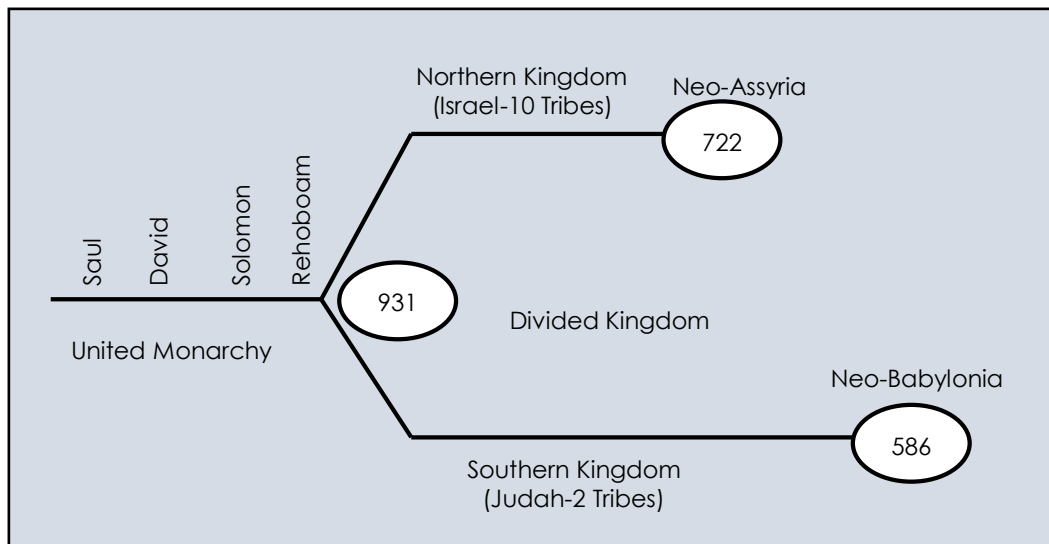


# LESSON 9: THE DIVIDED KINGDOM PERIOD

*Discovering the Heart of the Old Testament*

## QUICK LOOK AT THE PERIOD

- A. Israel began to fall from its "golden age" as a result of Solomon's disobedience
- B. In 931 B.C. Israel split into two kingdoms because of heavy taxation and forced labor
- C. The northern kingdom became known as the Kingdom of Israel
- D. The southern kingdom became known as the Kingdom of Judah
- E. In 722 B.C. the northern kingdom was conquered by the Neo-Assyrians
- F. In 586 B.C. the southern kingdom was conquered by the Neo-Babylonians



## FOUR REASONS FOR ISRAEL'S DECLINE

- A. Solomon's oppression of Israel (1 Kings 5:13-14; 9:15-23)
- B. Solomon's heart was turned away from Yahweh (1 Kings 11:1-6)
- C. Rehoboam's rejection of sound advice (1 Kings 12:6-8)
- D. Rehoboam's decision to increase Israel's oppression (1 Kings 12:13-14)

## ISRAEL DIVIDES INTO TWO KINGDOMS

Northern Kingdom (Israel)	Southern Kingdom (Judah)
10 tribes	2 tribes
Twenty kings	Nineteen kings, one queen
All were evil	Eight were good, eleven were evil
Lasted 240 years	Lasted 395 years
Kingdom fell in 722 BC—captured by Neo-Assyrians	Kingdom fell in 586 BC—captured by Neo-Babylonians.

## NEO-ASSYRIA CONQUERS THE NORTHERN KINGDOM

- A. The Kingdom of Israel sinned against God and worshipped other pagan gods (1 Kings 12:25-33; 2 Kings 17:7-17)
- B. God sent Elijah and Elisha to warn them of God's pending punishment (1 Kings 17:1—19:21; 2 Kings 2:1-13:20)
- C. In 722 B.C., after a series of three raids, the Assyrians captured the Kingdom of Israel and carried them off to Assyria

## NEO-BABYLONIA CONQUERS THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM

- A. 605 B.C. Daniel and elite are taken away to Babylon
- B. 598 B.C. King Zedekiah & Ezekiel taken away to Babylon
- C. 586 B.C. Jerusalem and Temple destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar
- D. 582 B.C. Many remaining Jews are taken to Babylon

## WHY WERE THE JEWS EXPELLED FROM THE PROMISED LAND?

- A. They abandoned God and worshipped idols
- B. They adopted the customs and religions of their heathen nations
- C. They practiced the Baal fertility cult
- D. They worshipped Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites
- E. They refused to pay tribute to Nebuchadnezzar
- F. They violated the law of the Sabbatical Year