SOLOMON



❑ SOLOMON

- **The Man of Wisdom and Folly**
- Name means **“peaceful”**
- Was also called **“Jedidiah”** meaning beloved of Jehovah
- Born at Jerusalem to **David and Bathsheba**



David's Dying Charge to Solomon:

- I Kings 2: 1 ***Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son***, *saying,*

- 2 *I go the way of all the earth:* ***be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;***
- 3 *And* ***keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments****, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses,* ***that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest,*** *and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:*

- 4 ***That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me,..***.

Solomon's Wisdom: His Wisdom from God (I King 3:4-28).

- I Kings 3:3 *And **Solomon loved the LORD**, walking in the statutes of David his father:*

- *4 And the king went to **Gibeon** to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar.*

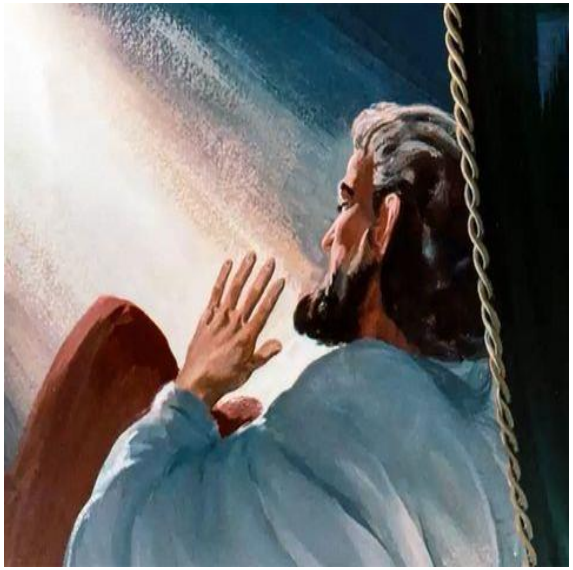




*5 In **Gibeon** the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said,*
Ask what I shall give thee.

Solomon's Wisdom: His Wisdom from God (I King 3:4-28).

- 7 *And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.*
- 8 *And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.*



- 9 *Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?*

10 *And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.*

Solomon's Wisdom: His Wisdom from God (I King 3:4-28).

- *11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;*



- *12 Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, **I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart**; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.*

- *13 And **I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour**: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.*

*14 And **if thou wilt walk in my ways**, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then **I will lengthen thy days.***

SOLOMON'S WISDOM from God - I King 4

- **29** *And God gave Solomon **wisdom** and **understanding** exceeding much, and **largeness of heart,** even as the sand that is on the sea shore.*

- *30 And Solomon's wisdom **excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east** country, and **all the wisdom of Egypt**.*
- *31 For he **was wiser than all men**; … and his fame was in all nations round about.*

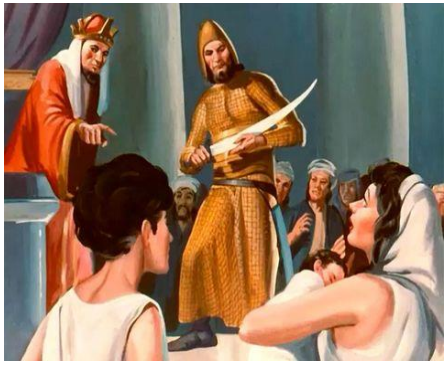
- *32 And he spake 3,000 proverbs: and his songs were a 1,005.*

- *34 And there **came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon**, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.*

Solomon's Wisdom Put to a Test (I King 3:4-28).

- **16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.**
- King Solomon wisely decided on whose mother belongs the living child.
- I King s 3: 27 Then the king answered and said, **Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.**
- 28 And **all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.**





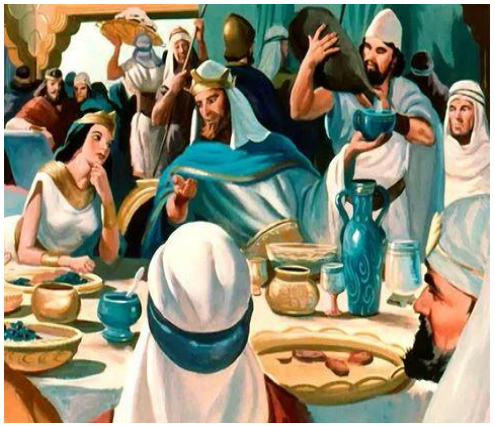

Queen of Sheba Visits K.Solomon (I Kings 10)

- *1 And when the **queen of Sheba** heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she **came to prove him with hard questions.***

- *2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare **spices,** and **very much gold**, and **precious stones**: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.*







Queen of Sheba travelled 1200 miles (1920 kms) just to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

Queen of Sheba Visits K.Solomon (I Kings 10)

- [4] And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,
- ….
- [6] And she said to the king, ***It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.***

- ***[7] Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.***



Her gift to L. Solomon:

[1] Vs 10. 120 talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones:

"***there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon".***

Because of Solomon's WISDOM, he also gained:

- **FAME :**

1 King 4 : 31 …*and his fame was in all nations round about*.

34 *And* ***there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth****, which had heard of his wisdom*.

- **RICHES:**

Sources of his income:

1. Income from commercial ventures . Trade expansions. By caravan and navy.
2. Gifts from visiting kings and other dignitaries (received 25 tons of gold every year from gifts alone)
3. Natural Resources - mining industry (copper)

Because of Solomon's WISDOM, he also gained:

- **VISION/ SKILL** :
  - - A master architect; notable was the Temple which is of elaborate craftsmanship

- **Greatest achievement was the building of the Temple at Jerusalem.**

  -Occupied him **7 years** to build. Almost 200,000 laborers.

  -Built at Mt. Moriah.

  - He also built his elaborate **Residential Palace in 13 years** .

Solomon's Mistakes:

- **Became a man of excesses**:

- Love of display grew upon him and he maintained a most luxurious and extravagant establishment beyond the resources of the people.

- Thus, K. Solomon resorted to heavy direct **TAXATION**
- Also resorted to free donation of labor (I King 9:20-21) from all people left from the Ammonites and the Hittites.

- Led to **social discontent** which will continue during the reign of his son Rehoboam.

- Was overwhelmed by the praise of men – people all over the world came to behold his glory – **Solomon's glory.**

Solomon's Mistakes:

- **Unwise alliance with Unbelievers**:

  - Married Pharaoh's daughter (I Ki 3:1) which is apparently a marriage of expedience; of two nations, rather than of two people. A mere political diplomacy.
  - A taboo in the Mosaic Law. Ex 23:31-32, 34:12-16 …*no covenant with them..*

- **Unresolved Conflict with Friends :**

  - Had unshady business deals with Hiram, King of Tyre.

  - Hiram provided cedar wood and fir trees, expertise in bronze work, in marine travels , etc; but received as payment **20 cities at Galilee**, which proved to be "***good for nothing***". I Kings 9: 10- 14

Solomon's Mistakes:

- **Unrestrained Occupation with Sex** (I Kings 11:1-8)

- Plunged to sensuality and indulged himself with a harem
  "… *loved many strange women, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and the Hittites.*

- Had 700 wives and 300 concubines.

- **Idolatry: (I Kings 11:1-8)**

- Influenced by his many wives to introduce the worship of false gods into Jerusalem.

- Went after Ashtoreth, goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcolm, the abomination of the Ammonites.
- Built a high place for Chemosh of the Moabites

- I King 11: 4 *For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that **his wives turned away his heart after other gods**:*

- *and **his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.***

- *5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.*

- *6 And **Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.***

The SPLIT KINGDOM of Israel and Judah

JUDGMENT from the Lord:

- I kings 11: 9 *And **the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel,** which had appeared unto him twice,*
- *10 And had **commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded.***
- *11 Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, **I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.***
- *12 **Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.***
- *13 Howbeit **I will not rend away all the kingdom**; but **will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.***

The Nature of Solomon's Transgressions:

- Some four and one-half centuries before Solomon, God had written the following **qualifications concerning all future kings of Israel: (Deut. 17:14-17)**

- *"**When thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee,** and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;*
- *thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, **thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.***

1. *But **he shall not multiply horses to himself,***
2. ***nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses:** forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, **Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.***
3. ***Neither shall he multiply wives to himself,** that his heart turn not away:*
4. ***neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold"*** (Deut. 7:14-17)

- **King Solomon disobeyed in all four (4) areas:**

1. **He had much gold and silver** (1 Ki. 10:14-27)

- **23** *So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom*

2. **He owned thousands of horses** (4:26).

26 *And Solomon had forty thousand (40,000) stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand (12,000) horsemen.*

Modernized the Israeli army with chariots

3. **He returned to Egypt**:

- Engaged in trading of horses, serves as middleman – selecting horses from Egypt.

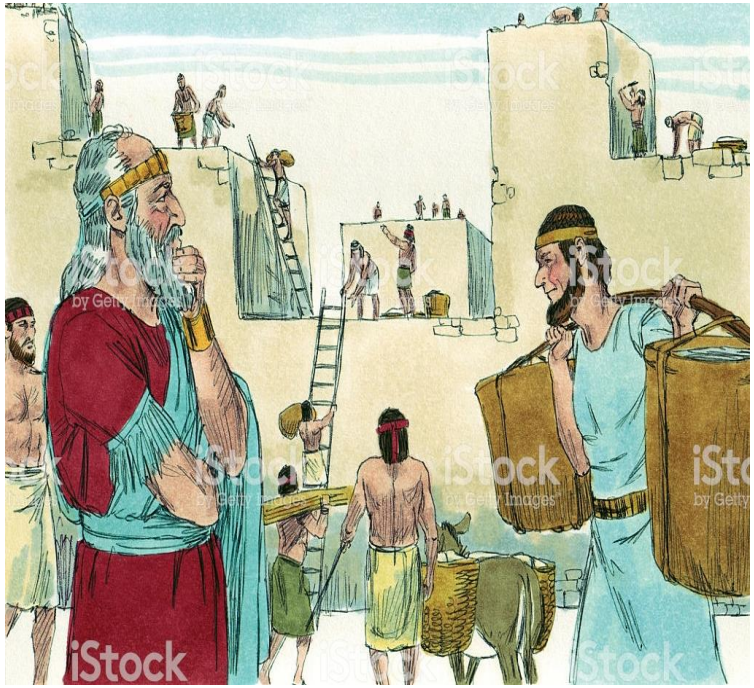
4. **He gathered hundreds of wives and concubines** (11:3).

