**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

 Convenant

 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**

**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 capitivity by Babylon**

**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**