

Old Testament Historical Books (OT5)

1 & 2 Kings

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1. Introduction; Book of Joshua: Conquest and Partition of the Land
2. Judges & Ruth: Moral Crisis
3. 1st & 2nd Samuel: The United Kingdom; David the Great King
4. 1st & 2nd Kings: Solomon; Division and Destruction
5. 1st & 2nd Chronicles: Sacred History Retold
6. Ezra & Nehemiah: Rebuilding;
7. Esther; Final Exam

THE STRUCTURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



Law/History (5+12)

Wisdom (5)

Prophets (5+12)

GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY

JOB
PSALMS
PROVERBS
ECCLESIASTES
SONG OF SOLOMON

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL
DANIEL

JOSHUA
JUDGES
RUTH
1 SAMUEL
2 SAMUEL
1 KINGS
2 KINGS
1 CHRONICLES
2 CHRONICLES
EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER

Number of books
in the
Old Testament:

39

Number of books
in the
New Testament:

27

Number of books
in the Bible:

66

HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

The Book of 1 Kings

Author: Unknown, but traditionally Jeremiah.

Date: c. 550 BC

Theme: The reign of David's son, King Solomon, the peak of Israel's power & influence, the building of the Temple and palace, and Solomon's decline, leading to a divided kingdom.

Purpose: To show how obedience to God led to greatness for Israel; while disobedience led to disruption of the kingdom.

Outline: United Kingdom under Solomon (1-11)
Divided Kingdom (12-22)

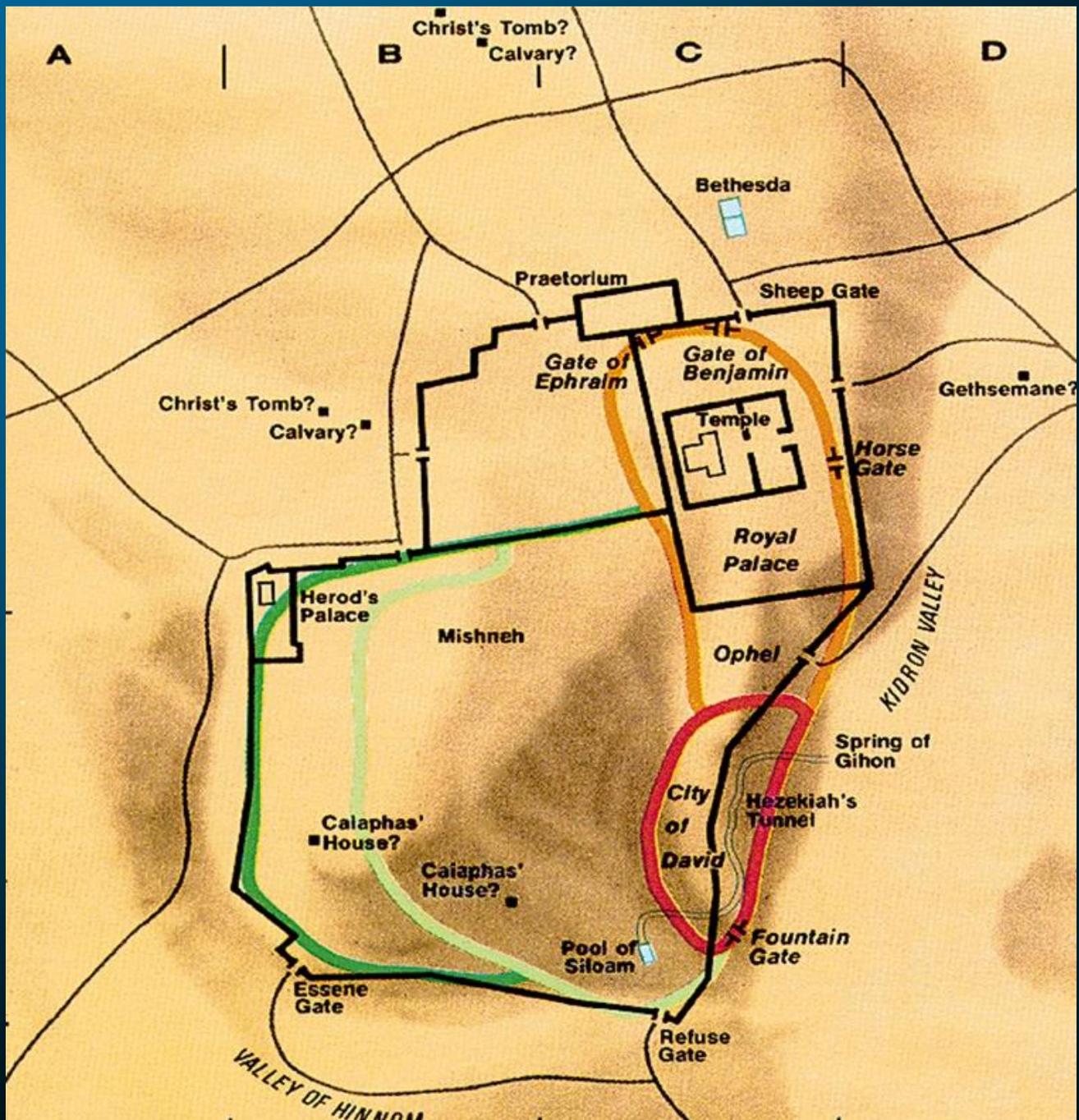
The Lord said to him (Solomon):

