

Week 14
Solomon
End of the United Kingdom



#### Solomon in the Bible

- 1 Kings 1-11
- > 2 Chron 1-9
- Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs



#### Adonijah seeks to be king

- David designates Solomon instead
- Adonijah asks for Abishag as his wife
- Solomon saw this as a threat
  - none but a king could marry a king's widow (Talmud, Sanhedrin)
- Solomon puts Adonijah to death



#### Abiathar removed as priest

- For supporting Adonijah
- Fulfilling prophecy about Eli (1 Sam 2)

#### Joab put to death

- For conspiring with Adonijah
- For killing Abner (2 Sam 3)
- For killing Amasa (2 Sam 20)



#### Shimei put to death

- Confined to Jerusalem
- Violates confinement
- Put to death
- 2 Sam 16; 1 King 2:8



#### Solomon asks for wisdom

- "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."
- Solomon asks for wisdom
- God grants riches and honor as well



# Solomon settles women's dispute 1 Kings 3

- Probably innkeepers
- Each had an infant son; one son died
- Dispute about whose son still alive
- Solomon proposes to cut living son in two
- Made it obvious who was the true mother



#### Solomon's wisdom (1 Kings 4)

- Wiser than any other man
- > 3000 proverbs
- > 1005 songs
- Wrote about plant and animal life



#### Solomon builds temple

- Plans given by God to David1 Chr 28:10-19
- Seven year project
- Brings ark into temple (1 Kings 8)
- Fire from heaven consumes offering2 Chr 7:1



#### God warns Solomon (1 Kings 9)

- >If Solomon or sons do not obey
  - "Though this temple is now imposing, all who pass by will be appalled"



#### The queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10)

- Heard reputation, came to test Solomon
- "Not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard."
- Matt 12:42



#### Solomon's wealth

> 1 Kings 10:14-29

1Ki 10:23 King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth.

Matt 6:28-30



#### Solomon's wives (1 Kings 11)

- Many foreign women
- > 700 wives of noble birth
- 300 concubines



#### Solomon's wives lead astray

- "They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, 'You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.'
- His wives led him astray
- Neh 13:25-26



#### Consequences

- Tore kingdom away from Solomon's son
- For sake of David (2 Sam 7:14-15)
  - did not do it during Solomon's lifetime
  - left one tribe for Solomon's heir
  - Hadad and Rezon as adversaries



#### **Prophesy about Jeroboam**

- 1 Kings 11:26
- Ahijah the prophet
- Jeroboam to be king over 10 tribes
- Solomon tries to kill Jeroboam
- Jeroboam flees to Egypt
- Solomon dies



# Kingdom passes to Rehoboam 1 Kings 12

- Rehoboam rejects elders' advice
- Follows advice of his peers
- Ten tribes of Israel rebel
- Jeroboam returns and becomes king of Israel
- Rehoboam king of Judah



#### Jeroboam's sin

- Made golden calves
- "Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."
- Appointed non-Levites as priests
- Established his own festivals and sacrifices



#### **Prophecy against Jeroboam**

> 1 Kings 13:1-2

"O altar, altar! This is what the LORD says: 'A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who now make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you."

Fulfilled 2 Kings 23:15-16



#### Israel under Jeroboam

- Ruled 22 years
- God decreed disaster on Jeroboam
- You have a spoken!" I Kings 14:11 "Dogs will eat those belonging to Jeroboam who die in the city, and the birds of the air will feed on those who die in the country. The LORD has spoken!"



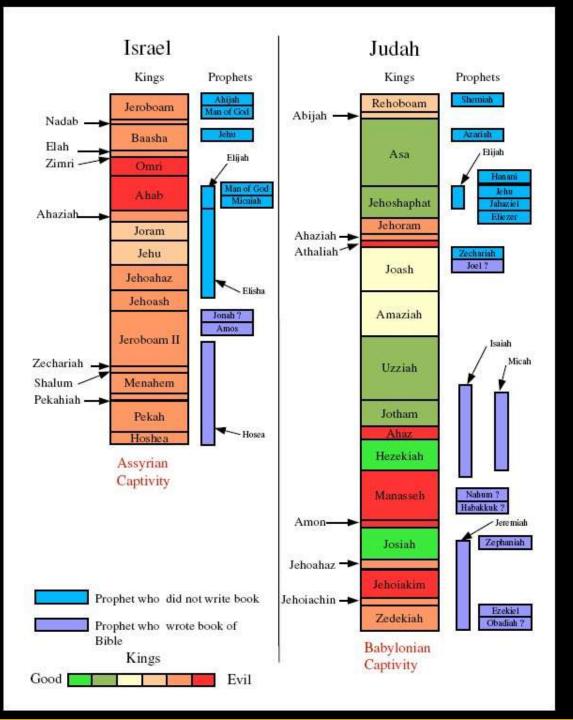
# Rehoboam abandons the LORD 2 Chron 12

- Shishak king of Egypt attacks Jerusalem
- King and leaders humble themselves
- God prevents Shishak from destroying
- Shishak carries off treasure of Judah



#### Judah under Rehoboam

- Some good in Judah (2 Chron 12:12)
- Rehoboam did not seek the LORD
- Rehoboam ruled 17 years
- Constant warfare with Jeroboam





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The Divided Kingdom