

Week One: A Historical Introduction To The Twelve

I. From Creation Through the Tribal Period

The Spread of Sin and Death

Place	Sinner	Sin	Judgment	Virtue
Garden	Adam	Eats fruit	Cast out of Garden	Patience
Land	Cain	Kills Brother	Cast out of land	Brotherly kindness
World	Sons of God	Marry Unbelievers	Cast out of World	Holiness

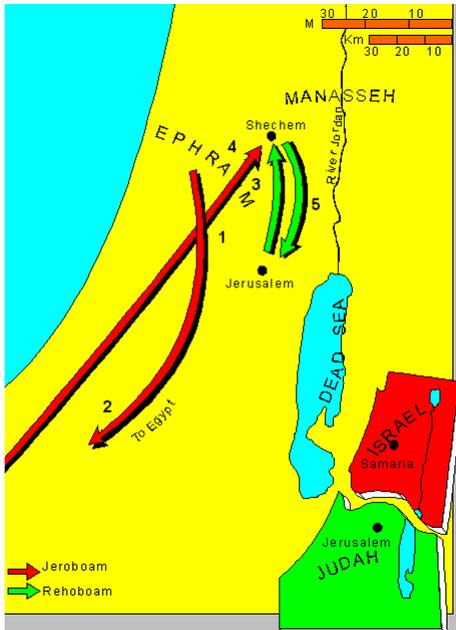
(Peter Leithart, *House For My Name*, p. 56)

II. The Kingdom Period

Creation	Fall	Initial Judgment	Decline	Final Judgment	Recreation
Creation	Fall	Gen. 3	Gen. 4	Flood	Noah
Exodus	Kadesh	No Entry	40 Years	Death 1 st Generation	Conquest
Conquest	Failure to Conquer	Nations Remain	Judges	Capture of Ark	Return of Ark
David/ Solomon	Solomon	Division	Divided Kingdom	Exile	Return
Return	Jews Reject Jesus	Turn to Gentiles	Jews Reject Apostles	Jerusalem, A.D. 70	Church

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The Kingdom Divided & World Empires

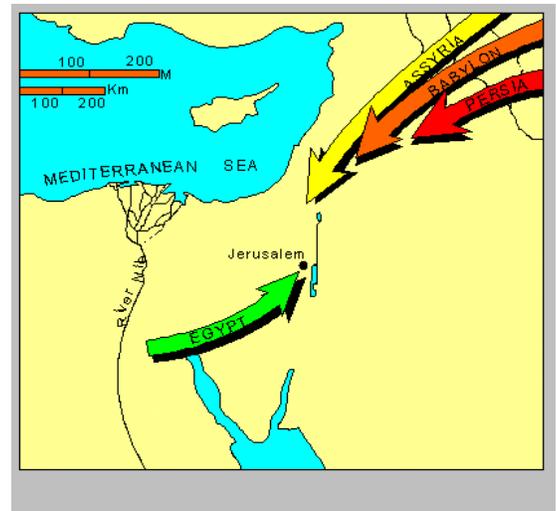


Solomon's kingdom is broken in two.

- 1 Jeroboam, an official of Solomon's (in charge of slave labor), is met by a prophet. He is told that he will become ruler of the 10 northern tribes.
- 2 Jeroboam either plans a coup against Solomon, or is suspected of it. Solomon tries to kill him, and he flees to Egypt.
- 3 Solomon dies. His son Rehoboam travels to Shechem to be proclaimed king.
- 4 Jeroboam arrives in Shechem and leads a northern revolt against Rehoboam.
- 5 Rehoboam sends a messenger to Jeroboam but he is stoned to death. Rehoboam runs for his life back to Jerusalem. He plans for war against the northern tribes, but never attempts it.
- 6 The northern tribes become Israel; the southern tribes, Judah.

During the period of the Old Testament, six superpowers turned their unwelcome attention on Palestine:

Egypt The great southern power in the Old Testament, Egypt was in gradual decline. This was occasionally halted by a number of powerful kings, some of whom invaded Palestine and challenged the northern superpowers. Judah and Israel were often tempted to form alliances with Egypt against the north.



Assyria The Assyrians were the first of a succession of empires that swallowed up parts of Palestine. They exiled Israel and subdued Judah. The empire collapsed when Nineveh fell to the Babylonians in 612 BC.

Beginning with the Exile of the Southern Kingdom, the Jews were under the control and oversight of 4 Gentile Empires:

Babylon. The Babylonian Empire took over where the Assyrians left off in 605 BC. They took Judah into exile and successfully invaded Egypt. But their power was eroded by a series of weak rulers. In 539 BC Cyrus the Persian took over the empire with little opposition.

Persia. The Persian Empire was larger than the empires before it. It was also more humane in returning exiles (Judah among them) to their homelands. The Persian Empire was overrun by Alexander the Great around 331 BC. Alexander's **Greek** Empire was followed by the **Roman** Empire of New Testament times.