- 700 wives and 300 concubines

Last Days of Solomon's Reign: Introducing JEROBOAM

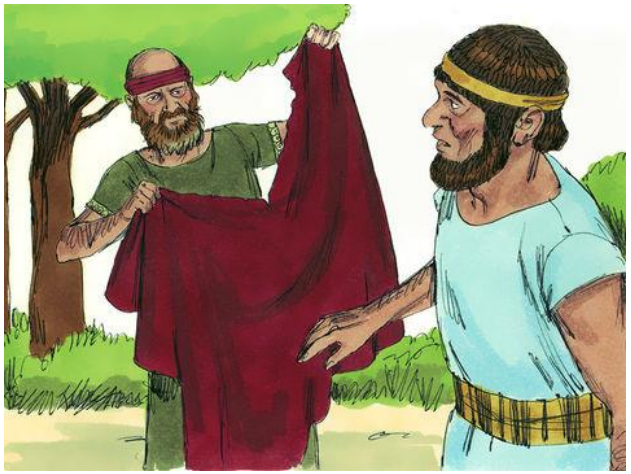
- **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, an **Ephrathite (Ephraim)** of Zereda, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman

- **I Kings 11: 28** And the man ***Jeroboam*** was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.



Last Days of Solomon's Reign: Introducing JEROBOAM

- **I Kings 11: 28 29** … Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet **Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way;** and he had lad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:
- **30** And **Ahijah** caught the new garment that was on him, and **rent it in twelve pieces:**
- **31** And he said to Jeroboam: ***Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:***





Last Days of Solomon's Reign: Introducing JEROBOAM

- **I Kings 11:**



- 32 (*But he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)*

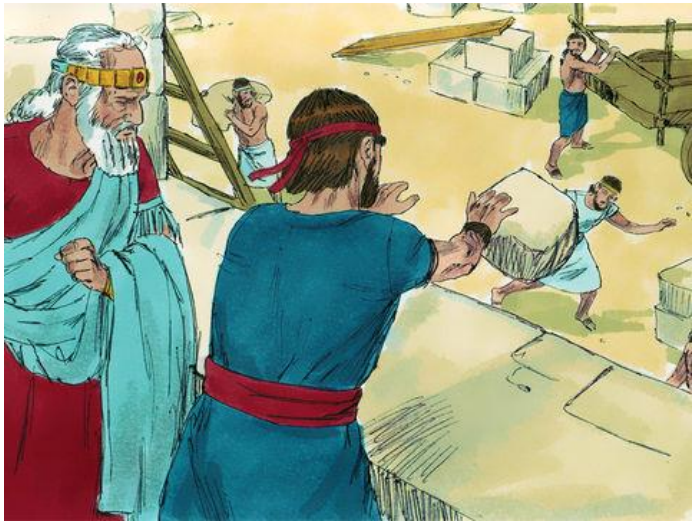
- 37 ***And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel.***

- ***38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.***

- ***39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.***

Last Days of Solomon's Reign: Introducing JEROBOAM

- **I Kings 11:**
- **40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam**.



- And Jeroboam arose, and **fled into Egypt**, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and **was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.**

- Was sent and called from Egypt to lead a delegation who will petition to King Rehoboam for lowering of taxes

After the death of King Solomon:

I Kings 11: 43 *And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and* ***Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead***



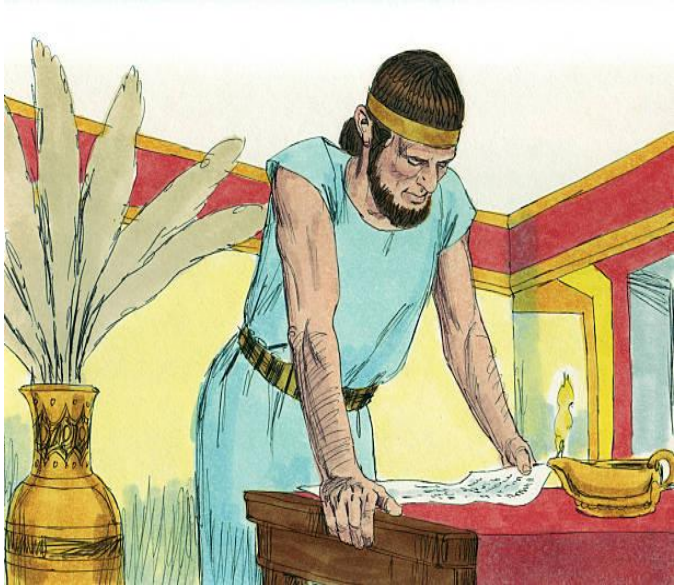
- **National Issue** during the time of King REHOBOAM (the first king)
  (I Kings 12) :

"heavy yoke" - heavy taxation.

Headquarters: ***Shechem in Ephraim***

Reign of REHOBOAM

.. Conflict with JEROBOAM: I Kings 12





- Delegation led by **JEROBOAM** demanding for a remission of the severe burdens of **heavy taxation.**

- **Petition to newly crowned king Rehoboam:**
- **I Kig 12:** [4] *Thy father made our* ***yoke grievous****: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us,* ***lighter, and we will serve thee*****.**

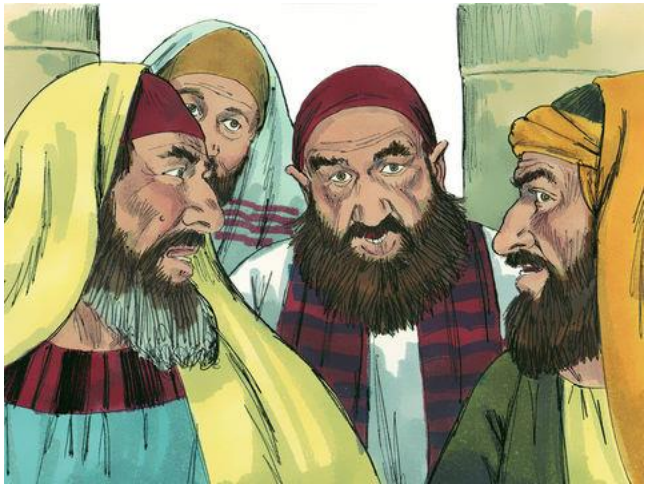
King REHOBOAM, Conflict with JEROBOAM: I Kings 12

Rehoboam asked Jeroboam's delegation to come back for answer after three (3) days:

- REHOBOAM first consulted with the **old men**, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet live

- **REHOBOAM** : ***How do ye advise that I may answer this people?***
- **ELDERS** : ***If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.***

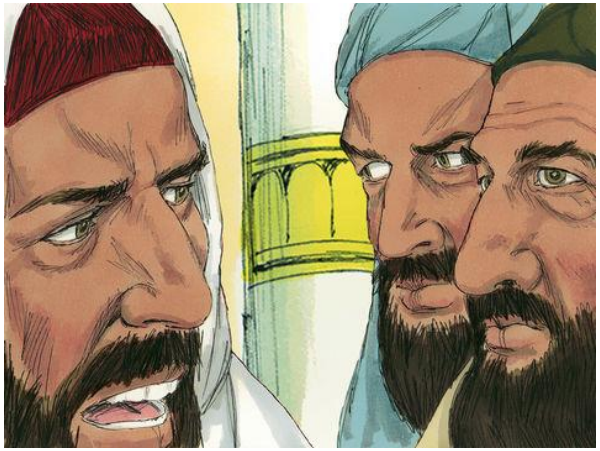
8 But **he forsook** the counsel of the old men



King REHOBOAM, Conflict with JEROBOAM: I Kings 12

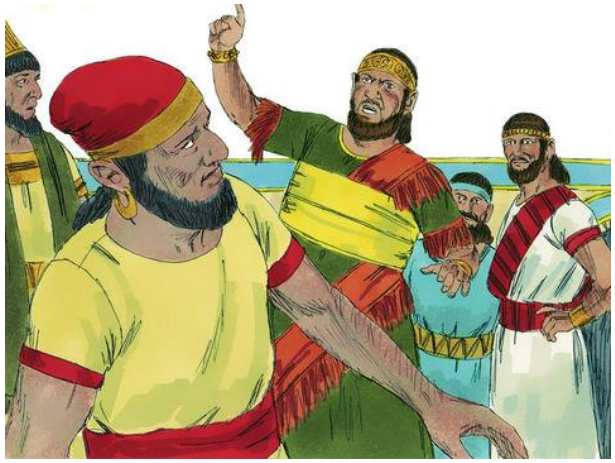
REHOBOAM forsook the counsel of the old men, …and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him **(his peers)**, and which stood before him:

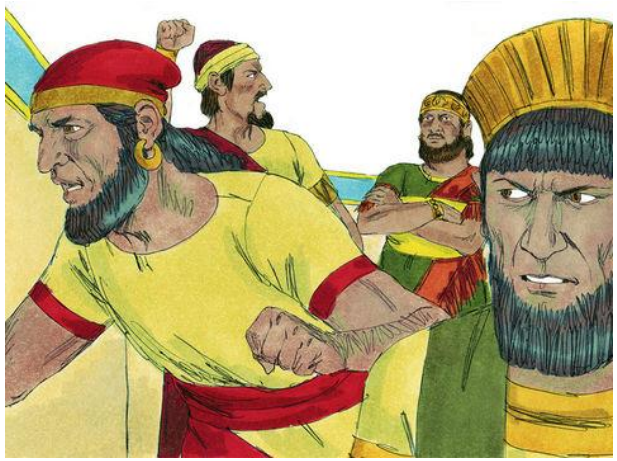
- **REHOBOAM** : W*hat counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me,*
- **His Peers**: … *thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins.*
- *11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.*



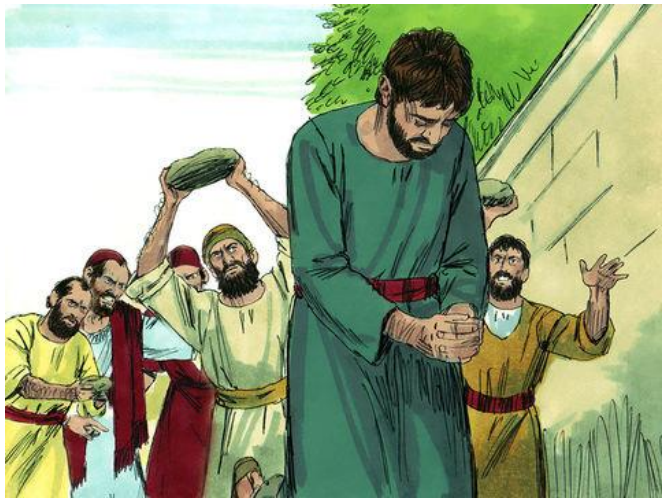
REBELLION of the 10 tribes under Jeroboam

- I Kings 12: [15] *Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; **for the cause was from the LORD**, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.*
- [16] *So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, ….*
- ***What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.***





REBELLION of the 10 tribes under Jeroboam (I Kings 12)



- Vs 18 Then king Rehoboam sent **ADORAM** , who was over the tribute (to collect taxes) ; and all Israel **stoned him with stones**, that **he died.**
- Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to **flee to Jerusalem.**
- [19] So **Israel rebelled against the house of David** unto this day.



REHOBOAM Attempts to Stop JEROBOAM'S Rebellion (I King 12)

Vs 21. Upon **REHOBOAM'**s return to Jerusalem, he assembled 180,000 chosen warriors from Judah and Benjamin to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to REHOBOAM.

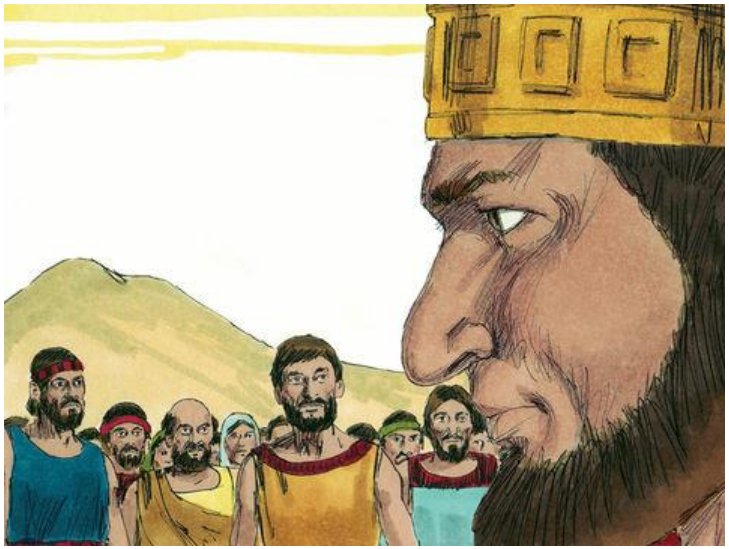
- **22** But the word of God came unto **SHEMAIAH** the man of God, to tell REHOBOAM:
- **24** Thus saith the LORD, ***Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me.***

- They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.



Divided Kingdom of Israel

- **JEROBOAM –** was summoned by the 10 tribes and made him their king.
- **REHOBOAM** reigned over Judah and Benjamin





The DIVIDED KINGDOM of Israel and Judah

Kings of Israel

SAUL

DAVID

SOLOMON

REHOBOAM
JUDAH
2 tribes

JEROBOAM
ISRAEL
10 tribes



Judah		Israel	
Rehoboam	928-911	Jeroboam	928-907
Abijam	911-908	Nadab	907-906
Asa	908-867	Baasha	906-883
Jehoshaphat	867-846	Elah	883-882
Jehoram	846-843	Zimri	882
Ahaziah	843-842	Timri	882-878
Athaliah	842-836	Omri	882-871
Joash	836-798	Ahab	871-852
Amaziah	798-769	Ahaziah	852-851
Uzziah	769-733	Jehoram	851-842
Jotham	758-743	Jehu	842-814
Ahaz	733-727	Jehoahaz	814-800
Hezekiah	727-698	Jehoash	800-784
Manasseh	698-642	Jeroboam	784-748
Amon	641-640	Zechariah	748-747
Josiah	639-609	Shallum	748-747
Jehoahaz	609	Menahem	747-737
Jehoiakim	608-598	Pekahiah	737-735
Jehoiachin	597	Pekah	735-733
Zedekiah	596-586	Hoshea	733-724

Israel

Jeroboam
Nadab
Baasha
Elah
Zimri
Timri

Idolatry ROOTING
"nag-ugat"

Omri
Ahab
Ahaziah
Jehoram

Idolatry REIGNING
"nag-hari"

Jehu
Jehoahaz
Jehoash
Jeroboam
Zechariah

Idolatry CEASING
"nabawasan "
"natigil"

Shallum
Menahem
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Idolatry RUINING
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Idolatry
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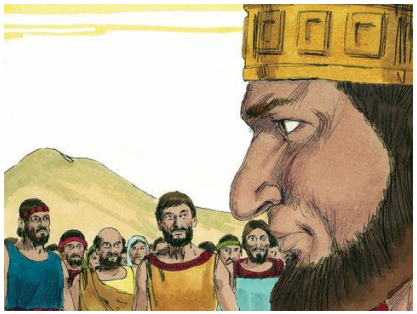
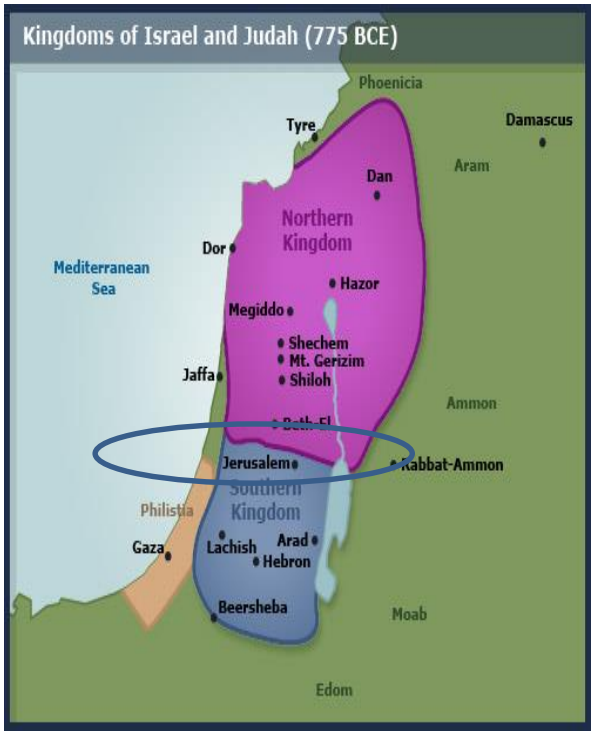




JEROBOAM'S Policy to Keep the Split of the 12 tribes:

- **I King 12: 26** *And Jeroboam said in his heart,* ***Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:***

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem,

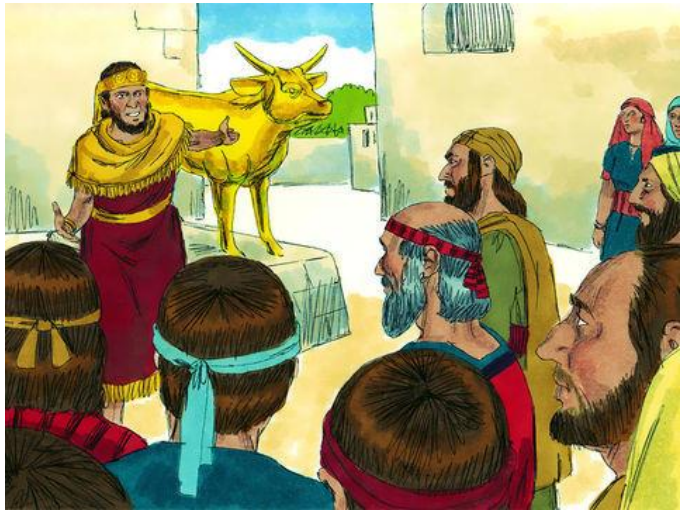
1. ***then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah,*** **(they might repent)**
2. ***and they shall kill me,***
3. ***and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.***

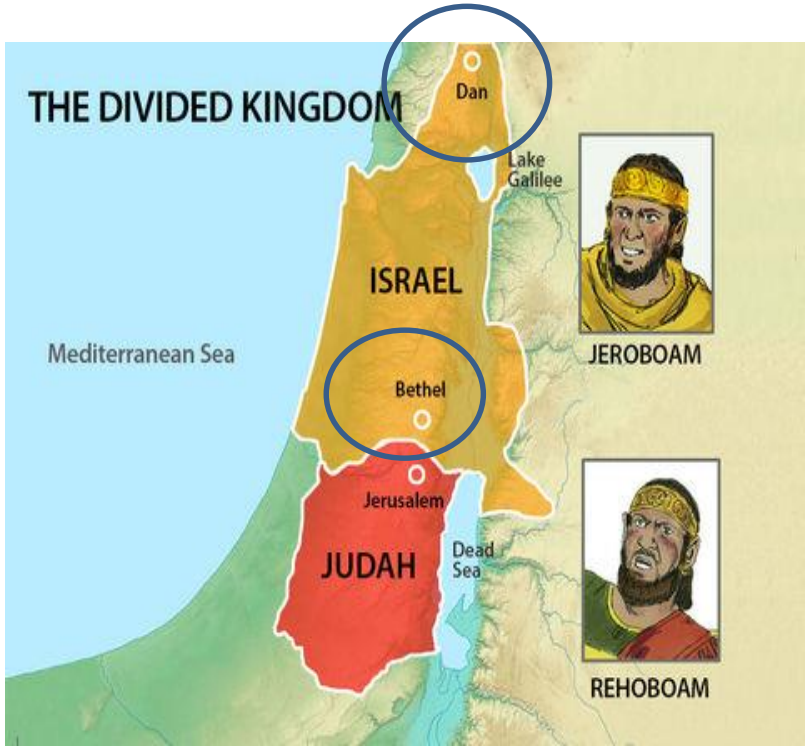
I King 12:

