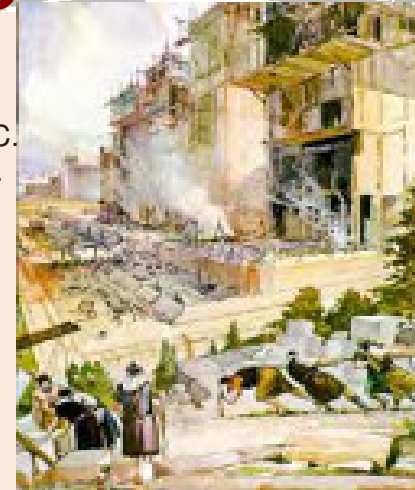


The United & Divided Kingdom



UNITED KINGDOM 1053 - 933 B.C.

- Three kings reigned - Each for 40 years
 - King Saul ————— Reigned 1053 - 1013 B.C.
 - King David ————— Reigned 1013 - 973 B.C.
 - King Solomon ——— Reigned 973 - 933 B.C.



DIVIDED KINGDOM 931 - 722 B.C.

NORTHERN KINGDOM (Israel) 931 - 722 B.C.

- 10 tribes
- Capital was Samaria
- 19 kings reigned
 - None were considered good in God's sight
- All worshipped idols
- 8 kings were either assassinated or committed suicide
- Lasted 210 years. 135 years less than the Southern kingdom
- Conquered by Assyria in 734-721 B.C.



SOUTHERN KINGDOM (Judah) 931 - 586 B.C.

- 2 tribes: Benjamin * Judah
- Capital was Jerusalem
- 20 kings reigned
 - At least 7 were considered good in God's sight
- Lasted 135 years longer than the Northern Kingdom
- Conquered by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.
- 70 year period of Babylonian captivity
- Persia overthrew Babylon in 536 B.C.
- 3 periods of return from Babylon to Jerusalem:
 - 1st return in 538 or 537 B.C. — led by Zerubbabel — Temple was rebuilt
 - 2nd return in 458 B.C. — led by Ezra — The law was restored
 - 3rd return in 44 B.C. — led by Nehemiah — The walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt