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## DEVELOPMENTS

### WELCOME

- **Past Business** → Introduction
- **Future Business** → Next Study → →Thursday, May 2, 2024
- **Review** → Review of previous SMBS

## DISCLAIMERS

### LIFE APPLICATIONS

- **Revival** → Is It Needed?
- **Days of Elijah** → Then & Now
- **Why Weren't We Warned?**

## DRILL

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- **TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE (5-10 MINUTE BREAK)**
- **UP TO THIS POINT** → Review from Adam to First Set of Kings
- **SETTING THE STAGE** → Build up to the epic showdown of Elijah & Baal prophets

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### GOD TAUGHT US

- **Now What?** → The Battle Plan → →A Revived Spirit of Boldness

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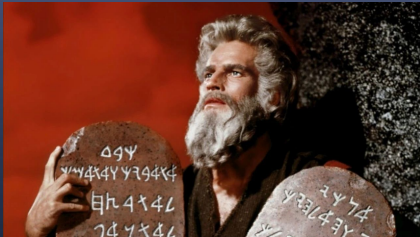
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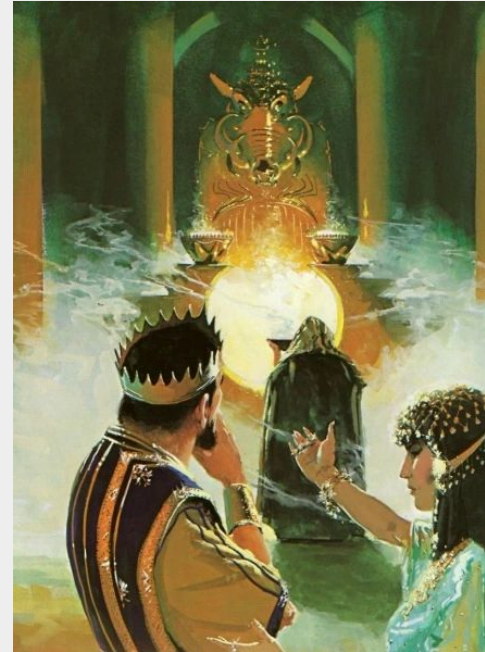
# DAYS OF ELIJAH

**OUT OF SIGHT. OUT OF MIND.**

“Exodus out of Egypt In The Rear View Mirror”



- Turned away
- Worshiped idols
- Grieved God's heart
- Just a catalyst



King Ahab & Queen Jezebel

# DAYS OF ELIJAH

TODAY?



- Same path of moral decline
- Liberal standards
- Abortion
- Homosexuality acceptable
- Human trafficking
- Leaders preaching and teaching the doctrine of inclusion



# DAYS OF ELIJAH

## WHY WEREN'T WE WARNED? “Why God?”

Ezekiel 7:26-

Disaster after disaster will come, and there will be rumor after rumor.

Then they will look for a vision from a prophet, but instruction will perish from the priests and counsel from the elders.

- 2020 plagued the world
- The people of Israel wanted the prophets to speak out
- No one was listening

**GOD: \*STOPS MID-CONVERSATION\***  
**DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING I JUST SAID?**  
**ISRAEL: YES.**  
**GOD: WHAT DID I SAY?**  
**ISRAEL:**



# DAYS OF ELIJAH

## THE SEASON OF TROUBLE

- Season of Trouble
- Raising a new generation
- Restoring and Reviving the church