- *28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and **made two calves of gold,** and said unto them,*
- ***It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.***

- *29 And **he set the one in Bethel,** and the **other put he in Dan.***

- *30 And this thing became a sin: for **the people went to worship** before the one, even unto Dan.*





JEROBOAM Changes Provisions in the Mosaic Law

	Instituted by the Mosaic Law	Instituted by JEROBOAM
Objects of "Worship"	2 golden cherubims **(in the Ark of the Covenant)**	2 Golden calves
Place of Worship	JERUSALEM	Dan and Bethel
Ministers in the Altars	LEVITES	"lowest of the people"
Religious Calendar	May - October	November

❑ JEROBOAM Casts Out the Levites from the 10 Tribes

- **II Chronicles 11: 14** *For **the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem**: **for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD:***
- *15 And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.*

❑ Jeroboam Casts Out the God Fearing Jews from the 10 Tribes

❑ The God-fearing Jews from the 10 tribes went to Jerusalem:

- *16 And after them **out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.***

- JEROBOAM becomes a perpetual example of evil in the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

- ***"Because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger."***

	NORTHERN Kingdom
Also Referred to as	ISRAEL
Beginning and Ending	Began: 931 BC Lasted 210 years.
# of Tribes ***Its CAPITAL***	10 Samaria
# of Dynasties	9 dynasties
# of KINGS	19 None was righteous; ALL EVIL (7 murdered/assassinated)
First RULER	JEROBOAM
Last RULER	HOSHEA
CAPITAL	SAMARIA
Place/Time of Captivity	Captured by the Assyrians in 721 b.c.
# of Returns from Captivity	NONE

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KINGS of the NORTHERN Kingdom:

Idolatry ROOTING **– I Kings 15-16**

JEROBOAM

- ***Introduced the worship of 2 golden calves –***
- *Stricken by God*

NADAB: I Kings 15: [26]

- Son of Jeroboam
- He did evil in the sight of the LORD.
- **Walked in the way of his father, Jeroboam** and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.
- Assassinated.

BAASHA

I Ki 16: 2… *thou hast walked in **the way of Jeroboam**, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;*

ELAH:

- Son of Baasah
- Assassinated when he was drinking himself drunk

ZIMRI:

- Committee treason.
- **Walked in the way of Jeroboam**
- Short reign of 7 days
- Assassinated.

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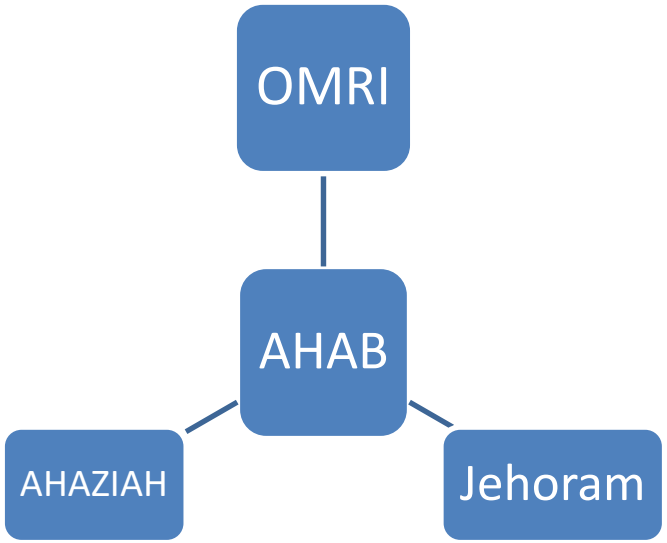
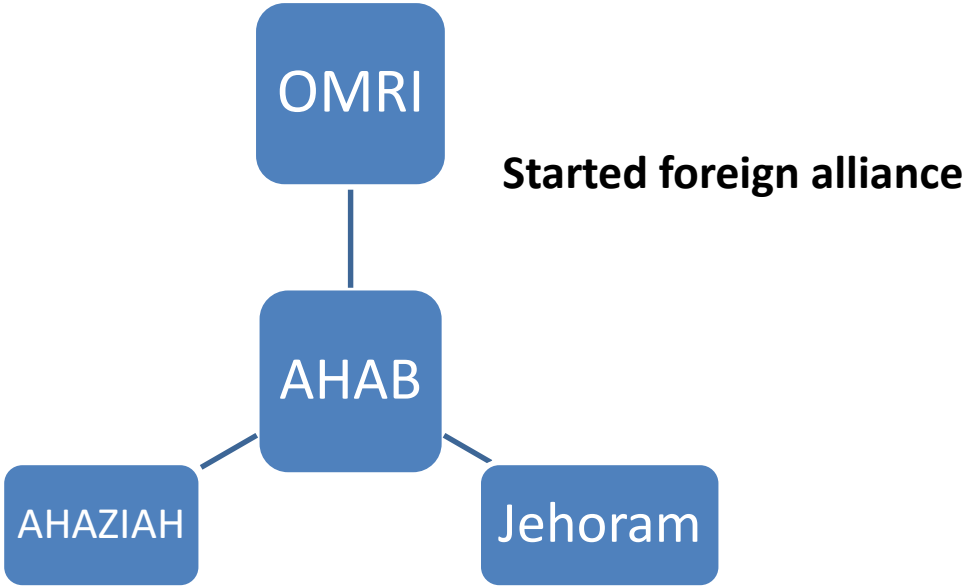


Idolatry *REIGNING* -

- During the rule of **Ahab's house**
- Idolatry reigned since AHAB **added Baal worship** to their worship of the 2 golden calves.



OMRI, Father of Ahab

- Started foreign alliance, first with Syria. (I Ki 20:34) "*made streets in Samaria*" (referring to an establishment of a Syrian embassy in Samaria)
- Allowed marriage of son, Ahab to Jezebel, daughter of a Phoenician king, a Baal worshipper

Idolatry ***REIGNING*** -

- During the rule of **Ahab's house**

- **AHAB plus JEZEBEL** - introduction of **BAAL worship** in Israel. I Kings 16

- 30 ***AHAB*** *the son of* ***Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him..***
- 31 ***Walked in the sins of Jeroboam***

- ***Took to wife Jezebel*** *the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians*
- *Went and* ***served Baal, and worshipped him.***
- 32 *And he reared up an* ***altar for Baal in Samaria.***

- ***Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.***





JEZEBEL:

- daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians
- A **Baal worshipper**; influenced her husband AHAB and sons to worship Ahab and make groves .
- **Instigated the death of NABOTH** when he would not sell his vineyard to Ahab.
- Had all **prophets of the Lord killed** (but Obadiah hid 100 prophets).
- Run after the prophet Elijah to kill him (Elijah was saved by God)
- Was killed by King JEHU.
- Eaten by dogs

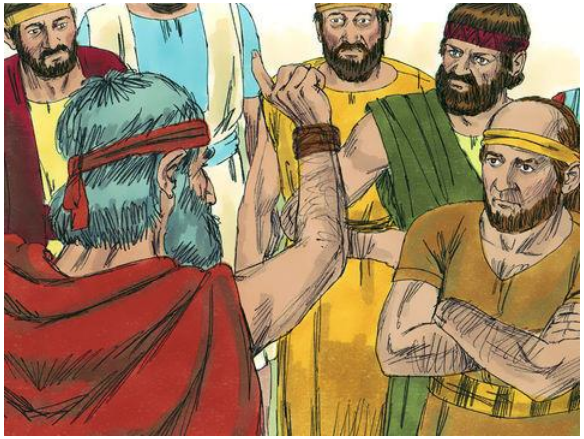


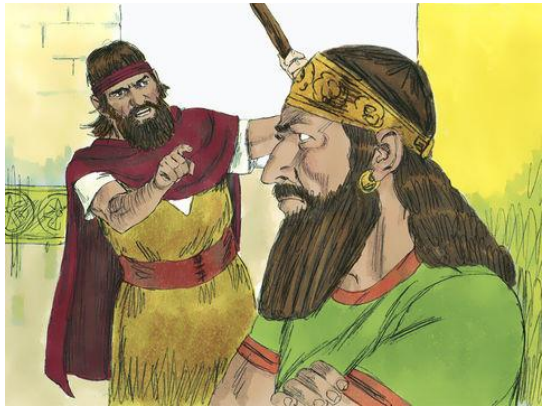
King AHAB severely rebuked by ELIJAH:

I Kings 17: 1

- ELIJAH to AHAB : ***As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.***

- Just as Elijah had said there was no rain or dew.
- People called on Baal to help them but the ground became dry and the harvests failed.



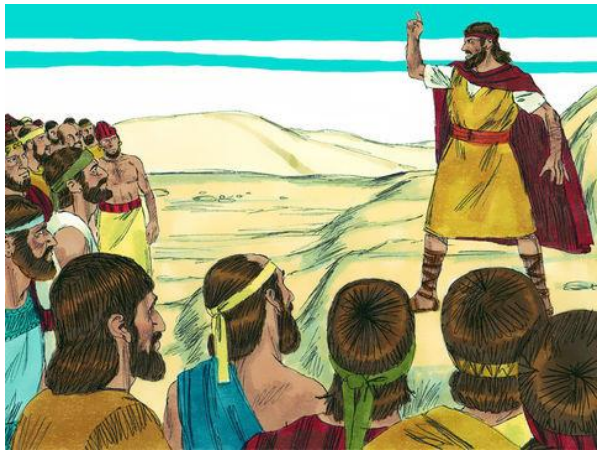




King AHAB severely rebuked by ELIJAH:

I Kings 18: 9

ELIJAH returned after three (3) years and found AHAB still unreformed ; challenge posted to show real God..



