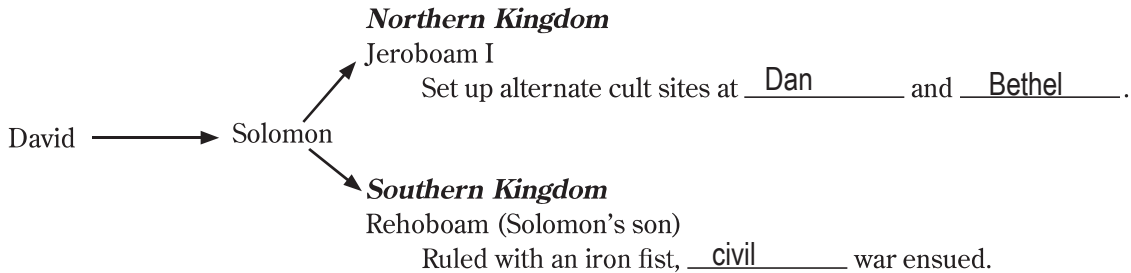


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Session 12—The New Covenant

Real Time and Space

The Divided Kingdom:



Northern Kingdom	Southern Kingdom
<p><u>722</u> BC the <u>Assyrians</u> wipe out the Northern Kingdom and the ten tribes of Israel disappear.</p>	<p><u>587/586</u> BC the <u>Babylonians</u> drag Israel off to Babylonia; Southern Kingdom does <u>not</u> disappear.</p>
<p>Capital city = <u>Samaria</u></p>	<p>Capital city = <u>Jerusalem</u></p>
<p>Also known as: Israel, sometimes Ephraim</p>	<p>Also known as: Judah</p>

The Exile and the Return

The Exile is the great watershed of the Israelite faith.

The Fall is the same story as the Exile:

the people of God have been cast out of the place of God and they lose access to the presence of God.

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans that I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

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BC Cyrus of Persia allows the exiles to return home.

Those who return are the ones who have kept the Messianic promise alive.

(Isaiah 9:2–7; Isaiah 11:1–12; Ezekiel 37:21–28)

The Promise: The Return of the King

How were all the legitimate kings of Israel identified?

1) By bloodline. Had to be a child of David. (Matthew 1:1)

2) By the anointing of Yahweh's prophet. (Matthew 3:13–17)

Where is the kingdom?

Matthew 13: the kingdom of heaven is like . . .

A man who sowed good seed in his field

A mustard seed

A leaven in a lump of dough.

The “Already” and the “Not Yet”

The kingdom of God has already come.

The not yet awaits. (second coming)

The People, Place, and Presence in the New Covenant

	Already	Not Yet
People	All who will <u>call</u> upon the <u>name</u> of the <u>Lord</u> , and <u>endure</u> to the end. <i>[Gal. 3:26-29]</i>	Our <u>adoption</u> as sons, the <u>resurrection</u> of the body. <i>[John 14:2; Rom. 8:23; Rev. 19:11-16; 21:21-27]</i>
Place	We are only <u>sojourners</u> , like Abraham, we await our <u>inheritance</u> , the New Jerusalem. <i>[Rev. 21:1-2]</i>	The <u>New Jerusalem</u> . <i>[Rev. 21:1-4]</i> new heaven, new earth, Eden restored
Presence	In the <u>Christ</u> , in the <u>believer</u> , in the <u>Church</u> . <i>[John 1:14; Acts 2:17; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 2:19-22; Rev. 21-22]</i>	“Behold, the <u>tabernacle</u> of God is among men, and he will <u> dwell </u> among them, and they shall be his <u> people </u> , and God himself will be <u> among </u> them.” <i>[Rev. 21:3; 22]</i>

“So that where I am, there you may be with me always.” (John 14:3)

Questions, comments, aha moments . . .

The First and Second Adam

-- What was done in the Garden is undone in Christ

-- The broken relationship is healed

-- The rebellious heart is softened

-- The lost inheritance is regained

-- Because "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us . . ." (Romans 5:8)

The Second Adam did not fail! Amen and Hallelujah!
