**History of Divided Kingdom**

After Moses, the Children of Israel entered Canaan: loose confederation of tribes

Governed by tribal leaders and judges for awhile

**United and formed a monarchy:**

SAUL was chosen by God, anointed by Samuel, the prophet

Saul disobeyed God’s commandments

DAVID: from tribe of Judah; shepherd youth;

Was administrator and statesman: organized religious worship

Founded a political dynasty

Poet and musician: psalmist

Skilled harpist

Soldier and warrior

Expanded the borders of the kingdom and made them a nation

SOLOMON: David’s son

Reigned over huge empire stretching form River Euphrates in the north

To River of Egypt in the south

Extensive building projects: including Solomon’s temple to hold the Ark of

Covenant

Great wealth and riches exceeded that of all the kings of the earth

In his old age, he became idolatrous due to the influence of his many

Foreign wives

REHOBOAM: SOLOMON’S SON; became king

***Kingdom split into two nations: Judah and Israel***

**931 BC**

**ISRAEL IN THE NORTH**

**Ten northern tribes revolted**

**Established the northern kingdom of Israel: JEROBOAM became their king**

**In 723 BC, Israel was taken into captivity by the Assyrians:**

**Because they disobeyed God and worshipped idols**

**JUDAH IN THE SOUTH**

**Two southern tribes stayed with Davidic line: Benjamin and Judah**

**Judah remained for another one hundred thirty years until 586 BC:**

**Carried into captivity by Babylon**

**Hezekiah is one of these kings in the south.**