9 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto ***mount Carmel.***

21 And ***Elijah came unto all the people****, and said*

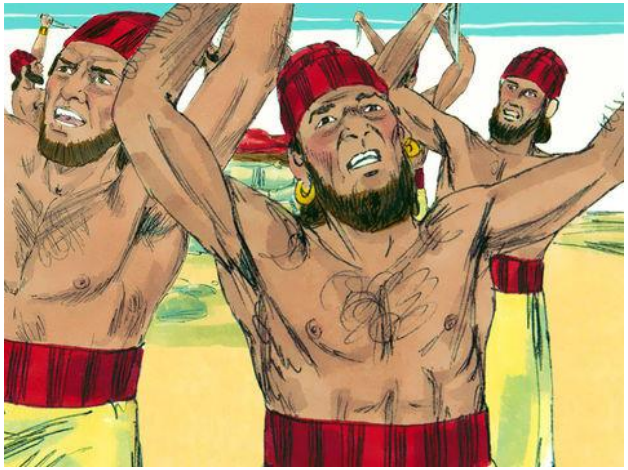
How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.

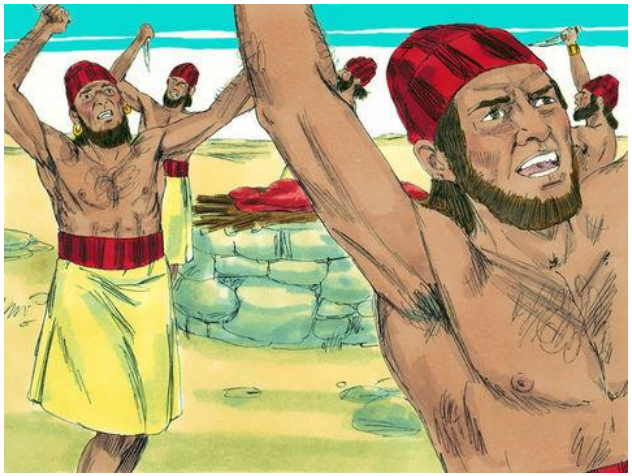
CHALLENGE : BAAL versus the True GOD of ELIJAH (I Kings 18)

- Vs. 24 **ELIJAH :** ***And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God.***

- [26] And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and ***called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon***,..
- ***O Baal, hear us***. But there was **no voice**, nor any that answered.

- **They cried aloud**, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, …, ***but that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.***





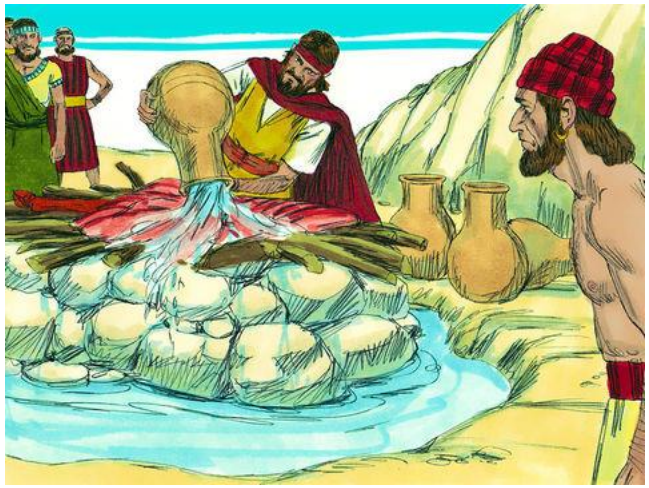
God Answers with Fire – I Kings 18

ELIJAH'S Turn:

- He repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.
- With 12 stones , built an altar in the name of the LORD.

ELIJAH : ***LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.***

- ***37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.***





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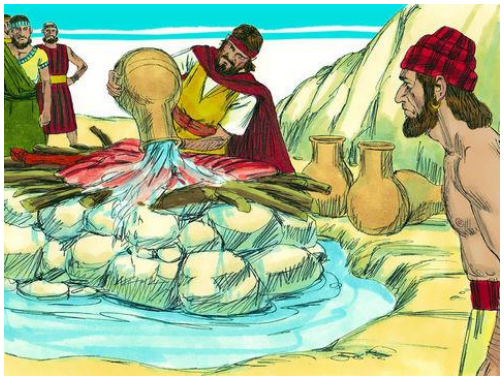
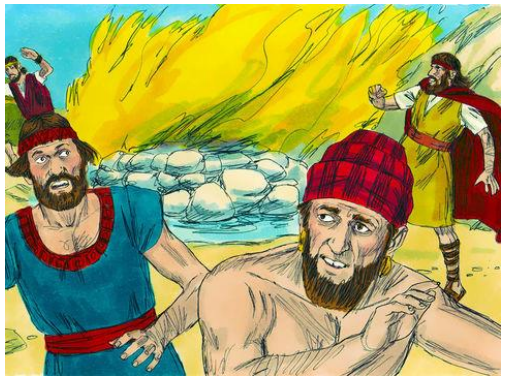
ELIJAH'S Turn:

- 38 Then the **fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sac**rifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.
- 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, ***The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.***
- The Baal prophets were slain

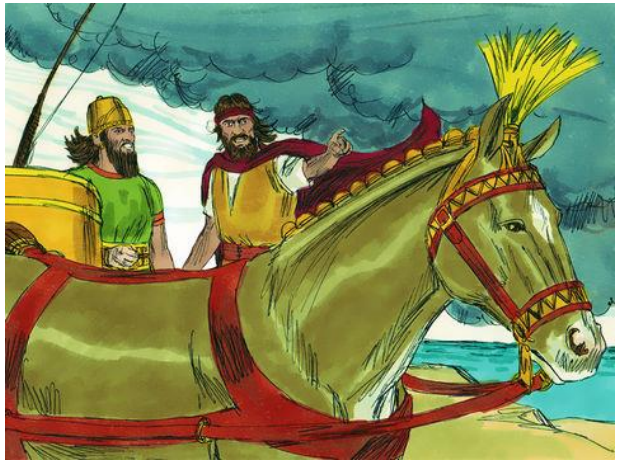






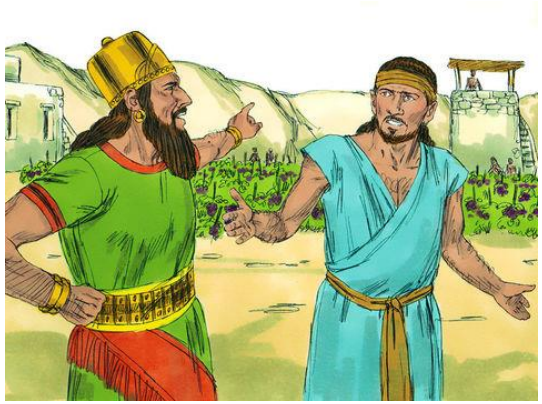
- **Pronouncement of rain followed the slaying of the 450 Baal prophets.**



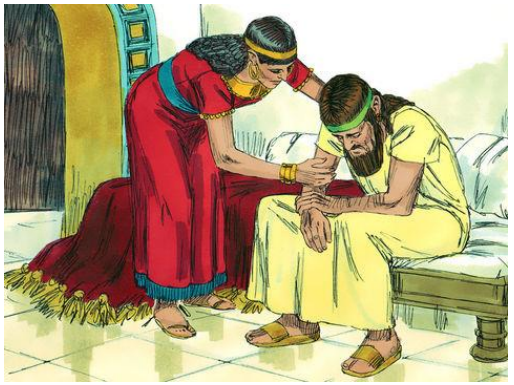


Ahab Covets the Vineyard of NABOTH (I Kings 21)

- K. AHAB coveted NABOTH'S vineyard which is adjacent to is palace.
- AHAB to NABOTH : ***Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.***
- **NABOTH refused** since the vineyard is part of his inheritance.
- **AHAB threw a tantrum .** Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth had refused to give him what he wanted. He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat.
- Jezebel devised an evil plan against Naboth.





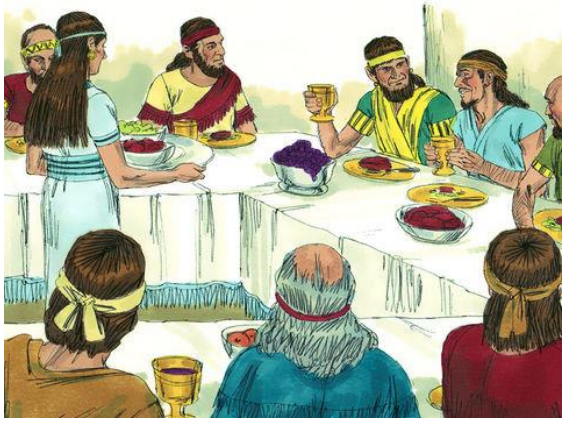


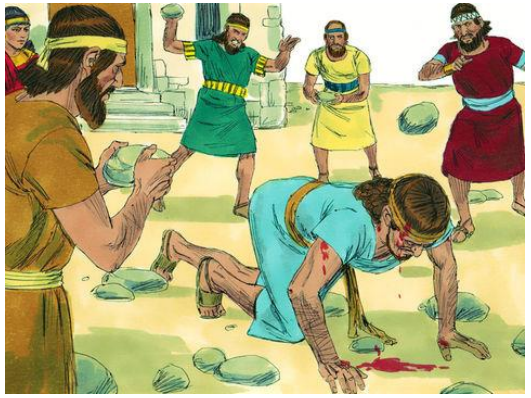
Ahab Covets the Vineyard of NABOTH (I Kings 21)

- **JEZEBEL wrote letters in the King's name**, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city.

