

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD
LESSON 5b

I. United Kingdom Continued:

1. Saul reigned for 40 years – He was rejected by God.
2. David reigned for 40 years – He was a man after God's own heart.
(Read 2 Samuel 7:8-17)

This is the Davidic Covenant: God promised that David's seed would forever sit on the throne in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 55:3 (KJV 1900)

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *Even the sure mercies of David.*

Jesus is the fulfilment of the Davidic Covenant = "Jesus, thou son of David..."

Revelation 22:16 (KJV 1900)

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the *root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.*

Matthew 1:1 (KJV 1900)

1 THE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, *the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

3. Solomon reigned for 40 years:
 - a. Prayed for Wisdom – 1 Kings 3
 - b. Built the Temple – 1 Kings 6
 - c. Wrote the books of Proverbs, Song of Solomon & Ecclesiastes
 - d. Solomon compromised with idolatry: (Read 1 Kings 11:1-4)
 - e. God judged Solomon: (Read 1 Kings 11:9-13)

II. The Kingdom of Israel becomes the Divided Kingdom: (1 Kings 13)

1. Kingdom of Israel & the Kingdom of Judah
2. Kingdom of Israel is led by Solomon's general Jeroboam
3. Kingdom of Judah is led by Solomon's son Rehoboam

Kingdom:	Northern (Israel)	Southern (Judah)
Number of Tribes:	Ten	Two
Capital City:	Samaria	Jerusalem
Ruling Family:	House of Jeroboam	House of David
Destruction:	722 BC by the Assyrians	586 BC by the Babylonians
Inhabitants were called:	Samaritans	Jews
Major Prophets:	Elijah & Elisha	Isaiah & Jeremiah
Religion:	Worshiped in High Places	Worshiped at the Temple

The Kingdom of Judah is carried away captive into Babylon: (Read 2 Kings 25:1-11)

Daniel 1:1-2 (KJV 1900)

1 IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

1. The Prophet Jeremiah declared that Judah would be in captivity for seventy years.

Jeremiah 25:9-12 (KJV 1900)

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

2. God raised up prophets like Ezekiel and Daniel for Judah during the time of their captivity.

III. The Return to Jerusalem:

1. God raised up prophets like Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi to encourage and chasten the people as they returned from captivity.
2. Zerubbabel & Ezra rebuild the temple:

(Read Ezra 1:1-7)

Malachi 3:1 (KJV 1900)

1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: And the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, Even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: Behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

This is the Second Temple – this temple would be remodeled and expanded by King Herod shortly before the time of Jesus.

3. Nehemiah rebuilds the walls of Jerusalem in 444 BC:

(Read Nehemiah 2:2-6)

The Old Testament Ends – 400 years of prophetic silence before the time of Jesus.