

Assignment 7

- Due Sunday, July 13, 2014
- Topic & Text: Divided Kingdom, Fall of Northern Kingdom; Decline and Fall of Judah: I Kings 12-24; II Kings 1-24; II Chron. 10-36
- Memorize: Timeline Abraham through the fall of Judah

This assignment covers a huge amount of material. Remember we are trying to get an overview of Old Testament history so try to keep that in mind as you look over these texts. A study Bible with an outline of the books that are covered would be a great help. A Bible dictionary would also come in handy.

ABRAHAM	JACOB TO EGYPT	LAW	CONQUEST BEGINS	JUDGES
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SAUL	DAVID	SOLOMON	DIVIDED KINGDOM	FALL OF ISRAEL	FALL OF JUDAH
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Questions

1. Review I Kings 12 and discuss the cause(s) of the division of the kingdom. Who were the first kings in Israel and Judah?
2. Briefly describe the spiritual character of the northern kingdom. How many good kings were there?
3. Describe the fall of Israel. Which nation took it captive? When?
4. How would you describe Judah's spiritual condition? How many good kings? Name a few.
5. Describe the circumstances leading to Judah's captivity. When did it take place? Which nation took it? Who were the main characters?

Old Testament Narrative

If you can repeat these facts, you'll have a pretty good grip on the flow of the Old Testament from Abraham to the birth of Jesus. If you remember the dates and the events associated with them, remembering these facts will be easier.

Abraham is called out of Ur in about 2100 B.C. Settles in Canaan...

Isaac born...Jacob born...his named changed to Israel.

Joseph sold into bondage, becomes ruler in Egypt; summons family.

Joseph summons Jacob and his family to Egypt in 1876.

After 400+ years, the Hebrews are in bondage in Egypt and seeking relief.

Moses is born in about 1526 and exiled to Midian in 1486. Called by God in 1446, dies in 1406 (note 40 year periods of his life).

People leave Egypt, cross the Red Sea and are given the Law through Moses

Because of the sin involving the 12 spies, they are sentenced to die in the wilderness

In 1406, after Moses dies, Joshua leads the people into the Promised Land.

In 1375, the period of Judges begins and lasts for about 325 years. The people demand a king.

In 1050, the first King, Saul, is appointed. He is followed by David (1010) and Solomon (970). Each king served for 40 years.

In 930, Jeroboam rebels against Solomon's house and takes 10 tribes; he sets up altars in Bethel and Dan, and it becomes known as the "northern kingdom," also referred to as "Israel," "Ephraim," and "Samaria." Judah and Benjamin become the "southern kingdom," known as "Judah." Their first kings Solomon's son, Rehoboam.

From 930 — 722, not one good king rules in the north, in spite of the preaching of prophets like Elijah and Elisha, Isaiah, Hosea, Amos and Micah. The Northern Kingdom falls to Assyria in 722

While Hezekiah is king in Judah, the Assyrian King, Sennacherib, conquers 50 Judean towns, including Lachish (25 miles SW of Jerusalem) and attacks Jerusalem in 701, but is defeated by disease sent by God.

Isaiah continues to prophecy in Jerusalem. Other prophets admonish Judah and predict Judah's demise, including Zephaniah, Jeremiah and Habakkuk.

Judah is taken captive by the Babylonians in 606. The young man, Daniel, along with his three friends, are taken captive.

In 597, a second siege takes Ezekiel, who continues to prophecy about the destruction of the temple.

In 586, Nebuchadnezzar destroys Jerusalem and burns the temple. Ezekiel prophecies from Babylon.

In 539, Cyrus of Persia, as prophesied in Isaiah 44 & 45, defeats Babylon and issues a decree permitting the Israelites to return to the land and to rebuild the temple. 49,697 return under Zerubbabel in 538-536 B.C..

The people begin rebuilding the temple, but stall. It is completed in 516 after preaching by Haggai and Zechariah.

The second return occurred in 457, under Ezra. Finally, Nehemiah returned in 444 B.C. to rebuild the walls that had been destroyed.

Malachi is the last writing prophet — 425 B.C.

The period of silence begins. Alexander the Great conquers much of the world in 336. On his death, the kingdom is distributed to four kings. Antiochus IV, a Seleucid king, desecrates the temple in 167 causing the Maccabean revolt. The Jews win and temple is rededicated (origin of Hanukkah).

During this time, roads are expanded, the use of koine Greek, the language of the New Testament, became common, the Septuagint — or Greek — version was created (about 275 BC). In Palestine, synagogues are built and Jewish sects (Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, etc.) arose in Jerusalem. In 27, the Roman Empire begins.

Jesus is born in about 5 BC.