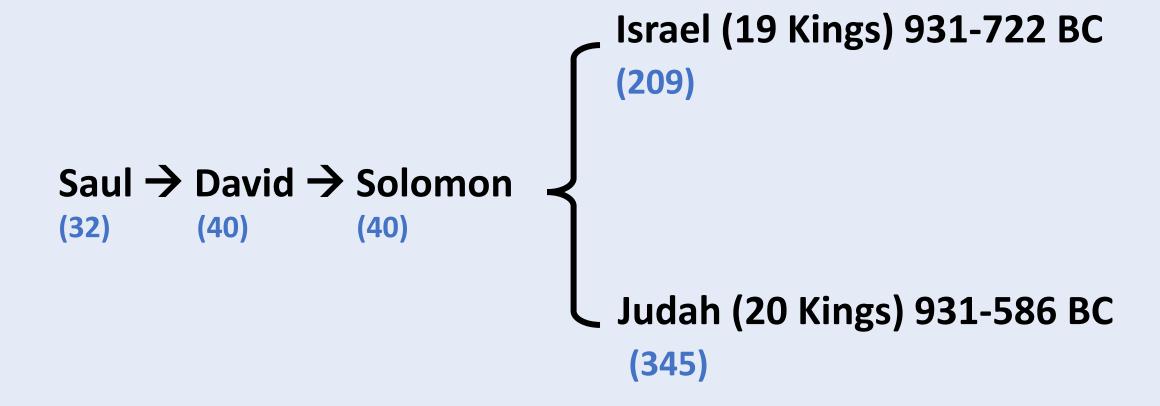
A Divided Kingdom

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How did it split in 931 BC

1 King 12

- REHOBOAM was made king after Solomon
- JEROBOAM (Israelites) "...lighten the burdensome service..."

- <u>Elders</u> "If you be a servant to these people today... speak good words to them, they will be your servant forever."

- Young men "...my little finger shall be thicker than my fathers waist... I will add to your yoke."

- All Israel rebelled and followed Jeroboam

Rehoboam's Reaction

- He assembled 180,000 for war

- Man of God – "You shall not go up nor fight against your brother... this thing is from me."

Jeroboam's Fear

- He said in his heart "Now the kingdom may return to David if these people go up to offer sacrifice... in Jerusalem... they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam."

Jeroboam's Sin

- He made two calves of gold.

- "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods. O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt."

And he set up in Bethal and Dan – became a sin for the people... made shrines... priests... ordered a feast.

Israel Kings

Jeroboam (22) \rightarrow Nadab (2) \rightarrow Baasha (24) \rightarrow Elah (2) \rightarrow

Zimri (7d) \rightarrow Omri (12) \rightarrow Ahab (22) \rightarrow Ahaziah (2) Jehoram (12)

- → Jehu (28) → Jehoahaz (17) → Johoash (16) → Jeroboam II (41)
- → Zechariah (6m) → Shallum (1m) → Menahem (10) →

Pekahiah (2) → Pekah (20) → Hoshea (9)

Judah Kings

Rehoboam (17) \rightarrow Abijiah (3) \rightarrow Asa (41) \rightarrow Jehoshaphat (25) \rightarrow

Jehoram (8) \rightarrow Ahaziah (1) \rightarrow Athaliah (7) \rightarrow Joash (4m) \rightarrow

Amaziah (29) \rightarrow Uzziah (52) \rightarrow Jotham (16) \rightarrow Ahaz (16) \rightarrow

Hezekiah (29) \rightarrow Menasseh (55) \rightarrow Amon (2) \rightarrow Josiah (31) \rightarrow

Jehoahaz (3m) → Jehoiakim (11) → Jehoichim (3m) → Zedekiah (11)

Lessons to learn...

- 1. Pride of Rehoboam
- 2. 'Seeing' the Lords hand
- 3. Fear of Jeroboam
- 4. Sin of Jeroboam (x 11)

1 Kings 22:52

He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin;

5. As David (x 7)

1 Kings 15:3

And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.

6. Division in churches