"I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

⁴ "As for you, if you walk before me faithfully with 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 when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.'

⁶ "But if you or your descendants 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.

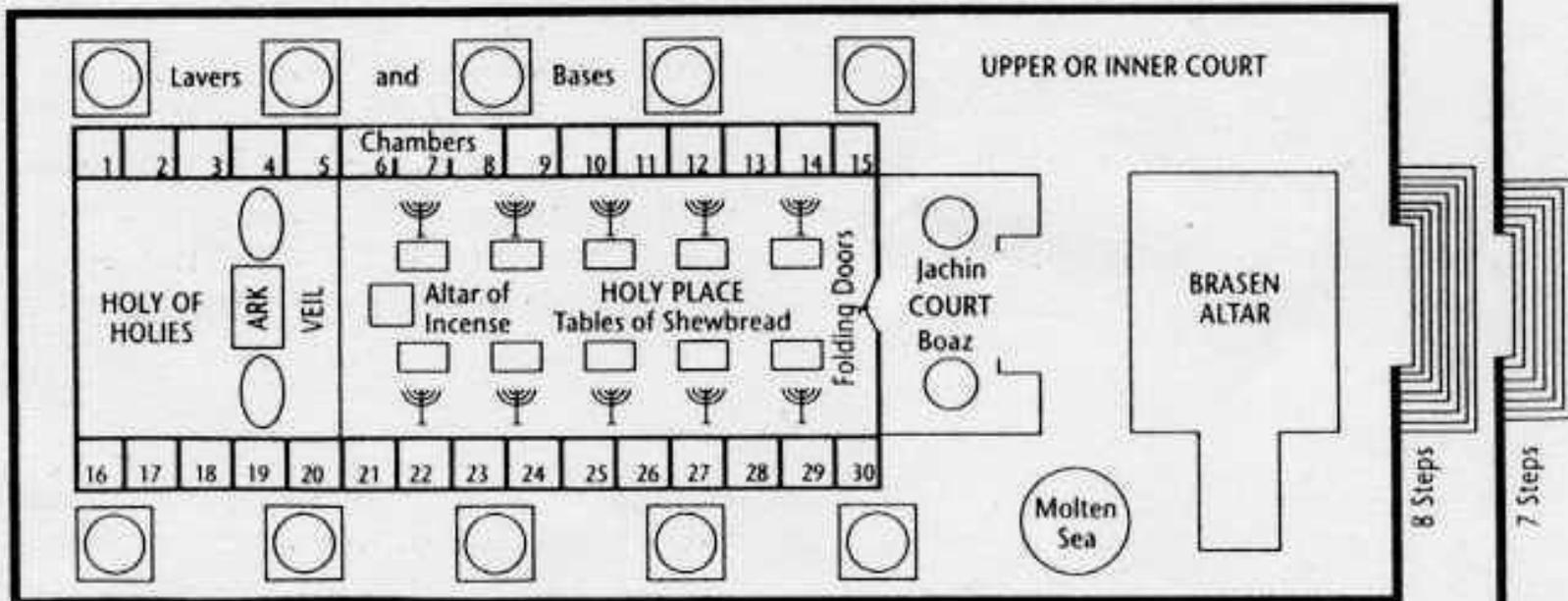
1 Kings 9:3-7





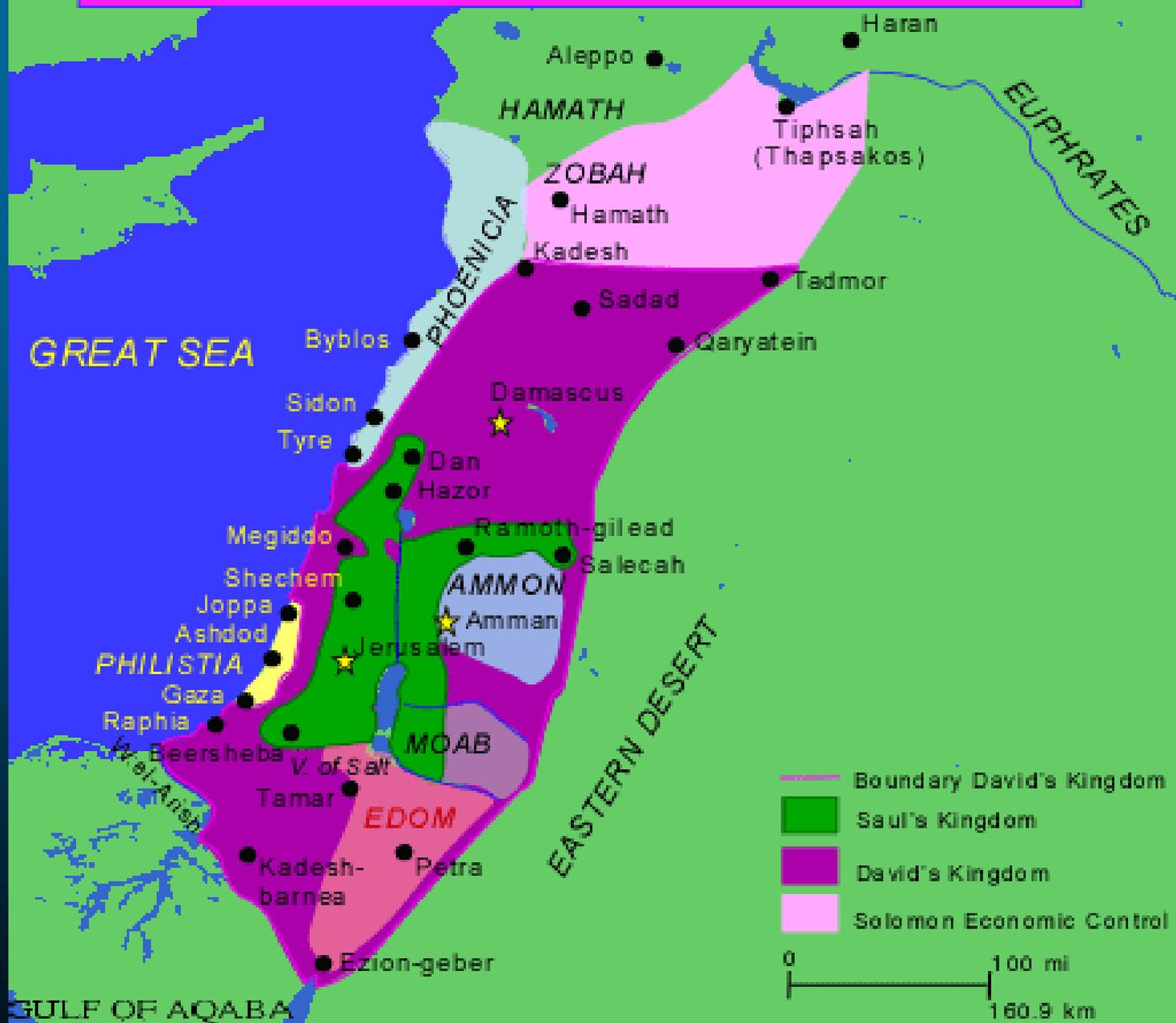
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

GREAT COURT OR OUTER COURT





KINGDOMS OF DAVID, SOLOMON, SAUL



The Book of 2 Kings

Author: Unknown, but traditionally Jeremiah.

