

VII. The Divided Kingdom Stage

I Kings 12-22; II Kings 1-17; II Chron. 10-36

-II Kings has 25 chapters, 719 verses, and 23,532 words

-II Chronicles has 36 chapters, 822 verses and 26,074 words

Divided Kingdom stage

1. Civil war
2. Capture of ten tribes by Assyria
3. Capture of two tribes by Babylon

A. The Northern Kingdom

1. Began in 931 B.C. and lasted about 210 years
2. Consisted of 10 tribes
3. First ruler was Jereboam
- 4. Last ruler was Hoshea
5. Nineteen total kings, not one was righteous
6. Samaria became its capital
7. It was captured by the Assyrians in 721 B.C. - 8. No return from captivity

B. The Southern Kingdom

1. Began in 931 B.C. and lasted about 325 years
2. The first ruler was Rehoboam
3. The last ruler as Zedekiah
- 4. The capital was Jerusalem
5. Twenty total rulers (19 kings and 1 queen)
- 6. Eight of them were righteous
7. Consisted of two tribes- Judah and Benjamin
8. Was captured by the Babylonians- around 610 B.C.
9. There were three separated returns from captivity

C. Northern Rulers

1. Jereboam I Kings 11:26-14:20; II Chron. 9:29-13:
 - a. Served under Solomon
 - b. King for 22 years
 - c. He led the revolt of the ten tribes against Rehoboam
 - d. His idolatry caused Israel to sin
 - e. His pagan altar was destroyed, his arm dried up, and his son stricken by God due to his sins
 - f. He was defeated in battle by Abijam, the second king of the south
 - g. He was stricken with a plague from God and died
2. Nadab I Kings 15:25-28
 - a. He was the son of Jereboam
 - b. He reigned 2 years
 - c. He was killed (assassinated) by a rebel named Baasha
3. Baasha I Kings 15:27-1
 - a. He killed Nadab, thus fulfilling Ahijah the prophet's prediction I Kings 14:4- 15:29

- b. He reigned 24 years
 - c. He fought with Asa, third king of the south) and built a wall to cut off trade to Jerusalem
 - d. His seed was predicted to suffer the same judgment as that of Jerusalem
4. Elah I Kings 16:6-14
- a. He reigned 2 years
 - b. He was the son of Baasha
 - c. He was killed by a soldier, Zimri, while he was drunk
5. Zimri I Kings 16:9-20
- a. Reigned 7 days
 - b. He fulfilled prophecy by slaughtering Baasha's seed
 - c. He was trapped by soldiers in his own palace, resulting in a fiery suicidal death
6. Omri I Kings 16:15-28
- a. Reigned 12 years
 - b. He made Samaria the northern capital
 - c. He was the most powerful king up to this time
 - d. He arranged the marriage of his son Ahab to Jezebel
7. Ahab I Kings 16:28-22:40; II Chronicles 18:1-34
- a. Reigned 22 years
 - b. He married Jezebel
 - c. He was the son of Omri
 - d. His Baal worship caused a great famine to fall upon the land
 - e. He defeated the Syrians on two different occasions
 - f. His death for his sins was foretold by three prophets
 - g. The death of his wife Jezebel was predicted by Elijah
 - h. He did more to provoke God to anger than all the other kings of Israel
 - i. He made affinity with King Jehoshaphat, and his daughter married Jehoshaphat's son
 - j. He was killed in a battle with Syria
8. Ahaziah I Kings 22:40-11 Kings 1:18; II Chron. 20:35-37
- a. Reigned 2 years
 - b. Was the oldest son of Ahab and Jezebel
 - c. He persuaded Jehoshaphat to enter ship building enterprise with him
 - d. He had a severe fall (which proved to be fatal) in his palace in Samaria
 - e. He turned to the pagan god, Baal Zebub for healing
 - f. He was rebuked for this by Elijah, who he then tried to arrest
9. Jehoram II Kings 3:1-9:25
- a. Reigned 12 years
 - b. He was the youngest son of Ahab and Jezebel
 - c. He persuaded Jehoshaphat to ally with him against Syria
 - d. Elisha performed miracle (for Jehoshaphat's sake) which won the battle- ditches full of water
 - e. He was on the throne when Naaman came to be healed of leprosy
 - f. He was on the throne when God used 4 lepers to save Samaria from 4epæey Jamim
 - g. He was killed by Jehu in the valley of Jezreel
10. Jehu II Kings 9:1-10:36; II Chron. 22:7-12

