



COURSE: BIBLE HISTORY

SUBJECT: JOSHUA THROUGH NEHEMIAH – HISTORY OF THE HEBREW NATION

LESSON NO. 44 - THE DIVIDED KINGDOM (CONTINUED)

A. Revelation of The Redeeming Purpose *Gen. 1:1-11:9.*

1. The Hebrew Family *Gen. 11:10-50:26.*
2. The Israelite Nation *Exodus-Nehemiah.*
 - a. Bondage *Exod. 1:1-7:7.*
 - b. Wonders -The Ten Plagues *Exod. 7:8-12:36.*
 - c. Exodus Wandering *Exod. 12:37-Num. 21:20.*
 - d. Conquest of The East Bank *Num. 21:21-36:13.*
 - e. Conquest of Canaan *Josh. 1-12.*
 - f. Division of the Land of Canaan *Josh. 13-22.*
 - g. The Judges *Judges 1:1-1 Samuel 8.*
 - h. The United Kingdom *1 Sam. 9:1-1 Kings 11:43.*
 - i. The Divided Kingdom *1 Kings 12:1-Neh. 13:31.*

- (1) Division of Solomon’s Empire at his Death.
- (2) History of Divided Kingdom
- (3) Elements Contributing to the Division in 931 B.C.
- (4) The Result of Jeroboam’s Sin in Erecting Two Golden Calves.
- (5) The First 100 Years of Division.
- (6) Second 100 Years of Division.
- (7) Third Period of Division.
 - (a) The Kings of This Period

JUDAH		ISRAEL	
Jothan	16 Yrs.	Shallum	1 Mos.
Ahaz	16 Yrs.	Menahem	10 Yrs.
Hezekiah	*29 Yrs.	Pekahiah	2 Yrs.
* 6 Years in This Period.		Pekah	20 Yrs.
		Hosea	9 Yrs.

(b) Outstanding Events in the South (Judah)

- Jothan
 - A good king, an excellent warrior and great builder.
 - Shared Uzziah’s reign when he became a leper.
- Ahaz
 - A wicked king, a cowardly warrior and a builder of temples for idols.
 - Refused to listen to Isaiah.
 - Made alliance with Tiglath-pileaser.
 - Sacrificed to gods of Damascus and made his sons pass through the fire.
 - Shut the temple and built altars all over Jerusalem.
- Hezekiah
 - A great king – Trusted God; Given victory.
 - A great reformer:
 1. Cleansed Temple.
 2. Reinstated sacrifice.
 3. Kept Passover.
 4. Abolished idolatry.
 - A great mistake: Showed the Temple treasures to the ambassadors from Babylon.

(c) Outstanding Events in the North (Israel).

- Shallum
 - Slew Zechariah.
 - Started period of anarchy.
- Menahem
 - Slew Shallum.
 - Very Cruel – ripped up women with children.
 - Paid tribute to Pul (Tiglath-pileaser III) of 1000 talents of silver.
- Pekahiah
 - Slain by Pekah.
- Pekah
 - Made an alliance with Rezin of Syria and others against Pul.
 - Fought against Ahaz because he refused to join the alliance.
- Hosea
 - Slew Pekah.
 - Served as an Assyrian vassal.
 - South Egypt's help and Assyria conquered him and destroyed Samaria in 721 B.C.

(d) Prophets of this Period

- Micah 740-700 B.C.
 - Theme : God is God of righteousness and ethical holiness.
 - Message : Jacob's corruption and sins cause of his doom.
 - Lessons : Nature of Pure Religion.
 1. Do justly (Amos' theme).
 2. Love kindness (Hosea's theme).
 3. Walk humbly with God (Isaiah's theme).
- Isaiah 740-690 B.C.
 - Theme : The Holiness of Jehovah.
 - Message : Chs. 1-39 The triumph of social righteousness.
Chs. 40-66 God's love for the underprivileged, the oppressed, and the neglected.