

## A Bible Overview, Session 6: The Divided Kingdom

### Student Handout

#### I. Solomon- King #3 of a United Kingdom

- God's **gracious** Gifts and **Covenant**: Solomon
- **Obedience** Necessary
- Wisest Man Chooses **No Obedience**
- Kingdom Splits into Israel and Judah
- Wisest Man Chooses **Obedience**
  - *Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:13,14)*

#### II. Divided Kingdom (931 BC)- (after 1200 years being united from time of Abraham)

##### A. Northern Kingdom- Israel

- Lasts 208 years and no kings had a heart for God
- In 722 BC Israel fell to the Assyrians
  - Jews taken to Assyria, intermarry, become Samaritans, never exist again as a nation
- Jeroboam
- **Judgment**

Prophets: Sent to both Israel & Judah to:

- Teach, urge repentance, predict judgment for disobedience
- Warnings and the **Sovereignty of God**: Jeremiah

- Confront sin: Elijah and Ahab & prophets of Baal
- Perform miracles: Elisha and widow
- Give future hope for the coming Redeemer/Messiah
- Prophet's understanding of prophecies
- Prophet's Claims

## B. Southern Kingdom- Judah

- 19 kings & 1 queen; 8 had a heart for God
- In 586 BC Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, King Nebuchadnezzar, and Temple destroyed
  - They will be exiled in Babylon 70 years (and then return to Judah)
  - Jews who got to remain and work the land did not intermarry and thus
    - the Line of Promise blood line continued for coming Redeemer
- Young Daniel to Babylon
  - Gives many prophecies of future events

## III. Persian King: Cyrus

- Fulfills 150-year-old prophecy that a "Cyrus" would let Jews resettle Jerusalem & rebuild the Temple ((Isaiah 44:24-28) & (Chronicles 36:22,23))

## IV. 400 years of silence

- Historical events:
  1. Greeks conquer Persians & bring common language
    - Scriptures translated into Greek: *Septuagint*
  2. Romans conquer Greeks
    - Two Roman contributions to prepare for coming Redeemer:
      1. Roads connected the empire
      2. Crucifixion established