

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CONFIRMATION UNIT #8
FROM SOLOMON TO EZRA

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Our Growth as God's People:

When you have completed this packet, you should be able to perform the following tasks:

1. Explain with the use of maps the history of Israel from the time of Solomon to the time of Ezra.
2. Discuss the first two kings of the divided kingdom.
3. Gather information about the lives of Ahab, Elijah, Josiah, Daniel and Ezra.
4. Understand the impact and importance of this period of time on the writing of our Old Testament Scriptures.

MEMORY WORK:

The Lord's Prayer, Petitions 6, 7
(Small Catechism - p. 190, 193)



GETTING IN FOCUS...

The Covenant God continued to keep his Word even though the chosen people of God, the children of Israel, did not live in the Covenant. God sent messengers to warn the people that they were soon to lose the land promised because they had been unfaithful to Him.



OUR GOAL...

- To understand that when God's people turned away from him they brought judgment upon themselves.
- To understand that God moves and works in events of history to accomplish His saving purposes.
- To understand why the exile took place and how this led God's people to repentance.
- To understand the mercy of God as seen in the exile and restoration.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE #1

To be able to explain the division of the Kingdom of Israel into two kingdoms - The Kingdom of Judah and the Kingdom of Israel.

📖 READ Lecture 8-A - "From Solomon to Ezra".

📖 PREPARE the chart provided in the learning package. (Exercise Sheet 1)

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE #2

To be able to discuss the two kings who ruled after Solomon.

📖 READ 1 Kings 12. Use Exercise Sheet 2.

★ READ *Old Testament History*, pages 82-86.

📖 FILL IN Exercise Sheet 3, using a Bible Atlas.

📖 WRITE a detailed account of the two kings who ruled after Solomon. (Use 1 Kings 12)

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE #3

To gather information to use in a discussion about King Ahab and his wife, including one event in which a prophet of God was involved.

- 📖 READ 1 Kings 16:29 to 22:40.
- ★ READ "Elijah and Elisha" in *God's Unfolding Promise*, pp. 71-72
- 📖 Fill in Exercise sheet 4

- 📖📖 Attend small group discussion **A** (arrange with the instructor).
Be Prepared to:
 1. Discuss the two first kings of the divided kingdom.
 2. Discuss King Ahab and the prophet Elijah.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE #4

To gather information to be used in your discussion about the exile. The discussion will center on Daniel and his three friends and how they lived in Babylon.

- 📖 READ Lecture 8-B - "Land of the Changing Rulers"
- 📖 READ - Daniel chapters 1 - 6.
- ★ READ *Old Testament History*, pp. 100-103
- 📖 VIEW *Time Travel Through the Bible*, Part 3
- ★ READ *God's Unfolding Promise*, pp. 78-81
- 📖 FILL in Exercise sheet 5.

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE #5

To discuss the return from Exile of the Israelite Nation under Ezra and Nehemiah and the importance this period of history has had on the Old Testament.

- 📖 READ - Ezra - chapters 1 to 10.
- 📖 READ - Nehemiah - chapters 1 to 6.
- 📖 READ *God's Unfolding Promise*, pp. 82-84
- 📖 READ Lecture 8-C - "An Introduction to the Prophets"

- 📖📖 Attend small group discussion **B** (arrange with instructor)
Be prepared to:
 1. Discuss Daniel and his friends.
 2. Discuss Ezra and Nehemiah and the restoration.
 3. Discuss how this period of history affected the Old Testament Scriptures.

The Divided Kingdom

The Northern Kingdom of
First King:
Worship Centre:
Worst King:
Last King:
Year Destroyed:
Enemies:

