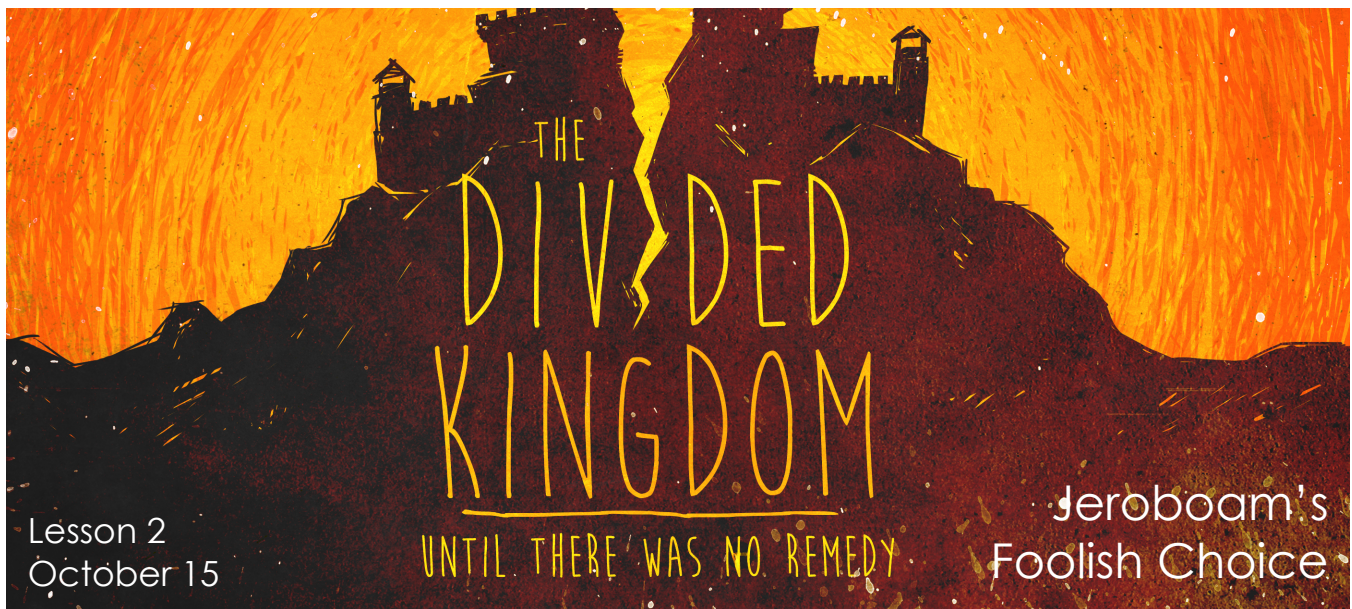


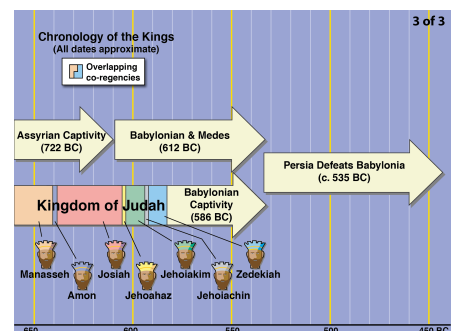
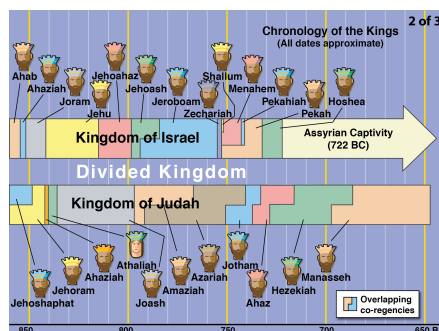
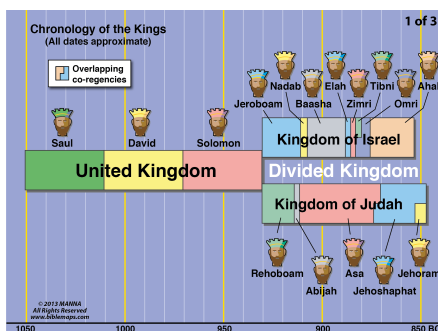


Our first lesson ended with ten tribes of Israel leaving Rehoboam and making a man named _____ their new king. But who was Jeroboam? **1 Kings 11** introduces us to him as a “very able” and “industrious” young servant of Solomon (**11:26-28**). One day, during Solomon’s reign, a prophet met Jeroboam coming out of Jerusalem and delivered a message from the LORD: “Behold, I am about to _____ the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and will give you _____ tribes” (**11:31**).



Take a little bit of time to survey **1 Kings 11**. What do you see? Why was the LORD going to tear the kingdom away from Solomon?

The LORD made a great promise to Jeroboam, but notice carefully what he expected of Jeroboam in **11:37-38**. How would you summarize it all in your own words?



In **1 Kings 12**, we find out that God kept his promise to Jeroboam. So what about Jeroboam? Was he faithful to God as Israel's new king? Listen carefully...

Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. And he went out from there and built Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will turn _____ to the house of David. If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the temple of the LORD at _____, then the heart of this people will turn again to their lord, to Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah." So the king took counsel and made two _____ of gold. And he said to the people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your _____, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. Then this thing became a _____, for the people went as far as Dan to be before one. He also made temples on high places and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not of the Levites. And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. He went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised from his own _____. And he instituted a feast for the people of Israel and went up to the altar to make offerings. (**12:25-33**)

Jeroboam made a very foolish, selfish choice and Israel would never be the same. So what can we learn?

- ✿ The LORD will talk about "the sins of Jeroboam" for many years to come (**1 Kings 14:16; 15:30; 16:31; 2 Kings 3:3; 10:29, 31; 13:2, 11; 14:24; 15:9, 18, 24, 28**). How would you describe his "sins" in your own words?
- ✿ **1 Kings 13-14** tells us the rest of Jeroboam's story. Where did he have opportunity to repent and lead Israel in a different direction? Despite those opportunities, how did things in Israel go from bad to worse?
- ✿ What have you seen and heard in **1 Kings 11-14** that makes you appreciate Jesus our King even more?
- ✿ What can we learn from this chapter in Israel's history?