

# Divided Kingdom

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## Divided Kingdom: Class Objectives

- Know the narrative
  - Know the character of God
  - Know the character of Israel (Judah)
  - See the motivations of both God and man
  - How does the narrative fit or contribute to the whole Bible story, specifically with regard to Jesus Christ
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## Divided Kingdom: Practical Themes and Applications

- Confidence in God's promises (positive or negative)
  - The power of influence; long-lasting consequences of sin
  - Reward for obedience; punishment for disobedience
  - God's longsuffering; God's desire to save
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## Divided Kingdom: Themes of the Prophets

- Repent!
  - The Day of the LORD
  - God's concern for the nations
  - The Messiah
  - A new spiritual order
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# Divided Kingdom: Kings of Israel

- **Jeroboam** – 22y
  - Nadab - 2y
  - **Baasha** – 24y
  - Elah – 2y
  - **Zimri** – 1w
  - **Omri** – 12y
  - Ahab – 22y
  - Ahaziah – 2y
  - Jehoram (Joram) – 12y
  - **Jehu** – 28y
  - Jehoahaz – 17y
  - Joash (Jehoash) – 16y
  - Jeroboam II – 41y
  - Zechariah – 6m
  - **Shallum** – 1m
  - **Menahem** – 10y
  - Pekahiah – 2y
  - **Pekah** – 20y
  - **Hoshea** – 9y
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# Divided Kingdom: Kings of Judah

- **Rehoboam** – 17y
  - Abijam (Abijah) – 3y
  - Asa – 41y
  - Jehoshaphat – 25y
  - Jehoram (Joram) – 8y
  - Ahaziah – 1y
  - **(Athaliah)** – 6y
  - Joash (Jehoash) – 40y
  - Amaziah – 29y
  - Uzziah (Azariah) – 52y
  - Jotham – 16y
  - Ahaz – 16y
  - Hezekiah – 29y
  - Manasseh – 55y
  - Amon – 2y
  - Josiah – 31y
  - Jehoahaz (Shallum) – 3m
  - Jehoiakim (Eliakim) – 11y
  - Jehoiachin (Coniah, Jeconiah) – 3m
  - Zedekiah (Mattaniah) 11y
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## Divided Kingdom: Warning

[1Ki 9:4-5 NASB] 4 "As for you, if you will walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you [and] will keep My statutes and My ordinances, 5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, just as I promised to your father David, saying, 'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel

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## Divided Kingdom: Warning

[1Ki 9:6-7 NASB] 6 "But if you or your sons indeed turn away from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and the house which I have consecrated for My name, I will cast out of My sight. So Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples

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## Divided Kingdom: Warning

[1Ki 9:8-9 NASB] 8 "And this house will become a heap of ruins; everyone who passes by will be astonished and hiss and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and to this house?' 9 "And they will say, 'Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and adopted other gods and worshiped them and served them, therefore the LORD has brought all this adversity on them.'"

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## Divided Kingdom: Fulfillment

[2Ki 17:6-7 NASB] 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and carried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and settled them in Halah and Habor, [on] the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 7 Now [this] came about because the sons of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up from the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and they had feared other gods

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## Divided Kingdom: Fulfillment

[2Ki 17:8-10 NASB] 8 and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD had driven out before the sons of Israel, and [in the customs] of the kings of Israel which they had introduced. 9 The sons of Israel did things secretly which were not right against the LORD their God. Moreover, they built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city. 10 They set for themselves [sacred] pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree,

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## Divided Kingdom: Fulfillment

[2Ki 17:11-12 NASB] 11 and there they burned incense on all the high places as the nations [did] which the LORD had carried away to exile before them; and they did evil things provoking the LORD. 12 They served idols, concerning which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this thing."

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## Divided Kingdom: Fulfillment

[2Ki 17:13-14 NASB] 13 Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets [and] every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets." 14 However, they did not listen, but stiffened their neck like their fathers, who did not believe in the LORD their God.

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## Divided Kingdom: Fulfillment

[2Ki 17:15-16 NASB] 15 They rejected His statutes and His covenant which He made with their fathers and His warnings with which He warned them. And they followed vanity and became vain, and [went] after the nations which surrounded them, concerning which the LORD had commanded them not to do like them. 16 They forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God and made for themselves molten images, [even] two calves, and made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal.

