Hello and welcome to the weekly resources for REL-1310!

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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!
Assyria conquered Israel before Babylon conquered Judah.
It’s just like the order of the alphabet!

ABCD…HIJKL…

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.