- ✓ a. Reigned for 28 years
 - b. He was anointed king by a messenger sent by Elisha
 - c. He was known for who he killed
 - King Azariah of Judah
 - King Jehoram of Israel
 - Jezebel
 - Ahab's seventy sons, relatives and friends
 - 42 royal princes of Judah
 - The Baal worshippers
- 11. Jehoahaz II Kings 13:1-9 — a. Reigned 17 years
 - b. He was the son of Jehu
 - c. He saw his army defeated by the Syrians
 - d. God hearkened to him and delivered them from the Syrians
- 12. Jehoash II Kings 13:10-14:16; II Chron. 25:17-24
 - ✓ a. Reigned 16 years
 - b. Was the son of Jehoahaz
 - c. He visited Elisha on his deathbed
 - d. He defeated Amaziah (8th king of Judah) on the battlefield
 - e. He plundered Jerusalem
- 13. Jereboam II Kings 14:23-29
 - ✓ a. Reigned 41 years
 - b. Son of Jehoash
 - c. He reigned longer than any other northern king
 - d. Was one of the most powerful kings of the north
 - e. He recovered much of Israel's lost territory
- 14. Zechariah II Kings 14:29-1
 - a. Reigned 6 months
 - b. Son of Jereboam and the fourth ruler of the family of Jehu
 - c. He was killed by Shallum, fulfilling God's prophecy against Jehu II Kings 10:30; 14:29; 15:8
- 15. Shallum II Kings 15:10-15 - a. Reigned 1 month
 - b. He was murdered by a soldier named Menahem
- 16. Menahem II Kings 15:14-22 - a. Reigned 10 years
 - b. He bought off the Assyrian king with a bribe
 - c. He was one of Israel's most brutal rulers
- 17. Pekahiah II Kings 15:22-26 - a. Reigned 2 years
 - b. Was the son of Menahem
 - c. He was killed by the commander of the army, Pekah
- 18. Pekah II Kings 15:27-31
 - ✓ a. Reigned 20 years
 - b. He joined with Syria against Judah
 - c. He saw Assyria capture some of Israel's northern and eastern cities
 - d. He was killed by Hoshea
- 19. Hoshea II Kings 15:30-1
 - ✓ a. Reigned 9 years

- b. He was Israel's final king
- c. He joined with Egypt in rebelling against Assyria
- d. He was imprisoned in Assyria

D. Southern Rulers

1. Rehoboam I Kings 12:1-21; II Chron. 11:14-17

- a. Reigned for 17 years
- b. Was the son of Solomon
- c. His ignorance and failure to listen to older men sparked a civil war and divided the kingdom
- d. He had 18 wives and 60 concubines e- His favorite wife was Maachah, the daughter of Absalom
- f. Jerusalem is invaded by Shishak of Egypt

2.-Abijam I Kings 14:31-15:8; II Chron. 13:1-22

- a- He reigned 3 years
- b. Abijam was the son of Rehoboam and Maachah
- c. He defeated Jeroboam in battle
- d. In spite of God's help, he was a wicked king

4. Asa I Kings 15:8-14; II Chron. 14:1-16:14

- a. Reigned 41 years
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- b. Was the son Abijam
- c. He was Judah's first good king
- d. He led Judah in Revival
- e. He was a great builder
- f. He saw God answer prayer by delivering Jerusalem from the Ethiopians
- g. He removed Maachah, his grandmother, because of her idolatry
- h. He later backslid and put a prophet in prison who rebuked his sin
- i. He died of a foot disease, a problem which he didn't seek God for

5. Jehoshaphat I Kings 22:41-50; II Chron. 17:1-20:37 —a. He reigned 25 years

- b. He sent out teachers throughout the cities of Judah to teach the Word of God
- c. He compromised with 3 ungodly northern kings
- d. God heard his prayer and delivered him from a Moabite invasion
- e. He was a good king, who compromised later in his reign