- ***"Proclaim a day of fasting and give Naboth a prominent seat among the people. Put two scoundrels opposite him to bring charges that he has cursed both God and the king.***
- ***Then take him out and stone him to death.'"***



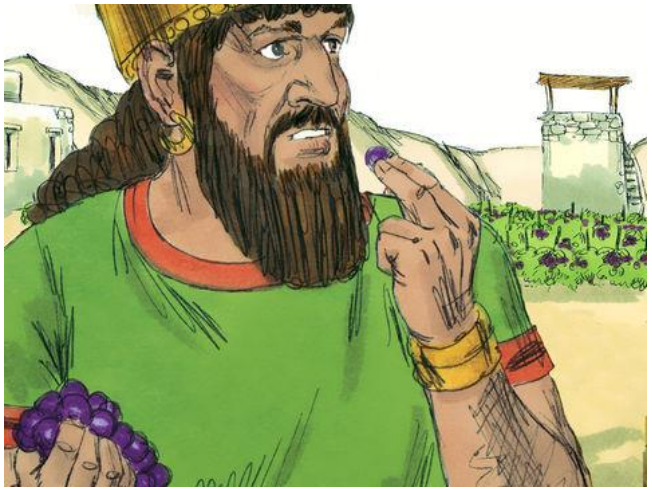




AHAB'S SIN against NABOTH Denounced (I Kings 21: 19-21)

- **Thus saith the Lord,** ***Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? ... In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.***
- ... ***thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.***

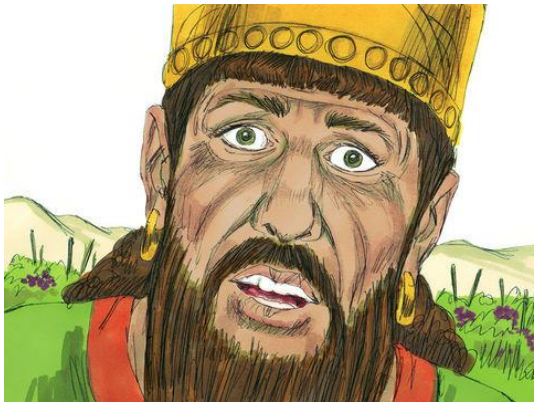
- ***Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,***

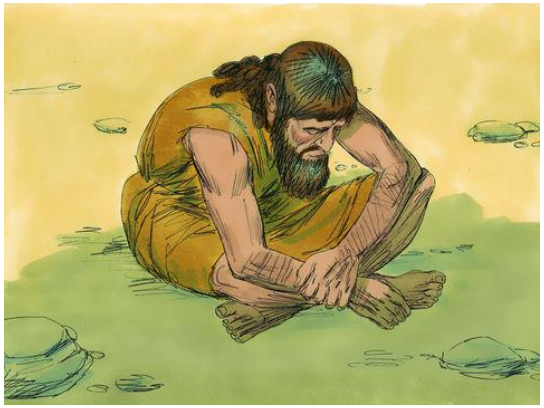




AHAB'S Humility Before God

- Elijah announced that Ahab would be killed, his royal line obliterated, and Jezebel would be eaten by dogs.
- When **Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and fasted**. He lay in sackcloth and went around meekly.
- God told the prophet Elijah, '***Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house***.
- Three (3) years later Ahab was killed in battle against the Syrians.

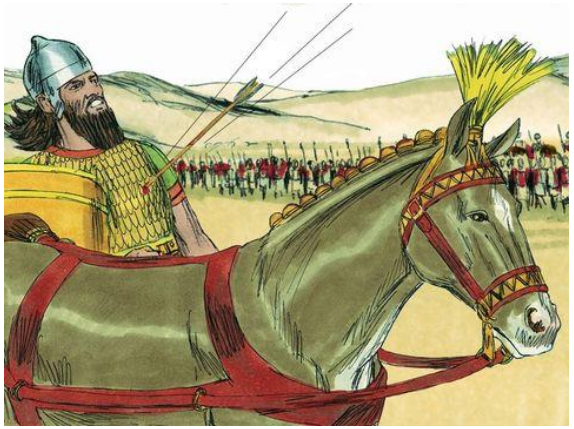






LAST Days and Death of AHAB

- **AHAB** went to battle against the Syrians with **K.Jehoshaphat of Judah.**
- **AHAB, in his disguise,** thought he was safe, but a**n arrow shot at random** hit him between the sections of his armour.
- All day long the battle raged, and the king was propped up in his chariot.



- The **blood from his wound ran onto the floor of the chariot,** and that evening he died.
- Ahab was taken back to Samaria. (His chariot was washed at a pool and **dogs gathered to lick his blood, just as the prophet Elijah had prophesied** when Ahab had earlier murdered Naboth and stole his vineyard

I Kings 21: 25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, **whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.**

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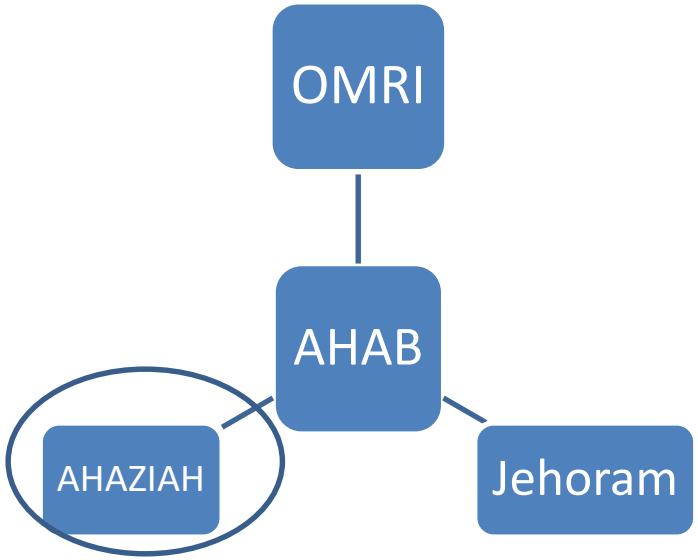

2 King 1: 2 ***Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?***

AHAZIAH, son of Ahab

- I Kings 22: 52 *And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and* ***walked in the way of his father*** **(AHAB),** *and in the* ***way of his mother*** **(JEZEBEL)** *and* ***in the way of Jeroboam*** *the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:*

- *53 For* ***he served Baal,*** *and worshipped him, and* ***provoked to anger the Lord God of Israel,*** *according to all that his father had done.*

- Had an accident (fell down from a lattice in his upper room); inquired of Baal-zebub; for that ***God said he would not recover.***

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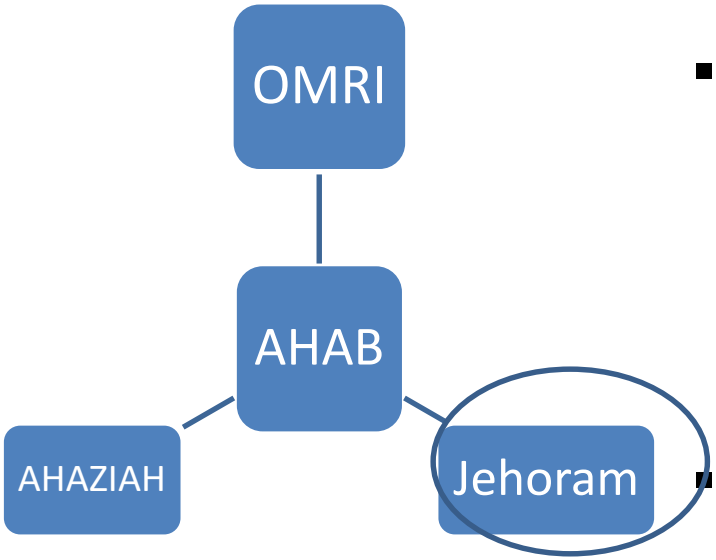

JEHORAM, son of Ahab

- 2 Kings 3: 2 A*nd he wrought **evil in the sight of the Lord;** but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.*
- *3 **Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom*.
- Murdered by new king, JEHU

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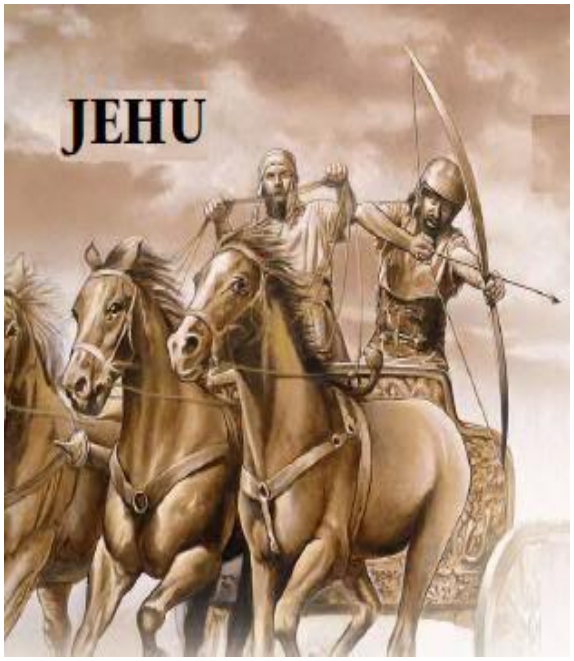

Anointed by Elisha as new king of Israel.