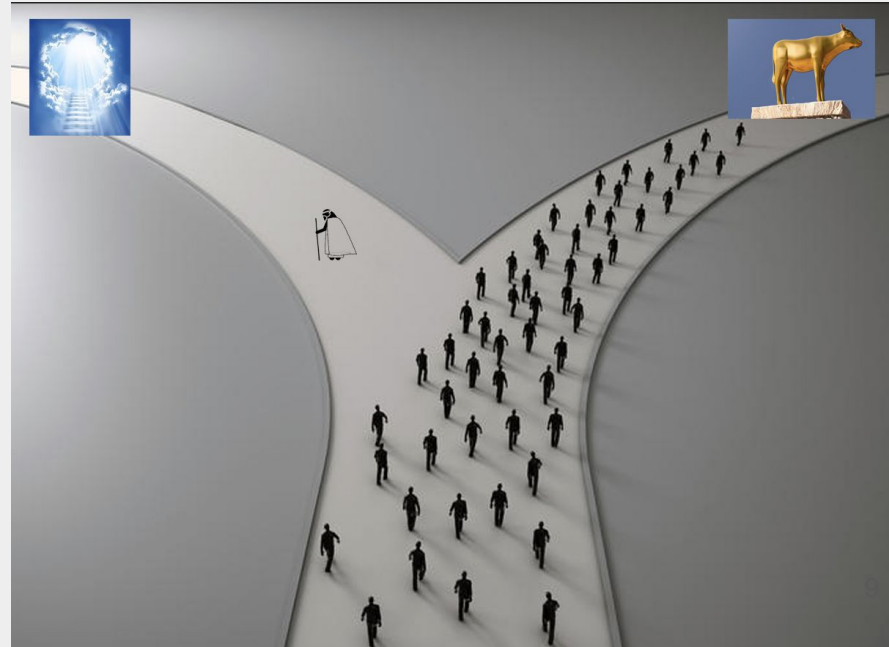


# DAYS OF ELIJAH

ELIJAH WAS ONE OF A KIND



- Challenged the loyalty of the human heart
- Uniquely designed
- God developed Elijah



# DAYS OF ELIJAH

## THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

Central element of the Spirit and Power of the Elijah anointing:

*"To turn hearts back to God"*



- Confront and call back
- Raises the Spirit of God to people



# DAYS OF ELIJAH

## THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

Attributes of the Elijah Anointing



- Character Traits
  - Outspoken
  - Unreserved
  - Blunt
  - Candid
- Not ambiguous or unintelligible
- Strength of the zeal of the Holy Spirit through persistent prayer and fasting
- Ask a key question: How long will you falter between two points?
- Offends the mind to reveal the heart

# DAYS OF ELIJAH

## THE ELIJAH ANOINTING

We Need This Type of Anointing Today!



- 400 years of
  - Religion
  - Ritualistic worship in tradition
  - Backsliding
  - Hardening of the heart
- The Elijah generation rising today sets life back on course

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**TEST YOUR  
BIBLE  
KNOWLEDGE**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**1) Where was  
Elijah the  
Tishbite  
from?**

**A - God**

**B - Gilead**

**C - Gilboa**

**D - Geshur**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**2) What did  
Elijah do to the  
Worshipers of  
Baal?**

**A - Blessed them**

**B - Worshipped  
with them**

**C - Cursed them**

**D - Mocked them**



# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**3) What was  
Elijah taken  
up to heaven  
by?**

- A- Cloud**
- B- A Chariot**
- C- A Whirlwind**
- D- An Eagle**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**4) What was  
Elijah?**

**A - Prophet**

**B - Scribe**

**C - Priest**

**D - King**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**5) Who else  
appeared unto  
Jesus, Peter,  
James and John  
with Elijah?**

**A - Paul**

**B - Samuel**

**C - David**

**D - Moses**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

6) Who wanted to make three tabernacles when witnessing the above appearance?

- A - James
- B - Peter
- C - John
- D - Andrew

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**7) How long were  
the heavens shut  
up for in the days  
of Elijah?**

**A - 5 years and 2  
months**

**B - 103 years and 9  
months**

**C - 3 years and 6  
months**

**D - 2 days**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**8) In Romans 11:2-3** Elijah is quoted saying, 'Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life.' (NKJV) **Where is this cited in the Old Testament?**

**A - Joshua 4:9**

**B - 2 Chronicles 3:4**

**C - 1 Kings 19:10-14**

**D - 2 Kings 17:20**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**9) According to James, what was Elijah's nature like?**

- A - A beast that perishes**
- B - Ours**
- C - God's**
- D - Grass**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**10) The Levites  
asked this man  
if he was Elijah:**

**A - Jesus**

**B - Peter**

**C - Paul**

**D - John the Baptist**



# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

11) What did Elijah pray earnestly for and received an answer to his prayer?