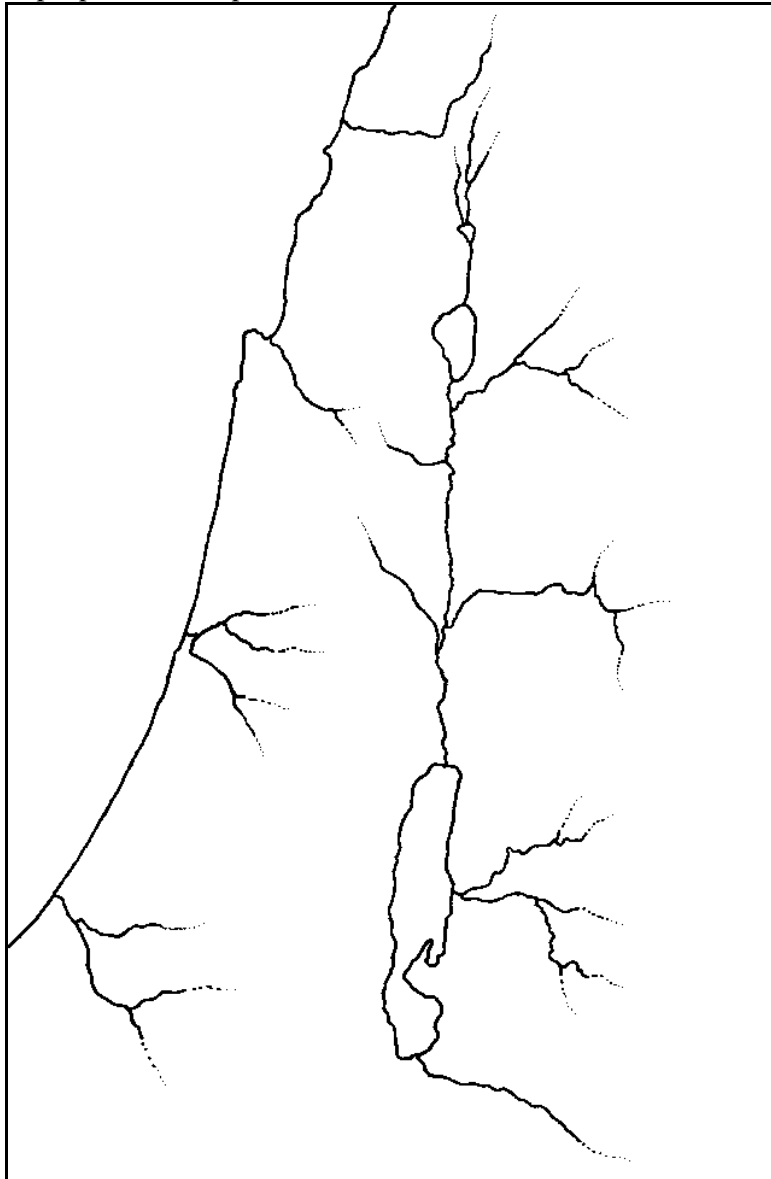
The Southern Kingdom of
First King:
Worship Centre:
Worst King:
Last King:
Year Destroyed:
Enemies:

The Two Kings

1. What did the people want Rehoboam to do?
2. What advice did Solomon's advisors give Rehoboam?
3. What advice did his friends give him?
4. What did Rehoboam tell the people? What happened as a result of his decision?
5. In 1 Kings 12:15, 22-24 we are told that God is involved in all this. Why did God allow this to happen? (Read also 1 Kings 11:9-13)
6. What did Jeroboam do when he became king of the northern tribes?
6. Why did he do this?
7. What effect did this have on the nation?
8. How do these actions contradict God's commands to His people?

Find a map of the divided kingdom either in a bible atlas, or in the back of your bible. Use it to complete this exercise. Mark the division into the two kingdoms.

1. Write the names of the Northern and Southern Kingdom on the map.
2. The king of the northern kingdom after the division was:
The king of the southern kingdom after the division was:
3. Rehoboam, son of Solomon, was crowned king in the city of Shechem. Place this city on your map.
4. The king of the north didn't want his people to worship in Jerusalem. He set up idols at Dan and Bethel and told the people to worship there. Place the cities of Dan, Bethel, and Jerusalem on the map.



A. ELIJAH, A FEARLESS PROPHET - 1 Kings 18:17-46

1. How Did Ahab greet Elijah?
2. What was the contest that was proposed
3. What did the priests of Baal do and what did Elijah say them?
4. What did Elijah do and how did God answer him?

B. AHAB, THE POUTING KING. - 1 Kings 21

1. What was it that Ahab wanted from Naboth and what do you think about his request?
2. What happened to Naboth?
3. What was Ahab's response to his queen Jezebel?
4. What did Elijah tell Ahab?

