

Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, “No, but there shall be a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” - 1 Samuel 8:19-20, NASB

The Time of the United Kingdom 1050-930 BC

Form: Monarchy

Capital: Jerusalem

Kings: Saul, David, Solomon

Then all Israel gathered to David at Hebron and said, “Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. In times past, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD your God said to you, ‘You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be prince over My people Israel.’” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD through Samuel.
- 1 Chronicles 11:1-3, NASB

So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. And all the kings of the earth were seeking the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart. They brought every man his gift, articles of silver and gold, garments, weapons, spices, horses and mules, so much year by year.
- 2 Chronicles 9:22-24, NASB

When the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and strong, he and all Israel with him forsook the law of the LORD.
- 2 Chronicles 12:1, NASB

The king answered the people harshly, for he forsook the advice of the elders which they had given him, and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.” So the

king did not listen to the people; for it was a turn of events from the LORD, that He might establish His word, which the LORD spoke through Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. When all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, “What portion do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; To your tents, O Israel! Now look after your own house, David!” So Israel departed to their tents. - 1 Kings 12:13-16, NASB

The Time of the Divided Kingdom 930-722 BC

Form: Two monarchies over two countries, Judah and Israel

Judah’s capital: Jerusalem

Kings of Judah: Rehoboam, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, Athaliah, Joash, Azariah (Uzziah), Jotham

Israel’s capital: Samaria

Kings of Israel: Jereboam, Baasha, Omri, Ahab, Joram, Jehu, Jeroboam II, Menahem, Pekah, Hoshea

The Final Word

The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy. Therefore He brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirm; He gave them all into his hand. All the articles of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his officers, he brought them all to Babylon. Then they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its fortified buildings with fire and destroyed all its

valuable articles. Those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete. - 2 Chronicles 36:15-21, NASB

Elijah

Background History - Who's Who, and Why

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The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me,
“He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,
even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing
out of the earth by clear shining after rain.”

- 2 Samuel 23:3-4, KJV

The Background - 900 Years Downhill

(Note that many minor persons are omitted)

The Exodus and Conquest of Canaan 1440-1375 BC

Form: Theocracy

Leader: Joshua

Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. - Joshua 24:14-15, NASB

The Time of the Judges 1375-1050 BC

Form: Libertarian, but with the LORD's intervention

Judges: Othniel, Ehud, Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson, Samuel

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. - Judges 21:25, NASB