Date: c. 550 BC

Theme: The story of the two divided kingdoms, of the prophets Elijah and Elisha, and the fall of the Northern Kingdom to Assyria and the Southern Kingdom to Babylon.

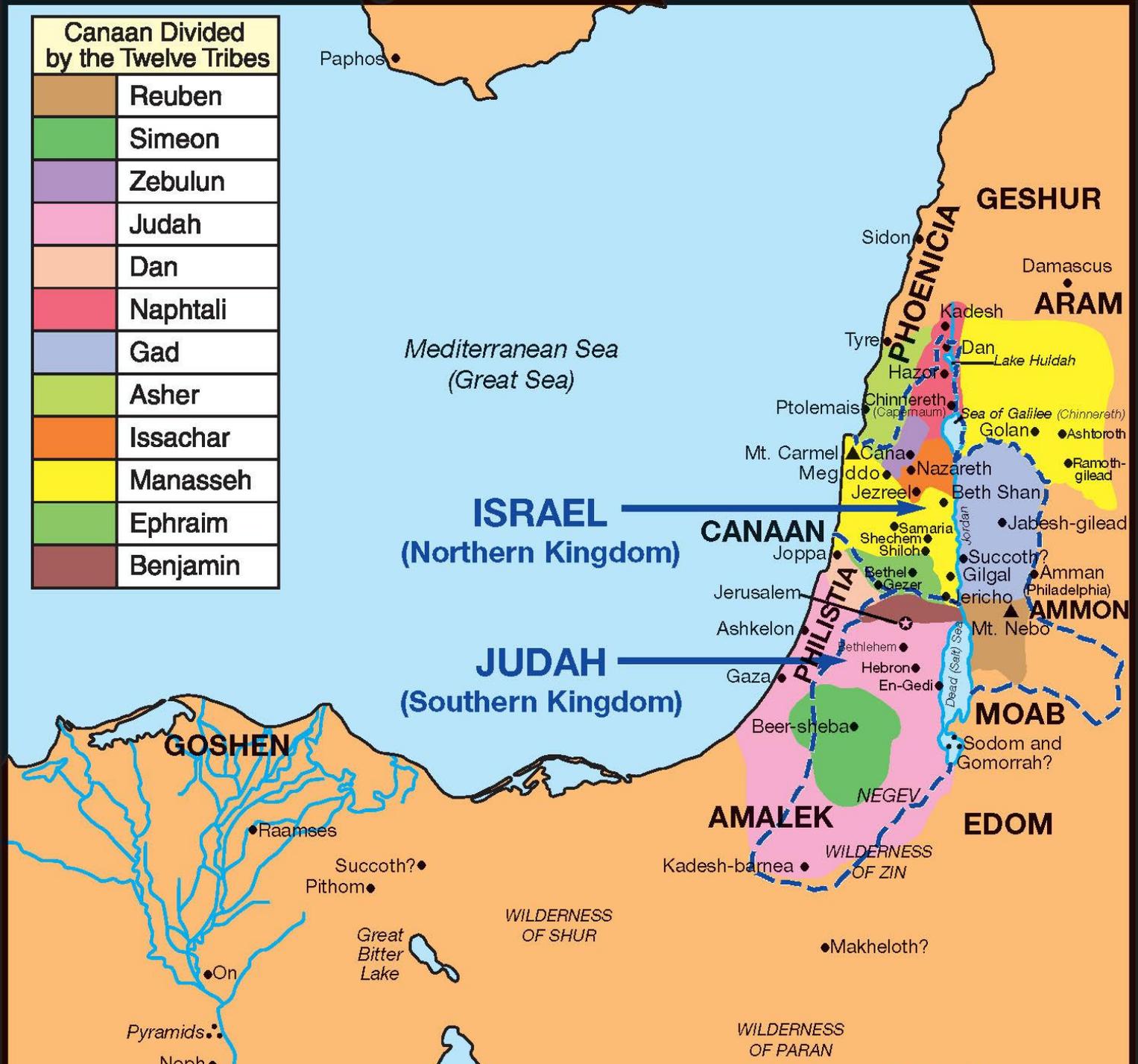
Purpose: To teach that unfaithfulness to God will lead to righteous discipline.