A - Food

B - Health

C - That it would not rain

D - Wisdom

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**12) Who did  
people say that  
Jesus was,  
other than  
Elijah?**

**A - John the Baptist, and Isaac**

**B - John the Baptist, and**

**Jeremiah**

**C - Joseph and Moses**

**D - Moses and Jeremiah**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**13) What were the words Jesus spoke that caused the people to think he was calling for Elijah?**

**A - Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin**

**B - Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani**

**C - Mene, Mene, Tekel, Peres**

**D - Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**14) With what did  
God reveal  
himself to Elijah?**

**A - a bright light**

**B - a prophet**

**C - an earthquake**

**D - a gentle whisper**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**15) How much of  
Elijah's spirit did  
Elisha receive?**

- A - Twice as much**
- B - The same amount**
- C - Half as much**
- D - None**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**16) Elijah**

**performed a**

**miracle for a**

**widow from this**

**place:**

**A - Gerah**

**B - Maresha**

**C - Ramah**

**D - Zarephath**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**17) When Elijah  
met with Elisha  
what was Elisha  
doing?**

- A - Sowing seed**
- B - Plowing the fields**
- C - Sleeping**
- D - Shearing the hay**

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**18) What brook  
did Elijah drink  
from?**

**A - Kidron**

**B - Eschol**

**C - Kerith**

**D - Zered**



# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

19) What king was reigning in Jerusalem when Elijah sent him a letter?

- A - Jehoram
- B - Ahaziah
- C - Jehoshaphat
- D - Hezekiah

# TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

**20) When Elijah fled into the wilderness, God asked him the following question:**

- A - Where are you going?**
- B - Why have you come here?**
- C - Where are you?**
- D - What are you doing here?**

**(5-10 MINUTE BREAK)**

# UP TO THIS POINT....

THE BEGINNING

## From Creation to the Flood

### Days of Creation

- God promises to provide for his creation

### The Fall

- God banished Adam & Eve
- Cain kills Abel

### Noah's Ark

- Population increases and so does sinfulness

# UP TO THIS POINT...

A CHOSEN FAMILY

## From Abraham to Joseph (2100-1800 BC)

### Abraham and Sarah

- The Covenant
- Isaac and The Twins Jacob/Esau

### Joseph in Egypt

- Sold and thrown into prison
- Saves Egypt and Israel settles in Egypt

### Job

- Going on possibly during era of Abraham/Isaac/Jacob



# MOSES

## THE MIDDLE MAN FOR ISRAEL

*Interceded for all the "believers" after being shown proof*

- Lead the people out of Egypt
- Lead through the parting of the Red Sea
- 10 Commandments
- Interceded on Israel's behalf

# UP TO THIS POINT...

A REDEEMED PEOPLE

## From Egypt to the Wilderness (1800-1400 BC)

### Moses and the Exodus

- All had forgotten Joseph & Egypt
- Pharaoh didn't like the threat of the Jews
- Plagues were sent until Pharaoh said go

### Wilderness Wanderings

- Parting of Red Sea
- 10 Commandments
- Looking for the Promised Land
- Cycle of sin and back to restoration

### Ark of the Covenant

### Feast of Israel

- To remind Israel what God did for them for many generations

# UP TO THIS POINT...

A REDEEMED PEOPLE

“Feast of Israel”

## For Generations to Remember Me

- Passover
- Unleavened Bread\*\*\*
- First Fruits
- Feast of Pentecost\*\*\*
- Feast of Trumpets
- Day of Atonement
- Feast of Tabernacles\*\*\*

\*\*\*Pilgrimage Feast when all Jewish males required to go back to Jerusalem to appear before the Lord (Deut. 16:16)



# UP TO THIS POINT...

A REDEEMED PEOPLE

“Ark of the Covenant & Laws”