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## Divided Kingdom: Fulfillment

[2Ki 17:17-19 NASB] 17 Then they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him. 18 So the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them from His sight; none was left except the tribe of Judah. 19 Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the customs which Israel had introduced.

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## Divided Kingdom: Fulfillment

[2Ki 17:20-21 NASB] 20 The LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel and afflicted them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them out of His sight. 21 When He had torn Israel from the house of David, they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam drove Israel away from following the LORD and made them commit a great sin.

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## Divided Kingdom: Fulfillment

[2Ki 17:22-23 NASB] 22 The sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them 23 until the LORD removed Israel from His sight, as He spoke through all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away into exile from their own land to Assyria until this day.

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## Lesson 1: The Kingdom Divides / Jeroboam Changes The Worship (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12 – 14:20)

### **The Kingdom Divides:**

- Root cause of division
  - Jeroboam chosen
  - The kingdom divides
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# Root Cause of Division

[1Ki 11:1-2 NASB] 1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, 2 from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the sons of Israel, "You shall not associate with them, nor shall they associate with you, [for] they will surely turn your heart away after their gods." Solomon held fast to these in love. ...

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# Root Cause of Division

[1Ki 11:4 NASB] 4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father [had been.] ...

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# Root Cause of Division

[1Ki 11:9-11 NASB] 9 Now the LORD was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, 10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not observe what the LORD had commanded. 11 So the LORD said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and you have not kept My covenant and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant

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# Root Cause of Division

[1Ki 11:12-13 NASB] 12 "Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, [but] I will tear it out of the hand of your son. 13 "However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, [but] I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

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# Jeroboam Chosen

[1Ki 11:30-31 NASB] 30 Then Ahijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him and tore it into twelve pieces. 31 He said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes

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# Jeroboam Chosen

[1Ki 11:37-38 NASB] 37 'I will take you, and you shall reign over whatever you desire, and you shall be king over Israel. 38 'Then it will be, that if you listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight by observing My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build you an enduring house as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.

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# The Kingdom Divides

[1Ki 12:13-14 NASB] 13 The king answered the people harshly, for he forsook the advice of the elders which they had given him, 14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions."

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# The Kingdom Divides

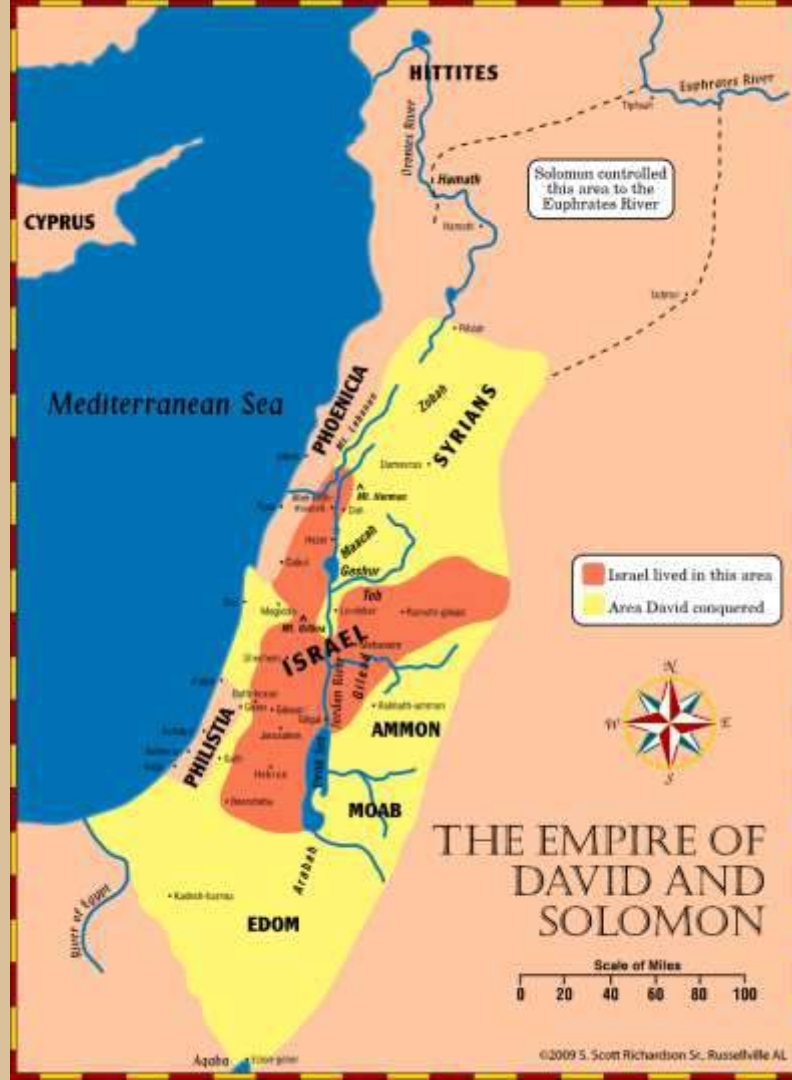
[1Ki 12:15-16 NASB] 15 So the king did not listen to the people; for it was a turn [of events] from the LORD, that He might establish His word, which the LORD spoke through Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16 When all Israel [saw] that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, "What portion do we have in David? [We have] no inheritance in the son of Jesse; To your tents, O Israel! Now look after your own house, David!" So Israel departed to their tents. ...

