

# Understanding Israel

## *the Kingdom Splits*



# Review

- Israel and Judah – two different peoples
  - Separate armies
  - United under King David
- Tabernacle of David
  - Represents David's dynasty
  - Amos 9 prophecy
    - Broken kingdom
    - Scattered people

Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

**ESV 1 Kings 8:25**



## **ESV 1 Kings 11:11-13**

"Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant . . .

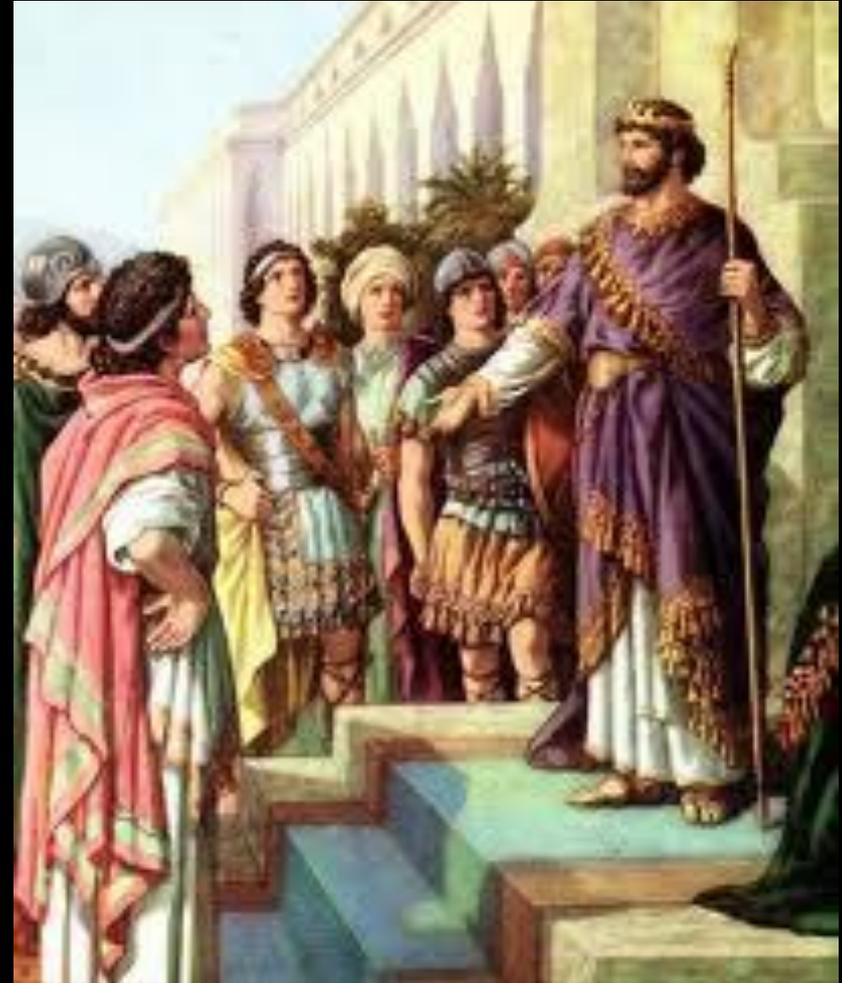
<sup>12</sup> Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son. <sup>13</sup> However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem that I have chosen.”

Then Solomon's servant,  
Jeroboam . . . also rebelled  
against the king. <sup>27</sup> And this is  
what caused him to rebel against  
the king: Solomon had built the  
Millo and repaired the damages to  
the City of David his father. <sup>28</sup> The  
man Jeroboam was a mighty man  
of valor; and Solomon, seeing that  
the young man was industrious,  
made him the officer over all the  
labor force of the house of Joseph.

NKJ 1 Kings 11:26-28



- ✿ The kingdom given to Jeroboam
- ✿ Rehoboam defies the will of YHVH by going to Shechem
- ✿ Northern tribes attempt to work with Rehoboam
- ✿ Rehoboam defies the wisdom of the elders
- ✿ All a part of YHVH's plan



So the king did not listen to the people, for it was a turn of affairs brought about by the LORD that he might fulfill his word, which the LORD spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

**ESV 1 Kings 12:15**



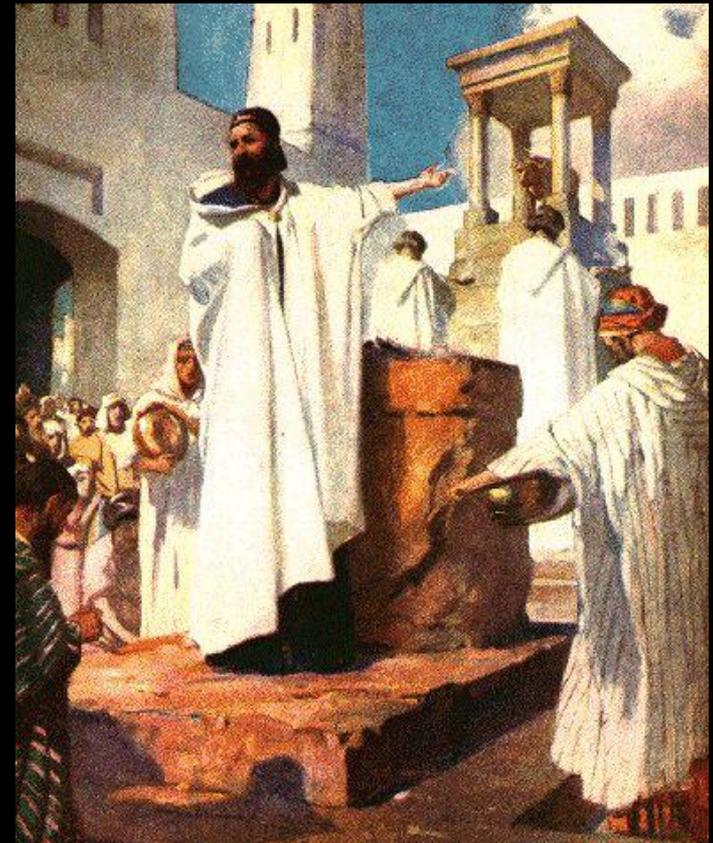
“ You shall not go up or fight against your relatives the people of Israel. Every man return to his home, for this thing is from Me.”

**ESV 1 Kings 12:24**



# Characteristics of Israel *the Northern Tribes*

- Worshiped God via idols (golden calves)
- Made priests from all the people
- Changed the festivals (Sukkot)
- Attempted to mimic the proper order of worship that God had previously established



# Ephraim:

- ✿ Second born son of Joseph
- ✿ Became equal with the other tribes
- ✿ “fullness of the Gentiles”
- ✿ Descendants became a larger tribe of Israel
- ✿ Descendants include:
  - ✿ Joshua
  - ✿ Samuel
  - ✿ Jeroboam

# Ephraim:

- ✿ Reuben
- ✿ Simeon
- ✿ Issachar
- ✿ Zebulun
- ✿ Asher
- ✿ Gad
- ✿ Dan
- ✿ Naphtali
- ✿ Ephraim
- ✿ Manesseh
- ✿ Benjamin

# Judah:

- ✿ Judah
- ✿ Levi
- ✿ Benjamin

The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah - the king of Assyria."

**ESV Isaiah 7:17**



**ESV Isaiah 11:10-13** In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples - of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. <sup>11</sup> In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people. . . <sup>12</sup> He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. <sup>13</sup> The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.

Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

**ESV Jeremiah 31:8-9**

# Hosea

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**Shalom Alechim**

*Peace be Unto You*