

Evangelistic Newsletter The breaking up of the Kingdom of Israel 937BC Edition 12/2017

New readers of the Old Testament (covenant) of the Bible will sometimes be struck by the reality that the same event in history is covered in two different Old Testament texts.

Another surprising fact will be that of the division of the united kingdom of Israel (1030 - 930 BCE) under kings Saul, David and his son, Solomon (who built the temple in Jerusalem in 970BC-1Kings 1-11) into two separate kingdoms with their own kings as recorded in 1Kings 12 and 2Chronicles 10 at about 937BC (Gigot, 1910; see also Just, 2007; Walker, 2010).

When the united kingdom of Israel broke apart, the **southern kingdom**, made up mostly of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, became known as the **Kingdom of Judah, with Jerusalem** as its capital and was under the reign of Rehoboam, one of the sons of King Solomon. This kingdom was destroyed by king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia in 586BC, who also burnt down the temple and took most upper-class Jews (officials, priests, artisans) into exile (Walker, 2010; see also Just, 2007) until their return in about 539BC (Just, 2007).



(GKG, n.d.)

The **northern kingdom** became known as the **Kingdom of Israel** and was formed by the majority of the rest of the tribes while **Samaria** later became its capital city. This kingdom was under the reign of Jeroboam, a son of a servant of King Solomon. This kingdom did not last long as it was overpowered by the Assyrian empire (722BC).

God bless, Nag Ou Grote, Fluit-Fluit, my storie is uit.

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