

Unpacking the Book

#14 The Divided Kingdom

I. The surrounding kingdoms

- A. Assyria – see Isa. 10:5. The major assault on Palestine came at the hands of the Tiglath-pileser II (744-727 BC). The credit for its fall goes to Sargon II (772-705). Shalmanesen V (726 – 722 BC) attacked Samaria.
- B. Egypt – an almost forgotten nation during this time.
- C. Aramaea – (Damascus) these states were to the north of Israel and were wiped out by Tiglath-pileser III. The language of Christ came from this part of the world.
- D. Babylon – An alliance with the Median Kingdom resulted in the New-Babylonian Empire.
- E. Persia – Judah fell at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar and Jerusalem was burnt down by his general, Nabuzaradan. A massive empire spread from Greece to India.

II. The two nations (1 Kings 12): Rehoboam & Jereboam

- A. The Northern Kingdom
 - 1. Also known as Israel or Ephraim
 - 2. Its capital was Samaria. There were two sanctuaries: Dan and Bethel
 - 3. 19 kings from Jeroboam (931-910 BC) to Hoshea (732-722 BC)
 - 4. Fell to the Assyrians in 722 BC (2 Kings 17:7-18)
- B. The Southern Kingdom
 - 1. Also knows as Judah
 - 2. Its capital was Jerusalem
 - 3. 20 kings from Rehoboam (931-913 BC) to Zedekiah (597-586 BC)
 - 4. Fell to the Babylonians in 586 BC (2 Kings 25:1-9)

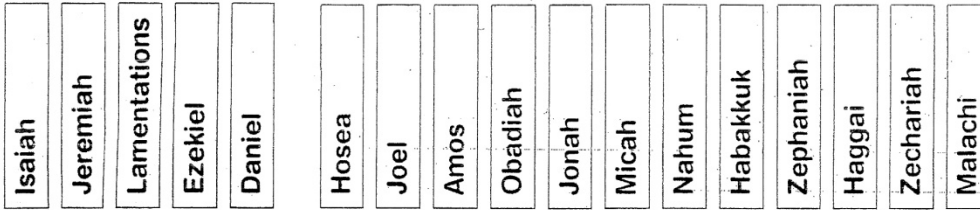
III. The Major Prophets (16)

Northern Kingdom	Southern Kingdom	Both Kingdoms	Other Nations	Post Exile
Amos Hosea	Joel Zephaniah Jeremiah Habakkuk Ezekiel	Isaiah Micah	Jonah (Ninevah) Obadiah (Edom) Nahum (Assyria) Daniel (“The Nations”)	Haggai Zechariah Malachi Zechariah Malachi

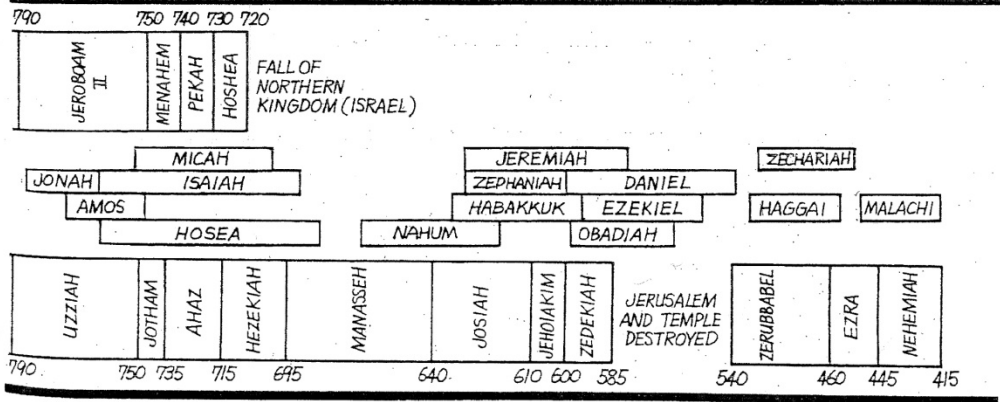
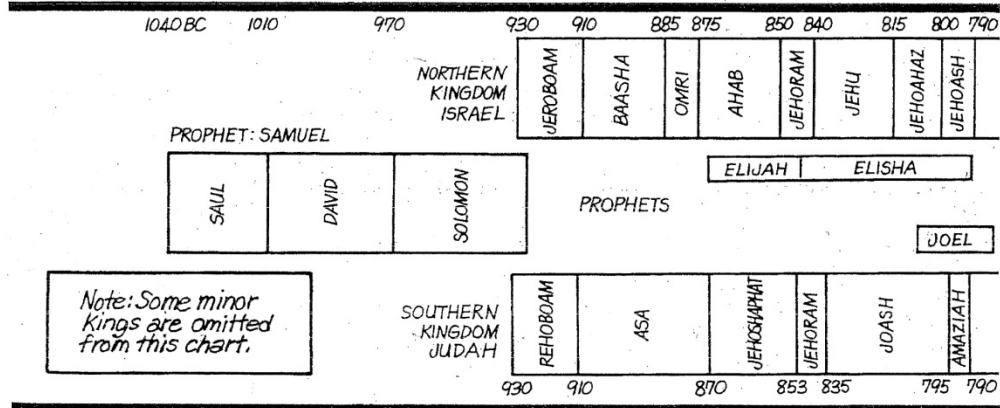
Times of the Prophets