## For God gave Blueprints the Tabernacle & How To Be Obedient

- Exact instructions
- Laws
- Direct people's behaviors
- How to govern Israel

# JOSHUA

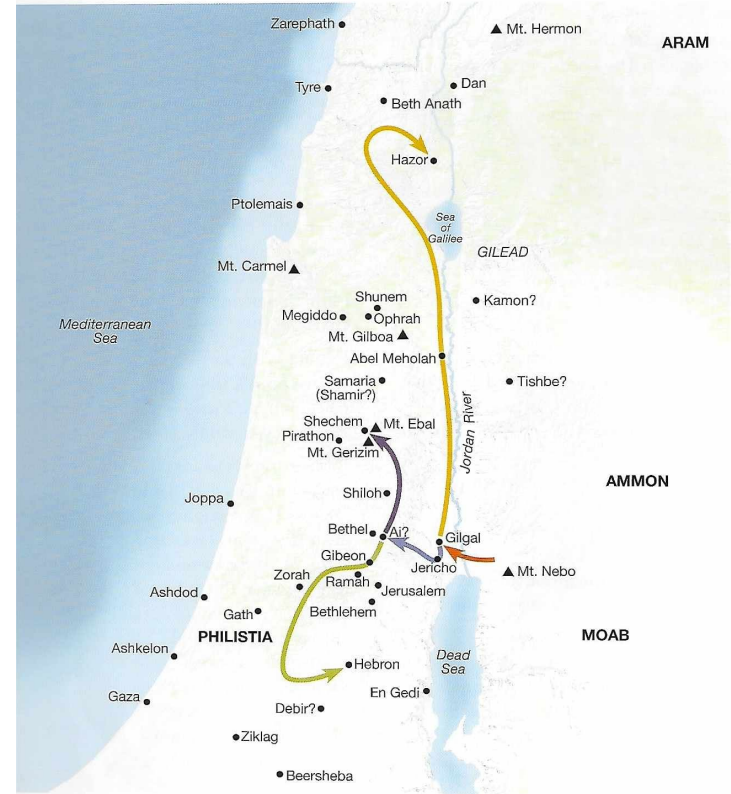
## The Anointed Warrior






*2 of 10 spies that returned faithfully*

- Joshua had been one of the two spies who returned from the promised land with a favorable report for Moses. (Caleb was the other)
- The other ten spies had persuaded the Israelites to stay out the people listened to their fears
- Joshua again stood at the edge of the promised land
- God had given his people another chance
- God parted the Jordan River
- God tumbled the walls of Jericho
- God was their behind-the-scenes military commander, present and empowering as the Israelites conquered the northern Canaan
- He reminds the Israelites -> Josh. 24:15
- Joshua died at 110 years old and was buried in the promised land.



# Joshua's Route of Conquest



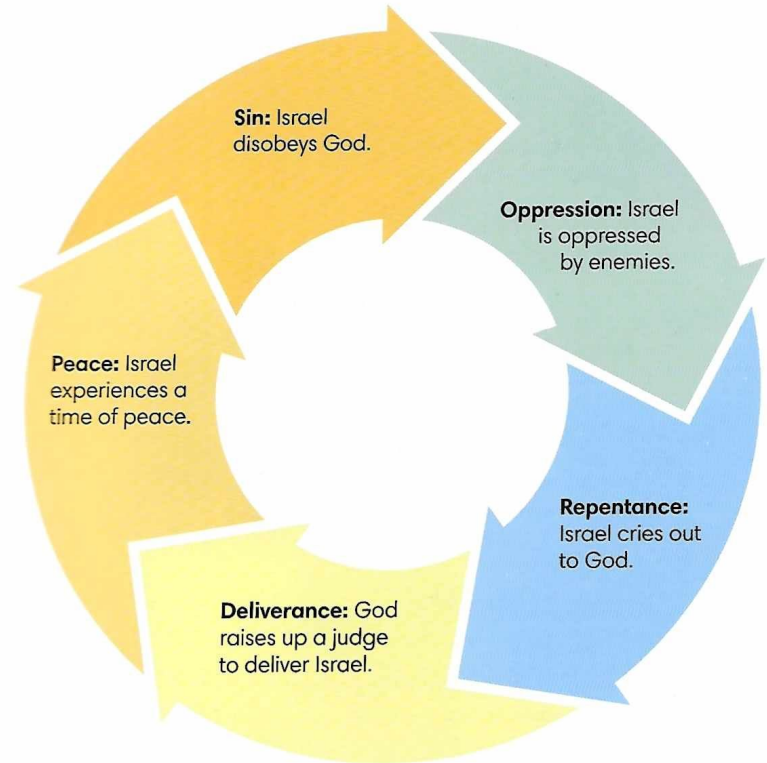
-  1. Israel crosses the Jordan River into Canaan and camps at Gilgal. Josh. 3:1-5:1
-  2. Central conquest: Jericho and Ai. Josh. 6:1-27; 8:1-29
-  3. Israel renews the covenant between Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim. Josh 8:30-34
-  4. Southern conquest: Gibeon, Hebron, and other cities. Josh. 9:1-10:43
-  5. Northern conquest: Hazor and other cities. Josh. 11:1-23