JEHU's Assingment from God: 2 Ki 9:6-8

- 7 ***And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master***, *that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.*
- *8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:*

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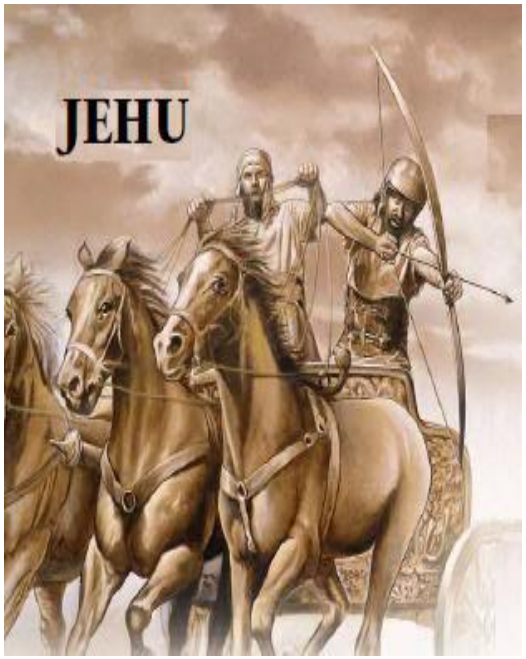

- Executed reining king **Jehoram** (youngest son of Ahab) .
- King **JEHORAM** and **JEHU**: , ***Is it peace, Jehu?***
- ***What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?***

- **Executed** King **Ahaziah, the 6th king of Judah** (who visited K.Jehoram in Israel).
- He then made his way to the city of Jezreel and killed **Jezebel** *(thrown out of the window; and dogs feasted on her as per Elijah's prophecy)*

- After this he demanded and received the heads of the seventy sons of Ahab who were living in the city of Samaria.

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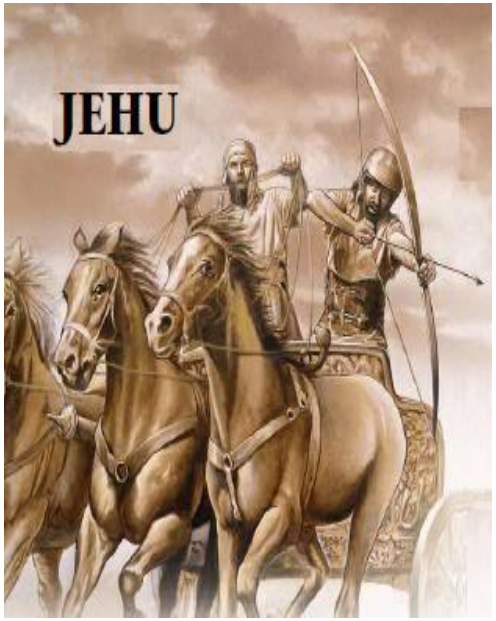

JEHU went on his bloody murders:

- He continued his blood purge by slaying even the **descendants and friends of Ahab.**
- By trickery assembled all the **priests of Baal** in a large convention hall in Jezreel, where he ordered the slaughter of each priest, including all Baal prophets and servants .

- 2 Kings 10: 8 *And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them,* ***Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.***
  Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live.
- **But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.**

- For this, God said he would cut Jehu's line after four (4) generations.

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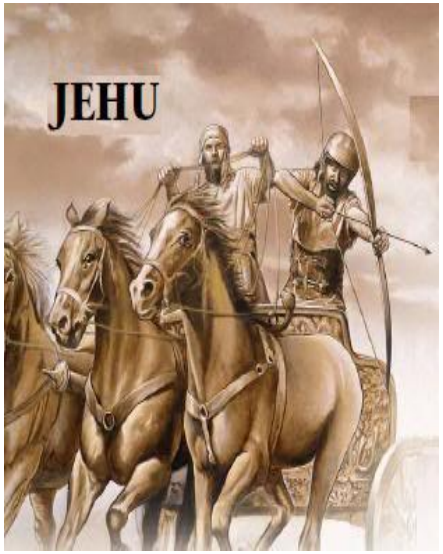


JEHU's IDOLATRY:

Though he fulfilled God's assignment to smite the house of Ahab, he nonetheless worshipped the 2 golden calves of Jeroboam.

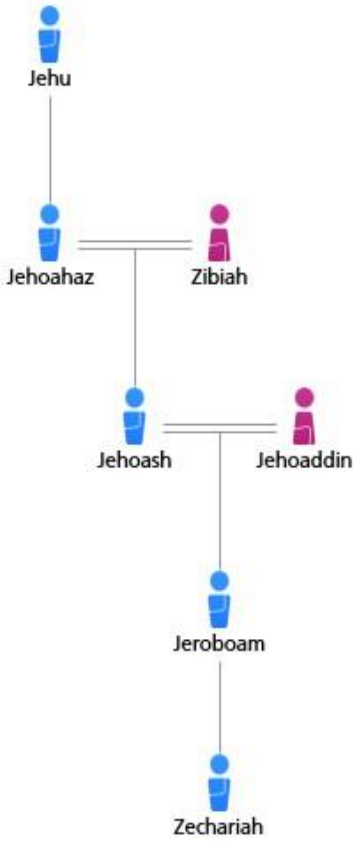
2 Kings 10 :28 T**hus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel**.

29 Howbeit *from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan.*

JEHU'S JUDGMENT from God:

Vs. 30 And the Lord said unto Jehu, ***Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.***

The Four (4) generations of JEHU:



- **JEHOAHAZ**

2 Kings 13:2 [2]*And* ***he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam*** *the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; ….*

- **JEHOASH`**

2 Kings 13:13 *And* ***he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam*** *the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: but he walked therein*.

- **JEROBOAM II:**

2 Kings 14: 24 *And* ***he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam*** *the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin*.

- **ZACHARIAH:**

2 Kings 15: [9]*And* ***he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam*** *the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin*

Assassinated .

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IV. Idolatry RUINING:

SHALLUM :

Assassinated the last line of JEHU
- Zachariah (2 Ki 15, 10, 15)

MENAHEM: 2 Kings 15: 14-20

1. He was **one of the most brutal dictators** to sit upon the northern throne.
2. He rewarded **any opposition** on the part of his subjects by a wholesale **slaughter,** including the **ripping open of pregnant women.**
3. He bought off the **Assyrian king Tiglath-pileser,** who had invaded Israel at that time with a two-million-dollar **bribe.**

Vs. 18 *And he **did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord**: he **departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.*

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PEKAHIAH :

2 Kings 15:24 *And he **did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord:** he departed not from the **sins of Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.*

- Assassinated by PEKAH.

PEKAH :

- reigned twenty years.

2 Ki 15: 28 And he ***did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord***: he ***departed not from the sins of Jeroboam*** the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

- During his reign, Tiglathpileser of Assyria came up and took the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria (1st deportation).

HOSHEA:

2 Ki 17:2 *And he **did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord,** but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.*

- The Assyrian king Shalmaneser came up during his reign; put Hoshea in prison when he sought help from Egypt (2 Ki 17:3) .

- During his reign, Assyria took Samaria, for **final and full deportation to Assyria).**

ISRAEL (The Northern Kingdom) : ASSYRIAN CAPTIVITY:





2 Ki. 17:

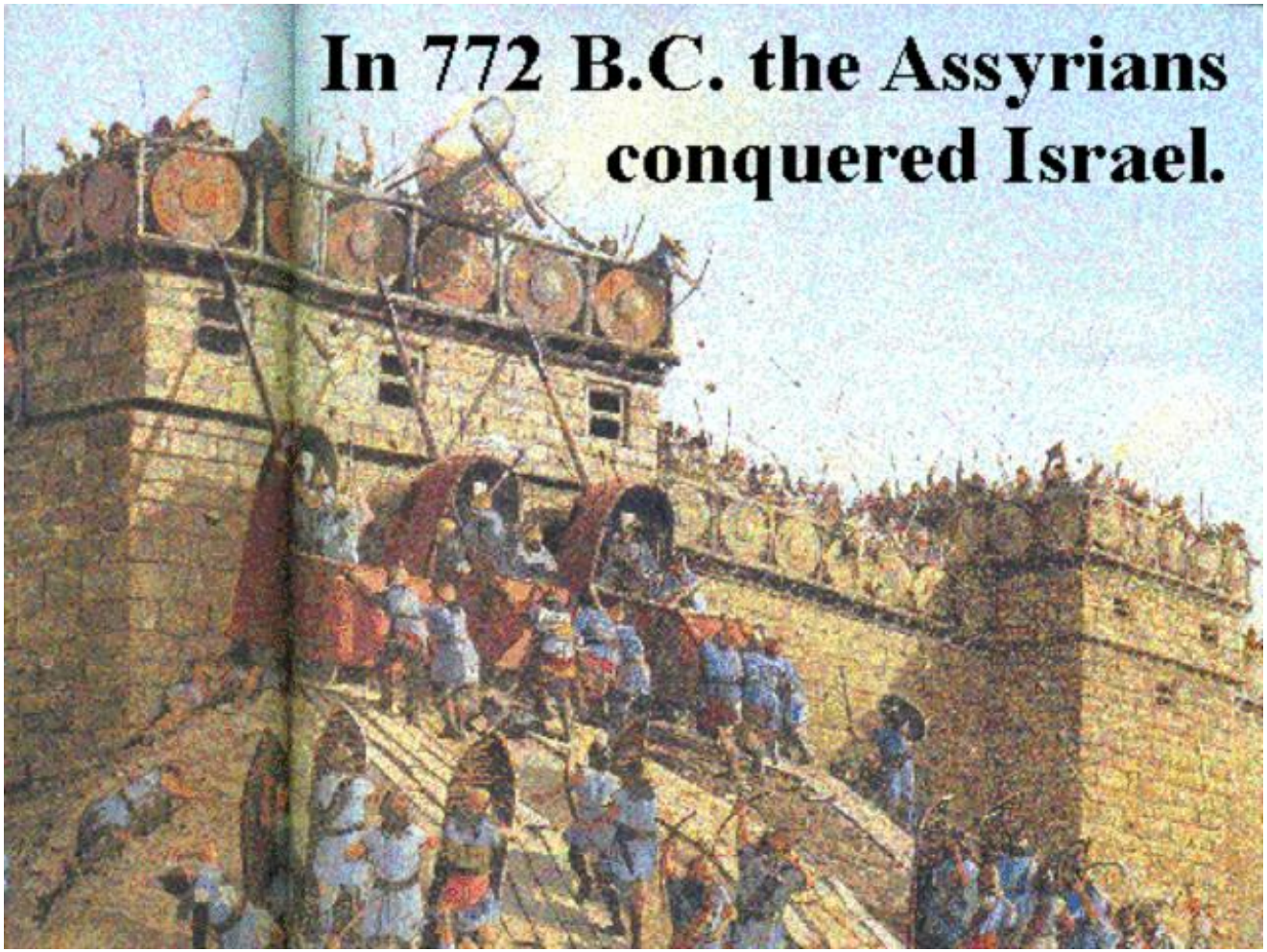
18 *Therefore* ***the LORD was very angry with Israel,*** *and removed them out of his sight:* ***there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.***