Books of Major Prophets

The Books of Minor Prophets



Israel's prophets are a built-in "reformation" aspect of Old Testament faith. The word "prophet" means "to speak out"—to *forth-tell* God's word as much as to foretell the future. They spoke out against hypocrisy, injustice, immorality and idolatry, warning God's people that He would punish them for such continued disobedience. The prophets also foretold the time when God would save a remnant of His people through whom all nations would be blessed.



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Northern Kingdom: Israel

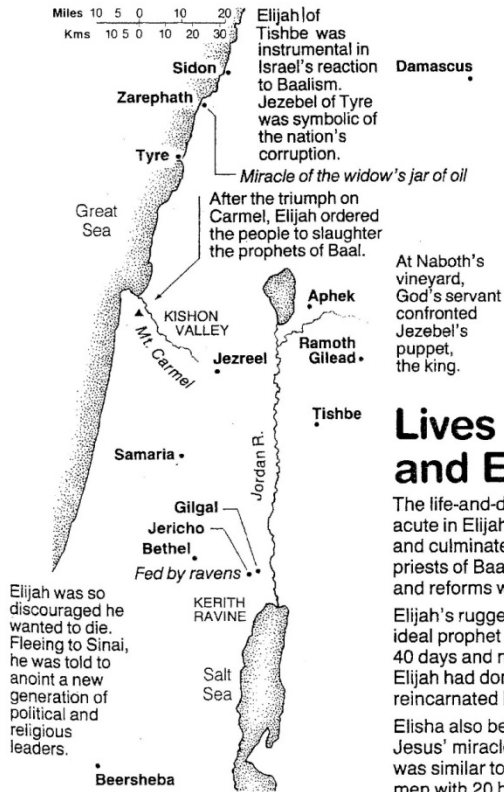
Date (B.C)	King of Israel	Years Reigned	Reign Good/Bad	Prophet	Scripture
928-906	Jeroboam I	22	Bad	Ahijah Iddo	1 Kings 11-12 2 Chron 10-13
907-905	Nadab	2	Bad	---	1 Kings 15
906-882	Baasha	24	Bad	Jehu	1 Kings 15-16
883-881	Elah	2	Bad	---	1 Kings 16
881	Zimri	7 days	Bad	---	1 Kings 16
881-876	Tibni	5	Bad	---	1 Kings 16
882-870	Omri	5	Extra Bad	---	1 Kings 16
871-851	Ahab	22	The Worst	Elijah Elisha	1 Kings 16-22 2 Chron 18
851-850	Ahaziah	2	Bad	Elijah Elisha	1 Kings 22 - 2 Kings 1 2 Chron 20
850-839	Joram (Jehoram)	12	Bad mostly	Elisha	2 Kings 3-9
839-811	Jehu	28	Bad mostly	Elisha	2 Kings 9-10
812-795	Jehoahaz	17	Bad	Elisha	2 Kings 13
797-781	Joash (Jehoash)	16	Bad	---	2 Kings 13-14 2 Chron 25
751	Jeroboam II	41	Bad	Jonah Amos Hosea	2 Kings 14
750-749	Zechariah	6 months	Bad	Hosea	2 Kings 15
749	Shallum	1 month	Bad	Hosea	2 Kings 15
749-739	Menahem	10	Bad	Hosea	2 Kings 15
738-736	Pekahiah	2	Bad	Hosea	2 Kings 15
736-730	Pekah	20	Bad	Hosea	2 Kings 15 2 Chron 28
731-722	Hoshea	9	Bad	Hosea	2 Kings 15-18
722-721	Fall of SAMARIA				
718	Fall of ISRAEL				

