

## REL 1310 – Christian Scriptures

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### Divided Monarchy

#### 1 & 2 Kings



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#### Characters

- **Jeroboam:** Fought in a civil war against Rehoboam. He was the first king of the northern kingdom of Israel.
- **Rehoboam:** Son of King Solomon. Fought in a civil war against Jeroboam. He was the first king of the southern kingdom of Judah.
- **Josiah:** considered to be Judah's best king. He was faithful to the Lord.
- **Elijah:** Prophet to Israel who spoke against the evil king Ahab & his wife queen Jezebel. He challenged the prophets of Baal and displayed the Lord's power over all gods. According to the biblical story, he was carried up into heaven on a chariot of fire.
- **Ahab:** A king of Israel who became evil due to his marriage to Jezebel, a worshipper of the god Baal Melqart.
- **Jezebel:** An evil queen who worships the god Baal Melqart and leads her husband Ahab and the rest of Israel further away from the Lord.

- **Elisha**: Elijah's disciple and successor

### 1 Kings 12

- **Rehoboam** became king after his father Solomon's death.
- Israel asked **Rehoboam** for less taxes.
- **Rehoboam** refused.
- **Jeroboam** revolted against **Rehoboam** and the country split into two.
- **Jeroboam** became the king of the northern kingdom, which kept the name **Israel**.
- **Rehoboam** became king of the southern kingdom, called **Judah** (named after the tribe of Judah).

### 1 Kings 18

- **Elijah** challenged the prophets of **Ahab & Jezebel's** god Baal by having them place a bull on a wooden altar and he placed one on his own altar as well. **Elijah** said that whichever God/god brings down a fire on the altar is the God/god that Israel should follow.
- They all called on the name of their God/god, but only the Lord brought fire down on **Elijah's** altar. There was no fire for the altar of Baal.
- **Elijah** made fun of Baal by suggesting that he might be asleep.

### Kingdom of Israel

- 922-721 BCE.
- **Jeroboam** is the first king.
- **Samaria** is the capital.
- Made up of 10 of Israel's tribes.
- 19 kings total.
- **Exiled by Assyria.**

### Kingdom of Judah

- 922-586 BCE.
- **Rehoboam** is the first king.
- **Jerusalem** is the capital.
- Made up of the 2 tribes of **Judah and Benjamin.**
- 20 kings total.
- **All of Judah's kings were descendants of King David.**
- **Josiah** was Judah's best king. He renewed God's covenant with his people.

**Remember the exiles by the ABC's!**

**A**ssyria conquered **I**srael

before

**B**abylon conquered **J**udah.

It's just like the order of the alphabet!

**AB**CD...H**IJ**KL...

**AB** comes before **IJ** in the alphabet!

# **Test your knowledge!**

Answers are at the bottom of the document.

- 1) Which king was the son of Solomon?
  - a. Jeroboam
  - b. Rehoboam
  - c. Ahab
  - d. Josiah
- 2) Which nation was taken into exile first, and by whom?
  - a. Israel taken by Assyria
  - b. Israel taken by Babylon
  - c. Judah taken by Assyria
  - d. Judah taken by Babylon
- 3) Which two tribes of Israel became the nation of Judah?
  - a. Levi and Reuben
  - b. Dan and Issachar
  - c. Judah and Benjamin
  - d. Asher and Naphtali
- 4) Which kingdom was ruled by the descendants of the Israelite King David?
  - a. Israel
  - b. Judah
- 5) Which king was the husband of the evil Jezebel?
  - a. Jeroboam
  - b. Rehoboam
  - c. Ahab
  - d. Josiah

Answers: 1) b. 2) a. 3) c. 4) b. 5) c.