

Recognizing Jesus in the Old Testament

David's Lineage Hangs by a Thread

Three Stories

Story #1 – The Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 1:30 *30 just as I swore to you by the Lord God of Israel, saying, 'Assuredly Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,' so I certainly will do this day."*

Before David's death God chose _____ to sit on the throne after him.

David and God told Solomon that if he and his descendants _____, God would be with them and bless them.

1 Kings 10:21-25 *21 All King Solomon's drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not one was silver, for this was accounted as nothing in the days of Solomon. 22 For the king had merchant ships at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the merchant ships came bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and monkeys. 23 So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. 24 Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year. NKJV*

Under Solomon, God made Israel a _____ and wealthy nation.

1 Kings 11:1-5 *But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites — 2 from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. 4 For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David.*

- Solomon _____ the Lord by marrying foreign women.
- God told them not to marry foreign women, and He told them _____.
- Solomon proved God to be correct when his foreign wives turned his heart _____ from God.

What Moses Said:

Deut 17:16-20 *16 But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' 17 Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself. 18 "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, 20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.*

- A king was not to multiply horses. Solomon had 40,000 stalls for his horses (1 Kings 4:26).

- A king was not to multiply wives. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines (1 Kings 11:1-6). Many of these were foreign wives.
- A king was to copy the law for himself.
- A king was not to be lifted above his brethren.

1 Kings 11:29-39

- God sends Ahijah to Jeroboam informing him that God was giving him and his descendants _____ of the twelve tribes.
- God's love for David and his commitment to His promise compelled Him to allow David's family to keep Judah.
- The tribe of Judah was going to produce the _____.

1 Kings 12:16-17 *16 Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying: "What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own house, O David!" So Israel departed to their tents. 17 But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.*

- God kept His promise by taking most of the kingdom away from _____, Solomon's son.
- The tribe of Benjamin ends up following the kings of Judah.

Story #2 – God Protects David's lineage (2 Chron 21-23)

2 Chron 21:4-7 *Now when Jehoram was established over the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also others of the princes of Israel. ... 7 Yet the Lord would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever. NKJV*

Jehoram _____ all his brothers and the princes of Israel. However, God refused to destroy David's family because of the _____ He made in 2 Samuel 7.

2 Chron 21:17 *And they came up into Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, and also his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. NKJV*

The Philistines and the Arabians took all his possessions, his _____, and his wives. The _____ son left behind was Jehoahaz. After His death Jehoahaz (Ahaziah), his _____ surviving son, became king. He was a wicked king and Juhu killed his son's and his brother's sons.

2 Chron 22:9 *Then he searched for Ahaziah; and they caught him (he was hiding in Samaria), and brought him to Jehu. When they had killed him, they buried him, "because," they said, "he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the Lord with all his heart." So the house of Ahaziah had no one to assume power over the kingdom. 10 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah (**Jehoahaz**) saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah. NKJV*

Athaliah, Ahab's daughter and Ahaziah's mother, killed _____ the royal heirs of the house of Judah.

2 Chron 22:11-12 *But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah),*

hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him. 12 And he was hidden with them in the house of God for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land. NKJV

Jehoshabeath takes Ahaziah's only remaining son, who is a nursing _____, and hides him from Athaliah.

They hide him for six years.

They make him king when he is seven years old.

The people kill Athaliah, and the people _____ that she is dead. (2 Chron 23:21)

Story #3 – The Fall

1 Kings 12:28-31

- Israel, the northern kingdom, was _____ from the very beginning.
- Jeroboam did not obey the Lord, and the kingdom was taken **away** from his family.

2 Kings 17:5-6 *Now the king of Assyria went throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years. 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.*

In the ninth year of Hoshea's reign, _____ captured the nation of Israel.

2 Kings 17:13-18 *Yet the Lord testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His prophets, every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets." 14 Nevertheless they would not hear, but stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not believe in the Lord their God. 15 And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He had testified against them; they followed idols, became idolaters, and went after the nations who were all around them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them that they should not do like them. 16 So they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17 And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger. 18 Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His sight; there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone.*

- God was very _____ with Israel. He continued to send prophets their way to convince them to turn away from idols and to turn back to Him. They did not listen.
- The king of Assyria brought people he captured from other cities into Israel. This effectively destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel _____.
- The only tribe left was _____.

2 Kings 24:18-20 *Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 19 He also did evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20 For because of the anger of the Lord this happened in Jerusalem and Judah, that He finally cast them out from His presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.*

- Zedekiah was the _____ rebellious king in a row.
- God's patience ran out, and He finally _____ them out.

Two Lessons

1. God requires obedience from _____! Sometimes we need to get back to the basics. Obedience demonstrates our love and honors God.
2. I'd rather hang by God's thread than by Satan's steel cable. God will do whatever it takes to keep His promises. The devil has _____ been on the doorstep of victory!
 - It turns out that the thread by which David's lineage hung, drew its strength directly from God's promises. The outcome was never in doubt.

One Man

Luke 2:25-38 *And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, 28 he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: 29 "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." 33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." 36 Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; 37 and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. 38 And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. NKJV*

- Simeon and Anna both knew that Jesus was the _____ person who can save people by paying the redemption price with His blood.

Why do I need to know these stories?