# THE ERA OF THE JUDGES

## Cycle in the Book of Judges

- Joshua's death left the tribes of Israel without central leader.
- The awesome victories of the past became distant forgotten tales.
- They repeated cycles of sin and deliverance during this era

Sin → Oppression → Repentance → Deliverance → Peace → **REPEAT**





# HANNAH

**PROPHET SAMUEL'S MOM**

*Desires of the Heart Mom*

## Inaudible Prayer

- The Lord heard
- Psalm 37:4
- Conceived a son
- Dedicated him to the Lord



# SAMUEL

**PROPHET & LAST JUDGE**

*Tried To Warn Folks*

Both prophet and last judge(era of judges)  
Israelites demanded a king like other nations

# SAUL

## 1st King of United Israel

*Good then Bad for God's people*

- First King to unite Israel after all the judges
- Saul was a competent military leader.
- In the beginning obeyed the Lord and sought to do His will , but eventually chose a different path and strayed away from God
- Didn't kill the Amalekites and kept spoils war
- Couldn't be trusted to be an instrument of God's will





# DAVID

**2nd King of United Israel**

*Good with a sling*

- God Called David
- Prophet Samuel anointed David
- Ruled Israel for 40 years



# SOLOMON

3rd King of “getting ready to split” United Israel

*Semi-tried to be a good king, but it didn't turn out so well*

- Reigned during golden age of Israel
- Asked for one thing: Wisdom
- Expanded the boundaries of Israel
- Wise advice is easier to give than to receive
- Married for political alliances between nations
- Created worship places for many wives
- Left behind a fragile kingdom

# **THE KINGDOM DIVIDED**

**“This is why we can’t have anything nice”**

# THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

- After King Solomon's death civil war broke out
- Disputes over taxation and political ideas
- Couldn't agree who would be king



# REHOBOAM

**King of the Southern Kingdom of Judah**

*Technically Israel...but that name was taken*



- King Solomon's son and rightful heir
- Refused to listen to plea of the people
- Asymmetrical redistribution of wealth
- Abandoned the ways of God, but tried to do good sometimes.
- Judah did evil in the eyes of the Lord and stirred up anger

# NAAMAH

**King Solomon's Wife and King Rehoboam's Mom (aka King Ronnie)**

*But she is an ammonite and those people are worshippers of Molach/Baal!*

- **Ammonite-**(Tribe of Lot's Youngest Son)
- **Moabites-**(Tribe of Lot's Oldest Son)
- **Molek** was the detestable god of the Ammonites
  - a culture/nation that tolerated burning children alive in the belly of a bronze idol to secure their prosperity





# JEROBOAM

King of the northern Kingdom of Israel



- Former official of Solomon
- Skilled worker
- Prophet Ahijah approached about the torn cloak
- God divided the Kingdom
- Two golden calves in Northern Kingdom

## DIVISION OF THE PROMISED LAND TO THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

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# 10 Tribes of Israel

2nd King of United Israel

*Good with a sling*

- Asher
- Dan
- Ephraim (Joseph's son)
- Gad
- Issachar
- Manasseh (Joseph's son)
- Naphtali
- Reuben
- Simeon
- Zebulun

