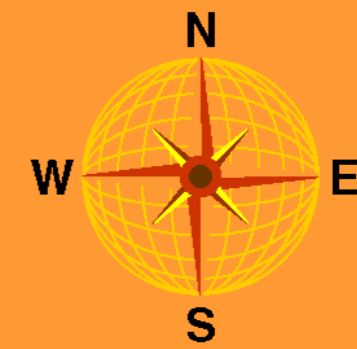


THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

Divided Kingdom

- Kingdom of Israel
 - Kingdom of Judah
- c. 925 B.C.



Two Kingdoms Contrasted

Facts	Israel	Judah
Territory	Northern	Southern
Tribes	10	2
Land Area	9,375 sq. miles	3,435 sq. mile
First King	Jeroboam I	Rehoboam

Two Kingdoms Contrasted

Facts	Israel	Judah
Capital(s)	Shechem (1 Ki. 12:25) Tirzah (1 Ki. 14:17) Samaria (1 Ki. 16:23-29)	Jerusalem (1 Ki. 14:21)
Temples	Dan, Bethel, Samaria	Jerusalem
Dynasties	9	1
Kings	20	20

Two Kingdoms Contrasted

Facts	Israel	Judah
Kings' Character	All Bad Some Worse	Some Good Some Bad
Duration	209 years	344 years
Destruction	722 BC	586 BC
Land Of Exile	Assyria	Babylon

Two Kingdoms Contrasted

Facts	Israel	Judah
Longest Reign	Jeroboam II (41 years)	Manasseh (55 years)
Shortest Reign	Zimri (7 days)	Jehoahaz (3 months)
Last King	Hoshea	Zedekiah

Difficulties In Studying The Divided Kingdom

- The **alternating time-line pattern.**
- **Many names** to remember.
- **Different kings** with **similar names.**
- **Different kings** with the **same name.**
- The **same king** has **different names.**
- **Noticeable differences** in the **time-line information.**

Time-line Difficulties

- Many of the details of time in the Bible seem to be **contradictory**.
- **Totals are not the same** from one fixed point in the history of Israel and Judah to another fixed point in their common history.
- There appears to be differences between **the time-line** and **the lengths of reign**.

Important Questions

- When did a king **begin counting** the years of his reign?
- When did **the calendar year** begin?
- What **method of reckoning** was used by each nation when referring to the dates of the other nation?
- Do any of the **reigns overlap** for some reason?

Important Questions

- Were there any **periods of time between** the reign of one king ending and the next king starting to reign?
- Was **the same method** of dating used throughout a nation's history or did it change?
- What **“absolute dates”** can be used to calculate the years each individual king reigned?

