

The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

A Good King and an Evil Ally

Lesson 12

2 Chronicles 17-19

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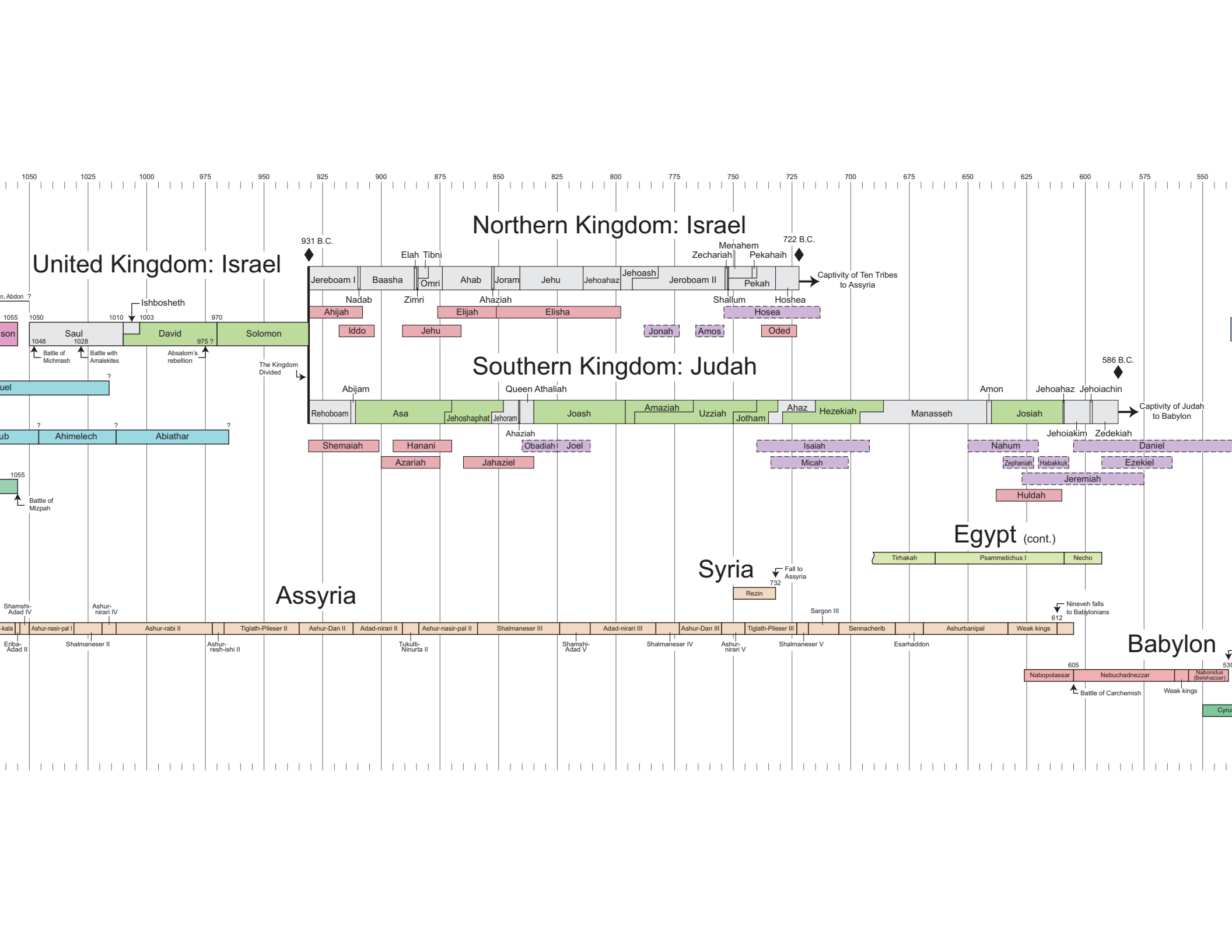
1&2 Chronicles

Outline

1. Genealogy (1 Chronicles 1-9)
2. King David (1 Chronicles 10-29)
3. King Solomon (2 Chronicles 1-9)
4. Division and collapse of the monarchy (2 Chronicles 10-36)
 - ▶ Key events
 - The Davidic Covenant (1 Chronicles 17)
 - Building the House of God in Jerusalem
 - Destruction of the Monarchy and the House
 - ▶ Are “the gifts and calling of God” truly irrevocable?
 - ▶ John 5:39 – 1&2 Chronicles teach of Christ