5. Joram II Kings 8:16-24; II Chron. 21:1-20

- a. He reigned 8 years
- b. Was the son of Jehoshaphat
- c. He married Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel
- d. He began his reign by murdering his six brothers
- e. He was attacked and defeated by the Philistines and the Arabians
- f. He died of a horrible disease

6. Ahaziah II Kings 8:24-9:29; II Chron. 22:1-9

- a. He was the son of Joram and Athaliah
- b. He reigned 1 year

- c. He was killed by Jehu
7. Athaliah II Kings 11:1-20; II Chron. 22:1-23-21
 - a. When Ahaziah her son died, she took over the throne
 - b. She reigned for 6 years
 - c. She killed all the royal seed (save for Joash who was hidden from her)
 - d. She was executed at the word of Jehoiada
 8. Joash II Kings 11:1-12:21; II Chron. 22:10-
 - a. He reigned for 40 years
 - b. He alone survived Athaliah's slaying of all the royal seed
 - c. He was the son of Ahaziah
 - d. He started his reign at 7 years of age
 - e. He lived for God for a while, but later became a cruel tyrant
 - f. He sanctioned the stoning of Zechariah, the high priest, for rebuking sin
 - g. He was killed by his servants
 9. Amaziah II Kings 14:1-20; II Chron. 25:1-28 - a. He reigned for 29 years
 - b. He was the son of Joash
 - c. He killed his father's killers
 - d. He was a good king for a while
 - e. He was rebuked for hiring soldiers to fight against Edom; he let them go and God gave him the victory
 - f. He brought some of the Edomite gods to worship
 - g. He declared war on northern Israel and was defeated
 10. Uzziah II Kings 15:1-7; II Chron. 26:1-23
 - a. He reigned 52 years
 - b. He was the son of Amaziah
 - c. He was a mighty soldier, builder, had vineyards and engines to shoot stones and arrows
 - d. His name was great, and he had a mighty army
 - e. He went into the temple to offer incense
 - f. When rebuked by the priests, he didn't listen, and became a leper till his death
 11. Jotham II Kings 15:32-38; II Chron. 27:1-9
 - a. Reigned 16 years
 - b. Was a good king
 - c. He built the upper gate of the Temple, and built towers
 - d. He defeated his enemies and received annual tribute from them
 12. Ahaz II Kings 16:1-20; II Chron. 28:1-27 - a. Reigned 16 years
 - b. Was the son of Jotham
 - c. Was one of the most wicked kings of Judah d. He sacrificed his own children to devil gods
 - e. He was preached to of the virgin birth by Isaiah Isa. 7:1-25
 - f. He ordered the construction of a pagan Assyrian altar, and placed it in the Temple
 13. Hezekiah II Kings 18:1-20:21; II Chron. 29:1-32:
 - a. He reigned 29 years
 - b. He was the son of Ahaz

