

# OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

MONEY, SEX & POWER

versus

THE HEART FOR GOD

The History of the Monarchy of Judah

I and II KINGS

Lesson 27

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# JUDAH PROPHECIES

- Creation and fall:

Gen 3:15 “And I [God] will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

# JUDAH PROPHECIES

- Abraham:

Gen 12:3 “all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

- Isaac / sacrifice of a son:

Gen 22:8 “God himself will provide the lamb....”

# JUDAH PROPHECIES

- Jacob, not Esau

Gen 28:14 “all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.”

- Name change to Israel

# JUDAH PROPHECIES

- 12 sons/tribes - - Judah is the one for messiah
- Gen 49:8-10 “Judah, your brothers will praise you...your father’s sons will bow down to you.... The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until it comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.”

# JUDAH PROPHECIES

- From the house of David, a Judahite:

2 Sam 7:16 “Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

# HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

SAUL



DAVID



SOLOMON



REHOBOAM →

ISRAEL/  
JEROBOAM

JEROBOAM

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Rehoboam (I Ki. 12) 930 – 913 B.C.
  - Solomon’s son/David’s grandson
  - Intoxicated with power
  - Asherah poles/male shrine prostitutes
  - Egyptian invasion
  - Skirmishes with North Israel



# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Abijah (I Ki 15) 913 – 910
  - Solomon’s grandson
  - Evil like father
  - Line not destroyed because of David and prophesy

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Asa (I Ki 15) 910 – 869 B.C.
  - Solomon’s great grandson
  - Right before Yahweh
  - Expelled male shrine prostitutes/ got rid of idols
  - Deposed grandmother as Queen Mother
  - Still warring with Israel

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

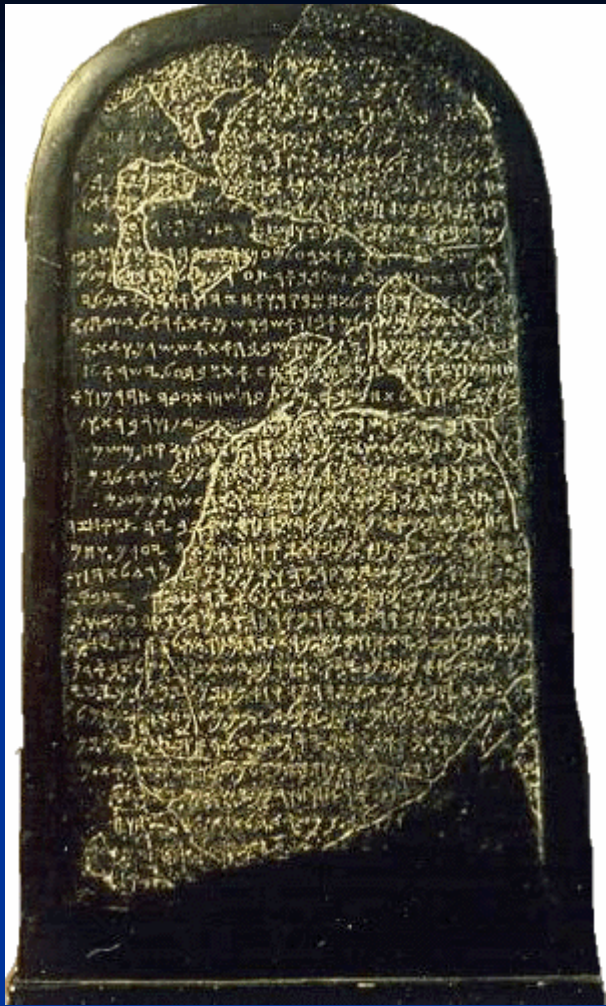
- Jehoshaphat (I Ki 22) 872 – 848 B.C.
  - Co-reigned with Dad 872-869
  - Contemporary with Ahab/Elijah
  - Heart right with Yahweh
  - First peace with Israel
  - Sought word from Yahweh with Ahab
  - Naval disaster
  - Joined Joram battling Moab

# MOAB – King Mesha

- Elisha assists Israel's pagan King Joram

“As surely as Yahweh Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, I would not look at you or even notice you.” (II Ki. 3:14)

- Mesha / Moab defeated this time.
- Subsequently Moab wins battles with Northern Israel



MOABITE STONE

MESHA STONE

And Chemosh [Mesha's god] said to me [Mesha], "Go, take Nebo from Israel!" So I went by night and fought against it from the break of dawn until noon, taking it and slaying all, 7,000 men, boys, women, girls, and maidservants, for I had devoted them to destruction for the god Ashtar-Chemosh. And I took from them there the . . . of Yahweh, dragging them before Chemosh.

- Pritchard, ANET, p. 320

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Jehoram (II Ki. 8) 848 – 841 B.C.
  - Married daughter of Ahab!
  - Pagan worship of North Israel
  - Lost control of Edom and Libnah

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Ahaziah (II Ki. 8) 841 B.C.
  - Still line of Judah (also grandson of Ahab)
  - Pagan like North Israel
  - Was helping Joram at time of Jehu’s coup

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Athalia & Joash (II Ki 11) 841 – 835, 835 - 796
  - Athalia daughter of Ahab, sister to Joram, mother to Ahaziah rules.
  - Joash hidden with Priest Jehoida
  - Joash proclaimed King at age 7
  - Rules with heart of Yahweh
  - Destroys Ba'al's temple and priest
  - Turns heart late and has military trub's
  - Assassinated after 40 year reign



# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Amaziah (II Ki. 14) 796 – 767 B.C.
  - 25 year old son
  - Sought to do right
  - Limited vengeance of Dad
  - Whips Edomites, then prideful error with North Israel

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Azariah (Uzziah) (II Ki. 15) 792 – 740 B.C.
  - Did right, save the incense incident
  - Mom was from Jerusalem!

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Jotham (II Ki. 15) 750/740 to 735 B.C.
  - Co-reigned with father 750 -740
  - Right before Yahweh
  - Arameans (Syrians) began to attack Judah
  - Isaiah 6

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Ahaz (I Ki. 16) 735 – 715 B.C.
  - 20 year old kid
  - Doesn't follow Yahweh
  - Isaiah 7
  - Burns son as sacrifice
  - Seeks Tiglath-Pileser's help against Aram (Syria)
  - Loves T-P's altar
  - Northern Israel gets finished off here

# “Judah” – Southern Kingdom

- Hezekiah (II Ki. 18-20) 715 – 686 B.C.
  - Burning heart for Yahweh
  - Destroys pagan worship
  - Destroys false idols (snake of Moses!)
  - None like him EVER in Judah
  - More next week

# POINTS FOR HOME

- Power, sex, money are powerful intoxicants
- Don't leave Yahweh out of self sufficiency
- Don't leave for today's fad or anything else
- Get your heart right before Yahweh
- When God blesses you, keep your heart right before him
- Trust in Yahweh and hold fast to his commands