20 *And* ***the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers****, until he had cast them out of his sight.*

21 *For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and* ***Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin.***

22 ***For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam*** *which he did; they departed not from them;*

23 *Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets.*

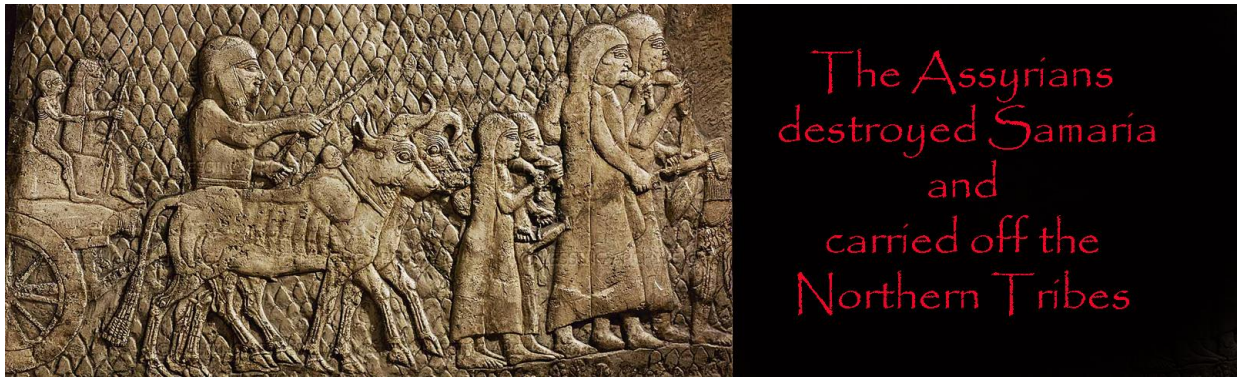


So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria *unto this day.*

What Happened to the 10 Tribes after the ASSYRIAN CAPTIVITY:

2 Ki. 17:7-18.)

- The King of Assyria **transplanted colonies of people from various foreign countries** into the depopulated land of northern Israel (2 Ki. 17:24).
- Soon after their arrival, a plague of **man-eating lions, sent by God, terrified the land**.
- In desperation, the colonists sent a message to the Assyrian ruler, asking for the **ministry of a Jehovah prophet, that the plague be stopped** (17:25, 26).



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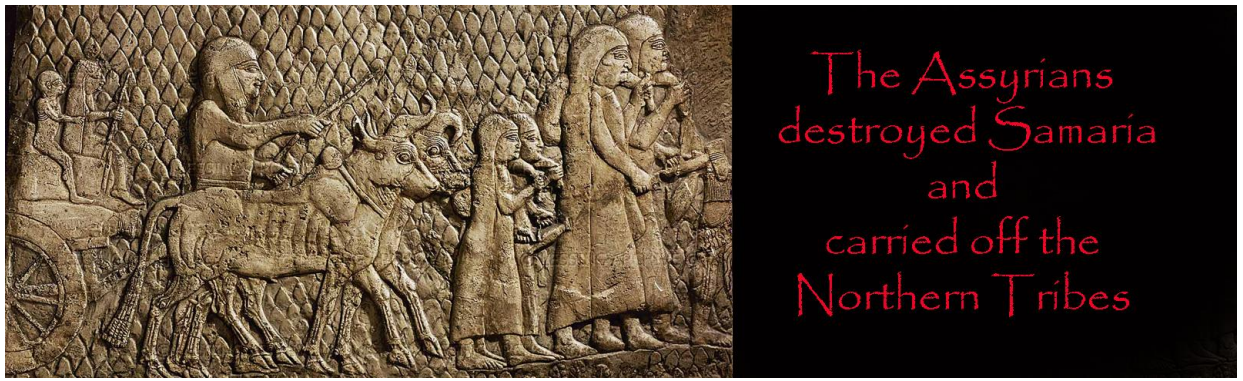
- A **prophet arrived** and began his ministry from Bethel.
- The lion plague disappeared and **a form of Jehovah-worship appeared, but only in form, as the people continued with their idol-worship as well** (2 Ki. 17:27-34).
- **This is the beginning of the SAMARITAN RACE and religion which was prevalent in the time of Jesus. (See Jn. 4.)**



The NORTHERN Kingdom f ISRAEL:

- Eight (8) died natural deaths,

- Seven (7) were murdered,
- One (1) died a suicide
- One (1) in battle,
- One under judgment of God, One in a fall.
- Not a single ruler turned to God. All Evil

- From this captivity, **the ten tribes have never been restored to Palestine**.
- In fact, they would soon lose their very tribal identity (but not their ancestry).
- The future restoration of all twelve tribes of Israel will be consummated at the Second Coming of Christ. (See Mt. 24:27-31.)

- **The righteous God had to cut off Israel for their sin**. (See 2 Ki. 17:7-18.)

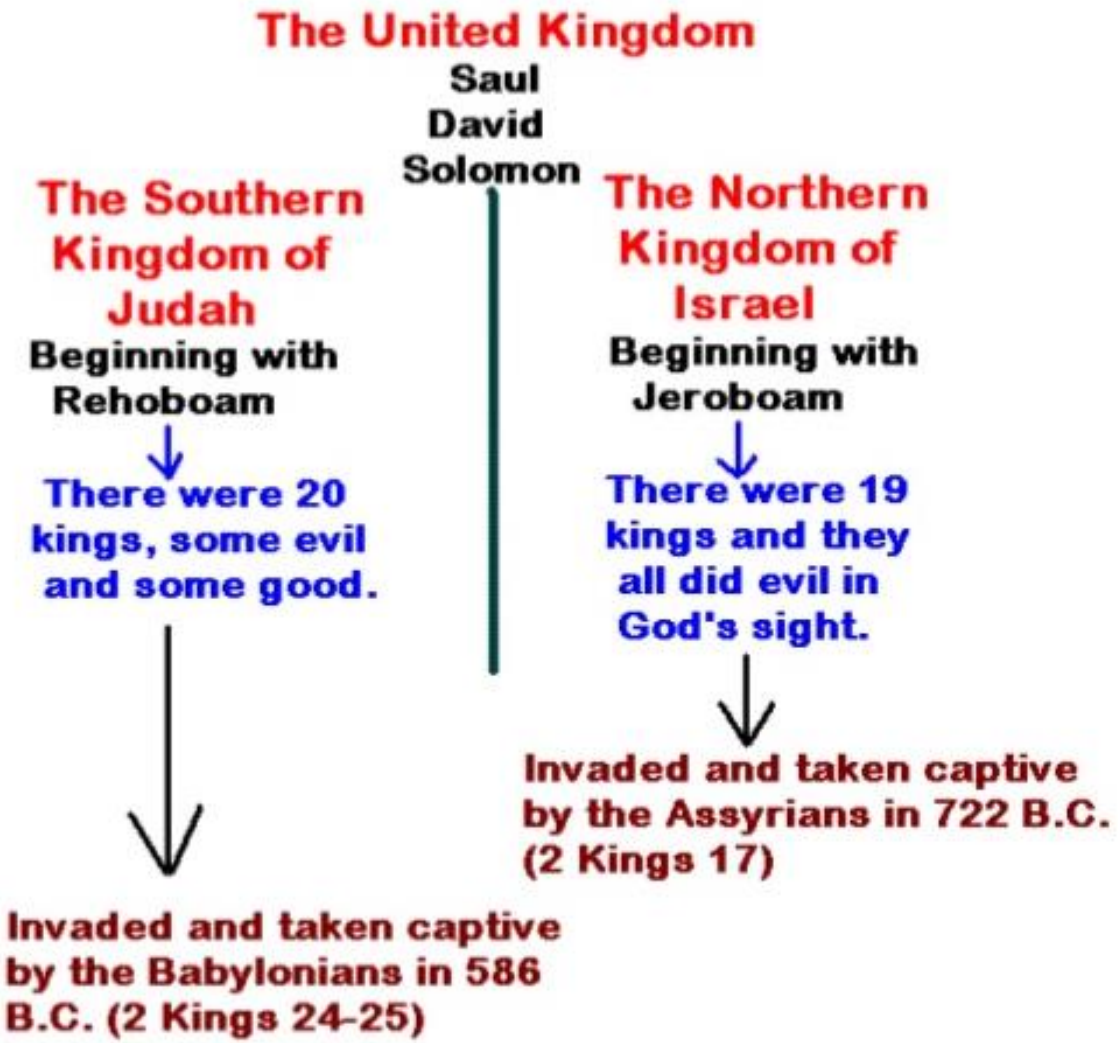


What happened to the Levites and the remaining true worshippers of God from the 10 tribes?

II Chronicles 11: 14 *For* ***the Levites left their suburbs and their possession****, and* ***came to Judah and Jerusalem****: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the* ***LORD:***

16 *And after them* ***out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.***

17 ***So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah****, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon*


The United Kingdom
Saul
David
Solomon
The Southern Kingdom of Judah
Beginning with Rehoboam
There were 20 kings, some evil and some good.
Invaded and taken captive by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. (2 Kings 24-25)
The Northern Kingdom of Israel
Beginning with Jeroboam
There were 19 kings and they all did evil in God's sight.
Invaded and taken captive by the Assyrians in 722 B.C. (2 Kings 17)