Southern Kingdom: Judah

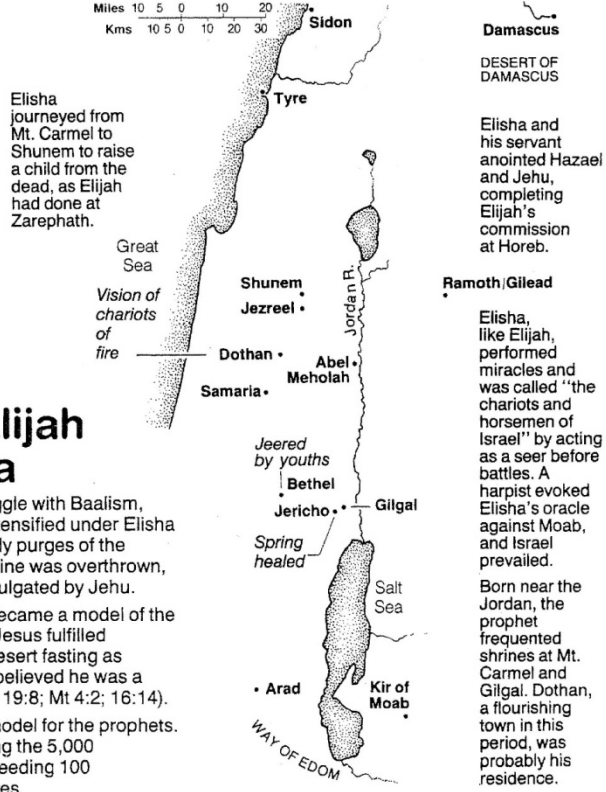
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928-911	Rehoboam	17	Bad mostly	Shemaiah Iddo	1 Kings 14 2 Chron 9-12
911-908	Abijam (Abijah)	3	Bad mostly	Iddo	1 Kings 15 2 Chron 13-14
908-867	Asa	41	Good	Azariah Hanani	1 Kings 15 2 Chron 14-16
870-845	Jehoshaphat	25	Good	Jenu Jahaziel Eliezer	1 Kings 22 2 Chron 17-21
851-840	Jehoram (Joram)	8	Bad	Obadiah Elijah	2 Kings 8 2 Chron 21
840	Ahaziah (Azariah)	8	Bad	---	2 Kings 8 2 Chron 22
839-833	Athaliah (Queen)	6	Devilish	---	2 Kings 11 2 Chron 22
833-794	Joash (Jehoash)	40	Good mostly	Joel	2 Kings 11 2 Chron 24
795-764	Amaziah	29	Good mostly	Unnamed	2 Kings 14 2 Chron 25
787-735	Uzziah (Azariah)	52	Good	Isaiah Zechariah	2 Kings 15 2 Chron 26
794-733	Jotham	16	Good	Isaiah Micah	2 Kings 15 2 Chron 27
732-716	Ahaz	16	Wicked	Isaiah Micah	2 Kings 16 2 Chron 28
715-686	Hezekiah	29	The Best	Isaiah Micah	2 Kings 18-20 2 Chron 29-32
697-642	Manasseh	55	The Worst	Nahum	2 Kings 21 2 Chron 33
642-640	Amon	2	The Worst	---	2 Kings 21 2 Chron 33
640-609	Josiah	31	The Best	Jeremiah Zephaniah	2 Kings 22 2 Chron 34
609	Jehoahaz (Shallum)	3 months	Bad	Jeremiah	2 Kings 23 2 Chron 36 Jer. 22
608-597	Jehoiakim	11	Wicked	Jeremiah Habakkuk	2 Kings 23-24 2 Chron 36 Jer. 22, 26, 36
597	Jehoiachin (Jeconiah)	3 months	Bad	Jeremiah Daniel	2 Kings 24 2 Chron 36 Jer. 22, 52
597-587	Zedekiah (Mattariah)	11	Bad	Jeremiah Daniel Ezekiel	2 Kings 24-25 2 Chron 36 Jer. 39, 52
587	Fall of JERUSALEM Fall of JUDAH				

IV. Elijah and Elisha

Elijah



Elisha



Lives of Elijah and Elisha

The life-and-death struggle with Baalism, acute in Elijah's day, intensified under Elisha and culminated in bloody purges of the priests of Baal. Ahab's line was overthrown, and reforms were promulgated by Jehu.

Elijah's rugged figure became a model of the ideal prophet in Israel. Jesus fulfilled 40 days and nights of desert fasting as Elijah had done; many believed he was a reincarnated Elijah (1Ki 19:8; Mt 4:2; 16:14).

Elisha also became a model for the prophets. Jesus' miracle of feeding the 5,000 was similar to Elisha's feeding 100 men with 20 barley loaves.

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V. So what?

Consider the character qualities that made a King "good."

Discussion Question:

Why do you think all the Kings of the Northern Kingdom are classified as "bad?" What is the foundational issue? For them...for us?