The History of Israel

- Promised to Abraham; formed during the Exodus
- Davidic Monarchy established ca. 1000 B.C.
- Division for sin – Judah and Ephraim/Israel
- Northern Kingdom (Israel) – uniformly evil
  - 5 Monarchs and 5 individual kings
  - Terminated in 722 B.C.
- Southern Kingdom (Judah) – variable spiritual state
  - Davidic Monarchy
  - House of God
- Promise of restoration – both divisions (Ezekiel 37)
Israel and the Church

- Israel is not the Church
- Israel is a nation of Jews – promised to Abraham
- Israel is mostly pagan – a remnant of believers
- The Church is the Body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23)
- Only believers are in the Church (1 John 2:19-20)
- Israel is not a figure of the Church
- O.T. figure for Israel is a prostitute (Ezek. 16, 20, 23)
- Israel does not exist now but will at the end of the age
Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 17-19)

- Established by the LORD (17:5)
- Made a marriage alliance with Ahab (18:1)
- Repented
The Fruit of an Unequal Yoke
1 Chronicles 20-22

- Doing right in the sight of the LORD (20:1-32)
  - Great faith (20:1-22)
  - Great victory (20:23-25)
  - Great kingdom (20:26-32)

- Doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD (20:33-22:12)
  - Great sin (20:33-37)
  - Great fruit (21-22)
Doing Right in the Sight of the LORD
1 Chronicles 20:1-32

▪ Rebuke and repentance (19)

▪ A great army (20:1-2)
  • Moab, Ammon, Edom
  • Jehoshaphat's fear
  • Jehoshaphat turned his attention to seek the LORD (20:3-4)
A Prayer of Faith (20:5-13)

- The attributes of God: exalted, sovereign, powerful
- The promise of God (to Abraham)
- The promise of God (to Solomon)
- The mercy of God
- The request: "O our God, will you not judge them?"
- The faith:
  - We are powerless
  - We are ignorant
  - We are trusting You alone – Our eyes are upon you
  - Waiting upon the LORD – Psalm 62:5
The Proof of Faith (20:14-21)

- Jahaziel – ”Thus says the LORD to you . . .”
  - Do not fear this great army.
  - The battle is God's
  - Go to the battlefield as spectators

- Worship
  - The object of faith is the Triune God
    - The exalted God
    - The faithful God
    - The wise God
  - Their response: adoration of God – worship

- Praise
  - Taking delight in the Word of the LORD
  - His everlasting lovingkindness

- The army: a choir and spectators
A Great Battle (20:22-25)

- The battle is God’s (20:15)
- "Routed" (v. 22)
  - Moab and Ammon destroyed Edom
  - Moab and Ammon destroyed each other
- Judah collected the spoil for 3 days
A Great Kingdom (20:26-34)

- Valley of Beracah – blessing
- The dread of God on the kingdoms (17:10; 20:29)
  - A kingdom at peace – God's rest
  - Did not depart from doing right in the sight of the LORD
Doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD
1 Chronicles 20:33-22:12

- High places left . . . (17:6; 20:33)
- Another alliance with the house of Ahab – Ahaziah
  - Commercial project in Gulf of Aqaba
  - Rebuke by Eliezer
  - Ships were broken up – financial loss
Great Consequences (21)

- Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat, became king
  - Murdered his brothers
  - Lived like Ahab – father-in-law
  - Did evil in the sight of the LORD
  - The Everlasting Covenant with David – preserved the line
  - Rebellion by Edom and Libnah
  - Rebuke by Elijah the prophet
    - Walked in the ways of the kings of Israel
    - Great calamity on sons, wives and possessions
    - Severe sickness of the bowels
  - Defeat by Philistines and Arabs – possessions, wives and sons
  - Severe bowel disease – bowels came out and had severe pain
  - Dishonored at death – not buried with kings – "with no one's regret"
Great Consequences (22)

- **Ahaziah** – surviving son of Jehoram; ruled 1 year
  - Son of Athaliah, granddaughter of Omri
  - Athaliah was his counselor to do evil
  - Did evil in the eyes of the LORD
  - Counseled by the house of Ahab – uncle Jehoram
  - Went to war with Uncle Jehoram
  - Jehu killed both . . . and became king in Israel

- **Athaliah**
  - Destroyed her grandchildren
  - Her daughter saved one grandson (Joash) and hid him
  - Athaliah ruled Jerusalem for 6 years
  - Evil but details not given
The Fruit of an Unequal Yoke

- Forbidden fruit (2 Corinthians 6:14)
- Great faith – seek the LORD first
- The deception of sin
- The complications of sin