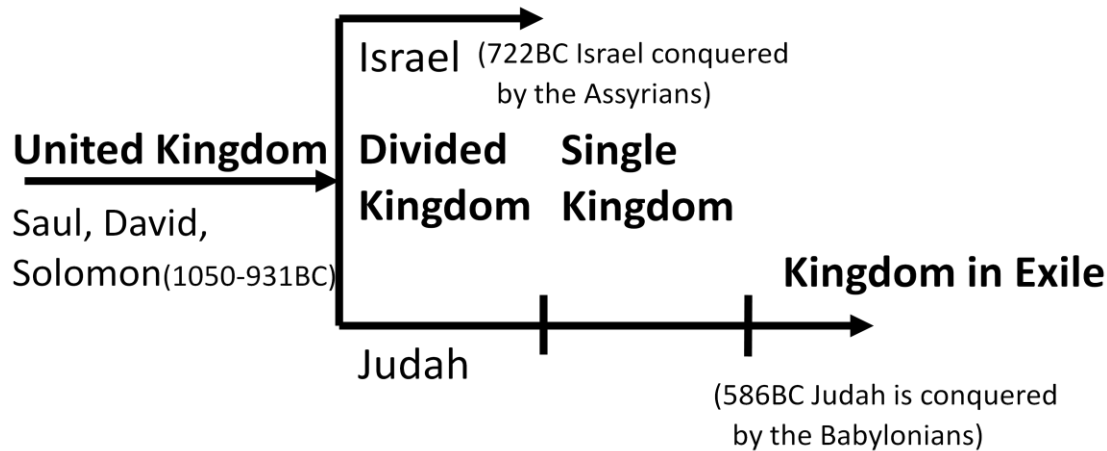


## The Old Testament for Dummies: Week 6 – The Divided Kingdom Period

The Divided Kingdom Period was the result of a divided heart in the people of God.

### The Kingdom Periods of History in the OT



### The Books of the Divided Kingdom Period

Historical Books	Prophetic Books
1 Kings 2 Kings 2 Chronicles	To the Northern Kingdom Amos Hosea
	To the Southern Kingdom Joel Micah Isaiah Zephaniah Habakkuk Jeremiah
	To Foreign Kingdoms Jonah Nahum

### King Solomon's Downfall

1 Kings 10.14-11.13

After a promising start, Solomon's divided heart results in a divided Israel.

Solomon ignores the warnings to a king of Israel in Deuteronomy 17.14-20.

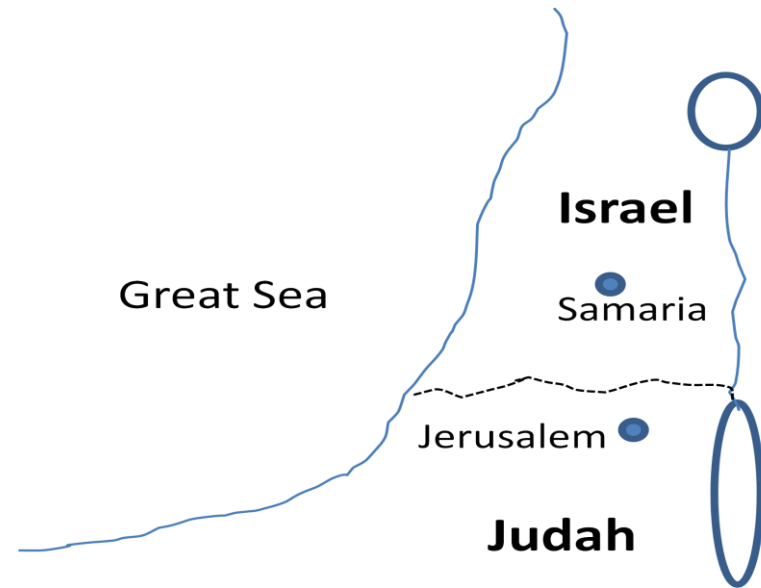
Solomon acquires too much wealth, too many horses, and too many wives.

1 Kings 11.4: *For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.*

1 Kings 11.11: *Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.*

### A Comparison of the Two Kingdoms

Name:	North: Israel	South: Judah
First King:	Jeroboam	Rehoboam
Tribes:	10	2
Duration:	208	344
Dynasties:	9	1
Kings:	20	20
Capital:	Samaria	Jerusalem
Conquered By:	Assyria	Babylon
Conquered In:	722BC	586BC
Last King:	Hosea	Zedekiah



#### The Message of Jeremiah, Prophet to Judah

During the Divided Kingdom Period the Lord's prophets preached judgment so that God's people might repent.

**Judah is condemned for loving idols while being married to God.**

Jeremiah 2.13: *For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.*

**Judah is called to return to God or suffer disaster.**

Jeremiah 18.7-10: *If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it. And if at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, and if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will relent of the good that I had intended to do to it.*