Outline: Divided Kingdom (1-16)
Fall of Israel in the North-722 BC (17)
Surviving Kingdom of Judah (18-24:16)
Fall of Judah-586 BC (24:17-25:30)



Canaan Divided by the Twelve Tribes

	Reuben
	Simeon
	Zebulun
	Judah
	Dan
	Naphtali
	Gad
	Asher
	Issachar
	Manasseh
	Ephraim
	Benjamin



Kings of the Old Testament

Old Testament Time Line

BC		United Kingdom		
1050-1010		Saul		
1010-970		David		
970-930		Solomon		
		South (Judah)	Divided Kingdom	North (Israel)
930-910	Rehoboam Abijam	<i>Prophets</i> ↓	Jeroboam Nadab	
910-850	Asa* Jehoshaphat* Jehoram		Baasha Elah, Omri Ahab	
850-800	Ahaziah Athaliah Joash*	<i>Joel</i>	Joram Jehu Jehoahaz	
800-750	Amaziah* Uzziah* (Azariah)	<i>Jonah, Amos Hosea Isaiah</i>	Jehoash Jeroboam II Zechariah	
750-700	Jotham* Ahaz Hezekiah*	<i>Micah</i>	Menahem Pekah Hoshea	
700-650	Manasseh	<i>Nahum</i>	In 722 BC Israel falls to Assyria.	
650-600	Amon Josiah* Jehoiakim	<i>Habakkuk Zephaniah Jeremiah</i>		
600-586	Zedekiah	<i>Obadiah</i>		
	Judah is carried off to Babylon. In 586 BC, Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed.	<i>Daniel Ezekiel</i>		
Leaders				
537?	Zerubbabel	<i>Haggai Zechariah</i>		
458-	Ezra			
445-	Nehemiah	<i>Malachi</i>		

*Good Kings of the Divided Kingdom (Only major kings noted here. Listed by first date of each king's or prophet's influence.)

The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three years. ⁶ In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River and in the towns of the Medes.

⁷ All this took place because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of Egypt from under the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. They worshiped other gods ⁸ and followed the practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before them, as well as the practices that the kings of Israel had introduced. ⁹ The Israelites secretly did things against the Lord their God that were not right. From watchtower to fortified city they built themselves high places in all their towns. ¹⁰ They set up sacred stones and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every spreading tree. ¹¹ At every high place they burned incense, as the nations whom the Lord had driven out before them had done. They did wicked things that provoked the Lord to anger. ¹² They worshiped idols, though the Lord had said, "You shall not do this." ¹³ The Lord warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your fathers to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets." 2 Kings 17:5-13



The Assyrian Empire in 700 BC.

On the seventh day of the fifth month, in the nineteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan commander of the imperial guard, an official of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. ⁹ He set fire to the temple of the Lord, the royal palace and all the houses of Jerusalem. Every important building he burned down. ¹⁰

The whole Babylonian army, under the commander of the imperial guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem. ¹¹ Nebuzaradan the commander of the guard carried into exile the people who remained in the city, along with the rest of the populace and those who had gone over to the king of Babylon. ¹² But the commander left behind some of the poorest people of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

So Judah went into captivity, away from her land.

2 Kings 25:8-21



The Babylonian Empire in 586 BC.

Outline of 1 & 2 Kings

- I. The Solomonic Era (1:1-12:24)
 - A. Solomon's accession of the throne (1:1-2:12)
 - B. Solomon's throne established (2:13-46)
 - C. Solomon's wisdom (ch.3)
 - D. Solomon's reign characterized (ch.4)
 - E. Solomon's building projects (5:1-9:9)
 - 1. Preparation for building the Temple (ch.5)
 - 2. Building the Temple (ch.6)
 - 3. Building the palace (7:1-12)
 - 4. The Temple furnishings (7:13-51)
 - 5. Dedication of the Temple (ch.8)
 - 6. The Lord's response and warning (9:1-9)
 - F. Solomon's reign characterized (9:10-10:29)
 - G. Solomon's folly (11:1-13)
 - H. Solomon's throne threatened (11:14-43)
 - I. Rehoboam's accession to the throne (12:1-24)