Israel's History in Chronicles

- ▶ Failure of Saul – did not seek the LORD
- ▶ Establishment of Davidic monarchy
- ▶ Construction of the House of God
- ▶ Failure of Solomon (#2) – idolatry
- ▶ God's judgment – divided kingdom
- ▶ Rehoboam (#3) – did not seek the LORD (12:14)
- ▶ Abijah (#4) – like father, like son (1 Kings 15:3)
- ▶ Asa (#5) – good and right . . . acted foolishly
- ▶ Jehoshaphat (#6) – “some good in you . . .”



The Dynasty of Omri

- ▶ Israel led by 5 dynasties and 5 kings
 - Jeroboam, Baasha, Omri, Jehu, Menahem
 - Zimri, Tibni, Shallum, Pekah, Hoshea.
- ▶ Omri – 12 years in 8 verses
 - Built Samaria
 - Defeated Moab and obtained tribute
 - Phoenician alliance with King Ethbaal of Tyre and Zidon
- ▶ Ahab – 22 years
 - Jezebel
 - Baal worship
 - Elijah
 - Syria – 3 battles with Ben-hadad

The Early Days of Jehoshaphat (17)

- ▶ Co-regent with Asa (3 years)
- ▶ Followed the example of David (17:3-4)
- ▶ The LORD established His kingdom
 - All Judah brought tribute
 - Took pride in the ways of the LORD
 - His heart was high in the ways of the LORD
 - Removed high places
 - Sent teachers through the land
- ▶ Fear of the LORD – on all surrounding kingdoms

An Unholy Alliance (18)

- ▶ Great riches and honor
- ▶ Alliance by marriage – Jehoram and Athaliah
- ▶ Ahab's plan – joint effort to recover Ramoth-gilead
- ▶ Jehoshaphat's response
 - Agreed to go
 - Wanted a word from the LORD about the outcome

The Lord Speaks by Micaiah (18:6-27)

- ▶ In jail
- ▶ Outnumbered 400 to 1
- ▶ Captive to the Word of the LORD
- ▶ “Go up and succeed . . .”
- ▶ Israel – no shepherd; no master; return home in peace
- ▶ The scene in heaven and a deceiving spirit
- ▶ In jail

Ahab and the Word of the LORD

- ▶ Delivered by the LORD twice from Ben-hadad
- ▶ Fire from heaven on Mount Carmel
- ▶ Repentance and mercy
- ▶ Hated Micaiah
- ▶ Despised the grace of God
- ▶ Sought to hide from God
- ▶ Killed by “chance” (Proverbs 16:33)

Jehoshaphat – An Unexpected Fall

- ▶ Great riches and honor
- ▶ A marriage alliance with Ahab
- ▶ Not an act of overt rebellion
- ▶ The deception of prosperity – Deut 6:10-12; 8:10-18; 32:15; Hosea 13:6
- ▶ The ways of God – Isaiah 55:8-9
- ▶ Careless with the Word of God – Jer 8:9; 9:23-24; Ps 119:10-11
- ▶ Disapproved by God (20:35)

Jehu Defines the Problem (19:1-3)

“Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD and so bring wrath on yourself from the LORD?”

- ▶ Confused human love with Divine love – polar opposites
 - Proverb 3:12 – chastening
 - Luke 6:27, 35 – do good and lend, not expecting return
 - 2 Corinthians 6:14 – no unequal yoke
 - 2 Corinthians 6:15-18 – holiness – do not touch the unclean
 - Romans 12:9 – love without hypocrisy is to abhor evil; cling to good
 - Jeremiah 31:1-6 – love of God draws us

Jehoshaphat Answers (19:4-11)

- ▶ Contrast with Asa's response to Hanani (16:10)
- ▶ Evangelized into Ephraim (19:4)
- ▶ Judges – render judgment for the LORD (19:5-8)
- ▶ Fear God, not man (19:9-11)

On High Alert

- ▶ The deception of prosperity/peace
- ▶ The deception of human wisdom
- ▶ Trust in the LORD with all your heart