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# The Kingdom Divides

[1Ki 12:20 NASB] 20 It came about when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. None but the tribe of Judah followed the house of David.

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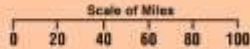


Solomon controlled this area to the Euphrates River

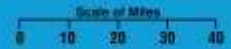
Israel lived in this area  
Area David conquered



# THE EMPIRE OF DAVID AND SOLOMON



# DIVIDED KINGDOM IN THE DAYS OF REHOBOAM OF JUDAH AND JEROBOAM OF ISRAEL



Mediterranean Sea



## Lesson 1: The Kingdom Divides / Jeroboam Changes the Worship (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12 – 14:20)

### **Jeroboam Changes the Worship:**

- Golden calves at Dan and Bethel
  - Prophecy at the altar
  - Jeroboam cursed
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# Jeroboam's Golden Calves

[1Ki 12:26-27 NASB] 26 Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. 27 "If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their lord, [even] to Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

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# Jeroboam's Golden Calves

[1Ki 12:30 NASB] 30 Now this thing became a sin, for the people went [to worship] before the one as far as Dan.

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# Prophecy Against the Altar

[1Ki 13:2-3 NASB] 2 He cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar, thus says the LORD, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.'" 3 Then he gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which the LORD has spoken, 'Behold, the altar shall be split apart and the ashes which are on it shall be poured out.'"

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# Prophecy Against the Altar

[1Ki 13:33-34 NASB] 33 After this event Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but again he made priests of the high places from among all the people; any who would, he ordained, to be priests of the high places. 34 This event became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to blot [it] out and destroy [it] from off the face of the earth.

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# Jeroboam Cursed

[1Ki 14:7-8 NASB] 7 "Go, say to Jeroboam, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, "Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over My people Israel, 8 and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you--yet you have not been like My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only that which was right in My sight;

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# Jeroboam Cursed

[1Ki 14:9-10 NASB] 9 you also have done more evil than all who were before you, and have gone and made for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back-- 10 therefore behold, I am bringing calamity on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male person, both bond and free in Israel, and I will make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.

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# Jeroboam Cursed

[1Ki 14:11 NASB] 11 "Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs will eat. And he who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat; for the LORD has spoken [it.]"

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# Jeroboam Cursed

[1Ki 14:15-16 NASB] 15 "For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the [Euphrates] River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger. 16 "He will give up Israel on account of the sins of Jeroboam, which he committed and with which he made Israel to sin."

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# DIVIDED KINGDOM IN THE DAYS OF REHOBOAM OF JUDAH AND JEROBOAM OF ISRAEL

Scale of Miles  
0 10 20 30 40



Mediterranean Sea

Way of the Sea



## Lesson 1: The Kingdom Divides / Jeroboam Changes the Worship (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 12 – 14:20)

### **Applications/Points of Interest:**

- God keeps His promises
  - The power of influence; the long-lasting consequences of sin
  - God expect careful handling of His instructions
  - Recognize the cost of obedience
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