

THE STORY



A KINGDOM TORN IN TWO

I Kings 12-16

CAST OF CHARACTERS (I Kings 12:1-2)

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CORONATION CRASHERS (I Kings 12:1-24)

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THE CAUSE BEFORE THE CRASH (I Kings 11:9-13, 29-39)

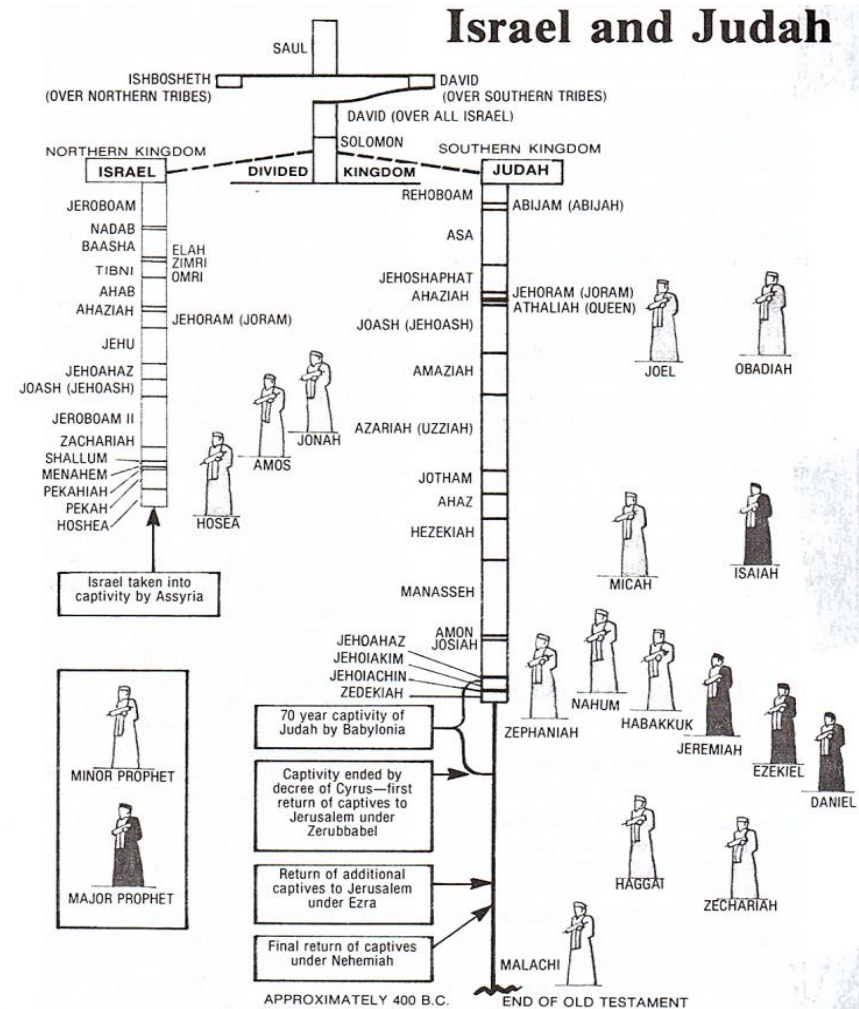
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CRASHING DOWN (I Kings 12:24-16:34)

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My takeaway:



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Chapter 14: A Kingdom Torn in Two

Sermon on May 22, 2022

Introductory Video Link: <https://bit.ly/KingdomIn2>

Getting to Know Me

1. What's the last event you bought a ticket for? What is the next event you want to go see or participate in?

Digging Deeper

2. What stuck out in your reading or the sermon as being most helpful, eye-opening, or challenging? Why?
3. Read together 1 Kings 11:9-13. What were the consequences of Solomon's disobedience and idol worship? How long, how many generations, do you think those consequences rippled across the people of Israel? How did God honor his covenant with David through this?
4. Read 1 Kings 12:14-16. How did the rule of Solomon affect his son, Rehoboam?
5. Read 1 Kings 12:26-30. What motivated Jeroboam to erect the golden calf idols? What does this tell us about Jeroboam's trust in God?
6. Between the books of Exodus and Daniel, God identified himself at least 27 times as, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt (Exodus 20:2, etc.)." Why do you think God reminds His people of this miracle over and over? Read Exodus 32:4-5. Who/what was claimed to be

the god who brought the Israelites out of Israel in this passage? How does 1 Kings 12:28 relate? Why do you think people began worshipping the golden calves instead of the true God who demonstrated His power?

7. What is the definition of an idol in today's world? What idols do you see worshipped in the world around us?
8. Who has made the biggest positive ripple in your life? How did they affect you so powerfully? What did they say or do that changed your life for the better?
9. Each week we've seen a whisper of Jesus. Where do you see whispers of Jesus in this chapter of the story?

Where Do I Go from Here?

10. Using your Growth Group's definition of an idol, what are the idols in your life right now? Make a practical plan of action to put at least one of these idols in its proper place this week.
11. Ask yourself, "What kind of ripples am I making in my family, with my friends, at my job? What choices am I making that will ripple across generations for God's glory?" How can you make those positive ripples bigger?

Prayer

Form partners or trios and share the idols you are dealing with. Commit to pray for each other as you seek to put God first here.

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Comfort → Complacency → Crash

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