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- II. Israel & Judah; Jereboam I/Rehoboam to Ahab/Asa (12:25-16:34)
 - A. Jereboam I of Israel (12:25-14:20)
 - B. Rehoboam of Judah (14:21-31)
 - C. Abijah of Judah (15:1-8)
 - D. Asa of Judah (15:9-24)
 - E. Nadab of Israel (15:25-32)
 - F. Baasha of Israel (15:35-6:7)
 - G. Elah of Israel (16:8-14)
 - H. Zimri of Israel (16:15-20)
 - I. Omri of Israel (16:21-28)
 - J. Ahab of Israel (16:29-34)
- III. Elijah & other prophets from Ahab-Jehoshaphat (chs.17-22)
 - A. Elijah (and other prophets) in the reign of Ahab (17:1-22:40)
 - 1. Elijah & the drought (ch.17)
 - 2. Elijah on Mount Carmel (ch.18)
 - 3. Elijah's flight to Horeb (ch.19)
 - 4. Ahab condemned for sparing Ben-Hadad (ch.20)
 - 5. Elijah condemns Ahab for stealing Naboth's vineyard (ch.21)
 - 6. Micaiah predicts Ahab's death; its fulfillment (22:1-40)

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B. Jehoshaphat of Judah (22:41-50)

C. Ahaziah of Israel (ch.17)

IV. Elijah & Elisha under Ahaziah & Joram (2Ki 1:1-8:15)

A. Elijah in the reign of Ahaziah (ch.1)

B. Elijah's departure; Elisha's inauguration (2:1-18)

C. Elisha in the reign of Joram (2:19-8:15)

1. Elisha's initial miraculous signs (2:19-25)

2. Elisha during the campaign against Moab (ch.3)

3. Elisha's ministry to the needy in Israel (ch.4)

4. Elisha heals Naaman (ch.5)

5. Elisha delivers one of the prophets (6:1-7)

6. Elisha delivers Joram from Aramean raiders (6:8-23)

7. Aramean siege of Samaria lifted, as prophesied by Elisha (6:24-7:20)

8. The Shunammite's land restored (8:1-6)

9. Elisha predicts Hazael's oppression of Israel (8:7-15)

V. Israel & Judah; from Joram/Jehoram to exile (8:16-17:41)

A. Jehoram of Judah (8:16-24)

B. Ahaziah of Judah (8:25-29)

C. Jehu's revolt & reign in Israel (chs.9-10)

1. Elisha orders Jehu's anointing (9:1-13)

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2. Jehu's assassination of Joram and Ahaziah (9:14-29)
 3. Jehu's execution of Jezebel (9:30-37)
 4. Jehu's slaughter of Ahab's family (10:1-17)
 5. Jehu's eradication of Baal worship (10:18-36)
- D. Athaliah & Joash of Judah; Repair of the temple (chs.11-12)
 - E. Jehoahaz of Israel (13:1-9)
 - F. Jehoash of Israel; Elisha's last prophesy (13:10-25)
 - G. Amaziah of Judah (14:1-22)
 - H. Jereboam II of Israel (14:23-29)
 - I. Azariah of Judah (15:1-7)
 - J. Zechariah of Israel (15:8-12)
 - K. Shallum of Israel (15:13-16)
 - L. Menahem of Israel (15:17-22)
 - M. Pekahiah of Israel (15:23-26)
 - N. Pekah of Israel (15:27-31)
 - O. Jotham of Judah (15:32-38)
 - P. Ahaz of Judah (ch.16)
 - Q. Hoshea of Israel (17:1-6)
 - R. Exile of Israel; resettlement of the Land (17:7-41)

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VI. Judah from Hezekiah to the Babylonian Exile. (chs.18-25)

A. Hezekiah (chs.18-20)

1. Hezekiah's good reign (18:1-8)
2. Assyrian threat and deliverance (18:9-19:37)
3. Hezekiah's illness & alliance with Babylonia (ch.20)

B. Manasseh (21:1-18)

C. Amon (21:19-26)

D. Josiah (22:1-26:30)

1. Repair of the Temple; discovery of the Book of the Law (ch.22)
2. Renewal of the covenant; end of Josiah's reign (23:1-30)

E. Jehoahaz exiled to Egypt (23:31-35)

F. Jehoiakim: First Babylonian deportation (23:36-24:7)

G. Jehoiachin: Second Babylonian deportation (24:8-17)

H. Zedekiah: Third Babylonian deportation (24:18-25:21)

I. Removal of the remnant to Egypt (25:22-26)

J. Elevation of Jehoiachin in Babylon (25:27-30)