Understanding The Time-line

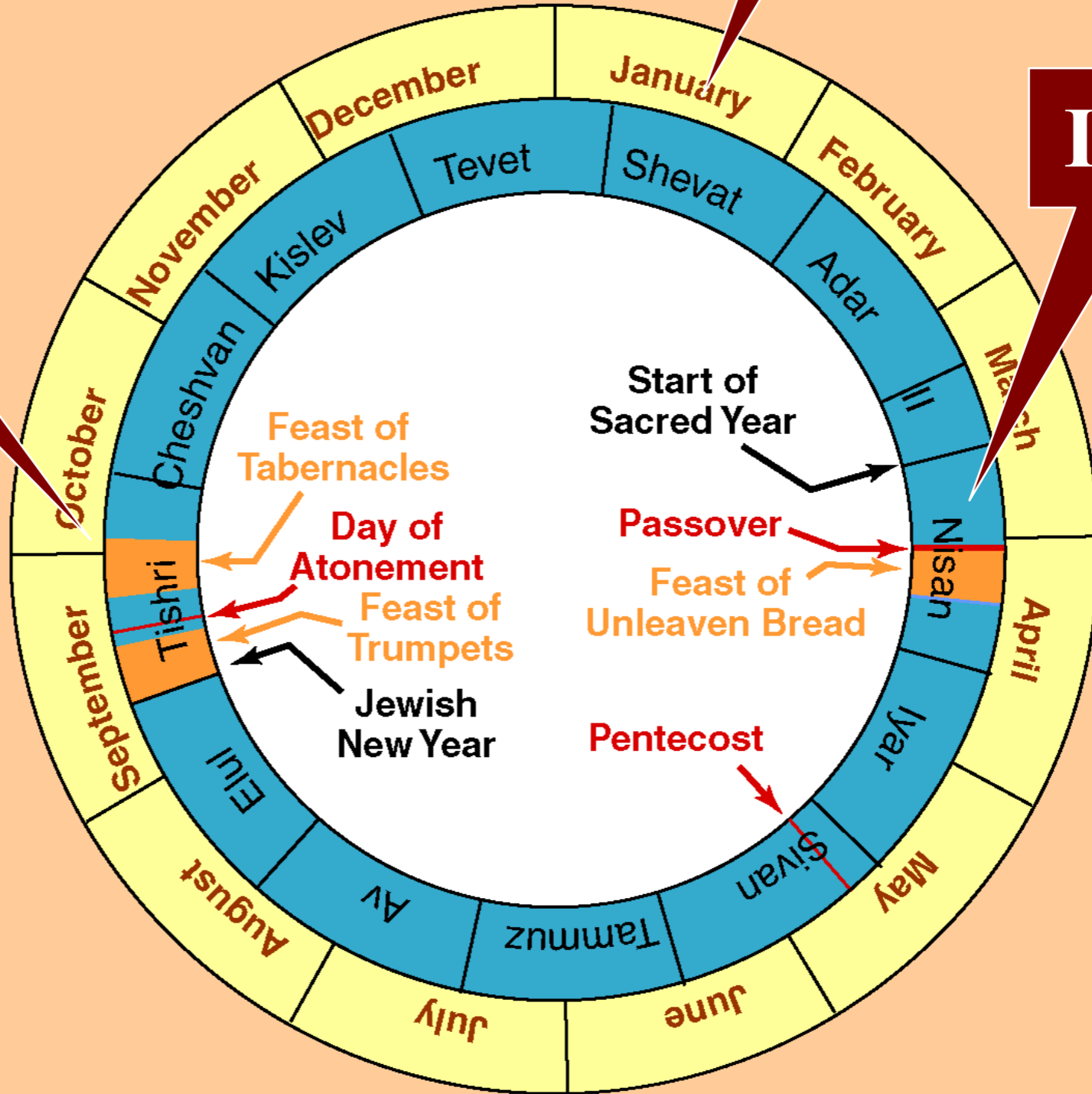
- Different **calendars** were used by Israel & Judah:
 - Israel's new year began in **Nisan** [Sept./ Oct.].
 - Judah's new year began in **Tishri** [March/ April].

Jewish Calendar

Judah

Us

Israel



Understanding The Time-line

- Each nation used its **own method** of referring to reigns of their kings and in referring to time when it involved the other nation.
- A number of **simultaneous reigns** (two kings reigning at the same time) which existed during the history of both nations.

Simultaneous & Overlapping Reigns In Israel

- **Asa & Jehoshaphat:** Asa gravely ill (1 Ki. 15:23; 2 Chr. 16:12)
- **Jehoshaphat & Jehoram:** Imminent war (1 Ki. 22:4, 32-33; 2 Ki. 8:16)
Omri & Tibni: Israel divided into two parts (1 K. 16:21-22)
- **Jehoash & Jeroboam II:** Imminent war (2 K. 14:8-13; 2 Chr. 25:18-23)

Simultaneous & Overlapping Reigns In Israel

- **Azariah & Jotham:** Leprosy of Azariah (2 Ki. 15:5; 2 Chr. 26:21)
- **Jotham & Ahaz:** Ahaz involved in a pro-Assyrian coup (2 Ki. 16:7)
- **Hezekiah & Manasseh:** Illness of Hezekiah (2 Ki. 20:1-6; 2 Chr. 32:24)

Chronology of the Kings

(All dates are approximate)