# 2 Tribes of Judah

2nd King of United Israel

*Good with a sling*

- Judah
- Benjamin





# 7 CHARACTERISTICS OF A CIVILIZATION



1. STAPLE FOOD SUPPLY	★★★★★	★★★
2. SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT	★★★	★★
3. HIGHLY DEVELOPED CULTURE	★★★★★	★★★
4. WRITTEN LANGUAGE	★★★★★	★★★
5. SOCIAL STRUCTURE	★★★★	★★
6. RELIGIOUS SYSTEM	★★	★★★★★
7. ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY	★★★★★	★★

# CIVIL WAR

Big Mistake



VS



# The Stage Is Set



# DIRECTION

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THE PRAYER THAT  
STARTED THE  
ASBURY REVIVAL

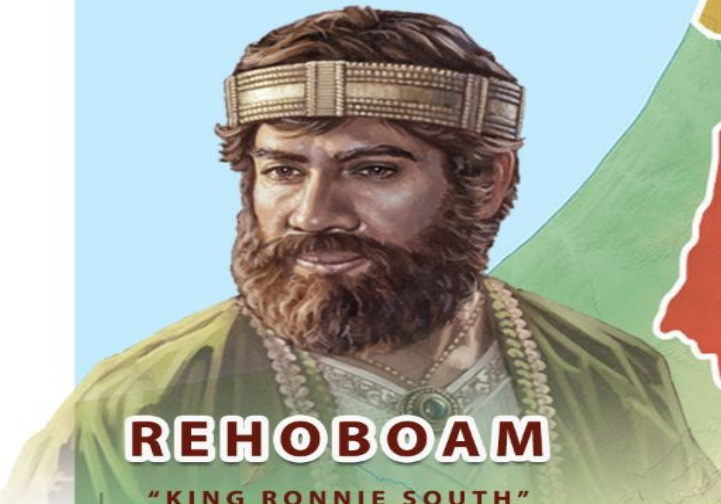
# Maps and Graphics



# THE DIVIDED KINGDOM



**JEROBOAM**  
"KING JERRY NORTH"



**REHOBAM**

"KING RONNIE SOUTH"

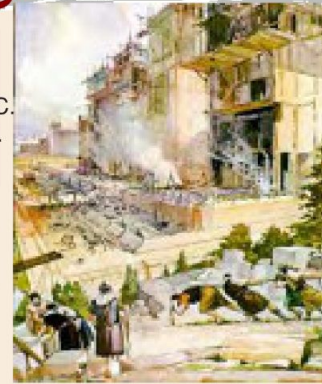
# The United & Divided Kingdom



## **UNITED KINGDOM** 1053 - 933 B.C.

- Three kings reigned - Each for 40 years
  - King Saul ————— Reigned 1053 - 1013 B.C.
  - King David ————— Reigned 1013 - 973 B.C.
  - King Solomon ——— Reigned 973 - 933 B.C.

## **DIVIDED KINGDOM** 931 - 722 B.C.



## **NORTHERN KINGDOM** (Israel) 931 - 722 B.C.

- 10 tribes
- Capital was Samaria
- 19 kings reigned
  - None were considered good in God's sight
- All worshipped idols
- 8 kings were either assassinated or committed suicide
- Lasted 210 years. 135 years less than the Southern kingdom
- Conquered by Assyria in 734-721 B.C.



## **SOUTHERN KINGDOM** (Judah) 931 - 586 B.C.

- 2 tribes: Benjamin \* Judah
- Capital was Jerusalem
- 20 kings reigned
  - At least 7 were considered good in God's sight
- Lasted 135 years longer than the Northern Kingdom
- Conquered by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.
- 70 year period of Babylonian captivity
- Persia overthrew Babylon in 536 B.C.
- 3 periods of return from Babylon to Jerusalem:
  - 1st return in 538 or 537 B.C. — led by Zerubbabel — Temple was rebuilt
  - 2nd return in 458 B.C. — led by Ezra — The law was restored
  - 3rd return in 44 B.C. — led by Nehemiah — The walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt



