

# Give Us A King



*A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles*

*Part 2*

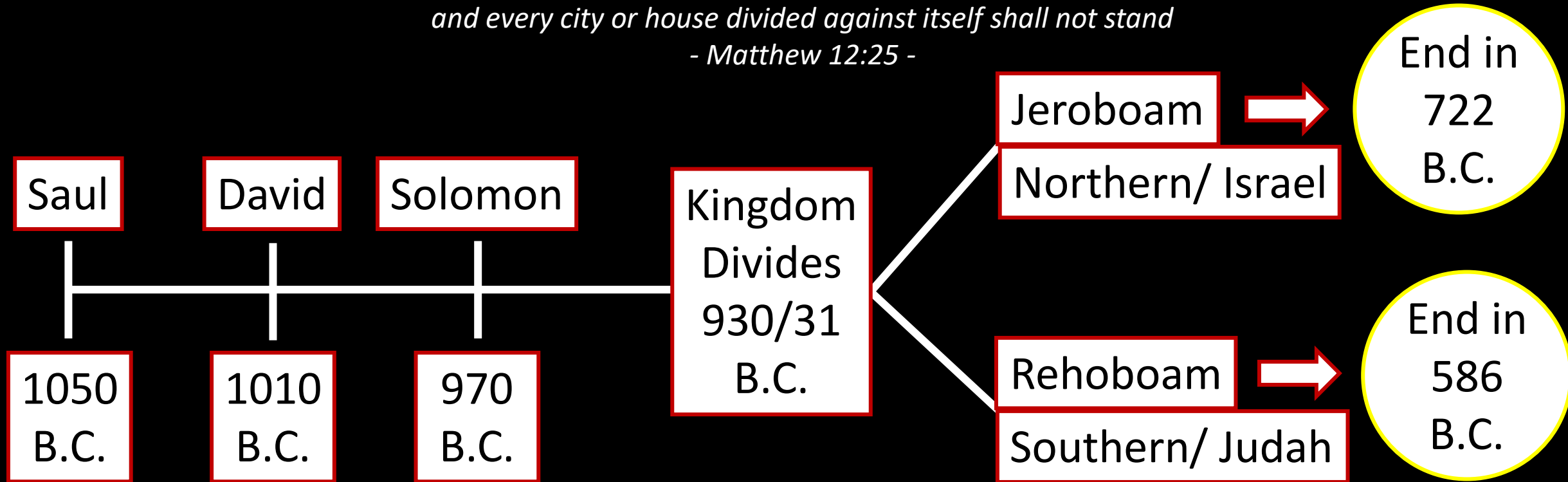
*1-2 Kings and 2 Chronicles*

# Survey of 1 Kings

United Kingdom 1:1 – 11:43			Divided Kingdom 12:1 – 22:53		
Establishment of Solomon	Rise of Solomon	Decline of Solomon	Division of the Kingdom	Reign of Various Kings	Reign of Ahab Elijah
Solomon			8 Kings (Israel) / 4 Kings (Judah)		
Kingdom in Tranquility			Kingdom in Turmoil		
Jerusalem Capital of United Kingdom			Samaria: Capital of Israel Jerusalem: Capital of Judah		
c. 40 years			c. 78 years		

# A Kingdom Divided Against Itself

*Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation;  
and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand  
- Matthew 12:25 -*



United Kingdom for 120 years

*"And when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents ... So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day"  
- 1 Kings 12:16, 19 -*

## Two Kingdoms in Contrast

### Northern Kingdom of Israel

Ten Tribes  
First king: Jeroboam  
Capital: Samaria  
Temples: Dan, Bethel, Samaria  
Dynasties: 9  
Kings: 19 kings (all bad)  
Duration: 209 years  
Destroyed: 722 B.C.  
Exiled: Assyria  
Longest reign: Jeroboam II (41 years)  
Shortest reign: Zimri (7 days)  
Last king: Hoshea

### Southern Kingdom of Judah

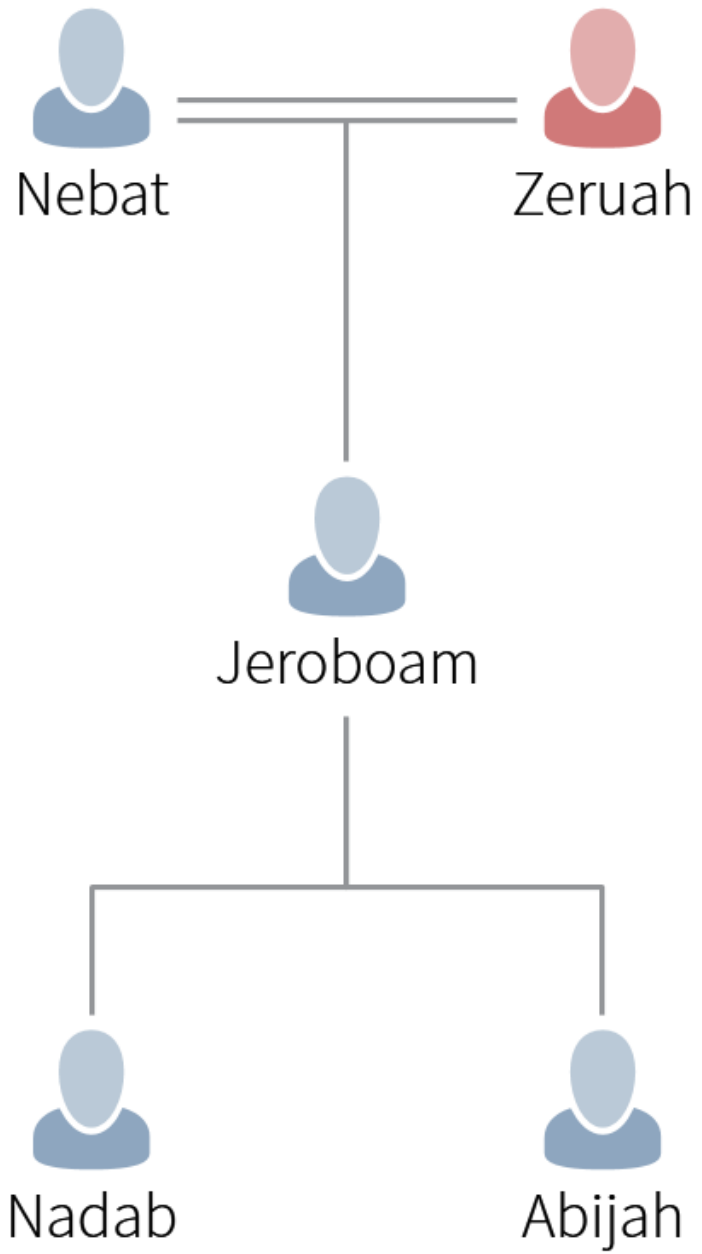
Two Tribes  
First king: Rehoboam  
Capital: Jerusalem  
Temple: Jerusalem  
Dynasty: 1  
Kings: 19 kings (good and bad), 1 queen  
Duration: 345 years  
Destroyed: 586 B.C.  
Exiled: Babylon  
Longest reign: Manasseh (55 years)  
Shortest reign: Jehoahaz (3 months)  
Last king: Zedekiah





# Men of God and Their Message

Prophet	Audience	Message	Reference
Ahijah the Shilonite	Jeroboam	The kingdom will divide	<b>1 Kings 11:29-39</b>
Shemaiah	Rehoboam and Judah	Do not go to war	<b>1 Kings 12:22-24</b>
Unnamed prophet	Jeroboam	The altar at Bethel – bones of priests sacrificed	<b>1 Kings 13:1-10</b>
Ahijah the Shilonite	Jeroboam's wife	The child will die, Jeroboam will be judged	<b>1 Kings 14:1-18</b>





# Applications for Today

1. Division among brethren leads to unauthorized worship, sinful influence, and civil war (1 K. 12:25-33, 13:33-4; 14:15-16; 14:19; Gal. 1:6-9; 3:1; 4:17; 5:1, 9, 15, 20).
2. Unauthorized worship comes about when people appeal to their own conveniences and to following their own hearts (1 K. 12:26, 28, 33; Col. 2:23).

# Applications for Today

3. Unauthorized worship looks like authorized worship, but it is not. It is sinful and contrary to God's word (1 K. 12:30-33; 13:33-34; Jn. 4:24-26).
4. Don't worship God based upon what is in your own heart; worship according to what is in God's word (1 K. 12:33; Col. 3:17).
5. God's word always comes true (1 K. 13:2-5; 14:11; Mt. 5:18; 1 Pet. 1:25).

# Applications for Today

6. Like Jeroboam, many people want the blessings from the Lord without being obedient to the Lord (1 K. 13:6; 14:2; Lk. 6:46).
7. Test everything that everybody says. Just because a religious person tells you that he is speaking the Lord's word does not always mean he is telling the truth (1 K. 13:18-19; Gal. 1:6-10; 2 Pet. 2:1ff; 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 Jn. 4:1).

# Applications for Today

8. God punishes disobedience, even when that disobedience is the result of following a lie (1 K. 13:21, 26; 2 Cor. 10:6; Heb. 2:2-3).
9. Sin will often continue to grow and will always have negative consequences for oneself and others (1 K. 13:33-34; 14:6-18; Rom. 6:23; 2 Tim. 3:13).
10. You can't fool the Lord because he sees all, hears all, and knows all (1 K. 14:1-5; Prov. 15:3).

# Applications for Today

11. Like David, be remembered for your whole-hearted service and obedience to the Lord (1 K. 14:8; Psa. 9:1; 86:12; 111:1; 119:2, 10, 34, 58, 69, 145; 138:1).
12. Don't cast God behind your back (1 K. 14:9; Neh. 9:26; Psa. 50:17; Ezek. 23:35).

# Applications for Today

13. Don't cause other people to sin like Jeroboam  
"made Israel to sin" (1 K. 14:16; Mt. 18:6).

Note: Eighteen times in scripture we are told that Jeroboam "made Israel to sin" (1 K. 14:16; 15:30, 34; 16:26; 21:22; 22:52; 2 K. 3:3; 10:29, 31; 13:2, 6, 11; 14:24; 15:9, 18, 24, 28; 23:15).