- c. He was one of the best kings of Judah
 - d. He repaired the Temple
 - e. He appointed a Levitical singing choir
 - f. He carried out the greatest Passover celebration since Solomon
 - g. He saw an angel defeat the Assyrian army which had surrounded Jerusalem
 - h. He was healed of a deadly disease and given an extra 15 years to live
 - i. He foolishly showed the wealth of Judah to men from Babylon
14. Manasseh II Kings 21:1-18; II Chron. 33:1-20
- a. He reigned for 55 years
 - b. He was the son of Hezekiah
 - c. He reigned the longest of any king in Israel or Judah
 - d. He was probably the most wicked king of Judah
 - e. He repented while in an enemy prison
15. Amon II Kings 21:19-29; II Chron. 33:•21-25 — a. He reigned for 2 years
- b. He was wicked like his father, Manasseh
 - c. He was killed by his own servants
16. Josiah II Kings 22:1-23:30; II Chron. 34:1-35:
- a. He reigned for 31 years
 - b. He was the son of Amon
 - c. He was the godliest king since David
 - d. He was Judah's last godly king
 - e. The book of Moses was discovered in the Temple at the beginning of his reign
 - f. He used this to lead Judah in a great revival
 - g. He conducted a larger passover celebration than Hezekiah(his great grandfather) had
 - h. He fulfilled a 300 year old prophecy- (I Kings 13:1-2; II Kings 23:15)
 - i. He was killed in a battle with the Egyptians
17. Jehoahaz II Kings 23:31-33; II Chron. 36:14 — a. He reigned for 3 months
- b. He was the middle son of Josiah
 - c. He was carried away captive to Egypt by the same Pharaoh that killed his father
 - d. He died in Egyptian captivity
18. Jehoiakim (Eliakim) II Kings 23:34-24:5; II Chron. 36:•5-7 -e a. He reigned for 11 years
- b. He was the oldest brother of Jehoahaz, the oldest son of Josiah
 - c. He was put on the throne by the Egyptian Pharaoh
 - d. He was one of Judah's worst kings
 - e. He was materialistic and self-centered
 - f. He burned a copy of part of the Word of God
 - g. He murdered the innocent, and often persecuted Jeremiah the prophet
 - h. He received the burial of a 'donkey', with no mourning, as Jeremiah prophesied
19. Jehoiachin II Kings 24:6-16; II Chron. 36:8-10
- a. He reigned for about 3 months
 - b. He was the son of Jehoiakim and grandson of Josiah
 - c. He received a curse from God that his sons would not sit on the throne
 - d. Jeremiah and Ezekiel both prophesied that he would be carried captive to Babylon
 - e. This happened during Nebuchadnezzar's second visit to Jerusalem

- f. He died in Babylon
20. Zedekiah II Kings 24:17-25:30- II Chron. 36:11-21
- a. He reigned for 11 years
 - b. He was Josiah's youngest son, and uncle to Jehoiachin
 - c. Jeremiah was persecuted during his reign
 - d. He rebelled against Babylon along with Egypt
 - e. He was captured, blinded and carried off into Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar
 - f. Jerusalem was burned to the ground and the Temple destroyed at this time

Elijah

1. Elijah and King Ahab
 - a. Announced a three and half year famine
 - b. Challenged him to a contest on Mt. Carmel
 - c. Predicted the end of the famine
 - d. Pronounced the death sentence on him and his wife
2. Elijah and the ravens
3. Elijah and the widow at Zarephath
 - a. He is fed by the widow woman
 - b. He raises her son to life
4. Elijah and Obadiah
 - a. Obadiah secretly fed 100 prophets
- 5. Elijah and the nation of Israel
 - a. He rebukes Israel and challenges them on Mt Carmel
6. Elijah and the priests of Baal
 - a. They are unable to pray down fire
 - b. Elijah kills them
7. Elijah and the Lord God
 - a. He flees Israel to escape Jezebel's revenge
 - b. He is ministered to by an angel
 - c. He hears God's still small voice in a cave
8. Elijah and Elisha
 - a. He calls Elisha into service
 - b. He trains (prepares) Elisha for that service
 - c. Elisha sees Elijah go up into heaven and gets his mantle
9. Elijah and King Ahaziah
 - a. He prophesies he will die from a fall
 - b. He prays down fire to destroy two companies of soldiers sent to arrest him
10. Elijah and the chariot of fire
 - a. He parts the Jordan river and stands on the eastern bank
 - b. He receives Elisha's last request
 - c. He is carried into heaven without dying

Elisha

1. Parts the waters at Jordan
2. Purifies the water at Jerusalem
- 3. Judged the children at Bethel
4. Caused empty ditches to be filled with water
5. Caused the widow's pitchers to be filled with oil
6. Raised a boy back to life at Shunem
7. Fixed the death in the pot
- 8. Fed 100 men by a miracle
9. Healed Naaman from leprosy
10. Told of the coming leprosy upon Gehazi
- 11. Recovered a lost axehead from the Jordan River
12. Revealed the Syrians war plans to Israel
13. Prayed that his servant could see the invisible heavenly army
14. Blinded the entire Syrian army
15. Promised deliverance to the starving people of Samaria
16. Told of the death of Benhadad
- 17. Predicted 3 victories over Syria
18. Raised a dead man to life years after he (Elisha) died

VIII. Captivity Stage

Captivity stage

1. Ministry of Daniel and Ezekiel
2. Fall of Babylon
3. Rise of Persia