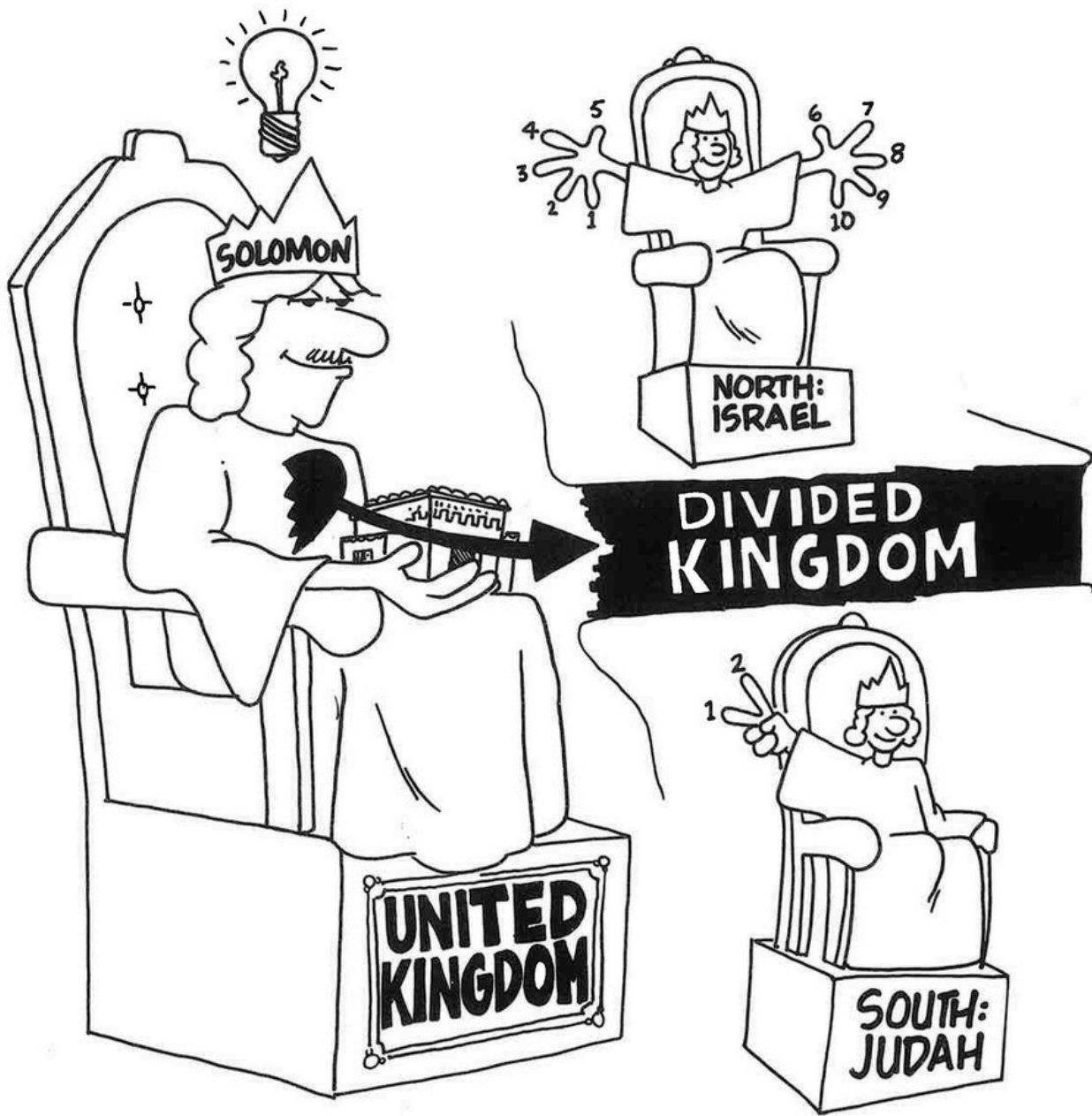
(Wall during time of Christ)



"He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him."—2 Ki. 18:5.

Fountain Gate

KIDRON VALLEY

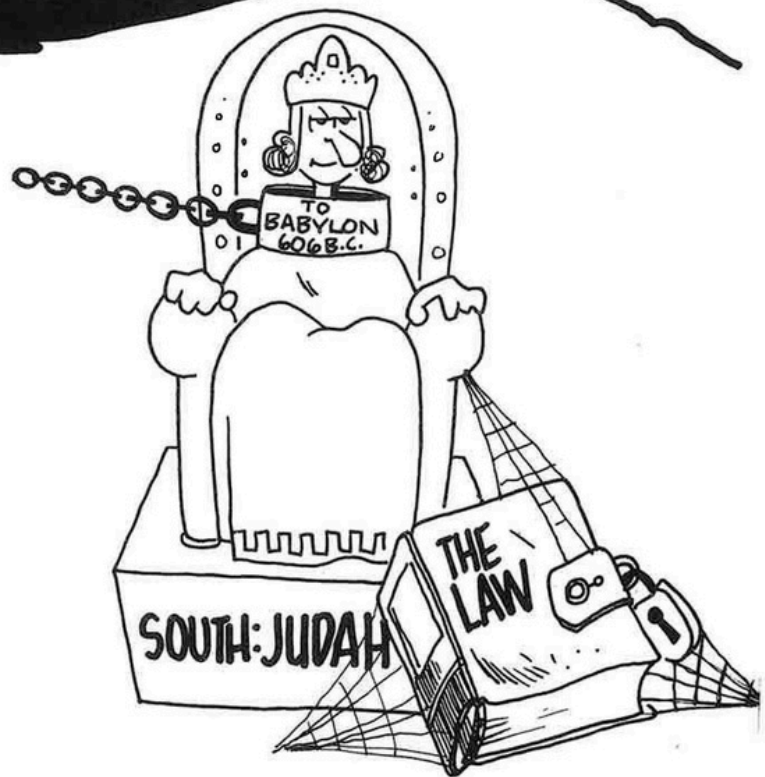


## 1 Kings

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).



## 2 Kings

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).